

Cornell collar approved for use in thoroughbred racing

The Australian Racing Board's National Chairmen of Stewards Advisory Group has approved the use of the Vet-Aire Cornell Collar™ for racing. The Cornell collar is a throat support device which research indicates can assist those horses known to suffer displacement of the soft palate during running. The use of the Cornell collar in races shall be subject to the following conditions:-

- The trainer must submit to the Stewards a letter from a registered veterinarian stating that the use of the Cornell Collar is justified and appropriate in the given horse.
- The horse must complete a barrier trial wearing the Cornell Collar, to the satisfaction of the Stewards, before being permitted to race in the device.
- A gear change must be lodged by the trainer prior to the horse racing in the Cornell Collar.
- An official racecourse veterinarian and/or Steward must inspect the horse pre-race on each occasion the horse is presented for racing wearing the Cornell Collar to ensure the device has been correctly fitted.
- A further gear change must be lodged should the trainer seek to remove the gear.
- Only the original Vet-Aire Cornell Collar™ is approved for such use.

Further information on the "Cornell collar" is available at www.vet-aire.com.

Figure 1: The Cornell collar (approved TSDII model) correctly fitted under the bridle

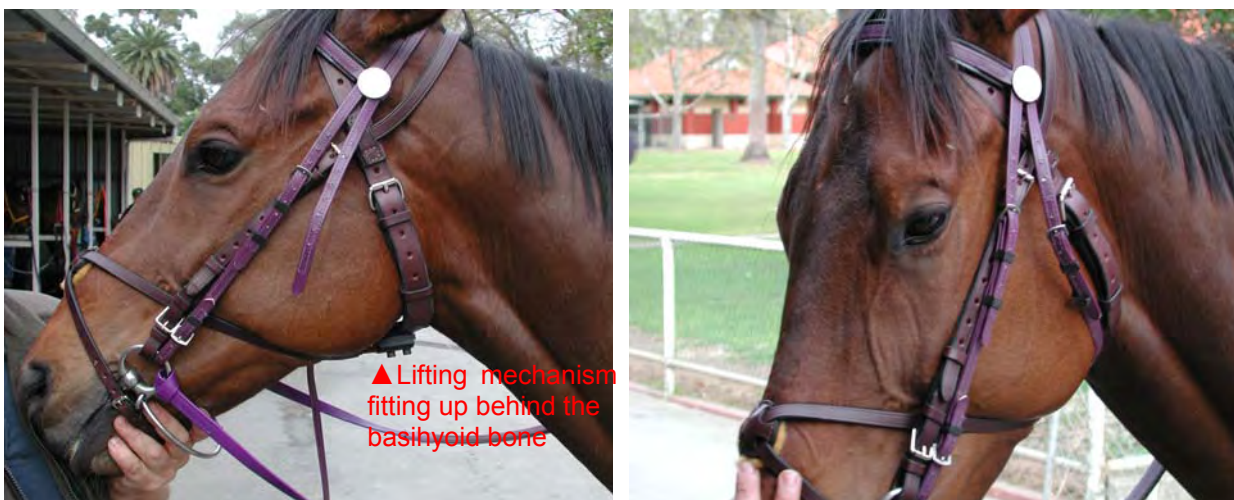


Figure 2: The Cornell collar (without bridle) demonstrating the lifting mechanism sitting correctly behind the basihyoid (A) bone between the jaws

