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Object: Welfare issue - Endurance discipline

Dear Ingmar,

French Equestrian Federation would like to draw the FEI attention to a welfare issue concerning endurance discipline.

In 2012 French Equestrian Federation has registered 3 horses' deaths during international endurance shows. Concerned Horses dead after having passed vet gate inspections either during the track either after the end of the track. By the way I stay at your entire disposal in the framework of FEI investigation.

These cases are preoccupant for all endurance stakeholders. Here is a risk to tarnish the public perception of endurance discipline. As you know WEG will take in France in two years now. We absolutely need to make our best to avoid any kind of potential welfare scandal during that major event.

FEI does a lot to take into consideration welfare preoccupations for every discipline. French Equestrian Federation supports FEI welfare policy. We are able to contribute to any actions able to improve sport management in a welfare promotion way.

I remind at your entire disposal to discuss the opportunities of common actions, rules improvement or anything else.

Best regards

Pascal DUBOIS
National Sports Director

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