

EXTRACT FROM "AUSTRALIAN THOROUGHBREDS"
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ARTHRITIS CURE :

A dramatic breakthrough in the treatment of arthritic lameness in racehorses has been achieved with a compound obtained from roosters' combs.

The compound, sodium hyaluronate (Healon Vet), has produced a 70% recovery rate in horses suffering from joint problems following 18 months of tests by Dr. Reuben Rose of Sydney University's Department of Veterinary Clinical Studies.

Horses unable to race because of arthritis, have been able to gallop and pace four days after being injected with Healon Vet.

The results of Dr. Rose's tests on 15 racehorses lame with arthritis were that 11 of them were completely relieved and could return to the racetrack.

Healon Vet has been developed by the major Swedish pharmaceutical group, Pharmacia, and is now available in Australia. Tests by veterinarians in Sweden, France and the United States have shown similar success rates to Dr. Rose's.