



## AW Case

§ 9(2)(a) - Mid Northern Rodeo, Kokopu Block Rd, Maungatapere, Whangarei, Northland.

**Synopsis:** Proactive rodeo visitation to ensure compliance with Rodeo COW and AWA: Male prodding rodeo animals with a "hot shot" electric prodder

## Subjects

<b>Subject No:</b>	§ 9(2)(a)	<b>Subject Type:</b>	Complainant
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<b>Date of Birth:</b>		<b>Occupation:</b>	§ 9(2)(a)
<b>Drivers Licence:</b>		<b>Gender:</b>	§ 9(2)(a)
<b>Other ID:</b>		<b>Age:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	§ 9(2)(a)	<b>Dairy Location No:</b>	
<b>Flag:</b>	Intelligence Alert		
<b>Address:</b>	§ 9(2)(a)	<b>Contact No:</b>	§ 9(2)(a)

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**Address:** s 9(2)(a)  
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**Subject Type:** Person in Charge  
**Occupation:**  
**Gender:** s 9(2)(a)  
**Age:** s 9(2)  
**Dairy**  
**Location No:**  
**Contact No:** s 9(2)(a)

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## Details of Complaint

<b>Complaint Received Date:</b>	<b>Date of Incident:</b>	<b>Time of Incident:</b>
11-Jan-2017	15-Jan-2017	0:00:00
<b>Method of Contact:</b>	<b>Complaint Recorded by:</b>	<b>Source of Complaint:</b>
Email	s 9(2)(a)	Public

### Grade Result:

Grade 3

Actionstep matter ID s 9(2)(a) transferred to IL:

Proactive visit to the Mid Northern Rodeo. A 2-day event held at 32 Kokopu Block Rd, Maungatapere, Whangarei.

Event date weekend of 14 and 15 January 2017.

Visitation to ensure compliance with Rodeo Code of Welfare and Animal Welfare Act 1999.

s 9(2)(a) 6.5Ha at Kokopu Block Rd, Maungatapere, Whangarei. LINZ Owner Names:

MID-NORTHERN RODEO ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED.

FOL Map attached

Event date weekend 14 and 15 January 2017.

Video footage supplied by two complainants show what appears to be calf prodding by male in dark glasses.

PIC: s 9(2)(a)

FOL Detail of location of rodeo: WH-0179-2018-B001, 6.5Ha at Kokopu Block Rd, Maungatapere, Whangarei. LINZ Owner Names: MID-NORTHERN RODEO ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

## Incident Location

40 Kokopu Block Rd, Maungatapere, Whangarei, Northland

<b>Species:</b>	<b>Complaint Problem:</b>	<b>Complaint Sub-Problem:</b>
Rodeo	Injury	

**Latitude, Longitude:**

-35.745769, 174.210251

## Job Sheet

**Officer:** s 9(2)(a)

**Date of Event:** 30-Mar-2017

**Time of Event:** 12:06:00

**Comments:** Matter forwarded to s 9(2)(a) for allocation



**Officer:** s 9(2)(a)

**Date of Event:** 30-Mar-2017

**Time of Event:** 11:53:00

**Comments:** This matter has been graded 3, as it has been written up retrospectively after video footage identifying 'hot shotting' was obtained. There is no immediate AW concerns

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**Officer:** s 9(2)(a)  
**Date of Event:** 20-Apr-2017

**Time of Event:** 14:47:00

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Comments: File notes from Actionstep matter ID s 9(2)(a) - Mid Northern Rodeo

10/03/2017 14:14 Letter sent today to s 9(2)(a) Massey University Vet, with data stick copy of relevant footage requesting his review and report. s 9(2)(a)

8/03/2017 11:10 08/03/2017 @ 1110 hrs - Witness statement from s 9(2)(a) uploaded. Original sent to s 9(2)(a) via courier. s 9(2)(a)

28/02/2017 7:24 28/02/2017 @ 0717 hrs - Upload two video clips from the original hard drive received from s 9(2)(a) Regarding the calf prodding incident. The first 00037.MTS shows the man in the dark glasses appearing to prod a young calf. The second 00039.MTS shows the same man in the dark glasses appearing to prod two more calves. s 9(2)(a)

10/02/2017 15:24 10/02/17. 3.15pm. s 9(2)(a) phoned. s 9(2)(a) He has copied video onto a stick and will forward to me at this office. He said I should receive it Monday or early next week 13/02/17. Also has footage from Warkworth Rodeo. s 9(2)(a)

