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• VÖP (= German abbreviation for Austrian Association of Equine Practitioners ≠ AAEP)

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Hot Topics in Austria

- Veterinary presence at equine competitions
- NADA national anti doping agency
- Education and „feminization“ of the Austrian vet
Veterinary presence at equine competitions

- so far: equine vet is supposed to be present at jumping events and higher level competitions, but no legal support and no financial regulations
- aim of the VÖP: obligatory attendance of an equine sport vet with regulated payment
- aim of the FN in Austria: no vet at the showground is cheaper!
Cooperation with National Anti Doping Agency (NADA)

• (+) Equine doping matters are covered by the regulations of the NADA (veterinary commission)
• (+) Vets take samples in accordance with the Equine National Federation
• (+) further legal consequences are carried out by NADA
• (-) Equine athlete under the same rules as the human athlete….
Current education of vet students and „feminization“ of Austrian vets

- Newly approbated vets don’t have enough practical knowledge
- University wants to delegate practical education of students to the practitioners: Problem!
- Limitations to Uni access (test at the age of 18yrs) and expectation of low income reduce number of male vet students
- High percentage of non-Austrian students (leave the country when finished)
- Result: no male vets and not enough large animal practitioners

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