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### **Statement by Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo**

**(Hayward, CA)** A Saddle Bronc Horse named 154 Savina, a seven-year-old mare owned by Flying U Rodeo Company of Marysville, Calif., sustained a leg injury during the Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> performance at the 98<sup>th</sup> Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo, a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association sanctioned event.

The incident occurred following competition while the horse was exiting the arena. Arena personnel and the onsite Rodeo veterinarian immediately responded and attended to the horse. The horse was immobilized and transported from the arena in a livestock care unit for a full veterinary assessment. The veterinarian determined that the sustained injury was substantial and chances of recovery were low. After full consultation, it was determined that euthanasia was the most humane option.

Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo, as well as, Flying U Rodeo Company take the treatment and care of the livestock athletes of rodeo very seriously, and have extensive knowledge and understanding in the sport of professional rodeo. Numerous safeguards and provisions are in place to ensure the safety of both the cowboys and livestock who participate in the sport of professional rodeo.

Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo strives to promote and preserve our Western heritage in the safest manner for our animals, exhibitors, contestants and guests, while providing the community the opportunity to experience the sport of professional rodeo. A non-profit, all volunteer association the rodeo partners with many other local non-profit organizations to help raise funds for a wide range of charitable causes in the greater Hayward area.

Statistics from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association document animal injuries at less than five-one-hundredths (.05) of one percent.

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