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FROM : District Manager, Carson City
SUBJECT : Dawn Lappin's Field Report

Date:

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The enclosure is a review of the report Mrs. Lappin submitted regarding sore footed and sick horses she observed during her visit to PVC on August 13 and 14, 1987.

Enclosures:
Dawn Lappin's Report
PVC Review of Report

cc:
PVC

James W. Elliott

REVIEW OF DAWN LAPPIN'S 8/13 & 14/87 REPORT

RELATING TO

SORE FOOTED AND SICK HORSES AT PVC

The numbers in this report refer to the handwritten and circled number entries on Mrs. Lappin's report.

1. 8262 - Nellis Gather - July 87 - Injured on Truck - Completely Recovered - Shipped to Texas
2. 0240 - Callaghan Gather - August 87 - Injured at PVC - Completely Recovered - Shipped to Texas
3. 0012 - Sand Springs Gather - July 87 - Sore Footed - Completely Recovered - Shipped to Nebraska
4. 7491 & 8191 - Nellis Gather - June 87 - Completely Recovered - 7491 Shipped to Nebr. - 8191 Shipped to Texas - Some of the Nellis animals do show signs of sore footedness. This is not due to capture, they do have badly worn hooves which is attributed to the long distances they travel for water and forage at Nellis. None of the Nellis animals required treatment for sore footedness and none have abscessed.
5. Roberts Mountain Gather - Arrived PVC 8-13-87 - Traveled long distance, horses were tired, were not worked for a couple of days, allowed to rest. Buckskin colt had gash on rear leg--Mrs. Lappin took several pictures of this injury. Colt arrived with the injury, may have occurred on the truck or loading ramp, we really don't know. Colt treated 8-14 & 15 and 8-22 & 29. Colt fully recovered and now with mare in Lovelock. We do not agree that the several animals listed were lame. They were tired and did show some symptoms of sore footedness, but none required treatment - all fully recovered in a day or two and all have been shipped out. Majority shipped to Nebraska and Texas, a few went to Lovelock.
6. All horses from Callaghan Gather - August 87 - Did have sore feet, 1 colt treated for abscess, all animals fully recovered within a few days without further treatment except 0346 which was euthanized on 8-18 due to a joint injury not associated with sore footedness, but probably kicked. 0354 is a brown stud, must have been a mix-up in reading numbers. The animals were shipped to Texas.

Tired
1 colt - 119 gash
DL 13 June

7 FW
DL

12 DL Fully 7.

7. All horses from Callaghan Gather - August 87 - Did have sore feet, all recovered within a few days without treatment, except for 0474 which was a mare in poor condition and had an abscess that was not related to sore feet. 0474 was euthanized on 8-26. All shipped to Texas except 3 went to Lovelock.

10 DL Fully

8. All horses from Callaghan Gather except 0139 which was from Sand Springs. Did have sore feet, all recovered within a few days without treatment. Shipped to Texas and Nebraska.

9. All from Nellis Gather except 0664 which came from Roberts Mtn. These Nellis animals did not show signs of sore footedness, some may have shown signs of limping, which may be attributed to distances they travel for water at Nellis. None were treated and all signs of limping were gone in a day or two. Shipped to Texas and Nebraska. (See 4 Above) 7301 was euthanized 9-2-87 for a broken leg, probably kicked.

9 D.L. Fully 10.

10. All Callaghan Gather - We do not agree with the analysis of sore footedness in this pen. Some did show signs of limping, but this is not a condition of major sore footedness as apparently observed by Mrs. Lappin. One colt did have sore feet and was treated for abscess - this colt fully recovered. 0387 was a puncture wound, we do not know where or how this happened. Often these are small wounds and we do not observe them until they abscess. This wound was treated and the animal fully recovered. All these animals went to Texas except 0428 went to Lovelock. 0428 cuts were treated and the colt and mare were shipped to Lovelock on 9-16.

11. Pen 27 is the mare sick pen, the nose and head cuts occur at about a 50 PVC/50 Field ratio due to animals striking the sides of the pens or the chutes at PVC or during sorting and separating mares and studs at the capture site. These animals are put in the sick pen specifically for treatment and recovery.

