

Tevis Cup offers field research opportunities

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The 2015 Tevis Cup, started today with more than 200 horses and riders departing the Robie Equestrian Park near Lake Tahoe on a 100-mile journey.

This year's renewal of the ride also marks the fourth year that veterinarians Langdon Fielding, Gary Magdesian, and Greg Fellers will oversee a field blood draw 36 miles into the course at Robinson Flat, the site of a mandatory one-hour rest period.

"We hope to duplicate the nearly 100 percent participation of last year in order to substantiate and expand this physiological data base," said Fellers. "Every year we collect more data, it becomes more meaningful."

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