



(For inclusion in the veterinary regulations)

## **Treatment with Controlled Medication Substances.**

### **The use of these substances without any approved Veterinary Medication Form application is DOPING!**

1. Controlled Medication Substances may be allowed on dogs in competition with submission of the appropriate form and approval by the Race Veterinarian and IFSS ADCom Administration: Veterinary Medication Form 1 for Controlled Substances and the Veterinary Medication Form 2 for use of Thyroid Hormone Supplements.
2. The use of **Prohibited Substances** prior to, or during an Event is always strictly prohibited. No Veterinary Medication Form can ever override this rule.
3. Treatments administered before an Event using Controlled Substances other than Thyroid Hormone Supplements may be authorized on-site by the Chief Race Veterinarian, using the Veterinary Medication Form 1, providing the dog's usual veterinarian has documented the treatment. The forms must be presented – in two copies - to the Chief Race Veterinarian as soon as possible upon arrival at the Event, and no later than one hour before the race's initial vet check to allow evaluation of the dog and its ability to compete. On-site approval is allowed only for medications requiring a Veterinary Medication Form 1 for Controlled Substances.
4. The Chief Race Veterinarian must always verify prior to signing the Veterinary Medication Form 1 for Controlled Substances whether the medication requested, or previously administered, may affect:
  - a) The dog's fitness to compete;
  - b) The fairness of the Competition; and/or
  - c) The welfare of the dog and/or Athlete.

### **Veterinary Medication Forms**

The following Veterinary Medication Forms shall be used for the authorization of medications at Events as applicable.

#### **Veterinary Medication Form 1 for Controlled Substances.**

– to be filled out in advance by the dog's treating veterinarian for oral antibiotics, topical eye ointments or drops, medicated topical foot ointments, some reproductive hormones, ulcer preventatives and other controlled medications other than thyroid supplements.



1. The form – submitted by the Athlete in two copies - must be approved by the Chief Race Veterinarian prior to the initial vet check at the race in which the concerned dog will compete. If approved, one copy of the form must be returned to the Athlete for her/him to be able to show in case of a Doping Control.  
NOTE: When it comes to Reproductive Hormones and related substances (6 a, b, c, d in the Controlled List) a minimum observation period of 28 days, before the dog returns to competition, will be mandatory in order to ensure that there are no adverse side effects on the dog's health. The form must show that the dog has passed a check by the treating vet at the end of the 28 days.
2. The originally completed and authorized Veterinary Medication Form(s) must be copied and submitted with the Veterinary Report by the Race Veterinarian.
3. The administration of substances approved by the Veterinary Medication Forms may be subject to routine checks by Stewards or other Officials.

### **Veterinary Medication Form 2 for Authorization for use of Thyroid Hormone supplements**

This form must be accompanied by copies of blood work supporting the diagnosis and appropriate treatment. Normal sled dog values for thyroid hormones are printed on the form and will be used to evaluate the blood work. Low normal values prior to supplementation will not be considered diagnostic for hypothyroidism.

1. The form and the supportive documents must be sent for approval to the IFSS veterinarians in charge of the approval at [vetform2\\_approval@sleddogsport.net](mailto:vetform2_approval@sleddogsport.net) at least one month prior to the first race in which the concerned dog will compete. The approval will be valid for one year from the date of approval and the form will not need to be submitted for approval again within that period, unless the dosage has been changed. In that case a new form and new supportive documents must be sent for approval.
2. A copy of the approved form shall be handed over to the Chief Race Vet by the Athlete prior to each race, in which the dog will compete.
3. The completed and authorized Veterinary Medication Form(s) must be copied and submitted with the Veterinary Report by the Race Veterinarian.
4. The administration of substances approved by the Veterinary Forms may be subject to routine checks by Stewards or other Officials.