9/02/2017 8:06 31/01/17 Emailed person offering to supply video footage he had taken at the mid Northern rodeo alleging ill-treatment of animals s 9(2)(a). 02/02/17, 14:19 hrs Person contacted me saying s 9(2)(a) name was s 9(2)(a) and s 9(2)(a) was the person who had taken the video footage and would provide it to me. s 9(2)(a) said s 9(2)(a) was not involved with the protest movement but believed it was time for changes in the rodeos. s 9(2)(a) said s 9(2)(a) was an ex farmer and had s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) also informed me s 9(2)(a) the president of the NZRCA had statistics on the injuries suffered by animals at the rodeos. s 9(2)(a) reaffirmed s 9(2)(a) was sending the footage s 9(2)(a) taken at the Mid Northern rodeo. As at the 09/02/17 I have not received the footage. s 9(2)(a)

s 9(2)(a), s 6(c)

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s 9(2)(a), s 6(c)



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23/01/2017 11:00 MPI Become aware of video clips posted on youtube of the Mid Nothern Rodeo. Of concern is a clip which shows a cattle prod (Hot Shot) being used on ayoung calf in an unnecessary manner. s 9(2)(a)

17/01/2017 15:45 Job sheet for day 2 uploaded. s 9(2)(a)



16/01/2017 15:59 16/01/2017 @ 1302 hrs - Email from AWI s 9(2)(a) in regards to the calf incident which is likely to be the incident which s 9(2)(a) contacted MPI about yesterday regarding a possible broken leg. s 9(2)(a)

16/01/2017 15:49 Job Sheet for Day One uploaded. s 9(2)(a)

16/01/2017 12:29 Photo's and check sheet uploaded. s 9(2)(a)

16/01/2017 12:21 Both days of the weekend rodeo attended. All events observed and recorded. Representative photo's taken. s 9(2)(a)

16/01/2017 12:16 16/01/2017 @ 1216 hrs - Email from s 9(2)(a) regarding the complaint received from s 9(2)(a) at the Northern Rodeo. s 9(2)(a)

16/01/2017 9:30 16 January 2017: s 9(2)(a) speaks with s 9(2)(a) As part of the conversation about Mid Northern Rodeo s 9(2)(a) says that s 9(2)(a) believes that a cattleprod was used on calves before the calf roping. Said s 9(2)(a) would need to review the footage. There was no mention of this by the Animal Welfare Inspector and no active investigation was initiated. No further contact by s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)

15/01/2017 13:23 15/01/2017 @ 1323 hrs - PC from s 9(2)(a) - Grade one complaint regarding a calf at the Northern rodeo with a possible broken leg. 1332 hrs - Speak with AWI s 9(2)(a) she is attendance at the rodeo. Calf had a possible nerve issue but was attended to by a vet immediately and isok. 1339 hrs - Speak with s 9(2)(a) advise we have an inspector onsite and the calf has received vet treatment. s 9(2)(a)

11/01/2017 13:33 11/1/17 Proactive visitation to Whangarei Rodeo file created and forwarded to TMAW s 9(2)(a) for allocation to AWI s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a)

Officer: s 9(2)(a)

Date of Event: 04-May-2017

Time of Event: 15:03:00

Comments: 2x video files have not been uploaded into IL as they are too large. [Not relevant to request]

Officer: s 9(2)(a)

Date of Event: 19-May-2017

Time of Event: 18:03:00

Comments: Signed Decision Outcome/Memo attached - 19 May 2017.

Officer: s 9(2)(a)

Date of Event: 03-Jun-2017

Time of Event: 4:23:00

Comments: Letter and email correspondence to the Mid Northern Rodeo Association attached.

Written Warning sent to s 9(2)(a)

## Investigation Offences/Outcome



**Final Decision Date:** 19-May-2017  
**Search Warrant :** No  
**Subject:** s 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]  
**Outcome:** N/A  
**Offence Duration:** Between  
**Offence Date&Time:** 14-Jan-2017 0:00:00  
**Act:** Animal Welfare Act 1999  
**Breach:** S29 Other ill treatment  
**Particulars:**  
**Particular Breach:**  
**Contravenes:**  
**Outcome:**  
**Infringement Fee:**  
**Outcome Choice:** Forwarded for TM review - written warning

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Monday, 17 November 2014

### Veterinary Report

**Strike Down** 5 year old Brahman Cross Rodeo Bull  
Horn Castle Centre PBR Bullriding .

On the of 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2014 , I was in attendance as duty Vet at the PBR Rodeo, Horncastle Centre ,Christchurch..

