

# #BREAKING: Statement on Medina Spirit's Second Positive Test Results from Kentucky Derby Day Blood Sample

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, June 2, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Today, upon the release of news that [Medina Spirit's](#) second Derby Day blood test was confirmed positive for an illegal amount of drugs, Animal Wellness Action (AWA) Executive Director, Marty Irby issued the following statement on behalf of AWA, the Center for a Humane Economy, and the Animal Wellness Foundation:



Bob Baffert (center)

"The news of Medina Spirit's second test confirmed positive is no shock. Churchill Downs, the Kentucky Derby, and the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission must stand firmly together in agreement to take the 2021 Derby title away from Bob Baffert and the horse.

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*Marty Irby, executive director  
at Animal Wellness Action*

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Animal Wellness Action worked diligently in leading the charge in the animal protection space on the [Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act](#) that was signed into law in December and banned doping in the sport. Irby [testified](#)

before Congress on the issue of doping in horse racing last January, and the group remains committed to seeing the new law through to implementation and proper enforcement as it takes effect mid-2022.

Animal Wellness Action (Action) is a Washington, D.C.-based 501(c)(4) organization with a mission

of helping animals by promoting legal standards forbidding cruelty. We champion causes that alleviate the suffering of companion animals, farm animals, and wildlife. We advocate for policies to stop dogfighting and cockfighting and other forms of malicious cruelty and to confront factory farming and other systemic forms of animal exploitation. To prevent cruelty, we promote enacting good public policies, and we work to enforce those policies. To enact good laws, we must elect good lawmakers, and that's why we remind voters which candidates care about our issues and which ones don't. We believe helping animals helps us all.

The Animal Wellness Foundation (Foundation) is a Los Angeles-based private charitable organization with a mission of helping animals by making veterinary care available to everyone with a pet, regardless of economic ability. We organize rescue efforts and medical services for dogs and cats in need and help homeless pets find a loving caregiver. We are advocates for getting veterinarians to the front lines of the animal welfare movement; promoting responsible pet ownership; and vaccinating animals against infectious diseases such as distemper. We also support policies that prevent animal cruelty and that alleviate suffering. We believe helping animals helps us all.

The Center for a Humane Economy ("the Center") is a non-profit organization that focuses on influencing the conduct of corporations to forge a humane economic order. The first organization of its kind in the animal protection movement, the Center encourages businesses to honor their social responsibilities in a culture where consumers, investors, and other key stakeholders abhor cruelty and the degradation of the environment and embrace innovation as a means of eliminating both.

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