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*Photo by
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of a young rider
loving her horse
at the UCHS
last year.*



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JUDGE: TBA

START TIME: 9am

CLASS FEES: \$15

FACILITIES: Bathrooms

WATER: Yes

Large Renovated Arena With Ample Parking

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1. Schooling Hunter Course A 2' or 2'6
2. Schooling Hunter course B 2' or 2'6
3. Schooling Hunter under saddle
4. Horse Pleasure - Walk, Trot
5. Horse Pleasure - Walk, GAYP
6. Horse Pleasure - Walk, Trot, Canter
7. Pony Pleasure - Walk, Trot
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9. Pony Pleasure - Walk, Trot, Canter
10. Silver Stirrups - Walk, Trot (40 and up)
11. Silver Stirrups - Walk, GAYP
12. Silver Stirrups Horsemanship on the rail
13. Junior Western Pleasure - Walk, Trot
14. Junior Western Pleasure - Walk, Jog, Lope
15. Junior Western Pleasure Horsemanship
16. Open Western Pleasure - Walk, Jog
17. Open western Pleasure - Walk, Jog, Lope
18. Open western Pleasure horsemanship
19. Leadline
20. Egg & Spoon race
21. Up & Back
22. Flag Race
23. Ribbon Race (need a partner)
24. In Hand Trail Class
25. Mounted Trail Class

Fun Classes

Cake Walk (\$1 at the gate)

Trail Class will start at 11am
outside the arena

**Must Attend 2 out of 3 Shows to
Qualify for Year End Division Awards
Top 2 Adults & Juniors • Top Leadline**



2 Maryland Horses Positive For Strangles The horses live in Montgomery County, where 45 horses are exposed.

Feb 23, 2024 • EDCC Health Watch
Press Release

Two horses in Montgomery County, Maryland, were recently confirmed positive for strangles. Forty-five horses are exposed. The affected horses are under voluntary quarantine.

EDCC Health Watch is an Equine Network marketing program that utilizes information from the Equine Disease Communication Center (EDCC) to create and disseminate verified equine disease reports. The EDCC is an independent nonprofit organization that is supported by industry donations in order to provide open access to infectious disease information.

About strangles

Strangles in horses is an infection caused by *Streptococcus equi* subspecies *equi* and spread through direct contact with other equids or contaminated surfaces. Horses that aren't showing clinical signs can harbor and spread the bacteria, and recovered horses remain contagious for at least six weeks, with the potential to cause outbreaks long-term.

Veterinarians diagnose horses using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing with either a nasal swab, wash or an abscess sample, and they treat most cases based on clinical signs, implementing antibiotics for severe cases. Overuse of antibiotics can prevent an infected horse from developing immunity. Most horses make a full recovery in three to four weeks.

A vaccine is available but not always effective. Biosecurity measures of quarantining new horses at a facility and maintaining high standards of hygiene and disinfecting surfaces can help lower the risk of outbreak or contain one when it occurs.



Infected horses can exhibit a variety of clinical signs:

- Fever
- Swollen and/or abscessed lymph nodes
- Nasal discharge
- Coughing or wheezing
- Muscle swelling
- Difficulty swallowing

Churchill: 2023 Adjusted Earnings Reach \$1 Billion

bloodhorse.com February 22 Frank Angst

Churchill Downs Incorporated (CDI) owns Colonial Downs, all Rosie's Gaming Emporiums in Virginia, and operates two VA-Horseplay OTBs at Breakers Sport Grille in Henrico and Buckets Bar & Grill in Chesapeake. Opening day of the 9-week Colonial Downs summer racing season is July 11.

Citing a successful Kentucky Derby week as one of the highlights of the year, Churchill Downs Inc. reported record adjusted earnings and record net revenue for 2023 in its report of business results for the full year released Feb. 21. In the release posted after trading concluded Wednesday, CDI said adjusted EBITDA earnings reached a record \$1 billion. The company said those earnings are up 34% compared with 2022. The company also reported record net revenue of \$2.5 billion, up 36% compared with the prior year. The company did report a 5% decline in net income, which reached \$417 million for the year.

In its Wednesday filing, CDI reported that the record adjusted earnings and revenue were tied to its expansion of historical horse racing in Virginia, continued success and expansion of those games in Kentucky, as well as a strong Derby week performance. The company was negatively impacted by the shortened Churchill Downs spring meeting, which after some equine safety concerns at the Louisville, Ky., track was moved to Ellis Park for the final weeks.

The company reported: "Revenue for 2023 increased \$438.2 million driven by a \$313.9 million increase attributable to the Virginia properties acquired in the P2E (Peninsula Pacific Entertainment) Transaction, a \$41.2 million increase in Northern Kentucky primarily due to the opening of Turfway Park in September 2022, a \$36.4 million increase attributable to properties acquired in the Ellis Park and Chasers Transactions, a \$20.7 million increase due to a record-breaking Derby week at Churchill Downs Racetrack, a \$19.2 million increase due to growth from our Derby City Gaming property and the opening of Derby City Gaming Downtown in December 2023 in Louisville, Ky., and a \$16.5 million increase from our Oak Grove property in Southwestern Kentucky. These increases were partially offset by a \$9.7 million decrease for non-Derby-week racing operations primarily due to the decision to move a portion of the Churchill Downs Racetrack spring meet to Ellis Park."

CDI also reported a strong year for its TwinSpires segment that includes its advanced-deposit wagering operation of the same name. The company said the segment enjoyed a \$19.1 million increase in revenue tied to the August purchase of Exacta Systems, a leading provider of HHR technology. The segment also saw a \$5.3 million increase in business-to-business strategy associated with United Tote fees, and a \$1.8 million increase in all other horse racing revenue primarily driven by increased handle from a higher-wagering volume customer base. But these gains were partially offset by lower retail horse racing handle due to industry race day cancellations and the previously referenced move of the final Churchill Downs weeks of the spring meet to Ellis.





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START TIME: 8:30 am

WARM-UPS: Ticketed - Before Each Rotation

Pre-Entry Required/Ride Times Assigned For All Trips

SCHOOLING: Show Rings-Ticketed Warm-Up Only

SCHOOLING AREA: Two Stone Dust Rings W/ Jumps-Open All Day

CLASS FEES: \$25 Pre-Entry, \$35 Late Entry, \$10 Office Fee

Ticketed Warm-Ups & Unjudged(After Trip Only) Same As Classes

FACILITIES: Bathrooms **WATER:** Yes **PHOTOGRAPHY:** Sarah Black

FOOD: Various Local Food Trucks & Pony Club Hot Made To Order Breakfast

Jumper Show Series at Deep Run Hunt Club

April 7th	Spring Premier
May 5th	Spring Classic
June 2nd	Goochland Challenge
July 14th	Summer Sizzler
August 4th	Mid-Year Festival
August 25th	Summer's End Cup
September 8th	Fall Headliner
October 13th	Final Qualifier
October 20th	Mini Prix

RING 2

101 Ticketed Warm Up 2'

1 Puddle Optimum Time

2 Puddle Jump Off

102 Ticketed Warm Up Cross Rails

3 XR Optimum Time

4 XR Optimum Time

103 Ticketed Warm Up 2'6"

5 Novice Rider Optimum Time

6 Novice Rider Jump Off

7 Novice Horse Optimum Time

8 Novice Horse Jump Off

9 Open 2'6" Optimum Time

10 Open 2'6" Jump Off

RING 1

103 Medal Ticketed Warm Up

11 CVSJA Eq Medal 2'6"

12 CVSJA Eq Medal 3'

(These two classes may be combined)

104 Ticketed Warm Up 3'6"

13 Schooling Jump Off

14 Schooling Speed

105 Ticketed Warm Up 3'9"

15 Modified Jump Off Stakes Class

16 Modified Speed

106 Ticketed Warm Up 3'

17 Low Jumper Optimum

18 Low Jumper Jump Off

19 TB Jumper Optimum

20 TB Jumper Jump Off

107 Ticketed Warm Up 3'3"

21 Child Adult Jump Off

22 Child Adult Speed

23 Open 3'3" Jump Off

24 Open 3'3" Speed

Prize Money At All Shows
\$100 Per Division Distributed
To The Top Three In Each Division.
Horses Must Compete In Both Classes
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**Gambler's Choice &
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SPECIAL CLASSES

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6/4

Table II, Sect. 2 (a)

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9/10

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You must have shown it
At least one previous
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Prize Money

\$250 to \$500 Per Class

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Warm Up \$25

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DIVISION SPECIFICATIONS

Cross Rails **12 - 18"**
Div. consists of 2 optimum Time Classes Table IV, Sect. 1. Open to horses and ponies, horse-rider combinations may **not** cross enter **any other** division. **Professionals not compete in this division.** Showing in this division does not break novice status.

Puddle Jumper **.65 Meters**
Div. consists of 2 Classes 1-Optimum Time Table IV, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to horses and ponies. Horses, ponies and riders in this division may only cross enter into classes not exceeding 2'9. Fence height shall not be lower than 18" or greater than 2'3" with spreads not greater than the fence height. **Professionals may not compete in this division,** showing in this division only does not break novice status.

Novice Horse **.75 Meters**
Div. consists of 2 Classes 1-Optimum Time Table IV, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to horses and ponies in their 1st or 2nd year of showing in jumper classes at any height higher than 2' as of December 1 of the current show year. Horses may not compete in classes where jump height is higher than 3'. Fence height shall not be lower than 2'3" or greater than 2'6" with spreads not greater than the fence height. Season points are awarded to horse owner, are accrued to the horses membership number regardless of rider.

Novice Rider **.75 Meters**
Div. consists of 2 Classes 1-Optimum Time Table IV, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to children and adult amateurs in their 1st or 2nd year of showing in jumper classes at any height higher than 2' as of December 1 of the current show year. Riders may not compete in classes where jump height is higher than 3'. Fence height shall not be lower than 2'3" or greater than 2'6" with spreads not greater than the fence height. Professionals may not compete in this division. Season points are awarded to the rider in this division on any horse.

Open 2'6" **.75 Meters**
Div. consists of 2 Classes 1-Optimum Time Table IV, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to all riders and all horses. Fence height shall not be lower than 2'3" exceed 2'6" with spreads not greater than the fence height.

Low and Thoroughbred Jumper **.90 Meters**
Div. consists of 2 Classes 1-Optimum Time Table IV, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to ponies and horses, and all riders. Fence height shall not be below 2'9" or exceed 3' with spreads not greater than fence height. Horses competing in Thoroughbred division will accrue points for VHSA and CVSJA.

Child/Adult Jumper **1.00 Meter**
Div. consists of 2 Classes 1- Speed Table II, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to ponies, horses, juniors, and amateurs. Fence height shall not be lower than 3'0" or exceed 3'3" with spreads not greater than the fence height. Professional not allowed.

Open 3'3" **1.00 Meter**
Div. consists of 2 Classes 1- Speed Table II, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to all riders and all ponies and horses. Fence height shall not be lower than 3'0" or exceed 3'3" with spreads not greater than the fence height.

Schooling Jumper **1.10 Meters**
Div. consists of 2 Classes 1- Speed Table II, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Open to ponies, horses, and all riders. Fence height shall not be lower than 3'3" or exceed 3'6" with not greater than the fence height.

Modified Jumper **1.20 Meters**
Div. consists of 2 Classes 1- Speed Table II, Sect. 1, 1-Jump Off Table II, Sect. 2 (b) Jump Off class is a \$200 Stakes class. Open to ponies, horses, and all riders. Fence height shall not be lower than 3'6" or exceed 4' with spreads not greater than the fence height.



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BERRYVILLE SHOW SERIES

Schooling 7:30am Show 8:00am

April 27 Judge Kimberly Gilbertson
May 12 Judge Dede Shumate
June 1 Judge Cindy Lytle
August 17 Judge Mark Wonderly
Sept 21 Judge Christopher Webb
October 19 Judge Dede Shumate



Grounds/Office Fee: \$15

Classes: \$15

VHSA Equitation Classes \$20

Jackpot Classes \$20

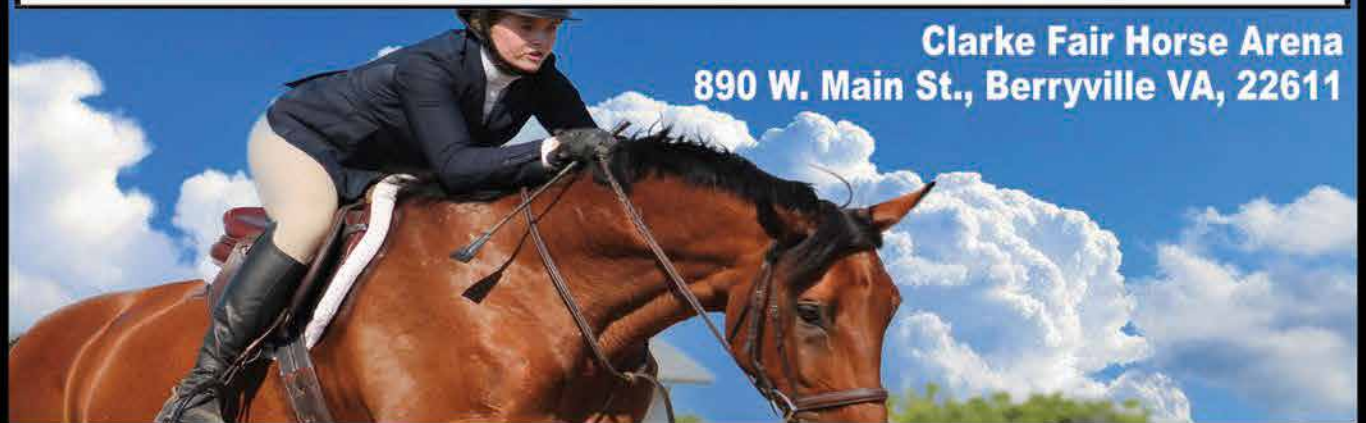
Non-Showing Fee: \$25

Show Manager: Megan Magaha

540-931-4560

VHSA & BHS SANCTIONED

1. Berryville Jackpot Hunter Course A – 2' or 2'6
 2. Berryville Jackpot Hunter Course B – 2' or 2'6
 3. Berryville Jackpot Hunter Under Saddle
 4. Schooling Hunter Course A – 2'6" or 3' *BHSA*
 5. Schooling Hunter Course B – 2'6" or 3' *BHSA*
 6. Schooling Hunter Under Saddle *BHSA*
 7. Children/Adult Hunter Course A 2'6 or 3' *VHSA & BHSA*
 8. Children/Adult Hunter Course B 2'6 or 3' *VHSA & BHSA*
 9. Children/Adult Hunter Under Saddle *VHSA & BHSA*
 10. Children/Adult Equitation 2'6 or 3' *VHSA & BHSA*
 11. Thoroughbred Hunter Course A 2'6" - 3' *VHSA & BHSA*
 12. Thoroughbred Hunter Course B 2'6" - 3' *VHSA & BHSA*
 13. Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle *VHSA & BHSA*
 14. Green Horse Hunter Course A 2'6" *VHSA & BHSA*
 15. Green Horse Hunter Course B 2'6" *VHSA & BHSA*
 16. Green Hunter Under Saddle *VHSA & BHSA*
 17. Working Hunter Course A - 3' - Course A *VHSA & BHSA*
 18. Working Hunter Course B - 3' - Course B *VHSA & BHSA*
 19. Working Hunter Under Saddle *VHSA & BHSA*
 Schooling Break not before 11AM
 20. Lead Line - 100% Rider Equitation
 21. Lead Line - 100% Mount Suitability
 22. Lead Line - 50% Equitation / 50% Suitability *BHSA (only 19)*
 23. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk *BHSA*
 24. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk/Trot *BHSA*
 25. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - W/T/Jump Position *BHSA*
 26. Short Stirrup Hunter Course A - 18" *VHSA*
 27. Short Stirrup Hunter Course B - 18" *VHSA*
 28. Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle *VHSA*
 29. Child/Adult Horse Pleasure W/Trot *VHSA & BHSA*
 30. Child/Adult Horse Pleasure Walk/GAYP *VHSA & BHSA*
 31. Child/Adult Horse Pleasure Walk/Trot/Canter *VHSA & BHSA*
 32. Jr/Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat *VHSA & BHSA*
 (Children may ride ponies, may be split 14 & under, 15-17, adult)
 33. Pony Pleasure Walk/Trot *VHSA & BHSA*
 34. Pony Pleasure Walk/GAYP *VHSA & BHSA*
 35. Pony Pleasure Walk/Trot/Canter *VHSA & BHSA*
 15 min Schooling break to follow Pleasure classes
 36. Low Hunter 2' Course A *BHSA*
 37. Low Hunter 2' Course B *BHSA*
 38. Low Hunter Under Saddle *BHSA*
 39. Pony Equitation - Sm 2'; M 2'3"; Lg 2'6 *VHSA & BHSA*
 40. Pony Hunter Course A - Sm 2'; M 2'3"; Lg 2'6" *VHSA & BHSA*
 41. Pony Hunter Course B - Sm 2'; M 2'3"; Lg 2'6" *VHSA & BHSA*
 42. Pony Hunter Under Saddle *VHSA & BHSA*
 43. Green Pony Hunter Course A - Sm 2'; M 2'3"; Lg 2'6" *VHSA & BHSA*
 44. Green Pony Hunter B - Sm 2'; M 2'3"; Lg 2'6" *VHSA & BHSA*
 45. Green Pony Hunter Under Saddle *VHSA & BHSA*
- Six ribbons per class / Champion & Reserve each Division.
 Berryville show series points 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, ½
 VHSA Associate & BHSA are scored according to their rules.
 Negative Coggins Test within one year required



