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Message:

Carolyn ~~is~~ Here is the  
"Jossy" Report. I'll send the DVD  
on Monday. Dr. Baldwin asked me to  
send a copy of the 3/12/08 report to  
him at the NYC Health Dept. of a hospital  
in NY and he said send it to him. I'm  
sure he'll want the second one but I don't  
no hurry until you and the owners/parents see  
this and the video. I'll be away for the  
weekend and back to work on Monday

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Inspection Jog  
New York City Carriage Horses  
March 31, 2008  
7:00Am – 5:00 Pm  
Inspection conducted by John E. Lowe, DVM

We jogged all except 4 horses, two at Central Park not done because they were new unlicensed horses. Two at Clifton Park not done because of city traffic. We jogged most of the horses in hand/on a lead line, no harness on, and a dozen horses hitched and trotting 52<sup>nd</sup> St on their way to Central Park

Inspection – see figure 1

- A. Body Condition varied from fat (45%) to good (50%) to thin (5%). The thin horses were not unhealthy, just thin. The fat horses were pleasingly fat in some cases and obese in others. The obese horses were healthy, normal horses but similar to man, obesity puts extra stress on the musculoskeletal system and the heart. This can predispose the horse to some very serious metabolic diseases, laminitis (founder) being the worst.
- B. Evidence of wounds was not observed. No new wounds, no old unhealed wounds. One young horse, of the 130 examined, was blind in the left eye. It was a new, unlicensed horse and will be sent back to the farm for use as something other than a carriage horse.
- C. Hair coats were good to shiny in all cases.
- D. Attitude was bright, alert, quiet and responsive in all cases.

Jog

Of the 126 horses jogged, 4 had mild lameness but were quite willing to trot. Two however were significantly lame, one in the left hind and one in the right fore. The horse with the LH lameness was 20 years old. He was quite willing to move at the trot over a hard surface. The horse which was lame in the LF had been shod 3 days before and had an old hoof injury with contraction of the medial quarter. He will be removed from active service.

The horses jogged well over concrete or city street blacktop. 96.8% were serviceably sound at the trot. 98.4% were serviceably sound if the 4 mild lameness are included. The horses work at the walk in the park almost exclusively. I rate horses for lameness on a scale of 1-5. One is mild, no readily apparent head bob or hike. Two is a distinct head bob or hike with a noticeable sound difference between the good leg and the sore leg as the hoof meets the ground surface. Three is a distinct head bob and shortened stride often noticeable at the walk. Four is an even

shorter stride or distinct head bob with obvious discomfort and unwillingness to move forward. Five is "fracture lame". The horse doesn't bear any weight on the affected limb.

Once again I spent 10 hours with these horses and didn't hear one cough at the jog or in the stables. This is an unusual observation for stalled horses. The development of respiratory allergies is almost a given in a percentage of stabled horses. The cough is a dry unmistakable cough. Heaves is the name given to this condition by the horseman.

A video was made on many of the horses at the time of my examination. It has been transferred to DVD format.

These horses are in good physical shape. I was impressed with their tractability and calmness whether doing a strange thing for them, like being jogged (slow trot) or waiting in traffic for the light at the intersection to change.

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Numerical scores for horses examined:

### Inspection – 130 Horses

#### A. Body Condition

1-Thin (not unhealthy)	2-Good	3-Fat (not unhealthy)
7 5%	65 50%	58 45%

#### B. Wound

1-Wound Recent	2-Wound Old	
3-Acute Injury	4-Cronic Injury	
5-Blemishes	0- None 129	1 horse will be removed, blind left eye, not registered
new horse not		

#### C. Hair Coat

1-Dull	2-Good	3-Shiny
0	91 70%	39 30%

#### D. Attitude

1-Dull, Depressed	2-Quiet, Bright, Alert	3-Excited, nervous
0	130 100%	0

### Jog – 126 Horses

1-Lame	2-Stiff	3-Scrvicably Sound	
Mild 4	0	120 96.8%	4 Not Jogged
Significant 2			
6 – 4.8%			
4 – 3.2%			
2 – 1.6%			

Figure 1

Inspection Jog of NYC Carriage Horses  
March 31, 2008 7:00Am – 5:00Pm

Horses identified by hoof brand

Total of 130 Horses Inspected

<u>Stable</u>	<u>Number of Horses</u> <u>(2 no jog and 2 walk only )</u>
Clifton Park	53
Westside Livery	26
Central Park	15
Shamrock Stables	25
Chateau Farms	<u>11</u>
Total	130

Figure 2