

**DIRECTIVE NO. 222-2025**

**ALL BREEDS**

The Rules Governing Horse Racing in Alberta are **AMENDED** as follows:

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules \ Part 3 Horse Racing Misconduct, Division 2 Rule Violations

The following rule is **AMENDED** to read:

**Rule 287 g Specific violations**

(1) A person also \*violates these rules who

(xxx) Dogs are permitted in the barn area at Alberta race tracks under the following conditions:

- (a) dogs are permitted in the backstretch area only for individuals residing on the property,
- (b) dogs are strictly prohibited from entering barns under any circumstances,
- (c) no dogs are to be walked during training or racing hours,
- (d) all dogs must always be on a leash while on the property, owners must maintain full control of their dogs to prevent incidents,
- (e) only vaccinated and healthy dogs shall be permitted,
- (f) owners must take responsibility to ensure proper clean up after their dog and the dog's behavior must not disrupt horses, drivers, riders or other workers.

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Service dogs that are qualified under the Government of Alberta's Service Dogs Act and possess a valid Government of Alberta Service Dog Identification Card are permitted access to all Horse Racing Alberta licensed race tracks. Handlers must present this identification upon request and ensure the service dog is under control at all times.

**Rule 287 g (1) (xxxi) Specific violations currently states:**

A person also \*violates these rules who

**(xxxi) Permits a dog to enter a stable area during a race meeting;**

Dated at the City of Edmonton  
in the Province of Alberta  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

Kent Verlik, Chief Executive Officer  
HORSE RACING ALBERTA

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