Clarke Fair Horse Arena
 890 W. Main St., Berryville VA, 22611



Cheers to 70 Years of Equestrian Education with the United States Pony Clubs

February 23, 2024 (Lexington, KY) —



The year 2024 is a big year for The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (USPC or Pony Club) as the organization celebrates its 70th Anniversary. The organization's vision is to be the leading source and voice of education in horse care, safety, and equestrian pursuits. Officially founded on February 24, 1954, as a youth organization to teach safe riding and the proper care of horses, USPC has developed into an organization for all ages and experience levels. Over the past seven decades, the U.S. Pony Clubs has served more than 175,000 members with 68% of them staying involved with horses for life. In addition to learning horse care and riding, the skills, habits, and values instilled by the USPC program translate to valuable life skills that members and volunteers use in all areas of their life, including skills in goalsetting, volunteerism, service, teamwork, stewardship, and more.

Over the next year, you will see various ways that USPC is celebrating its 70th Anniversary. The kickoff of the 70th Anniversary happened in January 2024 in Reno, Nev., at the 2024 USPC Convention, Presented by Via Nova Training and Sponsored by Lincoln Memorial University. Attendees enjoyed a special photo and memory area in the trade fair area, and alumni and current members, volunteers, and board members wished the national organization a "Happy 70th Anniversary" during a video that played during the Meeting of the Corporation at the convention. With USPC's Founders Day of February 24, the organization will kick off a "7 Days of Giving" campaign, complete with historical information via USPC's communication channels. Anyone wishing to support the organization can do so with an online donation at <https://donate.ponyclub.org>.

For more about Pony Club's history, visit <https://blog.ponyclub.org/category/uspc-history> throughout this 70th Anniversary year as we share all of the stories that have made USPC what it is today.

Jon Conyers to the Inducted Into the IHSA Hall of Fame

Gladys, Va.- Feb. 22, 2024 -

The Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association (IHSA) is pleased to announce that Jon Conyers will be posthumously inducted into the IHSA Hall of Fame during the National Championship at Tryon International Equestrian Center on Saturday, May 4. The IHSA Hall of Fame inducted its first members in 2020, and the second class will include coaches, founders, riders and horses.

Conyers, a revered figure in the equestrian community, began his riding career as a child on his family farm in Staunton, Virginia. His passion for horses and dedication to the sport propelled him to remarkable achievements throughout his lifetime.

Conyers' journey in equestrian sports began with riding lessons at Shenandoah Farms under esteemed instructors Bud Hickman, Linda Wetterston and his cousin, Diane Hinch. He honed his skills and diversified his riding experience, competing in various disciplines, including 4-H, jumper shows and US Pony Club events.

After graduating high school, Conyers pursued his passion for riding while attending St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, North Carolina. Under the guidance of Shelby French, he became an integral part of the university's IHSA team, laying the foundation for his future contributions to collegiate equestrian sport.

Upon graduation, Conyers served as an assistant coach at St. Andrews University before accepting a position to coach the University of Virginia (UVA) Equestrian Team. His coaching tenure at UVA culminated in a remarkable achievement, with the Cavaliers clinching the IHSA National Championship in 1992. In 1993, he accepted the director of riding position at Wesleyan College. While at Wesleyan, Conyers coached numerous IHSA riders to win regionally, at Zones and Nationals. He served in this role until 2000. In the fall of 2000, Conyers went to Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), serving as an IHSA coach. Then for a year, he flew back and forth from Virginia to Ohio, joining the University of Findlay as an adjunct professor.

In 2003 Jon accepted the head coach position at Sweet Briar College, where he would serve until his passing in the fall of 2008. Conyers' impact extended beyond coaching. He took on leadership roles within the IHSA, serving as a regional president, zone chairperson, alumni director and director at large. His unwavering dedication and contributions helped shape the organization and collegiate equestrian competition. Conyers was a USEF "R" judge and participated in rated and local shows.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements and contributions to the sport, Conyers received numerous accolades, including the Pioneer Award from the IHSA in 2004 and the IHSA's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008. Also, in 2008, he was inducted into the Southwest Virginia Hunter Jumper Association's Hall of Fame. His legacy continues to inspire future generations of equestrians.

Conyers left a profound legacy in the equestrian community. In honor of his memory, the Jon Conyers Memorial Scholarship Award was founded in 2009 to support aspiring equestrians pursuing their dreams in collegiate riding.

The induction of Jon Conyers into the IHSA Hall of Fame is a testament to his enduring impact on collegiate equestrian sport and his legacy in the hearts of riders and coaches.



2nd Annual Clarke/Frederick Open Horse Show Series 2024

SHOW DATES:

April 28	Clarke County
June 2	Clarke County
June 22	Frederick County
July 27	Frederick County
August 10	Clarke County
Sept 14	Frederick County
October 12	Frederick County --Make Up Date--
Clarke County	890 W. Main St. Berryville
Frederick County	250 Fairground Rd. Clear Brook

START TIME: 9am

WARM-UPS: Un-judged - all day

CLASS FEES:

\$10 Office Fee per horse/rider combo

\$12 Class

WATER: Yes FACILITIES: Bathrooms

SCHOOLING AREA: Grass

1. Hunter Showmanship - Youth

2. Hunter Showmanship - Open

15 Minute Schooling Break

Hunter W/T Youth Division

3. Pleasure

4. Go As You Please

5. Equitation (On The Rail)

Hunter W/T Open Division

6. Pleasure

7. Go As You Please

8. Equitation (On The Rail)

Hunter W/T/C Youth Division

9. Pleasure

10. Go As You Please

11. Equitation (On The Rail)

Hunter W/T/C Open Division

12. Pleasure

13. Go As You Please

14. Equitation (On The Rail)

The following classes will not start before 11 AM

20 Minute Lunch/Schooling Break

15. Halter Geldings

16. Halter Mares

17. Beginner Showmanship

(Any Discipline in their first 2 years of showing)

18. Youth Western/Ranch Showmanship

19. Open Western/Ranch Showmanship

Lead Line Division

20. Pleasure (100% horse)

21. Rider (100% rider)

22. Horsemanship (50% horse, 50% rider)

Beginning Division

(Any Discipline in their first 2 years of showing)

23. W/T Pleasure

24. Go As You Please

25. Equitation/Horsemanship (On The Rail)

Green Horse W/T, W/J Division

(Any Discipline in their first 2 years of showing)

26. Pleasure

27. Go As You Please

28. Equitation (On The Rail)

Must Attend 4 out of 6 Shows for Year-End Prize Qualifying

Walk/Jog Hunter (Youth & Open)
Walk/Jog Western (Youth & Open)
Beginner
Green Horse W/T, W/J
Green Horse W/T/C, W/J/L
Silver Stirrups (40 & Over)
Western W/J/L (Youth & Open)
Hunter W/T/C (Youth & Open)
Ranch (Youth & Open)
Lead Line (8 Years Old & Under)
Open Trail

Show Overall High Point Awards:

High Point Western Rider
High Point Hunter Rider
High Point Ranch Rider
High Point Green Horse
High Point Overall Horse/Rider Combo

Green Horse W/T/C, W/J/L Division

(Any Discipline in their first 2 years of showing)

29. Pleasure

30. Go As You Please

31. Equitation (On The Rail)

Silver Stirrups Division

(Any Discipline, Riders must be 40+)

32. W/T or J Pleasure

33. Go As You Please

34. Equitation/Horsemanship (On The Rail)

Western W/J Youth Division

35. Pleasure

36. Go As You Please

37. Horsemanship (On The Rail)

Western W/J Open Division

38. Pleasure

39. Go As You Please

40. Horsemanship (On The Rail)

Western W/J/L Youth Division

41. Pleasure

42. Go As You Please

43. Horsemanship (Pattern)

Western W/J/L Open Division

44. Pleasure

45. Go As You Please

46. Horsemanship (Pattern)

Ranch Classes Not to Start Before 2pm

Ranch W/J/L Youth Division

47. Pleasure

48. Horsemanship (On The Rail)

49. Ranch Riding (Pattern)

Ranch W/L Open Division

50. Pleasure

51. Horsemanship (On The Rail)

52. Ranch Riding (Pattern)

STARTS AT 11 AM OUTSIDE THE MAIN RING

53. Trail In-Hand

54. Trail Mounted

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Proceeds from the shows to benefit the Clarke and Frederick County 4H Horse Programs.



Economic Impact of Maryland Horse Industry Grows to \$2.9 Billion

Maryland was one of the breakout states in the American Horse Council's report on the economic impact of the national horse industry, released on Jan. 31.

The total economic impact of the industry grew 38% between 2017 and 2022, from \$2.1 billion to \$2.9 billion. In addition, the industry's direct contribution to

Maryland's GDP grew by 40.5% between 2017 and 2022. The industry is responsible for 28,434 jobs, and horse industry wages total more than \$1.24 billion.

The survey, conducted in 2023 by the American Horse Council, determined that Maryland contains over 717,000 horse enthusiast households, or about 30% of the population, with a total horse population estimate of over 94,000. More than 37,000 Thoroughbreds live in Maryland, making them the most populous breed in the state.

"The horse industry is a vital part of Maryland's economy and Maryland's landscape," said Cricket Goodall, executive director of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. "Horses provide both job opportunities and the environmentally beneficial green space that are essential to Maryland's productive future. We are proud that Maryland has more horses per square mile than any other state in the country."

Popular Colonial Downs Jockey Forest Boyce Collects 1,000th Career Victory Feb. 9 at Laurel

Maryland Native Reaches Milestone on 3YOF Determined Driver

D Hatman Thoroughbreds' Determined Driver reeled in favored I'm a Cutie Pie in deep stretch and pulled clear to give jockey Forest Boyce her 1,000th career victory Friday at Laurel Park.

Determined Driver (\$6.20), a Maryland-bred daughter of Dialed In making her third career start and first in six months for trainer by Phil Schoenthal, covered six furlongs in 1:12.75 to win the entry-level optional claiming allowance 3-year-old fillies by 1 ¾ lengths. It was the second win of the day for Boyce, who picked up No. 999 with Cynthia McGuinness and Francis Clemens' Midsummers Eve (\$13) in Race 3. The 4-year-old Maryland-bred filly is trained by Tim Keefe.

"I really appreciate all the support I've had this winter," Boyce said. "I've been pigeonholed a little bit as a turf rider, and everyone has really helped me out and put me on some nice dirt horses in some good spots. It's been fun."

Her milestone win was the seventh from 30 mounts at Laurel's winter Heritage Meet for Boyce, ranking her fifth. Jaime Rodriguez leads the way with 20. "This year has started off way better than last year," Boyce said. "I think I maybe had three winners at this point last year, so this is good."

A Baltimore native and resident of Fallston, Md., the 39-year-old Boyce was runner-up for the Eclipse Award as champion apprentice of 2010 when she won a season-high 129 races, captured riding titles at Laurel's summer and fall meets, and was the state's overall leading rider with 104 victories at Laurel and historic Pimlico Race Course. Represented for years by agent Jay 'Shug' Burtis, Boyce is tied for the ninth-most wins in Maryland Million history with seven, her first coming with Pocket Patch in the 2011 Turf. Other notable victories have come with Eighttofastto catch in the 2013 and 2014 Classic, Crabcakes in the 2017 and 2018 Distaff, and Jack's in the Deck in the 2015 Sprint. Eighttofastto catch, now a 19-year-old foxhunter, has been at the Boyce family farm in Fallston since the summer of 2019.

Her first winner came aboard Colony Club June 30, 2009 at Colonial Downs. Small-trained Fascinat in' Rhythm gave Boyce her first career stakes win in the 2010 Geisha at Laurel. Her first of five graded victories came aboard Nellie Cashman in the 2013 Virginia Oaks (G3) at Colonial.

Other graded wins for Boyce have come with Medea in the 2014 Eatontown Oaks (G3), Lunah Time in the 2015 Obeah (G3), Onus in the 2015 Commonwealth Oaks (G3) and Doctor Mounty in the 2018 Baltimore-Washington International Turf Cup (G3). The latter two were for Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey, who regularly uses Boyce when he ships horses to Maryland.

Boyce won 46 races and more than \$2.3 million in purse earnings in 2023, to push her career bankroll past \$35 million including a single-season high of \$3,499,421 in 2013.

"It feels really good," Boyce said. "These people [in Maryland] are the ones that got me going, so to do this here means a lot."



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March 10th - Marc Leepson
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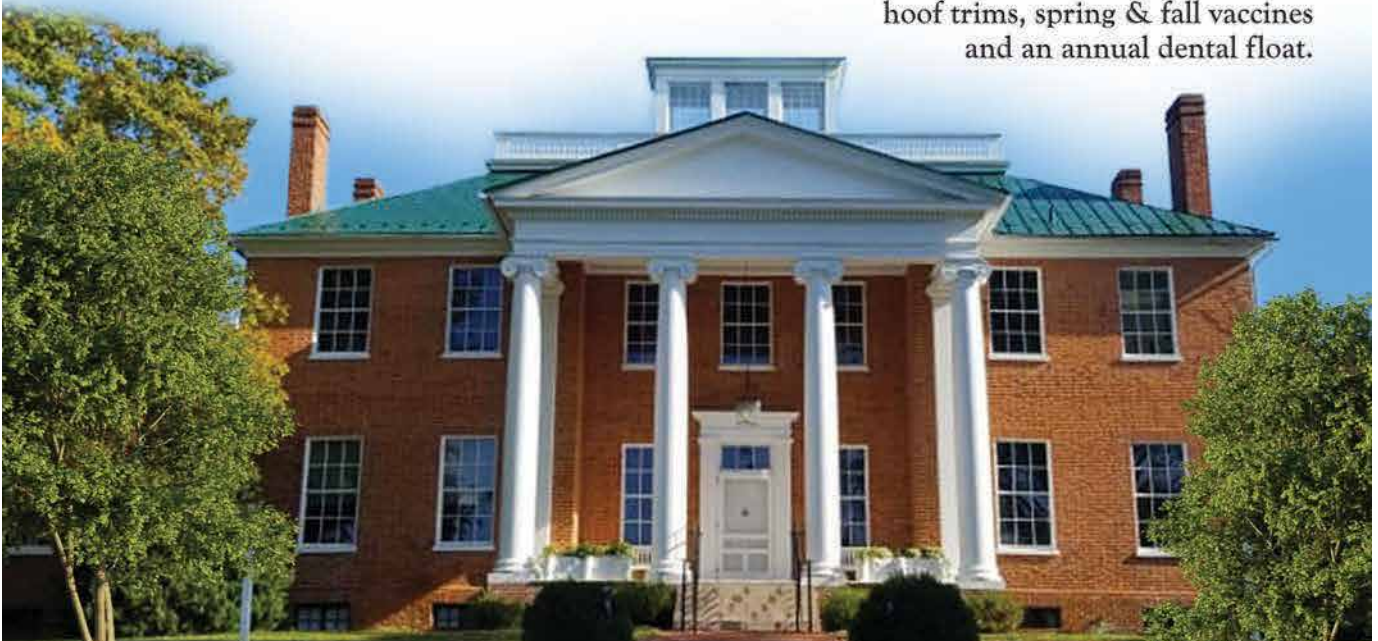
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Equine Welfare Data Collective Releases Report 6

February 7, 2024

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Data collected from reports of equine rescues and sanctuaries across the country are shining a light on how hundreds, maybe even thousands, of horses find themselves in a rescue.

