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Dear Mr Bittar

Following the deaths of Milano Supreme, Distant Memories and David's Folly at Wetherby Racecourse on 23 May, I am writing to express our serious concern and to request a full and thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding the fatalities.

We know of seven horses who have died at the course since Christmas. At least 30 horses have been killed there since Animal Aid launched *Deathwatch* in March 2007.

The multiple fatalities on 23 May were not the first episode of this kind – on 26 April, 2009 three horses lost their lives, and four were killed on 14 October that same year.

As Defra Minister David Heath stated in a Parliamentary Answer on 25 April: 'Animal welfare at horse races is the responsibility of the British Horseracing Authority'. Given this statutory duty, we trust that you will act as a matter of urgency to investigate and then take appropriate action to remedy the problem.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Tyler
Director, Animal Aid