



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: 2025-DAA-38
Track Downs at Albuquerque
Ruling Date: 9/21/2025

Licensee: CARRETE, FERNANDO

License Type: 2022 3 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 28930
License Number: 307123

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Action Type: Final Outcome

Ruling:

RE: 2025-DAA-38 - Ruling Final Outcome

Trainer Fernando Carrete, currently under a summary suspension from September 21, 2025, was duly notified and appeared telephonically for his disciplinary hearing scheduled for October 10, 2025, at 11:30 A.M. before the Board of Stewards at The Downs at Albuquerque (Expo Gate 7 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque NM 87110) regarding a Certificate of Analysis/affidavit dated September 19, 2025, from Industrial Laboratories (official testing laboratory for the New Mexico Racing Commission). The Certificate of Analysis/affidavit indicated the confirmed positive for prohibited substance Albuterol (Class 3 Penalty A) found in urine sample E655407 taken from, "Sheza Daddy Princess", first place finisher of the third race at The Downs at Albuquerque on September 7, 2025.

Fernando Carrete was listed as the Trainer of record for the horse "Sheza Daddy Princess" on September 7, 2025.

Erica Carreon was listed as the Owner of record for the horse "Sheza Daddy Princess" on September 7th, 2025.

Split sample rights were afforded to and declined by Trainer Fernando Carrete and Owner Erica Carreon, pursuant to Rule 15.2.6.10 D. (2).

Aggravating factors considered:

1. This is Fernando Carrete's second lifetime offense for a Class 3 Penalty A substance.
2. This is Fernando Carrete's third lifetime offense for Albuterol/Clenbuterol.

After hearing testimony and viewing evidence presented, licensee is found in violation of NMAC:

15.2.6.9 C. (1)(3)(4)(8)(a)(c)(9)(10) Medication Restrictions

15.2.6.9 C. (4) There is no permissible concentration of clenbuterol or albuterol that is allowed to appear in any official sample. This includes samples collected from Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds.

15.2.6.11 A. B. Trainer Responsibility

16.47.1.8 U. Protection of Horses

16.47.1.10 B. (1)(2) Absolute Insurer



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For this violation, (Second Lifetime offense for Class 3 Penalty A) the Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalties:

1. For the presence of Albuterol, Fernando Carrete shall have his Trainer's license revoked and be ineligible for reapplication for a **three-year period (may not reapply until October 9, 2028)**, per Rule 15.2.6.9 B.(1).
2. For the presence of Albuterol, a **fine of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)**, per Rule 15.2.6.9 B. (1), which must be paid on or before October 28, 2025, in accordance with NMAC 15.2.3.8 B. (3)(e). Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time may result in immediate suspension. Pursuant to NMAC 15.2.1.9 A. (7)(f) all fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Commission within 14 days after the Ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered.
3. In order to be restored to good standing, Fernando Carrete shall be required to take and pass all sections of the New Mexico Racing Commission written Trainer's exam, in accordance with Rule 16.47.1.10 A.(4) Trainers.

In accordance with Rule 15.2.1.9 B. (21)(a)(b), Fernando Carrete will be excluded from all areas and grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC. Additionally, effective upon applicable suspension dates, all horses owned, trained, or under the care of Fernando Carrete are ineligible to be entered or start in any race in this jurisdiction, per Rule 15.2.1.9 B. (21)(c). All transfers and sales of horses trained, owned, or in the care and custody of Fernando Carrete must be done in accordance with Rule 15.2.6.9 A. (13)(a)(b).

This Ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:

- 15.2.1.8 B. Commission General Authority
- 15.2.1.9 A. Proceedings Before the Stewards
- 15.2.3.8 B. Stewards
- 15.2.5.12 B. Horse Ineligible
- 15.2.6.9 A. (1)(2) Penalties
- 15.2.6.11 Trainer Responsibility
- 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
- 16.47.1.8 A. (1)(2) License Required
- 16.47.1.8 L. (1) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures
- 16.47.1.8 N. Changes in Application Information
- 16.47.1.8 T. Knowledge of Rules
- 16.47.1.8 U. Protection of Horses
- 16.47.1.10 B. Absolute Insurer
- 16.47.1.10. C. Trainers – Other Responsibility

15.2.1.9 A. (9)(b): Which states in pertinent part that "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days after the date of the ruling. If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the period is extended to include the next day that is not a



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Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. The appeal must be received by noon, at the main commission offices or with the stewards who issued the ruling and must be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$400. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check, money order." The last day to file an appeal is October 24, 2025.

By Order of The Downs at Albuquerque Stewards

Ronald Frazier