The Equine Welfare Data Collective (EWDC), a program sponsored by the *United Horse Coalition* and the *American Horse Council*, has released its sixth report, covering data from 2022.

A report detailing the trends shown by the data collected over the last four years will be published.

Key Notes from National Study

The *EWDC* Report 6 shows similar intake and outcomes findings to Report 5 with most equine intakes due to owner relinquishments, while the majority of outcomes are attributed to adoptions.

- **Intakes:** National intakes show an increase in law enforcement confiscations (16% in 2022 compared to 8.9% in 2021), fewer equines transferred into custody from another agency (5% in 2022 compared to 11.7% in 2021) and slight decrease in intakes due to owner relinquishments (60% in 2022 compared to 62.7% in 2021).
- **Outcomes:** National outcomes show a decrease in adoptions (66% in 2022 compared to 75.9% in 2021), a decrease in equines euthanized due to health reasons (12% in 2022 compared to 15% in 2021) and a notable increase in outcomes due to equines transferred to another agency (12% in 2022 compared to 3.5% in 2021).

Notably, many changes in intake and outcome numbers seem to be a result of a return to pre-COVID numbers. First-hand accounts gathered by *EWDC* representatives from rescues and animal control officers recounted staffing shortages during COVID, posing a challenge for these organizations in data reporting.

“The *EWDC* is proud to publish its sixth report, representing our fifth year of data collection and reporting,” says Kelsey Buckley, program administrator of the *EWDC*. “The report can allow us to better understand how the global pandemic COVID-19 affected at-risk and transitioning horses and the organizations offering custodial and non-custodial services.”

Key Notes from Regional Reports

- Most regions reported more than 50% of their intakes were due to owner relinquishments.
- Most regions reported high percentages of outcomes as adoptions.
More regional-specific statistics can be found within the report.
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Overall Conclusions

In 2022, organizations that provided direct placement services reported accommodating 65% of requests. The majority (89%) of requests accommodated were requests to rehome an equine.

Feed assistance and veterinary care assistance continue to be the most common requests for aid made to organizations that provide assistance services. Organizations also fulfilled a similar number of veterinary care requests to numbers reported in 2021 but were only able to fulfill 44% of feed assistance requests in 2022 compared to 94% of requests in 2021. It was unclear whether this decrease is due to more requests or fewer resources available.

“*The United Horse Coalition*’s ultimate goal is to help reduce the number of intakes nationwide by promoting Responsible Ownership and responsible rehoming options for horse owners,” says Ashley Harkins, director of the *UHC*. “Data showing assistance services merits a closer inspection as assistance service can act as a lifeline for owners on the brink of relinquishment. A concerning decrease in the number of feed assistance requests fulfilled is notable, but it is not yet known if this decrease is a result of increased requests or decreased supplies.”

“We understand from outreach and communications with previously reporting organizations, that global pandemic impacted submissions,” says Buckley. “But data submissions are on the rise including a promising increase in reporting on direct placement services. The *EWDC* plans to continue to work to increase reporting to ensure accurate and unbiased reporting in the future.”

The *EWDC* is currently collecting data from 2023 and is running a data drive contest through February 19. Data can be submitted all year round: <http://unitedhorsecoalition.org/submit-data/>

You can find out more about the *EWDC* and submit your nonprofits statistics for the next report, visit <https://unitedhorsecoalition.org/ewdc/>

For more information on the *EWDC*, contact **Buckley** at ewdc@horsecouncil.org



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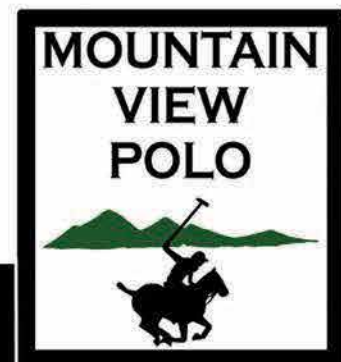
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HUNTER DATES:

June 12 - Judge Lianne Rankins

June 19 - Judge Katie Petronelli

July 10 - Judge TBD

July 17 - Judge Lara Mcpherson

July 31 - Judge Dana Kiser

Aug 10 - Judge Mark Wonderly (Start Time 11am)



START TIME: 4pm

WARM-UPS: \$18

CLASS FEES:

\$18 class, \$10 office fee,

\$35 fee for returned checks

PHOTOGRAPHER: TBA

SCHOOLING AREA: 3pm

CALIFORNIA WARM UP:

1. At start of each division (unjudged) Course B

LEADLINE (BHSA)

Open to riders 7 years and under as of Dec 1st of current show year. Riders not allowed to cross enter into any classes where they would be asked to trot. Points to rider.

2. Leadline A (100% rider)
3. Leadline B (50% rider/ 50% pony)
4. Leadline 100% rider w/ test (jump position, drop reins or stirrups, etc.)

PRE SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION (BHSA)

Open to all riders 10 and under; may only cross enter into Pleasure classes-Walk/Trot. Judged on equitation.

5. Pre Short Walk Only
6. Pre Short Walk/Trot
7. Pre Short Walk/Sit-Trot/Jumping Position

SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION (BHSA)

Open to all riders 12 and under; riders may only cross enter into Pleasure, SS Hunter, & VHSA EQ on the Flat.

8. Short Stirrup Walk/Trot
9. Short Stirrup Walk/Trot/Canter
10. Short Stirrup over Fences (18")

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER (VHSA)

Open to all riders 12 and under; riders may only cross enter into Short Stirrup Eq, Pleasure & Eq on the Flat

11. Short Stirrup Hunter over Fences Course A (18")
12. Short Stirrup over Hunter Fences Course B (18")
13. Short Stirrup Hunter Walk/Trot/Canter

LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION (BHSA)

Open to all riders 13 and over; riders may only cross enter into Pleasure and Eq on the Flat.

14. Long Stirrup Walk/Trot
15. Long Stirrup Walk/Trot/Canter
16. Long Stirrup Over Fences (18")

PLEASURE PONY (VHSA & BHSA)

Open to ponies ridden by Juniors.

17. Pleasure Pony Walk/Trot
18. Pleasure Pony Go-as-You-Please
19. Pleasure Pony Walk/Trot/Canter

PONY EQUITATION (VHSA & BHSA)

Open to ponies ridden by Juniors. Fences to be set at 2' (small), 2'3" (medium) & 2'6" (large).

At least 1/4 of class to return for flat phase

20. Pony Equitation over Fences

PONY/GREEN PONY HUNTER (VHSA & BHSA)

Open to ponies ridden by juniors. Sm/Med/Lg ponies.

Fences to be set at 2' (sm), 2'3" (med) & 2'6" (lg)

Green Pony open to Ponies in their 1st year showing at regulation heights. (May be split if entries warrant)

21. Pony/Green Pony Hunter over Fences Course A
22. Pony/Green Pony Hunter over Fences Course B
23. Pony/Green Pony Hunter under Saddle

ADULT/JUNIOR PLEASURE HORSE (VHSA & BHSA)

Open to all horses.

24. Pleasure Horse Walk/Trot
25. Pleasure Horse Go-as-You-Please
26. Pleasure Horse Walk/Trot/Canter

EQUITATION ON THE FLAT (VHSA & BHSA)

Will be split if entries warrant.

27. VHSA EQ on the flat 14 & under/15-17/Adult

LOW/SCHOOLING HUNTER (BHSA)

Open to horses and ponies.

No restrictions on riders. Fences set at 2'/2'6".

28. Low/Schooling Hunter over Fences Course A
29. Low/Schooling Hunter over Fences Course B
30. Low/Schooling Hunter under Saddle

Grand Meadows Cares Series: Spring Grass Will Soon Be Here – It's Time To Spring Into Action

by Nikki Alvin-Smith (nikkialvinsmithstudio.com)

Spring is just around the corner and with it hopefully comes the luscious bright green grass that our Equus love to graze in their pastures. Now is the perfect time to get ahead of the game in regard to equine metabolic issues. We all know that when it comes to medical concerns, preventative care is better than remedial treatments.

Enjoy this straightforward 'to do' list and spring into action now. In this way you can protect your beloved equine partner from suffering the consequences of equine metabolic disturbances, and also decrease the risk of experiencing a metabolic flare up in horses that are prone to metabolic disease.

The Horse Hay Belly and Winter Overfeeding

It's human nature to want to feed animals more food than usual during blasts of cold weather in an effort to help sustain them. As the digestive process in a horse produces helpful heat energy benefits when they ingest forage such as hay, this caregiving extra ration can result in winter overfeeding. Usually this reveals itself as a horse 'hay belly', where the winter blanket unveiling may make your gelding appear like a pregnant mare late in her gestation period. Replacing the blanket to cover it up obviously does not solve the overweight horse issue.

Exercise options for riding, longeing and driving our horses and the availability of suitable spaces for them to exercise themselves are often limited during winter months. Horses may not have the opportunity to move properly due to snow or ice cover, mud mayhem or smaller overwintering paddocks close to the barn. Enforced periods of equine inactivity cannot be helped in many cases, but as Spring approaches enacting a strict exercise protocol that increases daily energy output in the Equus can be a boon to the animal losing unwanted weight.

Hand-walking or free longe work or work in hand on the line is easy to accomplish in a confined space. When you consider that in days gone by dressage trainers have successfully 'dressed' their dressage horses from start to finished Grand Prix horses using just a 20-meter circle, it's hard to argue the case for not having enough room to work your horse. Even an animal that is no longer rideable, can benefit from regular walks. Not to mention the horse handler here, who likely will also benefit from the physical activity.

Add Bloodwork To The Spring Shot Schedule

An up-to-date metabolic panel of bloodwork is a great way to ensure you are starting off the season on the right hoof. A winter hiatus from work under saddle, a change in forage and feed provided at a livery barn, a swap in hay supplier etc. can all result in unexpected changes in the equine's metabolic health.

It's likely your vet is scheduled to visit the barn and administer Spring vaccines, complete Coggins forms and perform dental checks. While adding a metabolic work-up to the list will cost you now, it can save you much heartache and expense later.

For horses already on the radar for risk of metabolic disturbance issues, and for those that have already exhibited the assorted diseases (Equine Metabolic Syndrome, Insulin Dysregulation or Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction, Laminitis, Founder), an updated blood panel and veterinary examination is essential.

Foot The Bill

An imperative aspect of horse care as we know is hoof care. Have your farrier examine and trim/shoe your horse as appropriate to help defray any chance of hoof vulnerability to damage from long toes and heels, that may predispose the horse to foot soreness and bruising.

Foot the bill now to start your horse off on the best possible track as you begin increasing his exercise level.

Optimize Your Horse's Gut Health

Review your regimen for equine feeding and forage needs. Grass in pastures can be tested for nutritional content the same way that hay supplies can be tested. Mail-in options are available where you can send in samples throughout the grass growing season if necessary. Review results with your vet to compose a balanced diet that services each individual horse's needs.



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 Sunday May 5 Judges: Kristin Campbell / Edee McGregor
 Sunday June 2 Judges: Robin Wood/ Kimberly Gilbertson
 Sunday July 21 Judges: Davera Ackenbom/ Kristin Campbell
 Sunday Aug. 4 Judges: Mark Wonderly/ Edee McGregor
 Sunday Sept. 8 Judges: DeDe Shumate / Davera Ackenbom
 Sunday Oct. 6 Judges: Kimberly Gilbertson/ DeDe Shumate

START TIME: 8am

WARM-UPS: \$20 CA

CLASS FEES:

\$65 Division, \$25 Class, \$25 Office Fee,
\$25 Non-Showing, \$50 Medal/Derby

PHOTOGRAPHER: Hannah Jones Photography

SCHOOLING AREA: Varies

CONCESSIONS: Sally's Smoothies & TBA

LARGE OUTDOOR RING

Schooling 7-8am • Start time: 8am

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| 1. LOW HUNTER B | Over 8 Fences: 2' |
| 2. LOW HUNTER B | Over 8 Fences: 2' |
| 3. LOW HUNTER B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 4. LIMIT HUNTER B | Over 8 Fences: 2'3" |
| 5. LIMIT HUNTER B | Over 8 Fences: 2'3" |
| 6. LIMIT HUNTER B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 7. HORSE PLEASURE V/TIP/B | Walk/Trot |
| 8. HORSE PLEASURE V/TIP/B | Go As You Please |
| 9. HORSE PLEASURE V/TIP/B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 10. JUNIOR/ ADULT AM . EQUITATION ON THE FLAT V/B | |
| 11. VHSA ADULT EQ ON FLAT MEDAL | |
| 12. SCHOOLING HUNTER B | Over 8 Fences: 2'6" |
| 13. SCHOOLING HUNTER B | Over 8 Fences: 2'6" |
| 14. SCHOOLING HUNTER B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 15. TB HUNTER V/TIP/B | Over 8 Fences: 2'6" |
| 16. TB HUNTER V/TIP/B | Over 8 Fences: 2'6" |
| 17. TB HUNTER V/TIP/B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 18. GREEN HUNTER HORS E V/B | Over Fences: 2'6" |
| 19. GREEN HUNTER HORSE V/B | Over Fences: 2'6" |
| 20. GREEN HUNTER HORSE V/B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 21. CHILD / AA HUNTER V/B | Over Fences: 2'6" or 3' |
| 22. CHILD / AA HUNTER V/B | Over Fences: 2'6" or 3' |
| 23. CHILD/ AA HUNTER V/B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 24. CHILD / AA EQ. V/B | Over Fences: 2'6" or 3' |
| 25. HUNTER DERBY | Over fences 2' or 2'6" |
| 26. WORKING HUNTER V/B | Over Fences: 3" |
| 27. WORKING HUNTER V/B | Over Fences: 3" |
| 28. WORKING HUNTER V/B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 29. VHSA EMO CHILDREN'S MEDAL | Over Fences: 3' |
| 30. VHSA EMO ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL | Over Fences: 3' |
| *** 20 minute schooling break, not before 1pm | |
| 31. PONY PLEASURE V/B | Walk/Trot |
| 32. PONY PLEASURE V/B | Go As You Please |
| 33. PONY PLEASURE V/B | Walk/Trot/Canter |
| 34. VHSA PONY EQ ON FLAT MEDAL | |
| 35. GREEN PONY HUNTER V/ B | OF Sm 2', Med. 2'3", Lg 2'6" |
| 36. GREEN PONY HUNTER V/B | OF Sm 2', Med. 2'3", Lg 2'6" |
| 37. GREEN PONY HUNTER V/B | Under Saddle |
| 38. PONY HUNTER V//DC/B | OF Sm 2', Med. 2'3", Lg 2'6" |
| 39. PONY HUNTER V/ DC/B | OF Sm 2', Med. 2'3", Lg 2'6" |
| 40. PONY HUNTER V/ DC/B | Under Saddle |
| 41. PONY EQUITATION V/B | Small 2', Med. 2'3", Large 2'6" |
| 42. VHSA PONY MEDAL | |

