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New ORC rules require owners and trainers to notify the ORC upon the death of a racehorse

As of January 1st, 2003, owners and trainers will be required to inform the ORC within two days of the **death of any race horse**, where the death has occurred within 60 days of the horse having been entered to race or qualify at a supervised racetrack in Ontario.

In cases where the death has occurred within 14 days, a post-mortem will be mandatory. Beyond 14 days, a post-mortem may be required at the discretion of the Director of Racing.

If your horse dies under these circumstances, contact the Commission Veterinarian at the closest operating racetrack. The Commission Veterinarian will provide you with the necessary information on how to proceed.

Part of your responsibilities as the owner or trainer will be to ensure that the horse is transported to the post-mortem facility and that information required by the ORC is provided.

The Death Registry will assist the Commission in tracking, investigating and prosecuting cases of abuse or mistreatment of the horse and provide valuable information for equine research.

All post-mortems will be conducted at the Animal Health Laboratory at either Guelph or Kemptonville.

For further information or a copy of the relative rule, please contact Dr. Bruce Duncan, Supervisor of Standardbred Commission Veterinarians or Terry Stone, Director of Racing, at (416) 327-0520