



**New Hampshire Association  
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**CERTIFIED MAIL**

July 30, 2024

Brad Hurlburt  
1677 Hatch School Road  
Brattleboro, VT 05301

Dear Mr. Hurlburt:

The Tilton-Northfield Old Home Day horse pulling competitions on June 29, 2024 submitted blood samples to the VT Agriculture Environmental Lab, Randolph Center, VT. Sample VT-1527 was pulled from your 18-year-old Belgian gelding named Tim and tested presumptive positive for drugs. The VT lab sent the sample to the Industrial Labs, Denver, CO for confirmatory testing. That sample was screened and confirmed positive for phenylbutazone, boldenone, caffeine, theobromine, theophylline, and beta/dexamethasone by LC-MS/MS Target Screen for Acid/Base/Neutral Drugs in Blood.

This letter serves as official notice that, pursuant to the pulling rules adopted by the NH Association of Fairs & Expositions you are prohibited from entering any animal in any livestock event in the State of NH for a period of one-year, effective July 30, 2024 through July 30, 2025. You are also required to return all premiums earned at the Tilton-Northfield Old Home Day Horse Pulling Event. Prohibition will remain in place longer than one year if the premiums are not repaid in full.

Sincerely,

Janell George  
President

Enclosures

Agency Of Agriculture, Food & Markets  
116 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620-2901  
[www.Agriculture.Vermont.gov](http://www.Agriculture.Vermont.gov)

July 25, 2024

Deerfield Veterinary Clinic  
Attn Jenny George  
150 South Road  
Deerfield, NH 03037

Dear Jenny,

The Vermont Agriculture Environmental Laboratory received and tested 4 blood samples from the Tilton-Northfield Old Home Day Horse Pulling Event (June 29). 3 samples tested negative on the Lab's horse pull test panel. One sample (VT -1527) screened presumptive positive on one of the Neogen Elisa test kits used in VAEL's horse screen panel. Sample VT-1527 was sent to Industrial Labs in Denver, CO for additional analysis. Industrial Labs screened the sample and found it contained some drug residues. Attached is a copy of their report.

VT-1527 is Brad Hurlburt, 1677 Hatch School Road, Brattleboro, VT 05301. The horse is an- 18-year-old Belgian Gelding named Tim.

Any additional testing of VT -1527 is at the expense of the organization holding the competition. The sample is stored at Industrial Laboratories in Denver, CO. If further testing is needed, please contact me.

To whom and where should an invoice be sent? If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (802) 585-4441 or by email [john.jaworski@vermont.gov](mailto:john.jaworski@vermont.gov).

Sincerely,



John Jaworski  
Assistant Laboratory Director





# CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Report # Rpt-240724087

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## Industrial Laboratories

To :  
Vermont Agriculture Environmental Lab  
VT Agriculture Environmental Lab  
163 Admin Drive  
Randolph Center, Vermont 05061

Date of Report:

July 24, 2024

TRACK: VT-AEL

DATE OF RECEIPT: 07/17/2024

TYPE OF TESTING: Clearance

DATES OF ANALYSIS: 07/17/2024 to 07/24/2024

COLLECTION DATE: 06/29/2024

SEAL NUMBER: N/A

SampleCode	Client ID	Sample Type	Result
240717032-001	VT-1527	1 Aliquot	Phenylbutazone was detected in the blood screening analysis at approximately 16.3 ug/mL. Boldenone, Caffeine, Theobromine, Theophylline, and Beta/Dexamethasone were also detected. Please advise if confirmation analysis is required for any/all suspect results.

Testing was conducted using LC-MS/MS Target Screen for Acid/Base/Neutral Drugs in Blood.

Method(s): IL-DTS-M-003

Test results are based on screening tests and should not be used for legal purposes without additional testing (confirmatory analysis available at client request)

The results shown on this test report apply only to the sample(s) listed.

Test results determined by Industrial Laboratories do not constitute a guarantee that subsequent testing of different samples will yield the same result.

\*\* Industrial Laboratories cannot guarantee that all potential drugs are detected with existing methods.

Digitally Signed By: **Timothy R. Krueger**

Date: 7/24/2024

Senior Chemist

3400 pd

**STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP**  
**New Hampshire Association of Fairs and Expositions**  
**Drug Testing Agreement**

DATE: 6/29/24

NAME OF FAIR/EVENT: Northfield NH

Class Entered: 3400 Animal Info:

Name: Tim

Name: JK

Breed: Bel

Breed: Bel

Age: 18 Sex: Q

Age: 5 Sex: Q

Desc: Red sorrel

Desc: Red sorrel

Owner: BRAD HURBERT

Owner: " V

Address: 1677 HATCH SCHOOL RD  
Brattleboro VT 05301

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAMSTER's NAME & ADDRESS (If Different from Owner):

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New Hampshire Fairs, Festivals and other events will be conducting random drug testing on selected or all pulling event animals. If any animal tests positive on the initial test, the sample will be sent to the Florida diagnostic lab for confirmatory testing. If the Florida Lab confirms a positive test on the sample, the owner (or owners, in the case of split teams), and the teamster if not listed as the owner, will be required to return all premiums earned from the class in which the animal tested positive and all classes the positive animal participated in during the entire remaining venue. This will include any premiums earned by any animal paired with the positive animal throughout the same time period. The owner(s) and teamster will also be suspended from pulling for one (1) year at all NH fairs, festivals and other events from the date the Association receives the notification confirming the positive test. Suspended persons will not be allowed in the pulling ring. A letter indicating this suspension will come from the NH Association of Fairs & Expositions. **Suspension of all parties remains in effect until all premiums have been repaid.** There will be **NO** appeal process available, all confirmatory tests are final.

**I (We) have read the above and understand that this will be a final decision, and also understand there is no appeal process.**

Brad Hurbert  
Signature of Owner

Brad Hurbert  
Signature of Owner

Signature of Teamster (if different from owner(s)) \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Absolutely no alcohol in the pulling area or arena! Violation of this request will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all premiums!**