At approximately 10.15 pm that evening ,I was made aware that a bull had returned from the arena and was showing signs of in-coordination.

My Clinical examination of the Bull **Strikedown**, owned by § 9(2)(a) § 9(2)(a) to the Rodeo, indicated a mild hind limb paresis and Grade 1 proprioceptive defect. I indicated to § 9(2)(a) that in my experience, these lesions can be progressive .In my opinion the Bull was fit for transport if penned singly. I indicated that anti inflammatory treatment should be carried out immediately and the Bull should be trucked off site to a suitable place of treatment.

While preparations were being made to load the bull ,the level of paresis became markedly more severe and progressed to hind limb paralysis. The tail was flaccid with a reduced anal sphincter tone The panniculus reflex was absent from L1.

I indicated to § 9(2)(a) that the bull was most probably suffering from spinal cord trauma with associated bleeding into the spinal column. I recommended that Euthanasia be undertaken immediately. This was carried out at 10.29 pm.

### Comment

This is a most unfortunate incident in an otherwise well run event .In my experience this is a very rare injury .I have seen bulls with similar injuries

due to fighting, where lateral force has been applied to the lumbar region. I have seen one similarly injured bull at the Methven Rodeo several years ago and that lesion was slowly progressive over 48 hours despite treatment.

<sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> commented to me that this was the bulls second season of competition and that there had been no previous indication of any problem with the Bull. <sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> commented that the Bull had bucked that evening particularly well .

It is my feeling that the injury resulted from over rotation of the spinal column at T13 /L1 .The resultant spinal trauma resulted in haemorrhage into the spinal column resulting in the onset of Paralysis.

Yours faithfully

<sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup>

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s 9(2)(a)

Tuesday, 25 November 2014

Additional certification to the Official NZRCA Veterinary Report.

Copy to Methven Rodeo

Winchester Rodeo

s 9(2)(a) MPI

s 9(2)(a) NZRCA

s 9(2)(a) Canterbury SPCA

To Whom it May concern

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2014 I was in attendance at the Annual Methven Rodeo in my capacity as Club Veterinarian..

At the completion of the days Competition, I was completing my final examination of the stock used during the day, when it was brought to my attention, by a concerned member of the public ,that a horse had sustained an injury to the left side of the neck .

On examination of the affected Grey Horse , I determined there were two 2cm rectangular skin penetrations present on Left side in the lateral mid - cervical area. They were orientated in a position ,in my opinion, consistent with Spur marks. The area had been sprayed extensively with Tetravet antibiotic but the skin lesions were still very obvious. The horse was identified to me as s 9(2)(a) ,a Methven Rodeo Club Contract horse .Its competition Day Paint brand was unreadable.

I then requested that both s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) and s 9(2)(a) the NZRCA Welfare officer for the day ,come and speak with me regarding the injury to this horse.

I was informed s 9(2)(a) had left the Rodeo Grounds earlier in the

afternoon and that despite being requested to attend the shutes that s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) had also left .I spoke with a second NZRCA Welfare officer regarding this incident ,requesting that the Horse be checked in the days following the Rodeo to ensure it recovered uneventfully.

I administered a Tetanus Anti-toxin ,Pain relief and a Long acting Anti - biotic to the horse .Suturing the wound, due to the nature and orientation of the wound was not possible .

I contacted s 9(2)(a) the following day to voice my concerns over the injury to the Horse s 9(2)(a) and the manner in which this horse was dealt with at the Methven Rodeo grounds, in particular the delay in seeking treatment.

I was also informed on Rodeo day by s 9(2)(a) of the Methven Rodeo Club, that the horse ridden by s 9(2)(a) at the Winchester Rodeo on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October, the previous day, had also been Marked .This had resulted in the Rowells used by s 9(2)(a) being examined ,as I understand it by s 9(2)(a) prior to him competing at the Methven .

