

State of Texas
Texas Racing Commission

Official Ruling # SHRP4713

of the

Board of Stewards

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK

OWNER-TRAINER	VEGA JR, MANUEL	License #	32803
Ruling Date:	04/27/2013	Violation Date:	03/30/2012
Redistribute Purse:	No		

Rules Violated:

311.104	TRAINER/ABSOLUTE INSURER
319.3	DRUG POSITIVE OR PERMITTED MEDICATION VIOLATION
319.302	REASONABLE OVERSIGHT OF ANIMAL

Owner - Trainer Manuel Vega Jr. was duly noticed and waived his right to a formal hearing before the Sam Houston Race Park Board of Stewards and his right to appeal on 4/27/13.

Mr. Vega is hereby fined five hundred (\$500) dollars because two horses in his care tested positive for excess Phenylbutazone. The horse, "AD Nadaes Facil," raced in the 12th race on 3/30/13 and finished first at Sam Houston Race Park (Sample # SH051150) tested positive at 4.9 +/- 0.6 ug/ml. " JLS Go Big Daddy," raced in the 13th race on 3/30/13 and finished first at Sam Houston Race Park (Sample # SH051152) tested positive at 4.6 +/- 0.5 ug/ml.

In mitigation, both horses raced the same day, and Mr. Vega did not receive notice of the first positive prior to running the second horse. Therefore, both positives are considered a first offense.

By Order of the Board of Stewards

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The Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) has informed the Texas Racing Commission that it found a discrepancy in the phenylbutazone testing conducted from October 7, 2013, through December 3, 2013. Consequently, TVMDL no longer supports any phenylbutazone positives it reported from tests conducted during this period of time. In addition, due to degradation of the samples TVMDL retains from earlier phenylbutazone positive tests, TVMDL is unable to retest those samples and verify that they were in fact positive.

As a result of this information, Executive Director Trout has rescinded all affected rulings issued by the Commission, including this ruling. It is the intent of the Commission that the original determination should be disregarded by all racing jurisdictions and that the licensee should be regarded as innocent of the alleged violation.