

DRUG FREE RACING – AN OWNER’S PERSPECTIVE

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THE CURRENT SCENE



- Australian trainers versus European Trainers re: pre-race treatments.
- Australian vets free hand in treating horses.
- Reliance by trainers on vet services as income contributor.
- Australian vet costs 4 times higher than European.

THE KEY STRATEGIES



- Detection capability – quality laboratories
- Surveillance and Inspections – effective stewards
- Behavioural Change – ‘Carrot and Stick’ approach

BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE

- Punitive measures.
- Peer group initiatives.
- Licence requirements.
- Essential Education.
- Continuous Training Strategies.

Education is the process of moving from cocksure ignorance to thoughtful uncertainty.

~ Utvich's Observation