

**THE JOCKEY CLUB  
THOROUGHBRED SAFETY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION  
AUGUST 13, 2017**

**Recommendation: Disclosure of all Veterinary Medical Records to New Ownership**

Testimony provided to The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Safety Committee from veterinarians and trainers and presentations made at the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation's Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit have reaffirmed the immense value of complete veterinary medical records when analyzing the health and safety of the Thoroughbred racehorse.

In addition, in 2012, the New York Task Force on Racehorse Health and Safety identified a unique risk to the horse when multiple records exist without the benefit of a single consolidated report of all treatments, procedures and administrations. Multiple and potentially overlapping invasive joint therapies pose a particular risk to racehorses that are the subject of a transfer of ownership.

Veterinary professionals repeatedly acknowledge the value of information contained in prior therapeutic treatments and procedures when they seek to optimize the health and welfare of the racehorse.

The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Safety Committee calls for:

“All North American racing associations and regulatory authorities to require that all veterinary medical records be transferred to the new owner of a Thoroughbred racehorse.”