3 Fully

- X 0247 - Callaghan - Nebr.
- 0834 - Fish Creek - Texas
- 8334 - Sand Springs - Lovelock
- *7599 - Nellis - Stiffles - Euthanized 9-23
- X 0295 - Callaghan - Nebr.
- X 0434 - Callaghan - Sole Abscess and Bone Fragments - Euthanized 8-31

*Had colt, we waited to wean colt before putting mare down.

12. All Sand Springs Gather - minor sore footedness, fully recovered in a few days, no treatment required. All shipped to Texas.

13. Both Animals from Nellis - Stud Sick Pen - Both Treated and Fully Recovered: 7327 - Lovelock & 7909 - Nebraska

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- ✓ 14. Callaghan Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Texas
15. See 5 above. This was not a puncture wound. It was a long scrape wound which probably occurred when the colt stepped through the loading ramp and tore the skin while pulling its leg free.
16. Sand Springs Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Nebraska
- ✓ 17. Callaghan Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Lovelock
- ✓ 18. Callaghan Gather - Sorrel Horse not Black - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Texas
19. No animal identified.
- ✓ 20. Callaghan Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Lovelock. This animal is a three-month old male colt, not a mare.

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- ✓ 0374 Callaghan Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Texas
- ✓ 0432 Callaghan Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Lovelock
- ✓ 0428 Callaghan Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Lovelock
- 0028 Sand Springs Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Texas
- ✓ 0247 Callaghan Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Nebraska
- 7599 See 11 Above
- 6878 Cherry Creek Gather - Euthanized
- 7616 Colt from 7599 Mare - Shipped to Lovelock
- ✓ 0293 Callaghan Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Nebraska
- ✓ 0204 Callaghan Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Lovelock
- 7083 Born at PVC - Shipped to Lovelock
- 0171 Sand Springs Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Nebraska
- 8420 Sand Springs Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Texas
- 8077 Nellis Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Nebraska
- 8319 Nellis Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Adopted
- ✓ 0387 Callaghan Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Texas
- ✓ 0406 Callaghan Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Texas
- ✓ 0607 Callaghan Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Adopted
- 7909 Nellis Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Nebraska
- ✓ 0572 Callaghan Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Nebraska
- ✓ 0434 Callaghan Gather - Euthanized
- 8067 Nellis Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Nebraska
- 8295 Sand Springs Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Texas

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0098 Sand Springs Gather
0126 Sand Springs Gather
7972 Nellis Gather
✓ 0274 Callaghan Gather
8040 Nellis Gather

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0023 - Sand Springs Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Adopted
8017 - Nellis Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Nebraska
0033 - Sand Springs Gather - Treated, Fully Recovered - Shipped to Nebraska
0126 - Sand Springs Gather - Sole Abscess - Euthanized

SUMMARY

Between the second week of June and the time Mrs. Lappin arrived (8-13) to view the animals, approximately 2250 animals had been captured and processed. The majority of these animals had already been shipped and the animals Mrs. Lappin observed were those that showed signs of limping and were being held until fully recovered. Only three animals were euthanized as a result of sore footedness. Two were Sand Spring horses (0098 and 0126) that developed sole abscesses and had to be destroyed and one was a Callaghan horse (0274) that developed a sole abscess.

On August 13, 1987 I arrived at Palomino Valley Holding Facility to film with Channel 4 and 8, stories pertaining to 8 orphan colts that needed homes. After filming Terri Jay and myself went to look at two really nice paint horses; in that pen we noticed some very lame horses. I spoke to Fred Wyatt generally about why the animals were lame and he responded that he had a few lame animals, but that he had talked to people about it. Friday evening I received a call from some people who had been at Palomino and stated that they had seen many lame animals.

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I returned to Palomino the next morning. I asked Fred Wyatt if I could check all the individual corrals. He said he had to load some horses and would be right with us. I went into all the corrals except the two fields and the two front pens nearest to the office. I requested from the office, the bleed sheets, and the death records.

