Auditors for Racing Integrity Board (RIB) Animal Welfare Racehorse Stable and Greyhound Kennel Audits

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Racing Integrity Board's Animal Welfare Team is seeking veterinarians that are interested in carrying out audits at Thoroughbred and Standardbred racing stables and greyhound kennels.

Veterinary Auditor's Function

The veterinary auditor's responsibilities in stable and kennel audits include:

- Understanding the relevant welfare Standards and Regulations for each Code (HRNZ, NZTR and GRNZ)
- Verifying the requirements of the animal side of the audits within the RIB audit team (the full list of audit questions will be provided during training and audits but include animal body condition score, a superficial health check, treatment, and vaccination records, labelling and storage of dispensed medications)
- Identifying non-compliances based on the audit checklists
- Debriefing with the audit staff and trainers after the audits

What sort of person are you?

You are a qualified veterinarian with a current Annual Practicing Certificate issued by the New Zealand Veterinary Council.

You have experience with dogs and/or horses in a practical capacity. You have excellent attention to detail, an ability to objectively identify and evaluate issues affecting animal welfare in relation to the specific Code's welfare standards and regulations, good people skills and the ability to communicate findings competently and calmly to trainers.

You have the ability to retain composure and professionalism in situations that may be stress-inducing.

Previous auditing experience is desirable but not necessary.

Ongoing Commitments

The audits entail several days of casual work per year. Auditors will be contacted by the RIB at least a month in advance of an audit to gauge availability to carry out an audit with the audit team.

Initial training will be provided including shadowing a competent veterinary auditor prior to carrying out audits independently of another vet.

It is expected that vets declare any conflicts of interest (including whether they are or have been the auditees' veterinarian) and that, should conflicts of interest arise that may not have previously been present, these are declared to the RIB.

Remuneration

Remuneration will be provided for your time and will be discussed with successful candidates.

If interested (or have any questions), please send an email, including your CV, to: audit@rib.org.nz