SMALL OUTDOOR RING

Schooling 7-9am • Start time 9am

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| 43. LEADLINE | 100% Rider Equitation |
| 44. LEADLINE B | 50% pony suitability / 50% equitation |
| 45. LEADLINE | 100% pony suitability & manners |
| 46. PATTERN RIDE | Walk/halt thru cone weave & pole maze |
| 47. PRE-SHORT STIRRUP EQ B | Walk |
| 48. PRE-SHORT STIRRUP EQ B | Walk/Trot |
| 49. PRE-SHORT STIRRUP EQ B | Walk/Trot/Sit-Trot/Jump Position at Walk |

INDOOR RING

Schooling 7-10am • Start time 10am, typically finishes Noon-1pm

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| 50. NOVICE EQ. | Walk/Trot |
| 51. NOVICE EQ. | Individual canter |
| 52. NOVICE EQ. | Over 2 fences 12" (Trot or Canter) |
| 53. SHORT STIRRUP EQ. B | Over 4 Fences: 18" (Trot or Canter) |
| 54. SHORT STIRRUP EQ B | Over 4 Fences: 18" (Trot or Canter) |
| 55. SHORT STIRRUP EQ. B | Walk/Trot |
| 56. SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER V/B | Over 4 Fences: 18" |
| 57. SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER V/B | Over 4 Fences: 18" |
| 58. SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER VB | Under Saddle (Walk/Trot/Canter) |
| 59. LONG STIRRUP HUNTER B | Over 4 Fences: 18" |
| 60. LONG STIRRUP HUNTER B | Over 4 Fences: 18" |
| 61. LONG STIRRUP HUNTER B | Under Saddle (Walk/Trot/Canter) |
| 62. STUDENT EQUITATION B | Over 4 Fences: 2' (Trot or Canter) |
| 63. STUDENT EQUITATION B | Over 4 Fences: 2' (Trot or Canter) |
| 64. STUDENT EQUITATION B | Under Saddle (Walk/Trot/Canter) |

JUMPERS

DATES

April 28 Sun 8am
 Spring Theme
 June 19 Wed 4pm
 July 10 Wed 4pm
 July 24 Wed 4pm
 Aug. 7 Wed 4pm
 Oct. 20 Sun 10am
 Halloween Theme
 Dec 1 Sun 10am
 Ugly Sweater Xmas Theme

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Make sure you are not guilty of overfeeding grain or feed supplements. Remember that over-supplementation of horse feed supplements is commonplace. Are you guilty of not just wasting your money, but causing your horse a metabolic health concern or gut microbiome imbalance that is putting him at risk for other health issues including metabolic disturbances?

The better your knowledge of what your horse is eating, the better chance you have of minimizing the likelihood that you inadvertently cause a health disturbance in your horse. The reins are in your hands. If you haven't done so already it's time to take hold.



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Sunday, April 14
Sunday, April 28
Sunday, May 19
Sunday, June 23
Sunday, July 28
Sunday, Aug 25
Sunday, Sept 15
Sunday, Oct 13

SCHOOLING JUMPER DATES:

Saturday, April 6
Saturday, May 25
Saturday, June 15
Saturday, July 13
Saturday, Aug 10
Saturday, Aug 31
Saturday, Oct 05

JUMPER DATES: JDG Jane Nordstrom

Sunday, April 7
Sunday, May 26
Sunday, June 16
Sunday, July 14
Sunday, Aug 11
Sunday, Sept 1
Sunday, Oct 6

START TIME:

Main 8am; Small 8:30am;
Jumper 9am

WARM-UPS: Un-Judged All Day

HUNTER SCHOOLING:

Main til 7:45am; Small til 8:15am

CLASS FEES:

Hunter: \$25/Equitation: \$30/Medal: \$35
\$25/Grounds Fee (-\$15 w/online entry)

Above Ring Footing Line

HUNTERS

Main Ring Start 8am - Schooling until 7:45am Session Only

- Benefit Hunter Over Fences - 2' or 2'6" - Course A
- Benefit Hunter Over Fences - 2' or 2'6" - Course B
- Benefit Hunter Under Saddle

- Hunter Hack - Walk/Trot
- Hunter Hack - Walk/Trot/Canter
- Hunter Hack - WTC - Two 2' fences - Judges Choice
- *VHSA Junior/Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat

- *Junior/Adult Hunter Pleasure - Walk/Trot
- *Junior/Adult Hunter Pleasure - Go as You Please
- *Junior/Adult Hunter Pleasure - Walk/Trot/Canter

Schooling Break -Midday Session Only

- *VHSA Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences - 18" - Course A
- *VHSA Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences - 18" - Course B
- *VHSA Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle

Open to Juniors and Adult Amateurs only

- Limit Rider Hunter Over Fences - 2' or 2'3" - Course A
- Limit Rider Hunter Over Fences - 2' or 2'3" - Course B
- Limit Rider Hunter Under Saddle
- *Pony Pleasure - Walk/Trot
- *Pony Pleasure - Go as You Please
- *Pony Pleasure - Walk/Trot/Canter
- *Green Pony Hunter Over Fences A - Sm 2'; Med 2'3"; Lg 2'6"
- *Green Pony Hunter Over Fences B - Sm 2'; Med 2'3"; Lg 2'6"
- *Green Pony Hunter Under Saddle
- *VHSA Pony Equitation - Sm 2'; Med 2'3"; Lg 2'6"
- *Pony Hunter Over Fences A - Sm 2'; Med 2'3"; Lg 2'6"
- *Pony Hunter Over Fences B - Sm 2'; Med 2'3"; Lg 2'6"
- *Pony Hunter Under Saddle

Schooling Break

- *VHSA Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences - 2'6" - Course A
- *VHSA Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences - 2'6" - Course B
- *VHSA Thoroughbred Hunter under Saddle

- *Green Hunter Over Fences - 2'6" - Course A
- *Green Hunter Over Fences - 2'6" - Course B
- *Green Hunter Under Saddle
- *VHSA Child/Adult Amateur Equitation - 2'6" or 3"
- *Child/AA Hunter Over Fences - 2'6" or 3" - Course A
- *Child/AA Hunter Over Fences - 2'6" or 3" - Course B
- *Child/AA Hunter Under Saddle
- *Working Hunter Over Fences - 3' - Course A
- *Working Hunter Over Fences - 3' - Course B
- *Working Hunter Under Saddle - Walk/Trot/Canter
- *VHSA Children's Medal Over Fences 3'

Small Ring Start 8:30am

All flat classes will be run before Jumping Classes

- Lead Line - 100% Rider Equitation
- Lead Line - 100% Mount Suitability
- Lead Line - 50% Equitation / 50% Suitability
- Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk
- Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk/Trot
- Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk/Trot/Sit Trot/Jump Position
- Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences - 18" - Course A
- Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences - 18" - Course B
- Short Stirrup Equitation Under Saddle
- Long Stirrup Equitation Over Fences - 18" - Course A
- Long Stirrup Equitation Over Fences - 18" - Course B
- Long Stirrup Equitation Under Saddle
- Student Equitation Over Fences - 2' Course A
- Student Equitation Over Fences - 2' Course B
- Student Equitation Under Saddle

- Warm Up
- Costume Class (Year End Show only)

*VHSA Associate Classes

Italics - Battlefield Horse Show Association classes

JUMPERS

Hacking and limited Jumping
Schooling 7:30 - 8:45 am
Schooling in small ring all day

Intro to Show Jumping Poles (10yrs and under)

- Poles Timed 1st Round
- Poles Timed 1st Round
- Poles Timed 1st Round

Intro to Show Jumping Cross rails (14yrs and under)

- Cross Rails Timed 1st Round
- Cross Rails Timed 1st Round
- Cross Rails Timed 1st Round

Puddle Jumpers 2'

- Puddle Jumper Table II, Sec. 1
- Puddle Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- Puddle Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Jumpers 2'3"-2'6" VHSA BHSA

- Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Table II, Sec. 1
- Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Novice Jumpers 2'3"-2'6" VHSA BHSA

- Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1
- Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Thoroughbred Jumper 2'9" VHSA BHSA

- Thoroughbred Jumper Table II, Sec. 1
- Thoroughbred Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- Thoroughbred Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Low Jumpers 2'9" VHSA BHSA

- Low Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1
- Low Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- Low Jumpers \$10 Add-Back Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Children's/Adult Amateur Jumpers 3'0" VHSA BHSA

- Children's/Adult Amateur Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1
- Children's/Adult Amateur Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- Children's/Adult Amateur Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Schooling Jumpers 3'3"-3'6" VHSA BHSA

- Schooling Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1
- Schooling Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
- Schooling Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

- Unjudged Warmup

Spring Harness Racing at Shenandoah Downs in Woodstock is an Entertaining, Affordable Afternoon Activity

The charming mountain town of Woodstock, Virginia may best be known as the home base of Massanutten Military Academy --- as well as a convenient access point to spring hikes in the Shenandoah Valley and numerous area wineries. But for the second year in a row, an equine attraction will be cemented on that activity list --- harness racing at **Shenandoah Downs**.

Standardbred horses, who either pace via a sidwinding gait or trot via a diagonal gait --- as opposed to thoroughbred racehorses who simply run or gallop --- will compete over a half mile oval every Saturday and Sunday for seven weeks from April 6 - May 19. About a dozen pari-mutuel races are scheduled each day and the action extends from 1:05 - 4:30 PM. Shenandoah Downs itself is located at the Shenandoah County Fairgrounds located halfway between Harrisonburg and Winchester and is nestled between the scenic Blue Ridge and Alleghany mountain ranges.

Unlike modern tracks such as Colonial Downs, Charles Town and Laurel that offer customer conveniences like indoor tiered dining rooms, luxurious corporate entertainment areas and simulcast centers where fans can bet horse

races from any track in the country, Shenandoah Downs offers a grass roots, “throwback” type experience that harks back decades. Fans congregate in a 105-year-old grandstand that is situated literally on top of the action and cheer on their favorites as they thunder down the home stretch. The vibe provides an intimate and exciting experience for fans of all ages. All focus is on the live harness races that unfold on a state-of-the-art track that has undergone \$1.1 million in renovations and upgrades since 2016.

Talk about history and tradition.

Harness racing has been held in Woodstock for 137 consecutive years. Generations of fans and families have gathered over time to enjoy harness racing at the Shenandoah County Fair, which is held annually in late August, and most recently the 7-week long Shenandoah Downs spring and fall meets where wagering is available.

Fans in Woodstock appreciate good horsemanship. There is deep appreciation of the effort it takes to get a horse to the track, from being bred and raised, to being trained and ready for competition. Horses that finish last are often cheered as much as the winning horse that crosses first and gets its picture taken.

Never been to a horse race before? No worries. The staff at Shenandoah Downs is there to help make your visit enjoyable and hopefully profitable. For fans that choose to wager, bets can be placed with a teller --- who can walk first timers through that process --- or via self-betting terminals. Betting is available to fans 18 years of age and older. Whether it’s a basic win, place and show bet, or a more exotic wager like an exacta, trifecta or superfecta, this aspect only adds to the experience. Of course, fans can come, snag a hot dog and soft drink and simply enjoy the horsepower instead.

The rhythm of a race day is consistent, no matter when fans attend. An afternoon program is made up of a dozen races, and a race goes off every 20 minutes. Navigating the next several hours is straightforward --- handicap the race (decide on who to bet on), check the horses out as they come on to the track and parade to post, make a wager, cheer your horse on and hopefully, cash a winning ticket. Then repeat that cycle another 11 times.



Turner Farm Events

VHSA ASSOCIATE HUNTER SCHOOLING SHOWS

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April 20 Judge: Edee McGregor

May 11 Judge: Katie Petronelli

June 1 Judge: Christopher Webb

Sept 7 Judge: Mark Wonderly

Oct 12 Judge: Jane Nordstorm

Start Time 8:00am

Schooling 6:30am-7:30am

Warm-up rounds Open all day

Office Fee \$25 / **Class Fee** \$20

Photographer TBD

Manager: Lara McPherson / lulu2mc@aol.com

Secretary: karen.washburn@longandfoster.com

Ring 1 8:00 a.m.

50. Open Card Warm-up

1. Schooling Hunter OF (2'6")

2. Schooling Hunter OF (2'6")

3. Schooling Hunter US

4. VHSA Working/Green Hunter OF (2'6", 2'9" to 3')

5. VHSA Working/Green Hunter OF (2'6", 2'9" to 3')

6. VHSA Working/Green Hunter US

7. VHSA Children's/ AA Eq (2'6", 2'9" to 3')

8. VHSA Children's/ AA OF (2'6", 2'9" to 3')

9. VHSA Children's/ AA OF (2'6", 2'9" to 3')

10. VHSA Children's/ AA US

11. VHSA Jr/Adult Eq on the flat

Schooling break -not before 10:30am

12. Low Hunter OF (2')

13. Low Hunter OF (2')

14. Low Hunter US

15. VHSA Horse Pleasure WT

16. VHSA Horse Pleasure GAYP

17. VHSA Horse Pleasure WTC

18. VHSA Pony Pleasure WT

19. VHSA Pony Pleasure GAYP

20. VHSA Pony Pleasure, WTC

21. VHSA Pony Eq (S 2', M 2'3", L 2'6")

22. VHSA Pony Hunter OF (S 2', M 2'3", L 2'6")

23. VHSA Pony Hunter OF (S 2', M 2'3", L 2'6")

24. VHSA Pony Hunter US

25. Lead Line rider

26. Lead Line pony

27. Lead Line rider/pony

28. Pre-Short Stirrup W

29. Pre-Short Stirrup WT

30. Pre-Short Stirrup WT/Test

Schooling break -not before 2:00pm

31. Long Stirrup Eq. WT

32. Long Stirrup Eq. WTC

33. Long Stirrup Eq. OF (18")

34. Short Stirrup Eq. WT

35. Short Stirrup Eq. WTC

36. Short Stirrup Eq. OF (18")

37. VHSA Short Stirrup Hunter OF (18")

38. VHSA Short Stirrup Hunter OF (18")

39. VHSA Short Stirrup Hunter US



Promote, support, and protect equestrian activities at Turner Farm Park

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Looking for a unique first date? An outing at the races is a perfect first date opportunity. You'll have something to talk about all day. Parking and admission are free and a bet can cost as little as ten cents. Past performance programs (\$3.00) and tip sheets (free) are available to help in the selection process. Feeling intimidated? Try eavesdropping on conversations going on around you. Discover why people like a certain horse in the next race. Who knows, you may find something that catches your attention and helps the handicapping process --- or not!

Attendees beware. Shenandoah Downs offers a full slate of promotions to enhance the fan experience. A local cattle farmer named Steve Wetzel entered an "Own a Horse for a Day" promotion at the track two years ago. His name was selected along with seven other winners who came back a week later where each actually got a chance to own a horse in a preselected race. Everyone got to mingle with their horse in the paddock, meet their respective driver and trainer and best of all, keep the purse money their horse earned in a \$5,250 race.

Steve's horse ended up crossing the finish line first and he took home a winner's share check in the amount of \$2,625. He was hooked from that point. Steve became so taken with the sport of harness racing that he gave up his cattle business, bought a horse farm just outside of Woodstock, purchased nine racehorses --- with guidance from experienced horsemen he developed relationships with --- and in time, got his trainers license. He ended up winning races at his home track in Woodstock, at both the County Fair and Shenandoah Downs meets, with all his family members present to share in the joy. In late January, Steve scored his first training win outside of Virginia, at Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland. The rewards have been hard earned and more chapters to this story will be written in time.