Further to this conversation, I had discussions with the attending Vet at Winchester Rodeo s 9(2)(a) .He initially told me that no horse had been marked or injured in any way that Day at Winchester ,but on further investigation with the Winchester Rodeo Stock Contractor ,it was indicated to him that the Horse ridden by s 9(2)(a) had been injured/ marked but they had NOT sought any Veterinary treatment.

This action in itself is a very serious matter . In addition , I was extremely disappointed at not being called to the injured horse at the Methven Rodeo immediately. To find that this behaviour had also been carried out the previous day at Winchester ,is a serious indictment with regard to the level of compliance shown to the Welfare Code.

That Rodeo is allowed to continue in New Zealand is about the perception that a rigorous Code of Welfare exists and that this Code is closely adhered to or exceeded by those undertaking this Competitive Sport .The participation of Animals used in this way is a privilege extended to Rodeo by the wider Society..

Mere lip service to the Animal Welfare Code is totally unacceptable.

In the Case of the Methven Rodeo a unique opportunity to show Rodeo in a positive light was lost through inaction. Given the circumstances of That Rodeo being under the magnifying lens that day , I cannot but shake my head in disbelief that so much that was positive about the day could be overshadowed by inaction..

I await the report into s 9(2)(a) stand down, which is now the subject

of an MPI investigation and I also request from the Methven Club a veterinary report detailing the current condition of <sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> as requested at Methven on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October.

Yours faithfully

s 9(2)(a)

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# NEW ZEALAND RODEO COWBOYS ASSN. INC.

This form is to be returned to the NZRCA Secretary within 7 DAYS of the rodeo

www.rodeonz.co.nz

## OFFICIAL NZRCA VETERINARY REPORT

CLUB Richmond Rodeo Club. DATE 23/1/16

NAME OF VETERINARIAN s 9(2)(a)

ADDRESS s 9(2)(a)

APPOINTED CLUB MEMBER s 9(2)(a)
NZRCA ANIMAL WELFARE OFFICER s 9(2)(a)

### NOTES FOR VETERINARIANS:

1. This report has been developed by the NZRCA. Its purpose is to serve a basis to monitor animal welfare in conjunction with our Code of Practice (Article 12, Page 44, NZRCA Rule Book 2015)
2. The role of the Veterinarian should not be seen as one of a policeman / inspector. He / she is acting as an Auditor, Consultant and as a Veterinarian. The purpose of having a Veterinarian complete this report is that he/she is seen as an unbiased professional, who is able to comment on animal welfare issues.
3. The Veterinarian, in conjunction with an NZRCA Animal Welfare Officer and an appointed Club Member are responsible for the rejection of stock. The Veterinarian would be expected to attend to any injuries and provide professional advice with regard to the suitability of stock on the day.
4. The Club should fill in the first section e.g. contractor details and stock numbers etc. before handing this report to the Veterinarian.
5. A copy of the Code of Welfare Rodeos 2014 is available from the Club Secretary or NZRCA Animal Welfare Officer, and can be downloaded from the MPI website <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/animal-welfare/req/codes/rodeos>
6. Inspection of stock should be made prior to their use and any rejections deemed necessary made.
7. A further inspection of stock should be made after their use to ascertain any injuries.
8. Please feel free to make additional comments you may think relevant with regard to gear, yards, equipment, handling practices etc., or anything else that may be relevant to the safe handling and use of stock.
9. When filling in this report, please be concise e.g. Rope & Tie Calves-1 fractured fetlock, Broncs- with minor lacerations on flank.
10. Please return this completed form to the Club Secretary's office.
11. For any further enquiries please contact; NZRCA Animal Welfare Officers' convenor - s 9(2)(a)  
NZRCA Secretary - [secretary@rodeonz.co.nz](mailto:secretary@rodeonz.co.nz)



# NZRCA VETERINARY REPORT - at start of the day

## INSPECTION BEFORE THE EVENT

STOCK CONDITION SATISFACTORY

STOCK TYPE	CONTRACTOR	N° OF STOCK	MINIMUM WEIGHTS / AGE	TOTAL N° REJECTED	COMMENT	TOTAL N° ACCEPTED
Calves - Rope & Tie	s 9(2)(a)	18	100 kg min 150 kg max	0		18
Calves - Calf Riding		12	150 kg min	0		12
Steers - Steer Wrestling		16	200 kg min	0		16
Steers - Team Roping		17	200 kg min	0		17
Steers - Junior Steer Ride		<del>7</del>	275 kg min	0		<del>7</del>
Steers - Rookie Steer Ride		<del>18</del>	400 kg min	0		<del>18</del>
Bulls - Bull Ride		12	400 kg min	1	Broken horn.	<del>12</del> 11 CW
Broncs - Open Events		16	350 kg min 4 yrs min	1	cut leg.	17
Broncs - 2nd Division Events			350 kg min 4 yrs min	0		
<del>Bull ride 2nd div</del>			<del>12</del>	<del>350 kg min 4 yrs min</del>	<del>0</del>	

