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To Whom this may concern,

Firstly Thank you for hearing us and showing that we are not falling on deaf ears.  
I have had 2 ponies Vaccinated both have had serious reactions.

Our first Pony (Ebony) was a very healthy 8yr riding pony, extremely competitive and achieving highly in all disciplines,  
She received her first vaccination in April 2013 and second in April 2013, She had small area of swelling around the site after 1st day which was treated with ice packs and bute, after a week off she was back into work.  
Her 2nd vaccine caused major problems, she become very foot sore after 10-12 days, she remained out of work hoping this would settle, it become worse to the point she couldn't take a step,  
Vet was called to assess and instruct farrier on how to treat with specific shoeing, advise on pain management and he also recommended to not vaccinate again, (vet report accompanies this letter)

Our second pony to be vaccinated was our 10yr old QH, he was also a fit healthy competitive horse achieving highly in all disciplines,  
His first vaccine was given in the neck July 2014, a significant lump formed and he remained stiff for a couple of weeks, 2nd vaccine was given in chest, medium lump developed but no obvious issues showing, but after 3wks to a month he started to change, the neurological reaction was starting to take hold, he was biting , throwing his head around and at 1 point was charging at walls, If we approached him during these episodes he would charge us, he also has partial paralysis to his face with compromised sight on Left eye, he also developed a massive ulcer on his lower leg which blew out to a cavity that I could fit my fist in, this took 3 mths to heal, the infection affected the bone and that alone has ruled him out of use for 12 months, He has in the last 3 weeks shown signs of stability mentally, but we won't know until Feb any future prognosis,  
He was treated by a Brisbane vet who in answering my question of possible reaction, said it is quite possibly a reaction, and he also said he believes we are over dosing our horses by treating 6 monthly. He also will treat my horses at the moment, knowing my horses, the level of care they get, and the situation I am in with the reaction. I am for now very lucky he will, though it could cost me up to \$500.00 for PPE if needed.

The second pony was never going to be vaccinated, but it was forced upon us to do so if our children wanted to compete at state level, after working and training so hard to qualify for a state spot to be told you won't be able to compete if not vaccinated is dreadful behaviour.

This behaviour is becoming the normal now with so many horses becoming critically ill due to no vacc no vet garbage, gross misconduct of their profession to allow an animal to lay where it drops for days awaiting negative test results. It is a dreadful thing to watch a horse lay cast on the ground in extreme pain and not a vet gives a stuff about them, the emotional stress this has caused our daughter is incredible , to this day she still sees her horse laying on the stable floor groaning, and all that night sitting on the floor with him she could only plead with him not to give up. And to this day she is still in counselling.

There are many others out there with stories of hell regarding to the bullying going on, and the blackmailing and lies being used on us, we need a voice to help us send this poison back to testing stage, and before it is ever released again an instant test needs created to reduce the suffering waiting for results, so much is wrong with the registration of this vaccine, We need truths, vets, and we need to save Equine Sporting from this bunch of greedy so called professionals before it is to late.

Again I thank you for your time.

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