Check out all the season details at:
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2024 Upperville Jump 4 Fun Hunter Schooling Show Prize List

Salem Farm Showgrounds, 8300 John S Mosby Hwy.
ENTRANCE OFF OF WILLISVILLE ROAD / RT. 623

June 2, 2024 - 8:00 AM start

Entries open May 2nd - www.horseshowsonline.com

JUMPER RING II

2' Hunters

- 9. 2' Hunter O/F
- 10. 2' Hunter O/F

2'3" Hunters

- 11. 2'3" Hunter O/F
- 12. 2'3" Hunter O/F

2'6" Hunters

- 13. 2'6" Hunter O/F
- 14. 2'6" Hunter O/F

2'9" Hunters

- 15. 2'9" Hunter O/F
- 16. 2'9" Hunter O/F

Upperville Jump 4 Fun Schooling Show begins at 8:00 am

- ❖ A negative Coggins is required
- ❖ Hard hats are required while mounted
- ❖ No schooling in the competition rings
- ❖ Unless otherwise noted, USEF Rules apply, including full reciprocity to any sanctions imposed
- ❖ No points are awarded for any class or division at this show
- ❖ Exhibitors are not required to be a VHSA, USEF or USHJA member to show
- ❖ The show manager reserves the right to combine or cancel classes if there are insufficient entries
- ❖ Returned checks will be assessed a \$30 charge
- ❖ Ribbons will be awarded for 1st - 8th place
- ❖ Class entry fees are \$40 per class or \$70 per division
- ❖ Non-refundable office fee of \$40 per horse
- ❖ Grounds fee of \$30 per horse
- ❖ Juniors and adults may ride ponies
- ❖ Enter at www.horseshowsonline.com
- ❖ Entries close May 31st. Late entries incur a \$15 late fee
- ❖ Scratches due by 4 PM June 1st or entry fee is forfeit

Hunter Division Class Specifications

- ❖ All classes open to horses and ponies ridden by juniors, amateurs or professionals
- ❖ Horses and ponies to be judged on manners, suitability and way of going.
- ❖ Jumps may include verticles, oxers, brush, rails
- ❖ 2024 Hunter Judge Tony Workman
- ❖ Questions? 540-687-5740 or uchs.enter@gmail.com



2024 Upperville Jump 4 Fun Jumper Schooling Show Prize List

Salem Farm Showgrounds, 8300 John S Mosby Hwy.
ENTRANCE OFF OF WILLISVILLE ROAD / RT. 623

June 2, 2024 - 8:00 AM start

Entries open May 2nd - www.horseshowsonline.com

GRAND PRIX RING

.70m - .75m Jumpers

1. Jumper, Table II
2. Jumper, Table II

.80m - .85m Jumpers

3. Jumper, Table II
4. Jumper, Table II

.90m - .95m Jumpers

5. Jumper, Table II
6. Jumper, Table II

1.0m - 1.05m Jumpers

7. Jumper, Table II
8. Jumper, Table II

Upperville Jump 4 Fun Schooling Jumper Show begins at 8:00 am

- ❖ A negative Coggins is required
- ❖ Hard hats are required while mounted
- ❖ No schooling in the competition rings
- ❖ Unless otherwise noted, USEF Rules apply, including full reciprocity to any sanctions imposed
- ❖ No points are awarded for any class or division at this show
- ❖ Exhibitors are not required to be a VHSA, USEF or USHJA member to show
- ❖ The show manager reserves the right to combine or cancel classes if there are insufficient entries
- ❖ Returned checks will be assessed a \$30 charge
- ❖ Ribbons will be awarded for all clear rounds
- ❖ Class entry fees are \$40 per class or \$70 per division
- ❖ Non-refundable office fee of \$40 per horse
- ❖ Grounds fee of \$30 per horse
- ❖ Juniors and adults may ride ponies
- ❖ Enter at www.horseshowsonline.com
- ❖ Entries close May 31st. Late entries incur a \$15 late fee
- ❖ Scratches due by 4 PM June 1st or entry fee is forfeit

Jumper Division Class Specifications

- ❖ All classes open to horses and ponies ridden by juniors, amateurs or professionals
- ❖ All classes will be run in the Table II format, with a blue ribbon for each clear round
- ❖ TABLE II—The round is decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. Horses with clear rounds or equal faults remain equal
- ❖ 2024 Jumper Judge Cindy Lytle
- ❖ Questions? 540-687-5740 or uchs.enter@gmail.com



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**Cap fees: Call one of the
Masters for information.**

Non-members must contact one of the Masters or the Honorary Secretary for permission to hunt. Checks payable to The Blue Ridge Hunt should be given to the Field Secretary along with a Liability Release (available at location) early at the meet. Coggins required. Guests may cap 4 times during the current season.

Season:

September 1st - end of March, primarily on Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays with occasional Bye Days.

Territory:

The country lies in Clarke County, in Warren County north of Front Royal, in Shenandoah County north of Route 675, in Frederick County south of Route 50 and west of Route 11 in Virginia and in Jefferson County, W.Va. It is mainly rolling farmland with open pasture land and orchards. Jumps are chicken coops, some tiger traps, post and rails with a few stone walls.

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Virginia Sets Higher Penalties For Those Convicted Of Animal Cruelty

By: Georgia Andrews

Virginia HB 223 provides that any person convicted of felony cruelty to animals may be prohibited by the court from possession or ownership of animals for life and that any person convicted of misdemeanor cruelty to animals may be prohibited by the court from possession or ownership of animals for a period of up to five years. The bill provides that any person who violates such prohibition shall be punished for contempt of court, and the court shall order that any animal possessed or owned by such person may be disposed of by a local governing body or delivered to another person with a right of property in the animal. The bill further provides that any person who has his rights to possession or ownership of companion or equine animals prohibited pursuant to a felony conviction may petition the court where such conviction occurred for a restoration of his rights after five years from the date of conviction.

Under the current law, such prohibition is limited to companion animals and a period equal to the statutory maximum period of incarceration. The new law is a needed expansion of the current law in that it now includes all animals not just companion animals. Further, it lengthens the term that the abuser will be prohibited from owning or possessing animals. Under current law, such prohibition is limited to companion animals and a period equal to the statutory maximum period of incarceration. The new law will go into full effect July 1.





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Updated information is on our ODH Facebook page.

Saturday, April 6 – Old Dominion Hounds Point-to-Point

- Ben Venue, Amissville • 12 pm Post Time
- 11 Carded National Steeplechase Association Sanctioned Racing & Point-to-Point Series Events
- Kids' Stick-Pony Race, Kids' Corral with Activities for All Ages
- **Admission Options:** General Admission, Reserved Tailgate Parking

Sunday, April 7 – Old Dominion Hounds Hunter Pace

- Hungry Run, Amissville • 1 pm
- Jumping & Non-Jumping Divisions for Hunt Members & Non-Members

May, June – Old Dominion Hounds Spring Trail Ride Series

- May 11, 18, 25 and June 1 • 9 am
- Guided Slow-Paced Pleasure Trail Rides (2 hrs)
- Field Tailgate Potluck Lunch After Each Ride
- \$30 Adults, \$10 Juniors 18 & Under, Kids Under 12 Free

August – Old Dominion Hounds Summer Trail Ride Series

- August 3, 10, 17, 24 • 8 am
- Guided "Field Hunter Schooling" Pleasure Trail Rides (2 hrs)
- Perfect Pre-Hunt Season Training for Green Horses & Pre-Hunt Season Fitness Opportunities for Veteran Field Hunters
- Field Tailgate Potluck Lunch After Each Ride
- \$30 Adults, \$10 Juniors 18 & Under, Kids Under 12 Free

Saturday, October 19 – Old Dominion Hounds' 100th Anniversary Opening Meet

- Running Fields, Orlean
- First Event of a 100th Anniversary Celebration ODH Hunt Week

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The 501(c)7 organization has an associated non-profit foundation, the Old Dominion Conservation and Education Foundation, a 501(c)3. Both ODH and ODCEF work to educate residents and visitors about the importance of conserving open spaces.

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Guests may cap 3 times during the current season.

Season:

Sept.- March. Primarily Monday, Wednesday and Saturday with occasional Bye Days.

Territory:

Fauquier and Culpeper Counties. Generally wooded and open cattle and crop farms. Jumps are post and rail, coops and stone walls typical in size.



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August 13th	Trail Ride #1	at Weston Farm
August 20th	Trail Ride #2	at Winfall Farm



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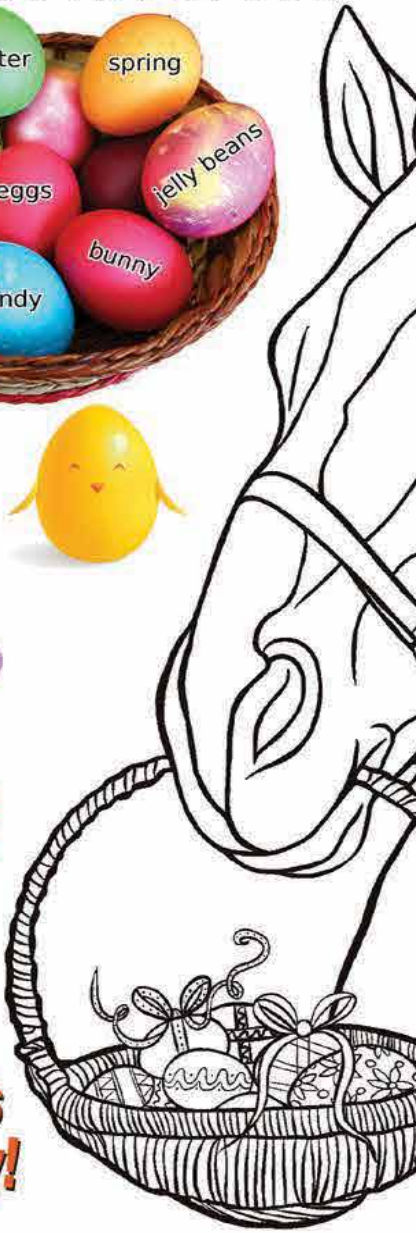
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Loudoun Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
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Kathy Blaine LTR Program Director

Founded in 1974 by two Loudoun visionaries, Leonard Warner and Barbara Baird, the Loudoun 4-H Club's Riding for the Handicapped (now Loudoun Therapeutic Riding) has faithfully served the community for 50 years and is kicking off 2024 celebrating the power of the horse to change lives.

Honoring our roots as the pilot program for therapeutic riding in VA and envisioning our future are some things I have been reflecting upon personally as I begin my 31st year as a member of the LTR staff. In 1992 my dear friend Joanne Hart, who was the head instructor & subsequently named executive director, invited me to volunteer in lessons which were being held at the LoCo Fairgrounds. Always a horse lover and having taught riding for several years during and after college, the experience of helping people with special needs connect with horses changed the trajectory of my life.

Through the years I've witnessed the incredible impact that horses have made in the lives of our students by boosting confidence, improving balance, coordination, strength, focus and concentration through riding. However, it's the connections made, and relationships formed with the horse, the instructor and volunteers in a safe, welcoming space that creates lasting change or shifts in the way a person relates to their world. That happens without ever sitting astride an equine and in ways that I never imagined.

So, as we envision the future, LTR is expanding current and developing new programs that tap into the benefits of time spent with horses on a farm in unmounted groundwork such as Equine-assisted Learning (EAL) taught by Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructors or Equine Specialists in Mental Health & Learning and Equine-assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) which is facilitated by licensed mental health professionals. These offerings will increase our impact through providing additional services to more individuals seeking ways to improve overall wellbeing in a natural environment.

Check out our website for more information on HorsePowered Learning sessions this summer during the weeks of June 25-28 and August 12-16, Equine Services for Heroes (Veterans & First Responders), Silver Spurs, Adaptive Riding



In 1974, the first therapeutic riding center in Virginia was established. 50 years later, celebrate the history of Loudoun Therapeutic Riding with us at one of our 2024 events!

February 17: Fashion Show and "National Velvet" at the Middleburg Community Center

April 29: Putt for Ponies Golf Tournament at Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club

May 18: Boots & Bridles Barn Dance at LTR

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October 26: Ride-A-Thon at LTR

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August 12-16, 9am - 2pm*	Fee: \$800

Volunteer HPL

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July 1-3, 9am - 12:30pm	Fee: \$300
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Schedule:

- 9am- student arrival - check in circle
- 9:30am-11:30am - groom and tack horses, then riding (30-45 min. mounted lesson OR groundwork lesson)
- 11:30am-12:15pm - arts & crafts/other farm activities
- 12:15-12:30pm - closing circle

*Students are responsible for bringing packed lunch for longer session

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& Cart Driving, or Hippotherapy used by licensed physical, occupational or speech therapists. To support these services, LTR is always seeking new volunteers to join the amazing team of people who donate their time to help ensure a safe, beneficial experience. Without volunteers, LTR simply would not exist!


We hope you'll join us during the coming year at one of these many exciting events in support of LTR as we move into the next 50 years to ensure a sustainable future of Learning, Teaching & Reaching! You are cordially invited to plan a visit to our home in Lovettsville so you can see our horses, students, volunteers and staff in action and our mission in motion. Here are some great opportunities not to be missed that will help LTR Bloom Where it is Planted!

On **Monday, April 29th**, enjoy an afternoon at the Lansdowne Resort for our **Putt for Ponies Golf Tournament**, then on **Saturday, May 18th** our **Annual Barn Dance** is sure to be a "kick up your heels" good time held at the farm. Other events during the year include the **3rd Annual Heroes First Fair**, honoring Veterans and offering networking opportunities on **Sunday, September 15th**, followed by **Saturday, October 26th** and our **Student Costume Ride-a-Thon Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser** which is always a fun day for our families, staff, volunteers and guests. You will certainly want to Save the Date for **Saturday, November 23rd** as we gather at the beautiful Salamander Resort in Middleburg, VA for the official **Golden Gala Celebration of 50 years of Love, Trust & Respect!**

We hope to see you at the farm very soon and extend our sincerest thanks to our sponsors, donors, volunteers, horse owners and students & families for their unwavering support in getting us this far.

With deep gratitude,
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- 10:45-11:30 History of Therapeutic Horsemanship
- 11:45-12:30 Saving Money Without Cutting Corners
- 12:30-1:00 Lunch Break - Visit Vendors
- 1:00-2:00 Equine Liability and Contracts
- 2:15-3:00 Horse Racing in Virginia
- 3:00-4:00 TBD - Time Slot Available - Visit Vendors

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 SHOW BARN, HANDS-ON SESSIONS

- 9:30-10:30 Understanding Proper Topline Development
- 10:45-11:30 Body Condition Scoring & Metabolic Issues
- 11:45-12:30 Full Body Session & PEMF
- 12:30-1:00 Lunch Break - Visit Vendors
- 1:00-2:00 Rehabilitation & Retraining Techniques
- 2:15-3:00 Saddle Fitting
- 3:00-4:00 Equine Massage & Myofascial Release

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 RURITAN BUILDING HALL B

- 9:30-10:30 Soil & Water Conservation Programs
- 10:45-11:30 So You Want to be an Equine Vet?
- 11:45-12:30 The Ins and Outs of Endurance Riding
- 12:30-1:00 Lunch Break - Visit Vendors
- 1:00-2:00 Understanding Proper Topline Development
- 2:15-3:00 Proper Care of Neglected Horses
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- 11:00-1:00 1st VA CMSA, Cowboy Mounted Shooting
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Inaugural Equi-Palooza Event Will Not Disappoint!

What in the world is **Equi-palooza**? Palooza is a portion of the word lollapalooza which is a late 19th-century term defined as “an extraordinary or unusual thing, person, or event”; an exceptional example or instance”. And, as most horse lovers are aware, the term “equi” comes from the Latin word “equus” meaning horse. Put the two words together for an **extraordinary event all about horses!**

Equi-palooza, is a free equine educational event created and managed by Lisa Phillips, key account manager from Farmers Cooperative Association, Inc. (FCA) and will take place **March 15-17, 2024 at the Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds**, 890 West Main Street in Berryville, VA. Lisa chose this location for the inaugural event due to its reasonable cost, excellent and varied facilities, and proximity to FCA’s mill in Frederick, MD as well as three of its local feed dealers, Berryville Farm and Pet Supply, Clearbrook Feed & Supply, and Loudoun County Milling Company. The four companies will be sponsoring the event, providing a free dinner and nutritional meeting to kick it off on Friday night March 15 at 6:00 p.m. Dr. James Lattimer from ADM Animal Nutrition will be the guest speaker for the evening. Those interested in attending should **RSVP for the free dinner meeting by calling or texting Lisa at 757-536-9037 or via email at lisa.phillips@farmerscoop.com**.

