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Re: Toestoppers

Dear Adrian,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to assess your ingenious device, Toestoppers. When Peter Cook presented the product to me on the 3rd May 2007, I was able to thoroughly examine the device and understand its structure and principles of application. I was also able to read numerous supporting documents from many varied participants in the equine industry. I understand that the device has won several prestigious prizes including Health and Safety awards, and is already approved for use in thoroughbred racing.

I am happy to fully support and endorse this product on the basis of its potential to address serious health concerns of all jockeys and riders. That is, the possibility of being hooked up in the stirrup iron and dragged. Obviously this can lead to extremely serious injuries and even death, as has been documented in the literature.

An additional benefit is that it aids in balance during track and race riding, and I believe you have testimony of this from many riders and jockeys.

I also concur with your thoughts regarding a weight allowance in race riding. If this encourages the usage of the device, then it can only be beneficial to the Health and Safety of all jockeys. A secondary health benefit is that this would give jockeys a little leeway in their fight with weight, and the unhealthy practice of wasting. During my 16 years as Hawkesbury Race Club Medical Officer, I have stood down many jockeys suffering the effects of dehydration, and any extra weight allowance will only assist with this problem.

In summary, it is my opinion, that Toestoppers is a wonderful invention, and has the potential to prevent many serious injuries and lives in the equine industry. It is a proven device without peer, especially in light of the recent highly publicised failure of the breakaway stirrup (May 2, 2007).

I have seen many horse and stirrup related injuries during my years working at Emergency Rooms in Westmead, Mt Druitt, and Hawkesbury Hospitals, as well as in my role as Hawkesbury Race Club Doctor and Workers Compensation Doctor for

Belmont Park, North Richmond (part of the Inghams Bloodstock Group). I am confident that Toestoppers could have prevented many of these injuries.

The usage of Toestoppers should be widespread and strongly supported throughout not only the thoroughbred industry, but all facets of the equine industry. This should be promoted as a matter of urgency.

What price a life?

Yours sincerely,

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