

7870.0491 AMBULANCE REQUIREMENTS.**Subpart 1. Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing.**

A. For Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing, a racetrack facility must provide a primary and backup horse ambulance to safely and expediently remove injured or disabled animals. The primary and backup horse ambulances must be four-wheel drive vehicles to tow or pull the horse ambulance trailer and must be equipped with:

- (1) a screen for use when an animal must be euthanized in view of the public;
- (2) an equine slide device to safely load fallen or injured horses;
- (3) a winch to move the slide into the ambulance; and
- (4) for the primary ambulance only, a squeeze device to support injured and weak horses.

B. Whenever the racetrack facility is open for racing or exercising horses, the ambulances must be tended by drivers who can assist in safely and expediently removing injured animals from the racetrack surface or other areas on the grounds of the racetrack.

Subp. 2. Standardbred racing.

A. For Standardbred racing, a racetrack facility must provide a horse ambulance available to safely and expediently remove injured or disabled animals. The ambulance must be a four-wheel drive vehicle to tow or pull the horse ambulance trailer and must be equipped with:

- (1) a screen for use when an animal must be euthanized in view of the public;
- (2) an equine slide device to safely load fallen or injured horses; and
- (3) a winch to move the slide into the ambulance.

B. Whenever the racetrack facility is open for racing or exercising horses, the ambulance must be tended by a driver who can assist in safely and expediently removing injured animals from the racetrack surface or other areas on the grounds of the racetrack.

Subp. 3. Ambulance log. For all racing, an ambulance driver must keep a log of ambulance use. The log is collected by the commission veterinarian and used for documentation. For each use, the log must include:

- A. the date;
- B. the horse's name;
- C. the name of the trainer;
- D. the location of the facility where the animal was picked up;
- E. the horse's possible injury; and

F. the location where the horse was delivered.

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