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Dear Sir/Madam:

We recently received several inquiries regarding a survey we believe was performed to assess the prevalence of injuries occurring during rodeo events. Results of this survey were presented during testimony before the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Advisory Board of Livestock Commissioners on October 30, 2003 by Mr. David Brown, who identified himself as the Illinois representative of Friends of Rodeo.

In his testimony, Mr. Brown referenced the survey and stated that it was a joint project between the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Association. In fact, the American Veterinary Medical Association did not participate in either the design or execution of this survey. Therefore, we are not able to respond to inquiries regarding it.

We request that Friends of Rodeo issue the appropriate correction to its representatives and to those agencies or organizations to which this inaccurate information was distributed. This will assist those agencies and organizations to address their questions to those who are qualified to answer them.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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c: Advisory Board of Livestock Commissioners, Illinois Department of Agriculture