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| **AAEP Releases Statement About the Use of MPA in Competition Horses**The AAEP board of directors recently approved a statement developed by the Performance Horse Committee regarding the use of medroxyprogesterone acetate (MPA) in competition horses. The statement reads:*Medroxyprogesterone acetate (MPA) is a synthetic progestin hormone administered to mares off-label in an attempt to suppress behavioral estrus. However, a controlled research study found that MPA was not effective at suppression of behavioral estrus. (1) Many veterinarians believe MPA modifies behavior by producing a calming effect in the horse and does not have a therapeutic benefit that goes beyond this behavior modification. Therefore, the AAEP recommends that MPA should not be administered to horses in competition.*1. Gee EK, C DeLuca, JL Stylski, PM McCue. Efficacy of medroxyprogesterone acetate in suppression of estrus in cycling mares. J Equine Vet Sci 2009; 29:140-145.

 *Related news link:* [*US Equestrian to Reconvene MPA Panel Following Reports of Fatalities*](https://aaep.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=098934c9131c3fad1fa75df6c&id=0346c595a4&e=f0eeb5f642) |

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