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TOBA LAUNCHES NEW EQUINE DRUG TESTING WEBCAST

LEXINGTON, Ky. -- The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) announced today that it has launched a new webcast entitled "Recent Advances and New Innovations in Equine Drug Testing". The webcast features Dr. Lawrence Soma, VMD of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine's New Bolton Center and Dr. Scot Waterman, DVM Executive Director of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC).

Dr. Soma will discuss the Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology Laboratory's expertise in testing for protein-based drugs and other illegal substances and their new innovations in drug testing. Dr. Waterman discusses the RMTC's perspective on drug testing nationwide. The webcast was videotaped at a presentation held on March 4 at Palm Meadows Training Center in Florida and sponsored by TOBA.

To view the webcast simply visit TOBA.org, click on "watch our webcasts" on the homepage and complete the brief registration form. The webcast is sponsored by Long Grove Bloodstock, Thoro-Graph, Team Valor, Joe Browne Nicholson Insurance and *The Blood-Horse*.

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred horse breeders and owners. TOBA's mission is to "*improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and breeders.*" Projects managed by TOBA include the American Graded Stakes Committee, The Racing Game, Sales Integrity Program and Claiming Crown. TOBA is the owner of The Blood-Horse Inc., and is represented on the Board of Directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association as a founding member.