



05.22.19 – USEF & ASHA Meeting Statement

On May 7, 2019, representatives of the American Saddlebred Horse Association and the United States Equestrian Federation met in person at the USEF offices in Lexington, Kentucky to discuss opportunities to improve equine and athlete health and welfare. The main focus was on how advancements in technology have created new opportunities to amend recommended practices to increase the well-being of our equine partners and athletes.

Due to continued research and experience, USEF is now able to amend some guidelines regarding administration of certain substances. We will be publishing amendments to the USEF Drugs & Medication Guidelines which will help veterinarians in their role as guardians of the horse to assist their clients in responsible management of their horses when competing under USEF rules and regulations.

This meeting was an excellent example of the USEF and one of its Recognized Affiliates coming together to have constructive and collaborative discussions on important issues to benefit our horses and athletes. Representatives in attendance included ASHA President David Mount, ASHA Executive Director Terri Dolan, Professional Trainers Bret Day, Nelson Green and Larry Hodge, Dr. Hugh Behling, USEF CEO Bill Moroney, General Counsel Sonja Keating and Chief Administrator of the Drugs & Medication Program Stephen Schumacher.