- ① PEN #6
Bay Stallion--had been down in truck was injured.
- ② PEN #5
Bay mare #0240, gash on face
- ③ PEN #9
Sorrel mare #0012, sore footed
- ④ PEN #18
Sorrel mare #7491, sore footed
Bay mare #8191, sore footed
- ⑤ PEN #B
All new horses, not worked, in from Roberts Creek, many lame. Unusual in the fact 50% of the horses were laying down.
Bay mare with Buckskin colt-lame
Palomino with Dun colt-colt lame
Bay filly-lame
2 Buckskin mares-lame
2 bay mares-lame
Palomino mare-lame
Palomino Paint-lame
Buckskin mare with black colt-lame
- ⑥ BIG PEN--sore footed
Bay mare #0313
Dk Bay #0190
Paint mare #0315
Piebald mare #0306
0346--no mother ?
Black mare-0354 crooked leg
Bay mare #0329

⑦ PEN #25 sore footed

#0379	0424	0418	0401	0397	0439
0384	0474	0373	0468	0349	0396

⑧ PEN C sore footed

#0214	0190	0227	0198	0213	0227
0193	0191	0210	0215	0139	

⑨ PEN D sore footed

#7755	7309	7301	7837	7664	7518
7777	7260	7831	7739	7379	7774
0664	7669	7551	7517snot	7512	

⑩ PEN #26 sore footed

#0369	0426	0400	0387 (serious cuts)	0454
0372	0375	0374	0370	0428 (bad cuts)

⑪ PEN #27 sore footed

#0247	0834	8334 (bad nose)	7599 (bad hip, vaginal-
infection)		0295 (bad head)	0434

⑫ PEN ACROSS FROM #27 sore footed

#0014	0178	0179	0022	0020	0015
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PEN #28

⑬ #7327 hip and shoulder injury
7909 sore footed

Many of these animals showed signs of previous treatment, such as bandaged hooves, disinfectant. Asked Fred Wyatt how many animals would need treatment, he said the veterinarian and he would be working Saturday on injured animals. I asked to come back.

I left Palomino and went to the Nevada State Office of the Bureau of Land Management. I spoke briefly to Milt Frei, he took copies of my field notes, BLM bleed sheets, death records. I spoke to Mr. Wolfe regarding the fact that BLM had assured me over one year ago that excessive running of horses would not be tolerated. Instruction Memorandums were issued and a chase helicopter assigned. I informed Mr. Frei and Mr. Wolfe that I had newspaper sources as well as the visual medium that would gladly address this cruelty if BLM wasn't willing to do so.

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I asked how much the veterinarian charges were. I was informed he receives \$25 for the trip, \$29.00 an hour, plus the charges for injections and treatment.

Upon arrival I stated that I would be taking pictures of the actual injuries. I made it very clear that I was distressed at the number of abscessed and worn hooves, in addition to the large number of injuries. It appeared that the animals were suffering from a similar situation that occurred just one year ago when animals were excessively run. Fred Wyatt said he had called Bob Brown in Ely regarding the sore footed horses from Sand Springs, but that he had only talked to the contractor regarding his concern on Callahan, Roberts Creek, but that generally he thought it had improved some. (It is my own opinion that troubles relating back to the Carson City District, whom I believe have undermined Mr. Wyatts' attempt to run a goodship, have gotten around to the other districts. If he reports excessive injuries they claim he is crying. I don't believe this problem will disappear unless the State Office oversees Palomino, rather than the District.) I have stated for over a year that the Districts were not listening and didn't care about the sensitivity at Palomino, and the repeat this year confirms they do not care if animals are suffering. The following were only a few pictures of the work on injured animals that took the entire day, I believe they reflect an uncaring agency and an irresponsible contractor. I personally have flown on capture operations with the Bureau and have attended roundups for nearly 15 years. I am recognizant of the fact that wild animals will get injured at the capture sight, in transport, and at the holding facility; however the degree of injuries has risen since BLM started contracting the capture operations, due to the profit and expediency of the private contractor. Despite repeated warnings, and near disasters, the Bureau refuses to rectify the cruelty.