Saturday morning, March 16, the event starts at 8:30 a.m. in the Ruritan Building. The first 100 attendees will receive a free welcome bag with coupons, free sample size horse care items, pens, notepads, and other useful items! Concession items will be available for breakfast and lunch starting at 8:30. Door prize drawings will be announced throughout the day and more than 35 equine related vendors will be set up throughout the Ruritan building and outside on the grounds leading to the cattle show barn. Wear your thinking caps and choose from more than a dozen educational seminars beginning at 9:30 a.m. and finishing up at 4:00 p.m. when the **grand prize drawing will be held for \$100 worth of feed from FCA**. There will be two seminar areas inside the building, Hall A and Hall B, as well as hands-on sessions with horses in the cattle show barn outside.

Sunday’s festivities will be held at the horse arena area at 8:00 a.m. **with free coffee and donuts provided by Trailer Country LLC**. At 8:30 a.m. author Sarah Hickner will present a cowboy church service sharing stories of faith and how God touched her through horses. Demonstrations will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Mounted Games Across America followed by a riding and driving demonstration by the Norwegian Fjord Horse Alliance. Thereafter, you won’t want to miss cowboys and cowgirls from 1st Virginia CMSA (Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association) running patterns and shooting balloons off the back of their horses with their .45 caliber single action revolvers and long guns using black powder blanks. Jean French from The Natural Horse Connection, Inc. will follow the shooters showing how she retrains and rehabilitates horses for trail riding. Last, but certainly not least, the event will conclude with Horse World Expo clinician, Jimmy Wagner from Jimmy Wagner Horsemanship LLC showing his techniques for desensitizing and liberty. Concessions will be available Sunday for lunch thanks to the **Shenandoah Valley Equine Rescue Network (SVERN)**.



Interested attendees can find a list of vendors, guest speakers, and all the details by following the updates under the discussion tab of the event page at:

www.facebook.com/events/752722049624280 or by calling or emailing **Lisa Phillips at 757-536-9037** or lisa.phillips@farmerscoop.com. The detailed schedule is also listed in this issue on page.

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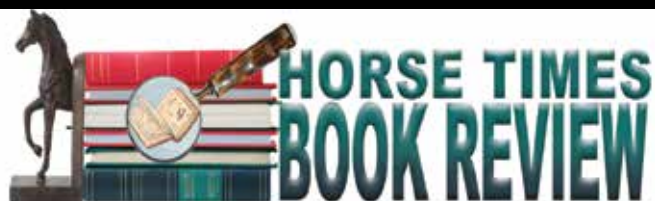


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Horse Brain, Human Brain: The Neuroscience behind Horsemanship

By: Janet Jones, PhD

An eye-opening game-changer of a book that sheds new light on how horses learn, think, perceive, and perform, and explains how to work with the horse's brain instead of against it.

In this illuminating book, brain scientist and horsewoman Janet Jones describes human and equine brains working together. Using plain language, she explores the differences and similarities between equine and human ways of negotiating the world. Mental abilities—like seeing, learning, fearing, trusting, and focusing—are discussed from both human and horse perspectives. Throughout, true stories of horses and handlers attempting to understand each other—sometimes successfully, sometimes not—help to illustrate the principles.

Horsemanship of every kind depends on mutual interaction between equine and human brains. When we understand the function of both, we can learn to communicate with horses on their terms instead of ours. By meeting horses halfway, we achieve many goals.

- We improve performance.
- We save valuable training time.
- We develop much deeper bonds with our horses.
- We handle them with insight and kindness instead of force or command.
- We comprehend their misbehavior in ways that allow solutions.
- We reduce the human mistakes we often make while working with them.

Instead of working against the horse's brain, expecting him to function in unnatural and counterproductive ways, this book provides the information needed to ride with the horse's brain. Each principle is applied to real everyday issues in the arena or on the trail, often illustrated with true stories from the author's horse training experience. *Horse Brain, Human Brain* offers revolutionary ideas that should be considered by anyone who works with horses.



The Truth About Horses: A Novel

By: Christy Cashman

Fourteen-year-old Reese's dream of winning the Black Elk race is shattered when her beloved horse, Trusted Treasure, falls at the last jump and the vet suggests they put him down. While still reeling from that loss, her family suffers a second tragedy—one that results in the end of their family business, the sale of Trusted Treasure, and irreparable damage to Reese's relationship with her father.

Heartbroken and still longing to find Trusted Treasure, Reese meets Wes, a selective mute, whose way of training horses is unlike anything she's ever seen. If anyone can win the Black Elk, it's Wes—but he's struggling with his troubled past, and having a teenage girl hanging around his barn isn't exactly what he'd planned. Through heartaches and triumphs, Reese must prove her worth if she wants to heal her family, help Wes, and show them all that some dreams are worth fighting for.

A spellbinding tale in which every teenager has magical powers within them just waiting to be discovered, this book will have you laughing and crying—sometimes on the same page—all the while rooting for Reese, the most unlikely of heroes.



So You Want To Train Your Horse: How To Choose A Self-directed Training Program

by Suzannah Kolbeck

There is a saying in the horse world: green + green = black and blue. Many new riders find themselves on the painful end of a ride with a barely broke horse who isn't interested in playing along at whatever game the rider suggests. But if you find yourself with a horse who needs more training, do you always have to send them off for a 30- or 60-day stay at a distant trainer? The simple answer: nope.

While you should always defer dangerous and problem horses to qualified professionals, it is possible to put some basic training on your horse using a self-directed training program. But all programs are not created equal — here's how to choose one that works.

Why train your own horse?

Training your horse takes time and effort. You'll need to build a set of skills that aren't common, and you'll need to be flexible and learn as you go. But training your horse is infinitely rewarding. Your relationship and connection get stronger as you and your horse get to know each other better. There's something satisfying about moving in sync with a horse, pressing buttons you installed.

And to be less romantic about it, it's cheaper. Thirty days of professional training costs around \$1000, depending on where you live, which doesn't always include board for the month. When training on your own, you can get started with thirty dollars, a library card, and a willingness to learn.

This is not to say that hiring a trainer isn't worth what they charge. On the contrary — these professionals have experience and can handle dangerous horses. They get results faster because that's their job; they aren't juggling other employment. But if the flesh is willing but the wallet is weak, training your horse is possible.

How to choose a horse training program

The best horse training program is one that works for you — different people walk different paths to get to the same place. Here are a few tips for finding a good fit.

Set goals

The first and most important consideration when training your horse is to set goals. Goals determine the type of trainer or training system you'll look for. For example, it doesn't matter how much you love your Western pleasure instructor if you want to advance up the levels in dressage. Yes, many horse trainers follow the same basic philosophy of listening to the horse and progressing from groundwork to work under saddle, but in some cases, there are subtle differences that matter to the horse you are training.

Your goals might include:

- Building a better bond with your horse
- Working at liberty
- Exploring and training for a new discipline
- Learning more about horse behavior

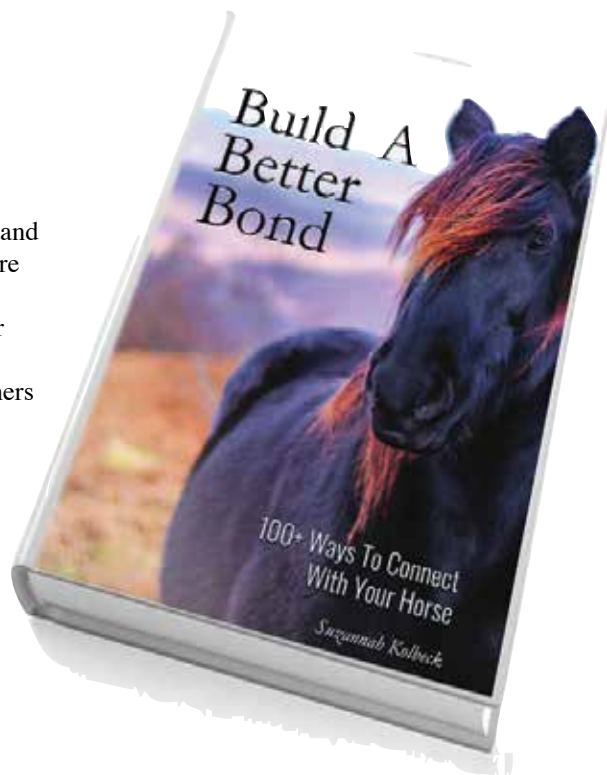
The goals you set guide the rest of your work.

Research trainers and their methods

You could go it on your own and ignore the centuries of knowledge and skill built up by people whose job is to work with horses. You can figure out what to do independently if you are attentive and responsive. Elsa Sinclair, a trainer known for her work with wild horses and zero tack or equipment, traveled to an island and lived with wild horses that she eventually rode with no saddle, bridle, or halter. But with so many trainers writing and making videos of their method, why would you ignore that expertise?

Working independently but supported by a trainer's already-proven method means you have a place to go when you have questions. Many trainers post Q&A sessions or respond to forums of other folks using their program. Look at several different people so you can see:

- How they treat horses in general
- How they deal with problems that arise
- What their method entails (and if it's practical for you)



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Find local clinicians who follow that method

If the trainer you love lives in the middle of the country and you are plastered against the coast, you can still get direct feedback through local clinicians who follow that trainer's method professionally and live nearby. Professional trainers travel to their teachers regularly, and you can benefit when they return with new skills to share.

Better still, a local clinician might come to see you at your property for individual feedback. Of course, you'll have to pay for this, but it's cheaper than buying a truck and trailer and hauling across the country.

Don't get fooled by fancy gear

Your body is the most important piece of gear you need when training your own horse. It's that simple. Body language is the horse's language, and learning to speak their language builds connection and a willingness to learn.

Beyond that, a rope or web halter and a long lead rope are critical instruments for groundwork. You might extend your reach with a stick and string, a stick and flag, or a dressage whip.

Be very wary of big-name trainers who try to sell you branded gear and insist your horse won't succeed without it. This is simply not true. A fiberglass stick is a fiberglass stick, and it doesn't suddenly have a magic touch with someone's name inscribed on the handle.

Look for in-person opportunities

It is possible to train your horse in the middle of a pasture in the middle of nowhere and get good results. Patience, consistency, and persistence reap rewards no matter who's watching.

But there is something to be said for attending a clinic in person, either on the ground or under saddle. A visiting clinician demonstrating their method and correcting any blind spots you might have can give you the boost you and your horse need to progress. It's challenging to evaluate the position of your body when you are in the middle of an exercise. A second set of eyes is always welcome.

If money is tight, plan to audit. You'll learn more than you think watching other people work through their struggles.

Go slow to go fast

Once you find your program, set a consistent schedule for you and your horse. In the words of Ray Hunt, "Don't do too much at one time. Do a little bit often." This regular time spent with your horse is good for both of you, and it's the key to making whatever program you choose work.



Suzannah Kolbeck

Suzannah Kolbeck is a freelance writer living and working in Baltimore, Maryland. Her most recent book, *Build A Better Bond: 100+ Ways To Connect With Your Horse*, is now available on Amazon. She is also the author of *Healing Where You Are: An Introduction to Urban Foraging* (Akinoga Press, 2022), and *The Food Market: At Home* (2017). Suzannah is already at work on her next book, a combination of how-to and why-not? about what it's like to build an off-grid cabin in the woods, one room at a time. In the meantime, keep up with her articles that she contributes to *Horse Times Magazine*.



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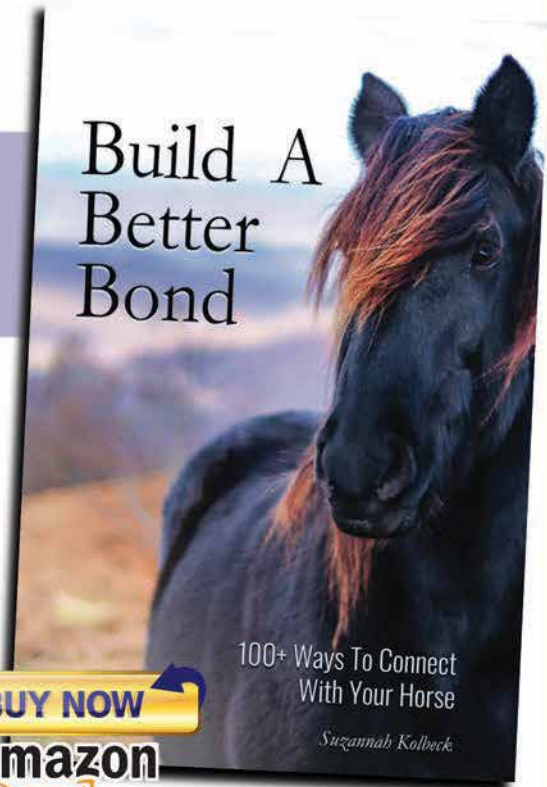
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Our cover comes from horse photographer and contributor to the magazine *Joanne Maisano*.

Our runner up is *Kara Barb* with a picture of her horse Honey.

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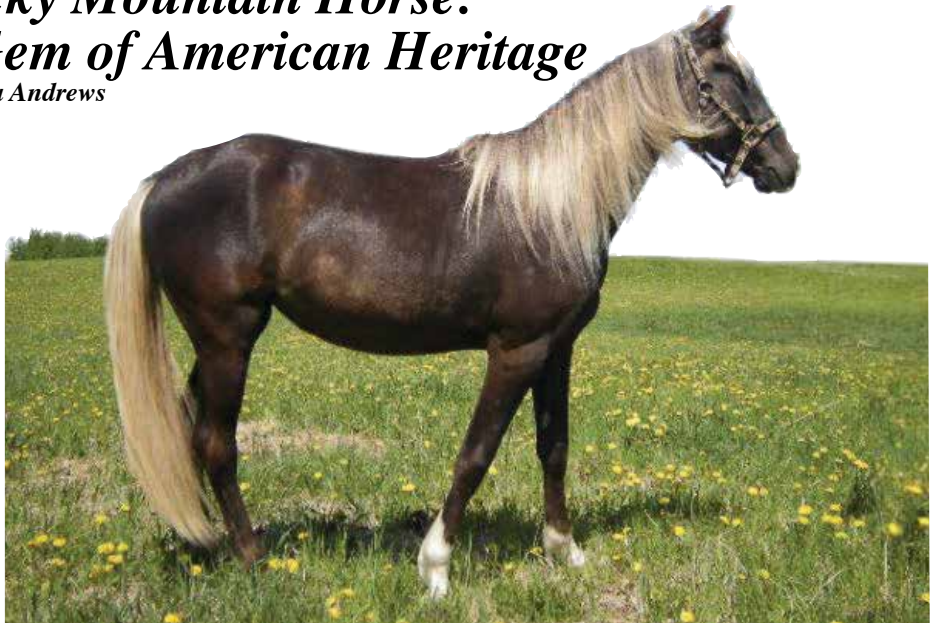
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Discovering the Majestic Rocky Mountain Horse: A Gem of American Heritage

Georgia Andrews

In the serene hills and verdant valleys of the Appalachian Mountains lies a breed of horse that embodies both elegance and endurance: the Rocky Mountain Horse. With a history as rich and captivating as the landscapes it roams, this equine gem has captured the hearts of enthusiasts worldwide. From its humble beginnings in the rugged terrain of Kentucky to its present-day status as a beloved companion and versatile riding partner, the Rocky Mountain Horse continues to enchant all who encounter it.



The story of the Rocky Mountain Horse traces back to the late 19th century in the eastern region of Kentucky, United States. Developed by the settlers of the Appalachian Mountains, these horses were bred for their strength, sure-footedness, and gentle disposition, making them ideal partners for navigating the challenging terrain of the region.