## STOCK FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS

Are animals to be held overnight  YES / NO  NO

If so, has adequate feed and water been provided  YES / NO  NO

COMMENTS All stock well supplied with water & feed as req.  
Broken horn bull - withdrawn - contractor warned it needs to be removed.

SIGNATURE OF VETERINARIAN

s 9(2)(a)

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# NZRCA VETERINARY REPORT – at end of the day

## INSPECTION AFTER THE EVENT

STOCK TYPE	INJURIES – DESCRIPTION	TOTAL N° OF INJURIES	N° OF INJURED RECEIVED VET TREATMENT	TOTAL N° IN EVENT	OFFICE USE	
					TOTAL N° OF RUNS	
Calves - Rope & Tie	None	0	0			
Calves - Calf Riding ✓	"	0	0			
Steers - Steer Wrestling	"	0	0			
Steers - Team Roping ✓	"	0	0			
Steers - Junior Steer Ride	"	0	0			
Steers - Rookie Steer Ride	Broken left hbr (cutted)	1	1	18	11	
Bulls - Bull Ride	<del>3x spur flank injuries</del> 3x spur flank injuries	3	0			
Broncs - Open Events	Saddle brace most games on R flank	1	1			
Broncs - 2nd Division Events ✓	None	0	0			

## INSPECTION DURING THE DAY OF OTHER ANIMALS \* only needs to be filled out for injured or unsatisfactory animals

Vetted before or after Event ?

Horse * NZRCA members	Point horse checked during day & 2 nesting comfortably.	<del>Bebe</del>

COMMENT All injured animals checked and treated in timely manner

SIGNATURE OF VETERINARIAN

s 9(2)(a)





# NEW ZEALAND RODEO COWBOYS ASSN. INC.

This Report is to be returned to the NZRCA Secretary within **7 days** of the Rodeo

To be completed by the officiating Judge at the end of the Rodeo – This report is to be completed in consultation with the Stock Contractor, Designated Livestock Supervisor (if appointed) AND registered Veterinarian

## RODEO LIVESTOCK INJURY REPORT

TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IN THE EVENT OF AN ANIMAL SUSTAINING INJURY

RODEO Richmond Rodeo DATE 23/1/16

1. What type of animal was injured?

Bull

2. In what event was the animal used / to be used?

Steel Division bull ride

3. When did the injury occur?

Before the event

After the event

During the event

4. Where did the injury occur?

In Yards

In Chutes

In Arena

Other (describe, e.g. loading)

5. How did the injury happen? (describe what happened)

As bull was ~~charging~~ partially went down and came up with broken tibia.

6. Why did the injury happen? (identify and describe the primary cause)

Twisting of leg while bull brace of turning

7. What is the nature of the injury? (use veterinary report applicable)

Fractured tibia.

8. Severity of injury:

MINOR

superficial and no treatment needed full recovery with rest

MODERATE

short term treatment and rest but full recovery expected

SEVERE

long term treatment and/or long term rest for full recovery

SERIOUS

immediate veterinary treatment required, full recovery not expected

9. Was a Veterinarian in attendance at the Rodeo?

Yes

No

If Yes, did the Veterinarian treat the animal?

Yes

No

Name of Veterinarian: WHITE

Attach Report (if available)

10. Outcome of injury:

Animal will be used again in rodeo when fully recovered

Animal will not be used again in rodeo when recovered

Animal died or was put down as a result of the injury

11. Comments: (any other relevant information)

SIGNATURE OF JUDGE

(a)

DATE 23/1/16



## JOB SHEET

Te Anau Rodeo Inquiry

12/01/2016  
1110hrs

Arrive at Te Anau Rodeo grounds, Lake Front Drive, Te Anau.  
Locate veterinarian from <sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> [REDACTED]

### DETAILS:

<sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> [REDACTED]

Explain that I wish to view the scene of the incident involving the injured horse.

