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Professor Paul McGreevy
President, International Society for Equitation Science
Room 206, R.M.C. Gunn Building (B19)
Faculty of Veterinary Science
The University of Sydney NSW 2006

Dear Professor McGreevy,

Canter ON Equines endorses the ISES position statement on Restrictive Nosebands. We denounce any kind of action which causes an animal undue pain or restricts natural movement.

As studies cited by ISES show, excessive tightening of nosebands causes suffering to the animal, and should thus be prohibited. Our organisation fully supports the implementation of a process that could lessen or remove the pain, discomfort or possible injury of any animal; such as new standard procedures for tack check stewards at equitation competitions. In keeping with the evidence provided by ISES regarding the suffering caused by excessively tight nosebands, a procedure that includes a device for measuring the tightness of a noseband at equine competitions needs to be incorporated to advance out-dated practices and in line with this new research.

Canter ON Equines believes in horsemanship and equitation as a willing partnership, with no reason to use force or inflict pain or discomfort to the horse at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KRussell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter being a large, stylized "K".

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