



IFSS LIST OF CONTROLLED MEDICATION FOR DOGS (Controlled List") As of January 1st 2018

Whenever a "Veterinary Medication Form" is requested here below, the rule is that the Form must be filled out by the treating veterinarian to indicate medication, dosage and reason for treatment. The Athlete must bring the Form – *in two copies* - to the race and submit it to the Race Veterinarian prior to the event, at least one hour before the initial veterinary check of the dogs. If the Dog is evaluated healthy enough to start and the application to use a Controlled Medication is approved, the Race Veterinarian must sign *both* copies, retain one, and return the other to the Athlete to show in case of a Doping Control.

Note 1: The fact that a treating veterinarian has filled out and signed a "VetMedForm" **does not guarantee** the Dog a right to start. It is always a decision of the Race Veterinarian of the actual race!

Note 2: If an Athlete has started with a Dog, medicated with any of the substances here below, requiring an approved "Veterinary Medication Form", without being able to show such an approved Form upon request, it is regarded as **DOPING**.

1. Antibiotics administered orally. If antibiotic treatment must be initiated on a Dog prior to an event, a "Veterinary Medication Form 1" should be filled out by the treating veterinarian. Upon review of the Form and examination of the Dog, the Race Veterinarian has the right to prevent the Dog from competing depending on the medical condition of the Dog or on local Animal Welfare Laws. It is recommended that the Athlete contact the Race Veterinarian in advance of the event.

2. Topical eye, foot, or wound ointments or drops containing antibiotics maybe allowed with completion and submission of a "Veterinary Medication Form 1" and evaluation of the Dog by the Race Veterinarian.

3. Topical eye or foot medications containing low levels of corticosteroids may be allowed for specific medical reasons, and require completion and submission of "Veterinary Medication Form 1" and evaluation of the Dog by the Race Veterinarian.

4. Antiulcer medications – H2 antagonists and proton pump inhibitors may be allowed with completion and submission of a "Veterinary Medication Form 1".

5. Thyroid hormone supplements may be given orally if a "Veterinary Medication Form 2", *Authorization for administration of Thyroid Supplements*, is filled out and has supportive laboratory blood tests accompanying it. Supplements will **not** be allowed for low normal levels. Test results **must** be interpreted using the normal values for sled dogs listed on the "Veterinary Medication Form 2". These values are different than standard laboratory values.



Post-supplementation blood tests must show that the Dog is given an appropriate dosage, not over supplemented, and does not have a high level post-supplement using the sled dog values.

The form and the supportive documents **must be sent for approval** to the IFSS veterinarians in charge of the approval at vetform2_approval@sleddogsport.net **at least one month prior to the first race** in which the concerned Dog will compete. The approval will be valid for one year from the date of approval and the form will not need to be submitted for approval again within that period, unless the dosage has been changed. In that case a new form and new supportive documents must be sent for approval.

6. Reproductive hormones, related substances, and their releasing factors, antagonists, modulators and related substances as listed below:

Note: For the substances listed under **a, b, c** and **d** below, **a minimum observation period of 28 days, before the dog returns to competition**, will be mandatory in order to ensure that there are no adverse side effects on the dog's health.

The Athlete must, at any time, be able to show a veterinary certificate or a Veterinary Medication Form 1, including the dog's chip number, about this need of, or reason for, treatment. This document must also certify that the dog has passed a check by the treating veterinarian at the end of the 28 days.

a. Treatments to suppress or delay the onset of heat cycles in bitches, continually or periodically, under veterinary prescription, will be tolerated, unless such treatments contain testosterone or testosterone-like substances (see WADA human Prohibited List). See note above.

b. The administration to bitches of prostaglandins or progesterone inhibitors such as *aglepriston*, under veterinary prescription, will be tolerated, if required due to an accidental mating. See note above.

c. The administration of prolactin inhibitors, *bromocriptine* or *cabergoline*, to suppress lactation in a bitch will be allowed. See note above.

d. The use of *deslorelin* implants in intact males or intact females for the purpose of contraception will be allowed. See note above.

e. The administration to spayed bitches of *estrogenic substances* under veterinary prescription, if required to avoid urinary incontinence. The Athlete must, at any time, be able to show a veterinary certificate or a Veterinary Medication Form 1, including the dog's chip number, about this need of treatment.

7. For atopic dermatitis (allergic dermatitis), Cytopoint injection, a monoclonal antibody targeting IL-31 for itching, may be allowed with completion and submission of a "Veterinary Medication Form 1". The injection should be given at least 14 days prior to the event to ensure there are no adverse side effects on the dog's health.