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I have to agree with Bob McIntosh. The rule is not in need of change, just enforcement.

I have a very lazy horse, Lucan Mercedes, that if the driver does not get after him, he will not try at all. I have had various drivers on him, and while some of them would not hurt a horse that won't try, (and he goes too slow), some will get after him, and he can pick up a check.

While I don't expect him to be another Artsplace, I was please last night getting a check. This saved him from Kitchener on 2-Sept-08.

I would also like to comment on the TCO testing.

I have had at least 6 tests this year in about 20 starts. During this time I have earned about \$1200.00. It would seem to me that the testing of horses that do not perform is a waste of money, and the selection criteria for this testing is in need of review.

Regards, Timothy Bates