We walk around the grounds and <sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> [REDACTED] shows me where the animal was during the event and where it was injured.

I observe the damaged and tangled deer fencing at the north-western end of the arena, adjacent to the large gate which the animals are let out of the arena once they have been ridden. The subject explains that during the rodeo there are large advertising signs attached over the deer fencing which gives the illusion of a solid wall. Behind the deer fencing large steel wire ropes run horizontally and are attached to the main fence poles. These are there to prevent animals getting through the fence.

The subject shows me the procedure used in regard to where the animals are fitted with the flank rope, let out into the arena and then where they go on completion of the event to have the rope removed. They are also checked for any injuries if required whilst they are in the narrow stock chute as this allows them to be handled safely and efficiently. The subject states that she was not near this end of the arena when the animal was injured and did not see what happened. She believes the horse became entangled in the deer fencing near the exit gate as it was being guided out of the arena by the "pick up" riders who are there to uplift the rider if required and guide the animals out.

We discuss the running of the stock holding area and she states that she is impressed with how calm the animals are after their events and how well the system works. <sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> [REDACTED]

<sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> [REDACTED] this is the first time an animal has been seriously injured or needed to be euthanized. She also mentions that water and food is given to the animals during

Name: <sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> [REDACTED]

Position AWI

Warrant No:  
62202

Date: 13/01/2016

Checked by:

Position:

Date:

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## JOB SHEET

Te Anau Rodeo Inquiry

the day and she is satisfied that there is sufficient water supplied throughout the day.

I obtain a series of photographs of the scene in general and of the area that the horse became entangled and injured its hoof.

We return to my vehicle and I record the comments from the subject in relation to the incident;

§ 9(2)(a) **STATES:**

I was the duty vet for the rodeo that day, the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2015. My role was to inspect the animals prior to the start of the event, around 11AM and be present throughout the day and available if anything happens. We also inspect the animals at the conclusion of the event if any are staying overnight. There were none this year.

My main focus is the animal welfare. A welfare officer from the NZ Rodeo Association watches for Code of Welfare compliance and checks the facilities etc. His role is to sort out any issues in these areas. I will also speak up if I see any breaches or issues.

I had also spoken to § 9(2)(a) of the Te Anau Rodeo club prior to the event. We discussed the general running of the event from the animal perspective.

In regard to the incident with the horse I did not actually see it happen as I was at the other end of the ground at the time. I was alerted to it and immediately went to the animal holding area to check the horse. I believe it had kicked out and caught its right rear hoof in the deer fencing near the exit gate. The horse had just completed a bronco event. The pickup riders had been guiding it out of the arena after picking up the cowboy. I believe that this will be when the horse got its leg caught.

The deer fencing along that side where the animals are kept has large advertising signs attached. This also gives the illusion of a solid wall to the animals.

The injured horse was put into the handling chute to allow the flank rope to be removed. The injury was pointed out to me by the stock handlers. I observed that the animal was settled and the only sign of an injury was that the horse held its foot off the ground. It allowed me to touch it and did not become agitated when I did so. The hoof wall had been completely pulled off. This type of injury cannot be treated.

Name: § 9(2)(a)  
Position AWI  
Warrant No:  
62202  
Date: 13/01/2016

Checked by:  
Position:  
Date:

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## JOB SHEET

Te Anau Rodeo Inquiry

I administered a sedative whilst the horse was still in the handling chute and also a local anaesthetic over the jugular vein. The horse was led to an adjacent pen. It settled within seconds. I then administered the euthanasia injection. I verified that the animal was dead then it was moved to another pen and covered with a tarpaulin.

The fence around the arena is deer fencing with steel cables behind it, plus wire mesh. However near the exit gate where the horse was injured there is only deer fencing, no wire mesh. Wire mesh could possibly prevent this occurring again.

s 9(2)(a)

This is the first animal destroyed at this rodeo between us, or that has sustained a serious injury

Before the event starts the animals are taken through the circuit 2-3 times so they know the layout and where the exit gate is plus where the other animals are being held. They are reasonably calm before being ridden and calm down quickly afterwards. The circuit animals especially the bulls are very calm. They are fed hay whilst waiting for their event and are usually laying down in a group ruminating. They are pretty smart and know what is going on. You can be in the pens with them and be safe although being bulls you do have to be cautious.

