

Equine ID Subcommittee Report

April 08, 2003

Business Session

Number of Attendees: 23

Presentations: Ky Mortensen / American Association of Equine Practitioners presented brief review of the background and history of equine ID as it relates to NIAA and summarized where the issue of equine ID in the industry currently stands.

Handouts included: the Facilitators Report on the July 2k2 Equine ID / Info /Expo Symposium - available on line through the NIAA website (www.animalagriculture.org), and the January 2003 Equine ID Study Group Report.

General discussion ensued encompassing a number of questions and issues culminating in the following actions:

1. An agreement that the committee's objective will be to continue to explore Equine ID,
2. Consensus to develop informational materials that describe why standard equine ID would be useful. This should be developed, shared and presented to horse owners thru a broad spectrum of equine groups. It should focus on the concept of equine ID with several in-depth scenarios of how such a concept would be useful in specific situations and the problems it might avoid.
3. A decision that additional future steps would be taken as we progress,
4. An agreement to meet during the USAHA annual meeting in the Fall, and
5. An expectation that dialogue would continue among the committee members in the interim via email and / or tele-conference.

Part of the discussion included clarification of the roles of NIAA Equine ID Subcommittee and the American Horse Council in relation to addressing equine ID issues. The Subcommittee participants believe that the breed registries have the most direct dialogue with the horse owning public, and that this makes the AHC, as the umbrella organization for the breed registries, a key forum for discussion and resolution of industry specific needs and concerns. From there, industry issues can be brought to NIAA for consideration by the Equine ID Subcommittee, which provides a broader spectrum of individuals involved in animal ID