The foundation sire of the breed, known as Old Tobe, exemplified the qualities that would come to define the Rocky Mountain Horse: a sturdy build, an amiable temperament, and a smooth, four-beat gait known as the “single-foot.” Old Tobe’s lineage, characterized by its unique chocolate-colored coat and flaxen mane and tail, laid the groundwork for what would become a distinct and cherished breed.

The Rocky Mountain Horse is renowned for its striking appearance and gentle demeanor. Standing between 14.2 to 16 hands high, these horses possess a compact yet muscular build, with a broad chest and strong hindquarters. Their most distinctive feature is their luxurious coat, which ranges from shades of dark chocolate to light chestnut and is often accompanied by a flaxen or silver mane and tail.

One of the most notable traits of the Rocky Mountain Horse is its smooth, gliding gait, known as the “single-foot.” This natural gait provides riders with an exceptionally comfortable and stable ride, making it well-suited for long hours in the saddle or traversing uneven terrain. Additionally, Rocky Mountain Horses are known for their gentle and affectionate nature, forging strong bonds with their human counterparts.

Despite its origins as a working horse in the Appalachian Mountains, the Rocky Mountain Horse has evolved into a versatile and multi-talented breed. Renowned for its exceptional temperament and smooth gait, it excels in various disciplines, including trail riding, endurance riding, driving, and even therapeutic riding programs.

Trail enthusiasts particularly appreciate the Rocky Mountain Horse for its sure-footedness and steady demeanor, making it an ideal companion for navigating challenging terrain. Additionally, its calm and patient disposition makes it well-suited for



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riders of all ages and experience levels, from beginners to seasoned equestrians.

While the Rocky Mountain Horse has gained recognition and popularity over the years, it remains a breed of relatively small numbers, it is estimated that there are less than 15,000 of the breed in the World. Efforts to preserve and promote the breed are ongoing, with dedicated breeders and enthusiasts working tirelessly to maintain its unique characteristics and heritage.

Organizations such as the Rocky Mountain Horse Association (RMHA) play a crucial role in overseeing breed standards, registration, and education about the breed. Through selective breeding practices and outreach initiatives, these organizations aim to ensure the continued vitality and sustainability of the Rocky Mountain Horse for generations to come.

The Rocky Mountain Horse stands as a testament to the enduring spirit and resilience of America's equine heritage. With its graceful presence, gentle disposition, and remarkable versatility, it continues to captivate the hearts of horse lovers around the world.

Whether traversing mountain trails or competing in the show ring, the Rocky Mountain Horse embodies the timeless allure of the American frontier, forging bonds that transcend both time and distance.



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The Legend of Red Rum *The Extraordinary Story of a Champion Racehorse*

Georgia Andrews

In the annals of horse racing history, there are few names as revered and legendary as Red Rum. This magnificent Thoroughbred racehorse captivated the hearts of millions with his remarkable talent, unyielding spirit, and a story that transcends the boundaries of mere sport. Born from humble beginnings, Red Rum rose to become one of the greatest steeplechasers of all time, etching his name in the annals of sporting greatness.

Red Rum was foaled on May 3, 1965, in Ireland, at the Rossenarra Stud farm. His breeding was unremarkable, with a sire named Quorum and a dam named Mared. However, from these modest origins emerged a colt of exceptional promise. Purchased as a yearling by Noelle Mare, Red Rum's journey began under the guidance of trainer Ginger McCain.

Red Rum's racing career kicked off in 1967, and while he showed promise early on, it was not until later in his career that he would truly make his mark on the sport. His early races were mainly on flat tracks, with moderate success. However, it was his transition to National Hunt racing that would define his legacy.

National Hunt racing, with its demanding jumps and stamina-testing courses, proved to be Red Rum's true calling. Under the tutelage of Ginger McCain, he transformed into a steeplechasing powerhouse. His breakthrough came in the 1973 Grand National, the most prestigious steeplechase event in the world.

The Grand National at Aintree is renowned for its grueling course and unforgiving obstacles, but Red Rum seemed to relish the challenge. In 1973, he surged to victory in a display of sheer dominance, captivating the imaginations of racing enthusiasts everywhere.

It was the beginning of an unprecedented era of success.

Remarkably, Red Rum would go on to win the Grand National not once, but three times. His consecutive victories in 1973, 1974, and 1977 remain a feat unmatched in the history of the race. Each triumph was more dramatic than the last, solidifying his status as a true National Hunt legend.

What makes Red Rum's Grand National victories even more remarkable is his journey of resilience and comeback. After suffering a debilitating bone disease, it seemed his racing days were over. Yet, against all odds, he defied medical expectations and returned to the track with a determination that bordered on the miraculous.

The 1977 Grand National stands as a testament to Red Rum's indomitable spirit. At the age of twelve, an age considered beyond the prime for racehorses, he clinched



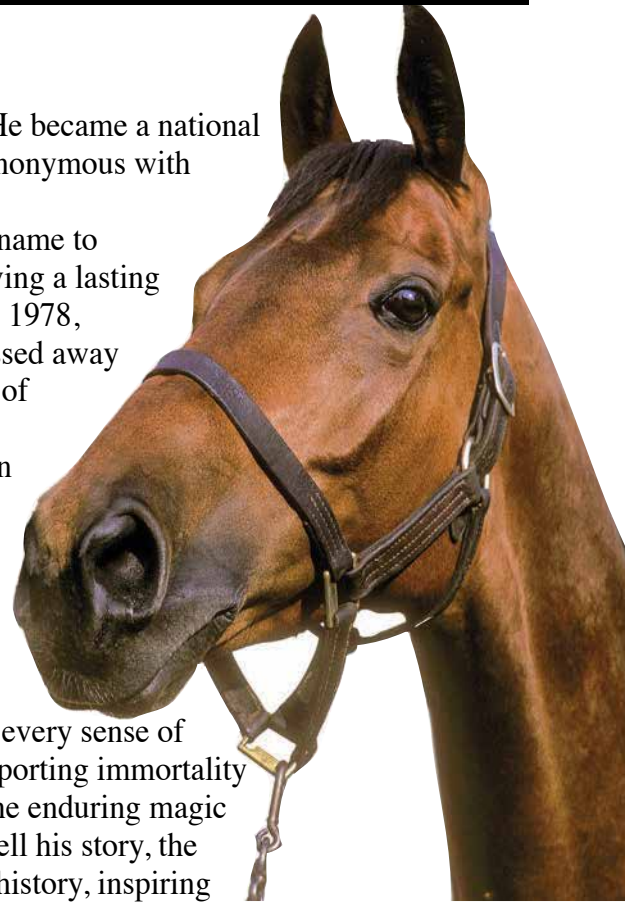
victory in a thrilling finish that captured the hearts of a nation. It was a triumph of courage, perseverance, and sheer willpower.

Red Rum's impact transcended the confines of the racetrack. He became a national icon, beloved by fans from all walks of life. His name became synonymous with courage, tenacity, and the power of the human-animal bond.

In addition to his racing achievements, Red Rum also lent his name to charitable causes, raising funds for various organizations and leaving a lasting legacy of goodwill and philanthropy. After retiring from racing in 1978, Red Rum lived out his days in leisure at his owner's farm. He passed away in 1995 at the age of thirty, but his memory lives on in the annals of sporting history.

Red Rum's legacy endures not only in his impressive record on the racetrack but also in the hearts and minds of those who witnessed his greatness. His story serves as a source of inspiration for generations to come, reminding us all of the power of perseverance, determination, and the unbreakable bond between man and horse.

Red Rum was more than just a racehorse; he was a symbol of triumph over adversity, a beacon of hope, and a true champion in every sense of the word. His extraordinary journey from humble beginnings to sporting immortality is a testament to the indomitable spirit of the equine athlete and the enduring magic of the Grand National. As long as there are racing enthusiasts to tell his story, the legend of Red Rum will continue to gallop through the annals of history, inspiring all who hear it.



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Maximizing Pasture Potential:

The Benefits of Free-Ranging Chickens in Horse Paddocks

Shannon Ott

In the realm of sustainable farming and animal husbandry, the concept of integrating diverse species within a shared ecosystem has gained significant traction. Among the various symbiotic relationships that can be fostered on a farm, the integration of free-ranging chickens within horse paddocks stands out as a particularly advantageous arrangement. Beyond the idyllic image of chickens pecking away at the ground while horses graze nearby lies a plethora of benefits that extend to both the livestock and the land itself.



Enhancing Natural Pest Control

One of the most immediate advantages of introducing free-ranging chickens into horse paddocks lies in their innate ability to act as natural pest controllers. Equipped with a voracious appetite for insects, chickens tirelessly scour the paddock floor, targeting pests such as flies, mosquitoes, ticks, and various other bothersome insects. In doing so, they mitigate the nuisance these pests pose to both horses and humans alike, thus fostering a more comfortable and pleasant environment for all inhabitants of the paddock.

Holistic Manure Management

The symbiotic relationship between horses and chickens extends beyond mere pest control. Chickens, renowned for their penchant for scratching and pecking, play a crucial role in the management of horse manure within the paddock. By eagerly foraging through the manure, chickens aid in its breakdown, hastening the decomposition process and facilitating its integration into the soil. This not only helps to reduce the buildup of unsightly manure piles but also promotes more even distribution of nutrients throughout the pasture, ultimately enhancing soil fertility and supporting healthier grass growth.

Natural Weed Control

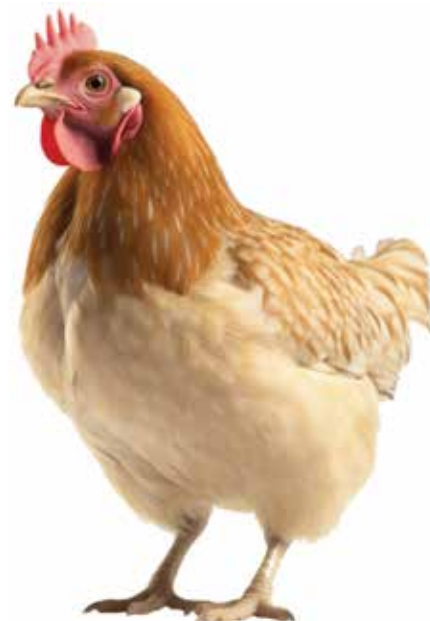
In addition to their prowess in pest management and manure decomposition, free-ranging chickens contribute to the control of undesirable vegetation within the paddock. With a discerning palate for weeds and seeds, chickens actively seek out and consume these unwanted plant species as part of their foraging behavior. By doing so, they help to suppress weed populations, thereby fostering the proliferation of more desirable grasses and forage plants favored by horses. This natural form of weed control not only improves the aesthetics of the pasture but also reduces the reliance on chemical herbicides, aligning with principles of sustainable agriculture.

Stress Reduction and Companionship

Beyond their functional roles within the paddock ecosystem, free-ranging chickens provide intangible benefits that contribute to the overall well-being of both horses and humans. Chickens, with their quirky behaviors and sociable nature, serve as companions to horses, offering entertainment and companionship that can help alleviate stress and boredom. In turn, the presence of horses provides a sense of security and familiarity for the chickens, fostering a harmonious coexistence that enriches the social fabric of the paddock environment.

Sustainable Agriculture Practices

The integration of free-ranging chickens into horse paddocks exemplifies a holistic approach to agriculture that prioritizes ecological balance and sustainability. By mimicking natural ecosystems where different species coexist and interact synergistically, this integrated farming model promotes resource efficiency, biodiversity, and resilience. Rather than viewing livestock and land as separate entities, it recognizes the interconnectedness of all components within the farm ecosystem, thus fostering a more harmonious and regenerative approach to agricultural production.



Educational Opportunities and Environmental Awareness

Beyond their practical benefits, the integration of chickens into horse paddocks presents valuable educational opportunities for farmers, enthusiasts, and agricultural students alike. Observing the dynamics of interspecies interactions and ecosystem processes firsthand fosters a deeper understanding of ecological principles and agricultural practices.

Moreover, it instills a sense of environmental stewardship and appreciation for the interconnectedness of all living organisms, laying the groundwork for informed decision-making and sustainable land management practices in the future.

The integration of free-ranging chickens within horse paddocks offers a multitude of benefits that extend far beyond mere pest control or manure management. From promoting natural weed control and enhancing soil fertility to fostering companionship and enriching the educational experience, chickens play a vital role in optimizing the health and productivity of the paddock ecosystem. By embracing this integrated farming approach, farmers and land stewards can harness the inherent synergy between horses and chickens to cultivate thriving, sustainable agricultural systems that benefit both livestock and the land.



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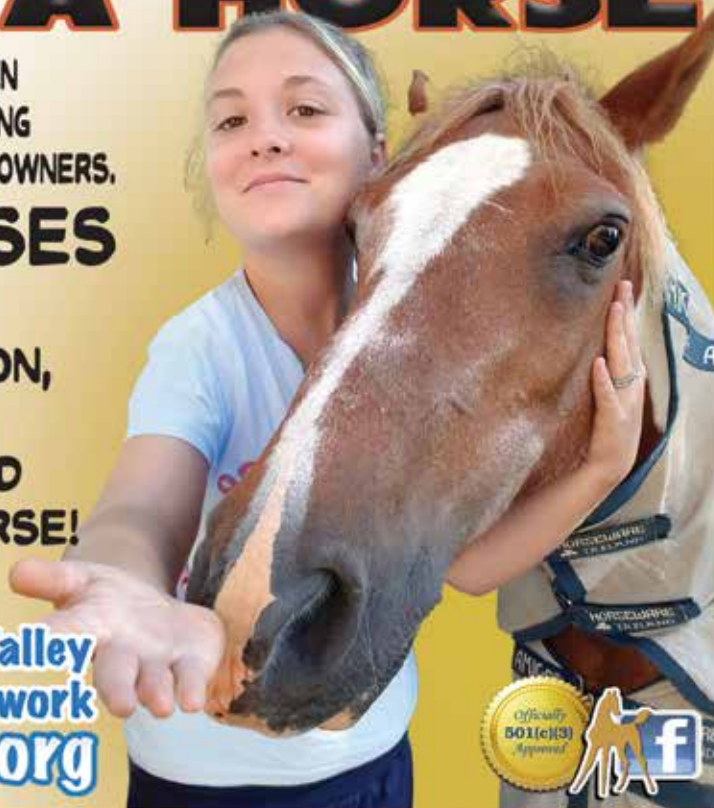
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Libby Rust

Libby has been around horses and ponies for many years. As a former horse owner, barn manager, and beginner level instructor, she has missed interacting with equines. She recently retired from a 30 year career as an elementary teacher and desired returning to the barn environment. She owned an amazing Quarter Horse who lived to the age of 37. She decided to volunteer at SVERN to give back to the horse community that has given her so much happiness over the years. She has two grown children. She enjoys spending time outside doing yardwork, diy projects, hiking, and playing pickleball.

Libby with her horse Bull.