I am quite impressed with how settled the animals are generally when they come back into the yards. It is normally easy to get the flank rope off. The horse in question wasn't panicked. Its feet were not rough. They are not shod but not excessively long in the toe. They are all checked by us prior to the event. An animal is not used if it has any problems. Anything too light or injured is rejected.

The horses used here may possibly do this rodeo and also the Invercargill event but sometimes only this one. They have all been broken in but have been unable to be trained sufficiently to be ridden normally. When they are not at the rodeos they are on the farm grazing for the rest of the year.

1220hrs

Go to the home address of the Te Anau Rodeo Club s 9(2)(a)

We discuss the incident and the club procedures in place. I can detect no issues or breaches of the Code of Welfare.

I suggest that the club considers attaching the heavy wire mesh along the area that currently only has deer fencing in place. Inform him that the vet believes that this will prevent any animal used at the rodeo from getting a leg caught in the fence.

Name s 9(2)(a)

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## JOB SHEET

Te Anau Rodeo Inquiry

13-01-2016

1300hrs

He agrees and now that we have examined the scene they will endeavour to repair and improve it.  
Leave address.

Telephone Te Anau Rodeo Club secretary <sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> [redacted] Ask if he knows of anybody that observed the actual moment where the horse become caught in the fence. He replies that a club member, <sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> [redacted] may have seen it and he supplies me with his contact details.

1305hrs

Telephone <sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> [redacted]

Explain who I am and the nature of my inquiry.

He confirms that he observed the incident and believes that the horse stepped back into the fence after the pickup riders came in close to get the cowboy. He believes they may have crowded the horse too much in this instance causing the animal to step back and get caught in the fence. He states that the horses hoof went through the join of the canvas advertising banners attached to the fence and gate. Normally in the past these signs have been sufficient to keep the animals off but obviously it didn't work this time.

<sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> [redacted] explains that he was a pickup rider for the club for a number of years and knows what is required and how it should be done.

Name <sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup> [redacted]

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This form is to be returned to the NZRCA Secretary within 7 DAYS of the rodeo

## OFFICIAL NZRCA VETERINARY REPORT

CLUB Maniototo

DATE 27-12-2015

NAME OF VETERINARIAN

ADDRESS

APPOINTED CLUB MEMBER

s 9(2)(a)

NZRCA ANIMAL WELFARE OFFICER

### NOTES FOR VETERINARIANS:

1. This report has been developed by the NZRCA. Its purpose is to serve a basis to monitor animal welfare in conjunction with our Code of Practice (Article 12, Page 44, NZRCA Rule Book 2015)
2. The role of the Veterinarian should not be seen as one of a policeman / inspector. He / she is acting as an Auditor, Consultant and as a Veterinarian. The purpose of having a Veterinarian complete this report is that he/she is seen as an unbiased professional, who is able to comment on animal welfare issues.
3. The Veterinarian, in conjunction with an NZRCA Animal Welfare Officer and an appointed Club Member are responsible for the rejection of stock. The Veterinarian would be expected to attend to any injuries and provide professional advice with regard to the suitability of stock on the day.
4. The Club should fill in the first section e.g. contractor details and stock numbers etc. before handing this report to the Veterinarian.
5. A copy of the Code of Welfare Rodeos 2014 is available from the Club Secretary or NZRCA Animal Welfare Officer, and can be downloaded from the MPI website <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/animal-welfare/req/codes/rodeos>
6. Inspection of stock should be made prior to their use and any rejections deemed necessary made.
7. A further inspection of stock should be made after their use to ascertain any injuries.
8. Please feel free to make additional comments you may think relevant with regard to gear, yards, equipment, handling practices etc., or anything else that may be relevant to the safe handling and use of stock.
9. When filling in this report, please be concise e.g. Rope & Tie Calves-1 fractured fetlock, Broncs- with minor lacerations on flank.
10. Please return this completed form to the Club Secretary's office.
11. For any further enquiries please contact; NZRCA Animal Welfare Officers' convenor - s 9(2)(a)  
NZRCA Secretary - secretary@rodeonz.co.nz



