

## **Medications and Drug Labeling Illegal Substance Testing**

The main goal of the MGCB is not only to maintain, but to be in the forefront on integrity issues within the sport of horseracing, in Michigan and among other racing jurisdictions. We continue to emphasize the use, or better yet, the deterrent of the use, of illegal drugs and foreign substances when racing horses.

We recognize that there are numerous over the counter products being sold at tack shops and over the internet that spout certain claims including non-positive test results. However, it is your responsibility to know what the ingredients are of any product given to your horse. In fact, herbal remedies and natural care products may also contain substances that are prohibited from racing.

In addition to any over the counter balms, pastes, syringes and/or supplements, it is required that any prescription drugs be properly labeled. The MGCB Administrative Rules, R. 431.1301, section (12), states that a person may not have in his or her possession, on the grounds of a licensed race meeting / race track or at a farm or training facility where horses are stabled, any drug or foreign substance otherwise permitted under state or federal law.

With regard to prescription labeling, the Michigan Gaming Control Board adheres to federal and state laws pertaining to prescription medications. That is, all prescription medications must be labeled by a licensed veterinarian with a professional label that is securely attached. The label must clearly show the all of the following:

- *the name of the product*
- *the name, address and phone number of the veterinarian prescribing or dispensing the product*
- *the name of each horse that the medication is prescribed*
- *the dose, dosage and duration of the treatment and expiration date of the prescription*
- *the name of the person (trainer) to whom the product was dispensed*
- *and withdrawal times, where applicable.*