In each one of the treatment cases the following occurs:

1. a horse back rider must retrieve the animal from the pens holding the horses, meaning it must be separated from healthy animals.
2. the horse is brought to the squeeze chute
3. the animals head is roped, and the squeeze chute tightened
4. depending upon the injury, the animal would have to be injected with a paralytic drug (sucostrin).
5. waiting four or five seconds, the animal collapses, momentarily loosing the ability to breath. The drug only lasts a few minutes.

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6. The animal must have his/her legs restrained by rope.
7. The wound is opened by scraping.
8. The wound is washed with antiseptic (Betadine), wrapped, if necessary.
9. The animal is released
10. The animal must be put in an area where it can be retrieved for repeated treatment.

SUCOSTRIN IS A PARALYTIC DRUG THAT CAN CAUSE DEATH IN A STRESSED ANIMAL. On such animal was witnessed by my husband, Bert, when the animal was given the sucostrin, its heart failed, and the vet had to jump on it to bring it back.

- (14) 1. Pictures 1-3 #0364 stallion
ABCESS left front, and right coronet
rope, sucostrin, tie down, scrape, disinfect, wrap, antibiotic
check again in few days
- (15) 2. Picture 1 no number, unworked Buckskin colt- 2 mo.
PUNCTURE HOCK
rope, sucostrin, tie down, scrape, disinfect, wrap, antibiotic
- (16) 3. Picture 1 #0029 mare
ABCESS left and right front hooves
second treatment rope, sucostrin, tie down, scrape, disinfect, rewrap, penicillan.
- (17) 4. Pictures 1-4 #0217 Bay colt
ABCESS left and right rear hooves
second treatment rope, sucostrin, tie down, scrape, disinfect, rewrap, penicillan PROGNOSIS-BAD. Hoof has developed a crack at coronet, which indicates the hoof is sloughing, Will most likely have to EUTHANIZE!
- (18) 5. Pictures 1-2 #0437 Black ?
LAME
Rope, sucostrin, tie down, scrape and cut hoof to reveal cracks, most likely will abcess. NOTE: severely worn hooves.
- (19) 6. Pictures 1-2
ABCESS second week treatment
rope, sucostrin, tie down, unwrap, scrape, disinfect, rewrap, penicillan.
- (20) 7. Pictures 1-3 #0344 mare
ABCESS Left and Right rear
rope, sucostrin, tie down, scrape, disinfect, wrap, anitbiotic.

OTHER INJURED ANIMALS TREATED THE SAME DAY-no pictures

- # 0374 sore footed
- 0432 sore footed, Right rear, antibiotic
- 0428 sore footed, Right Front, antibiotic
- 0028 abcess, remove bandage
- 0247 abcess, Right forearm, flush, antibiotic
- 7599 crippled, euthanized, (had colt)
- 6878 stifled, Left rear, improving
- 7616 leppy colt from 7599 mare, okay
- 0293 hock swollen, penicillan
- 0204 lame colt
- 7083 lame mare
- 0171 lame, 2nd week, okay
- 8420 " " " "
- 8077 " " " "
- 8319 abcess, left front, antibiotic
- 0387 puncture wound, very lame
- 0406 puncture wound
- 0607 puncture wound
- 7909 puncture wound
- 0572 puncture wound
- 0434 lame both front
- 8067 puncture wound, left knee
- 8295 abcess, left forearm

- * # 0023- ABCESS Lft FRONT
- * # 8017 ABCESS Lft FRONT
- * # 0033 ABCESS RT FRONT
- * # 0126 Slough RF Hoove (

* ANIMALS WORKED PRIOR
to 8/15/87
(?) EUTHANIZED

In addition the Death Reports show:

- 0098 abcess both front, hoof sloughed, T-61
- 0126 abcess, right front, hoof sloughed, T-61
- 7972 large shoulder wound, poor, T-61
- 0274 abcess in sole bone, T-61
- 8040 cut tendons. left rear, T-61
- (last death report is dated 8/10/87.)

Bleed sheets indicate:

- 7/28/87 "a lot of tender footed horses."
- 8/10/87 "a lot of horses are cut up."