# NZRCA VETERINARY REPORT - at start of the day

## INSPECTION BEFORE THE EVENT

## STOCK CONDITION SATISFACTORY

STOCK TYPE	CONTRACTOR	N° OF STOCK	MINIMUM WEIGHTS / AGE	TOTAL N° REJECTED	COMMENT	TOTAL N° ACCEPTED
Calves - Rope & Tie	s 9(2)(a)	24	100 kg min (Y) N 150 kg max	-		24
Calves - Calf Riding		7	150 kg min (Y) / N	-		7
Steers - Steer Wrestling		11	200 kg min (Y) / N	-		11
Steers - Team Roping		13	200 kg min (Y) / N	-		13
Steers - Junior Steer Ride		40	275 kg min (Y) / N	-		40
Steers - Rookie Steer Ride		40	400 kg min (Y) / N	-		40
Bulls - Bull Ride		18	400 kg min (Y) / N	-		18
Broncs - Open Events		9	350 kg min (Y) / N 4 yrs min	-		9
Broncs - 2nd Division Events		8	350 kg min (Y) / N 4 yrs min	-		8

## STOCK FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS

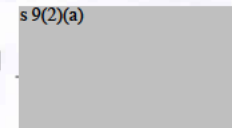
Are animals to be held overnight  YES /  NO      If so, has adequate feed and water been provided      YES / NO

### COMMENTS

*weighed by committee weights reported within range.*

SIGNATURE OF VETERINARIAN

s 9(2)(a)



RELEASED UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1987

# NZRCA VETERINARY REPORT – at end of the day

## INSPECTION AFTER THE EVENT

STOCK TYPE	INJURIES – DESCRIPTION	TOTAL N° OF INJURIES	N° OF INJURED RECEIVED VET TREATMENT	TOTAL N° IN EVENT	OFFICE USE TOTAL N° OF RUNS
Calves - Rope & Tie	-	-	-		
Calves - Calf Riding	-	-	-		
Steers - Steer Wrestling	-	-	-		
Steers - Team Roping	-	-	-		
Steers - Junior Steer Ride	-	-	-		
Steers - Rookie Steer Ride	1 Large Anti-inflammatory injection 2 bleeding noses	3	1		
Bulls - Bull Ride	-	-	-		
Broncs - Open Events	Small superficial skin abrasion flank - no treatment	1	-		
Broncs - 2nd Division Events		-	-		

## INSPECTION DURING THE DAY OF OTHER ANIMALS

\* only needs to be filled out for injured or unsatisfactory animals

Vetted before or after Event ?

Horse * NZRCA members s 9(2)(a)	Junior barrel race pony - large swelling cannon - did not compete (before) - Anti-inflammatory treatment	
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COMMENT

SIGNATURE OF VETERINARIAN

s 9(2)(a)

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13<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**To Whom It May Concern**

This is to certify that on this day I have examined a Brahman cross rising six year old Rodeo bull named "Bad Habits", on the property of s 9(2)(a) at s 9(2)(a). This was at the request of MPI Animal Welfare Inspector s 9(2)(a) - following a complaint originating from a photograph of this bucking bull posted on social media - the claim being the bull had a "broken penis" (penile haematoma).

Upon gross observation, the bull urinated normally. This bull has an intermittent preputial prolapse which is more common in this *Bos indicus* subspecies which have a more pendulous undercarriage. Upon relaxation and sexual arousal this bull's prepuce and occasionally penis, is exteriorised but is retractable i.e. under the bull's voluntary control. Palpation of the external prepuce and penile shaft failed to reveal any evidence of a penile haematoma.

Preputial prolapse can be a result of penile trauma, but is usually associated with oedema (swelling) and/or adhesions between the prepuce and the penis - which prevents the bull from fully exteriorising the penis. This is not the case for this bull. "Habitual intermittent eversion of the preputial mucosa is a normal occurrence in bulls. Pathological eversion occurs commonly in breeds with a pendulous prepuce, especially in *Bos indicus* animals and the crosses". (Diseases of Cattle in Australasia)

In the case of "Bad Habits", in my opinion, the preputial eversion is non pathological at the time of examination, i.e. all tissues appeared clinically normal and healthy. This condition may well be congenital and to some extent predisposed owing to the more pendulous sheath in this bull compared to most of his cohorts. No penile lesions were palpable through the bull's prepuce upon manual examination.

As a consequence, in my opinion, this bull is "fit for purpose" as a rodeo bucking bull.

The question of "Bad Habits" publicly perceived suitability has however, already been called into question and may need to be addressed by the local Rodeo Association - this being beyond the scope of this writer and report.

Yours faithfully