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MARCH

2	Topline Horse Center	H/E/J/M	Yorktown, VA
2-3	TWA Winter Hunter/Jumper Series (rescheduled from 1/6-7)	H/E/J	Herndon, VA
3	Hazelwild Farm	H/E/M	Fredericksburg, VA
9	Hanover Heritage Equestrian Center	H/E/M	Hanover, VA
9	Areion Equestrian	H/E/J	Gloucester, VA
9-10	TWA Winter Hunter/Jumper Series	H/E/J	Herndon, VA
10	Bull Run Hunt Jumper Show	J	Locust Dale, VA
10	Hazelwild Farm (rescheduled from 1/21/24)	H/E/ M	Fredericksburg, VA
16-17	Trimble's Ridge @ VA Horse Center	H/E	Lexington, VA
16-17	TWA Winter Hunter/Jumper Series (rescheduled from 1/20-21)	H/E/J	Herndon, VA
17	The Stables at Wulf Crest Farm	J	Leesburg, VA
17	The Barracks	H/E	Charlottesville, VA
23	Autumn Olive Farm	H/E	Goochland, VA
23	Willow Creek Equestrian Center	H/E/J	Suffolk, VA
24	EKG Stables	H/E/M	Spotsylvania, VA
24	Horse Shows of Central Virginia @ Haverhill	J	Ashland, VA
24	Hunter Lane Stables	H/E/M	Chesterfield, VA
30	Fox Ridge Farm	H/E	Smithfield, VA

APRIL

6	Topline Horse Center	H/E/J/ M	Yorktown, VA
6	Whitestone Farm	H/E	Fredericksburg, VA
6	Whippoorwill Farm	H/E/J	Shackelfords, VA
7	EKG Stables	H/E/ M	Spotsylvania, VA
7	Red Gate Farm	H/E/ M	Bluemont, VA
7	Sandstone Farm Jumper Show	J	Millwood, VA
13	Four Oaks Farm	H/E	Palmyra, VA
13	Autumn Olive Farm	H/E	Goochland, VA
13	Hanover Heritage Equestrian Center	H/E/ M	Hanover, VA
13-14	HITS Associate Show Series	H/E/J/ M	Culpeper, VA
13-14	House Mountain	H/E/J/ M	Lexington, VA
14	Southern Heritage Farm	H	Midland, VA
14	Sandstone Farm Hunter Show	H/E/ M	Millwood, VA
20	VPBA Horse & Pony Show	H/E/ M	Warrenton, VA
20	Turner Farm Events	H/E	Great Falls, VA
21	Hazelwild Farm	H/E/ M	Fredericksburg, VA
21	Hunter Lane Stables	H/E/ M	Chesterfield, VA
21	Brookhill Farm	H/E/ M	Charlottesville, VA
21	Bull Run Hunt Hunter Show	H/E	Locust Dale, VA
21	VRSVA Horse Show	H/E	Gordonsville, VA
27	Berryville Show Series	H/E	Berryville, VA
27-28	Gray Horse Farm	H/E/J	Powhatan, VA
28	Haverhill Farm	H/M	Ashland, VA
28	Summerduck Run Farm	H/E	Culpeper, VA
28	Sandstone Farm Hunter Show	H/E/ M	Millwood, VA

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MAY

4	Topline Horse Center	H/E/J/ M	Yorktown, VA
4	Four Oaks Farm	H/E	Palmyra, VA
4	Autumn Olive Farm	H/E	Goochland, VA
4	Whitestone Farm	H/E	Fredericksburg, VA
4	Hanover Heritage Equestrian Center	H/E/ M	Hanover, VA
5	EKG Stables	H/E/ M	Spotsylvania, VA
5	Red Gate Farm	H/E/ M	Bluemont, VA
5	Lake of the Woods Hunter Show	H/E	Locust Grove, VA
11	Turner Farm Events	H/E	Great Falls, VA
11	Areion Equestrian	H/E/J	Gloucester, VA
11-12	TWA Summer Hunter/Jumper Series	H/E/J/ M	Warrenton, VA
12	Berryville Show Series	H/E	Berryville, VA
18	Whippoorwill Farm	H/E/J	Shackelfords, VA
18	Willow Creek Equestrian Center	H/E/J	Suffolk, VA
18-19	Gray Horse Farm	H/E/J	Powhatan, VA
18-19	Morven Park Summer Show Series I	H/E/J/ M	Leesburg, VA
19	Hazelwild Farm	H/E/ M	Fredericksburg, VA
19	Southern Heritage Farm	H	Midland, VA
19	Sandstone Farm Hunter Show	H/E/ M	Millwood, VA
25	Autumn Olive Farm	H/E	Goochland, VA
26	Summerduck Run Farm	H/E	Culpeper, VA
26	Sandstone Farm Jumper Show	J	Millwood, VA
26	Hoof-N-Woof Benefit Show	H/E	Free Union, VA

JUNE

1	Topline Horse Center	H/E/J/ M	Yorktown, VA
1	Hilltoppers Horse Show (Farmington Hunt Club)	H/E/ M	Charlottesville, VA
1	Deep Run	H/E	Manakin, VA
1	Berryville Show Series	H/E	Berryville, VA
1	Turner Farm Events	H/E	Great Falls, VA
2	Red Gate Farm	H/E/ M	Bluemont, VA
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11	TWA Tuesday Jumper Show Series	J	Culpeper, VA
12	Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series	H/E	Warrenton, VA
15	Four Oaks Farm	H/E	Palmyra, VA
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25	House Mountain	H/E/J/ M	Lexington, VA
26	House Mountain	H/E/J/ M	Lexington, VA
28-30	HITS Associate Show Series	H/E/J/ M	Culpeper, VA
29	CHSA/BHSA Hunter Show @ Rosemount	H/E/ M	Spotsylvania, VA
29	VBHSA Cooler Show	H/E	Virginia Beach, VA

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8-10	The Barracks "A"	H/M	Charlottesville, VA
14-17	Raleigh Indoors "A"	H/J	Raleigh, NC
15-17	McDonogh Spring Classic "A"	H/M	Owings Mills, MD
21-24	Tryon Welcome Series #1 "A"	H/B/J	Mill Spring, NC
27-30	Tryon Welcome Series #2 "A"	H/B/J	Mill Spring, NC
28-31	W. Gary Baker Classic "A"	H/M	Owings Mills, MD

APRIL

4-7	Glena Wirtanen Classic "A"	H/M	Owings Mills, MD
4-7	Tryon Welcome Series #3 "A"	H/B/J	Mill Spring, NC
10-14	Rosemount Farm Spring Show "A"	H/M	Spotsylvania, VA
11-14	Tryon Welcome Series #4 "A"	H/B/J	Mill Spring, NC
24-28	Lexington Spring Premiere "A"	H/J/M	Lexington, VA

MAY

1-5	Lexington Spring Encore "A"	H/J/M	Lexington, VA
1-5	Tryon Spring 1 "AA"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
8-12	Tryon Spring 2 "A"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
9-14	James River Hunt "A"	H/M	Manakin-Sabot, VA
15-19	Keswick Horse Show "A"	H/J/M	Keswick, VA
15-19	Tryon Spring 3 "AA"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
16-19	Raleigh Indoors "A"	H/J	Raleigh, NC
22-26	Tryon Spring 4 "A"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
29-June 2	Tryon Spring 5 "A"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC



JUNE

3-9	Upperville Colt & Horse Show "AA"	H/J/M	Upperville, VA
5-9	Tryon Spring 6 "AA"	H/J	Mill Spring, NC
19-23	Deep Run "A"	H/M	Manakin-Sabot, VA
26-30	Warrenton Pony Show "A"	H/M	Warrenton, VA

JULY

25-28	Rosemount Farm Summer Show "A"	H/M	Spotsylvania, VA
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AUGUST

2-4	Bay State Classic "A"	H/M	Owings Mills, MD
7-11	Lexington National "A"	H/J/M	Lexington, VA

SEPTEMBER

8-10	Back To School Classic "A"	H/M	Owings Mills, MD
11-15	Maryland Horse and Pony Show	H/J/M	Upper Marlboro, MD

OCTOBER

2-6	Raleigh Indoors "A"	H/J	Raleigh, NC
17-21	WIHS Regional Show "C" **	H/J/M	Upperville, VA
21	USHJA Zone 3 Championship "C" **	B/H/J	Upperville, VA

NOVEMBER

6-10	Raleigh Indoors "A"	H/J	Raleigh, NC
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MARCH

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2	Picturesque Farm Winter Hunter Schooling Series	Warrenton, VA
2	TWA Winter Jumper	Herndon, VA
3	TWA Winter Hunter	Herndon, VA
3	Hazelwild Farm Horse Show	Fredericksburg, VA
9	Hanover Heritage Horse Show	Hanover, VA
9	TWA Winter Jumper	Herndon, VA
10	TWA Winter Hunter	Herndon, VA
10	Hazelwild Farm Horse Show	Fredericksburg, VA
10	Bull Run Hunt Jumper Show	Locust Dale, VA
16	TWA Winter Jumper	Herndon, VA
17	TWA Winter Hunter	Herndon, VA
24	EKG Stables	Spotsylvania, VA

APRIL

6	Whitestone Farm Horse Show	Fredericksburg, VA
7	EKG Stables	Spotsylvania, VA
7	Red Gate Farm Hunter Show	Bluemont, VA
7	Sandstone Farm Jumper Series	Millwood, VA
13	Four Oaks Farm Horse Show	Palmyra, VA
13	Hanover Heritage Horse Show	Hanover, VA
14	Southern Heritage Farm Horse Show	Midland, VA
14	Sandstone Farm Hunter Series	Millwood, VA
20	VPBA Horse & Pony Show	Warrenton, VA
21	Brookhill Farm Horse Show	Charlottesville, VA
21	Bull Run Hunt Hunter Show	Locust Dale, VA
21	Hazelwild Farm Horse Show	Fredericksburg, VA
27	Berryville Show Series	Berryville, VA
27	Gray Horse Farm Jumper Show	Powhatan, VA
28	Gray Horse Farm Hunter Show	Powhatan, VA
28	Sandstone Farm Hunter Series	Millwood, VA

MAY

4	Four Oaks Farm Horse Show	Palmyra, VA
4	Hanover Heritage Horse Show	Hanover, VA
4	Whitestone Farm Horse Show	Fredericksburg, VA
5	EKG Stables	Spotsylvania, VA
5	Red Gate Farm Hunter Show	Bluemont, VA
5	Lake of the Woods Horse Show	Locust Grove, VA
11	TWA Jumper Show	Warrenton, VA
12	TWA Hunter Show	Warrenton, VA
12	Berryville Show Series	Berryville, VA
18	Gray Horse Farm Jumper Show	Powhatan, VA
19	Gray Horse Farm Hunter Show	Powhatan, VA
19	Hazelwild Farm Horse Show	Fredericksburg, VA
19	Southern Heritage Farm Horse Show	Midland, VA
19	Sandstone Farm Hunter Series	Millwood, VA
26	Sandstone Farm Jumper Series	Millwood, VA

JUNE

1	Hilltoppers Horse Show	Charlottesville, VA
1	Berryville Show Series	Berryville, VA
2	Bull Run Hunt Hunter Show	Locust Dale, VA
2	Lake of the Woods Horse Show	Locust Grove, VA
2	Red Gate Farm Hunter Show	Bluemont, VA
4	Hanover Heritage Horse Show	Hanover, VA
9	Brookhill Farm Horse Show	Charlottesville, VA
9	Southern Heritage Farm Horse Show	Midland, VA
9	EKG Stables	Spotsylvania, VA
11	TWA Tuesday Jumper Show	Culpeper, VA
12	Oakland Heights Farm Horse Show	Gordonsville, VA
15	Four Oaks Farm Horse Show	Palmyra, VA
15	Hazelwild Farm Horse Show	Fredericksburg, VA
16	Sandstone Farm Jumper Series	Millwood, VA
18	Frying Pan Farm Park Tuesday Night Hunter Show	Herndon, VA
22	Whitestone Farm Horse Show	Fredericksburg, VA
23	Sandstone Farm Hunter Series	Millwood, VA
23	Bull Run Hunt Jumper Show	Locust Dale, VA
25	TWA Tuesday Jumper Show	Culpeper, VA
29	TWA CHSA Horse Show	Spotsylvania, VA



2024 MHSA Rated Show Calendar

MARCH

8-10	The Barracks	Charlottesville, VA	"A" H/M
14-17	Raleigh Indoors	Raleigh, NC	"A" H/J
15-17	McDonogh Spring Classic	Owings Mills, MD	"A" H/M
21-24	Tryon Welcome Series #1	Mill Spring, NC	"A" H/B/J
27-30	Tryon Welcome Series #2	Mill Spring, NC	"A" H/B/J
28-31	W. Gary Baker Classic	Owings Mills, MD	"A" H/M

APRIL

4-7	Glena Wirtanen Classic	Owings Mills, MD	"A" H/M
4-7	Tryon Welcome Series #3	Mill Spring, NC	"A" H/B/J
10-14	Rosemount Farm Spring	Spotsylvania, VA	"A" H/M
11-14	Tryon Welcome Series #4	Mill Spring, NC	"A" H/B/J
24-28	Lexington Spring Premiere	Lexington, VA	"A" H/J/M A

MAY

1-5	Lexington Spring Encore	Lexington, VA	"A" H/J/M
1-5	Tryon Spring 1	Mill Spring, NC	"AA" H/J
8-12	Tryon Spring 2	Mill Spring, NC	"A" H/J
9-14	James River Hunt	Manakin-Sabot, VA	"A" H/M
15-19	Keswick Horse Show	Keswick, VA	"A" H/J/M
15-19	Tryon Spring 3	Mill Spring, NC	"AA" H/J
16-19	Raleigh Indoors	Raleigh, NC	"A" H/J
22-26	Tryon Spring 4	Mill Spring, NC	"A" H/J
29	Tryon Spring 5	Mill Spring, NC	"A" H/J

JUNE

3-9	Upperville Colt & Horse	Upperville, VA	"AA" H/J/M
5-9	Tryon Spring 6	Mill Spring, NC	"AA" H/J
19-23	Deep Run	Manakin-Sabot, VA	"A" H/M
26-30	Warrenton Pony Show	Warrenton, VA	"A" H/M

2024 MHSA Regional Show Calendar

MARCH

23	BEST Horse Shows March I	Upper Marlboro, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T; J
24	BEST Horse Shows March II	Upper Marlboro, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T; J
30-31	Belfield Regional Series Spring I	Owings Mills, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T

APRIL

6-7	Belfield Regional Series Spring II	Owings Mills, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T
13	Country Hill Farm	Westminster, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T
14	Morningside Stables H/J Series	Laurel, MD	LL, LS, SS; MS; J
20	BEST Horse Shows April I	Upper Marlboro, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T; J
21	BEST Horse Shows April II	Upper Marlboro, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T; J
20-21	St. Timothy's Spring Fling	Stevenson, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T; J
27	McDonogh Regional Spring Show	Owings Mills, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T

MAY

4	Country Hill Farm	Westminster, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T
4	BEST Horse Shows May I	Upper Marlboro, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T; J
5	BEST Horse Shows May II	Upper Marlboro, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T; J
11	BEST Horse Shows May III	Upper Marlboro, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T; J
12	BEST Horse Shows May IV	Upper Marlboro, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T; J
11-12	St. Timothy's Summer Kick Off	Stevenson, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T; J
18	Morningside Stables H/J Series	Laurel, MD	LL, LS, SS; MS; J
19	Meadowbrook Stables May Show	Chevy Chase, MD	APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T

JUNE

1-2	Belfield Regional Welcome Summer		APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T
8	Morningside Stables H/J Series	Laurel, MD	LL, LS, SS; MS; J
15	BEST Horse Shows June I	Upper Marlboro, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T; J
16	BEST Horse Shows June II	Upper Marlboro, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T; J
22	McDonogh Regional June Show	Owings Mills, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T
29-30	BEST Indoor Summer Classic	Upper Marlboro, MD	APGLC; LL, MS, LS, SS; T; J

2024 WPA Horse Show Association (Regional)

MARCH

30 Trails End Farm Newmanstown

APRIL

27 Brass Ring Wyndor Elverson

27 Trails End Farm Newmanstown

28 Kimberton Hunt Glenmoore

MAY

11 Brass Ring Wyndor Elverson

18 Trails End Farm Newmanstown

JUNE

1 Trails End Farm Newmanstown

1 Farmers Union Horse Show

8 June Fete

JULY

13-14 Brass Ring Devon

17 Trails End Farm Newmanstown

AUGUST

6 Trails End Farm Newmanstown

SEPTEMBER

7 Trails End Farm Newmanstown

OCTOBER

10 Trails End Farm Newmanstown

26 Brass Ring Wyndor Elverson

NOVEMBER

2 Trails End Farm Newmanstown

DECEMBER

14 Brass Ring Wyndor Elverson

2024 WPA Horse Show Association (Rated)

MARCH

8-10 Swan Lake March Littlestown A 1

9-10 CJL Inc. Horse Show Elverson B 2

9 Heritage Acres Spring I Dillsburg B 2

22-24 Swan Lake Winter Finale Littlestown A 1

23 CJL Inc. Horse Show Elverson B 2

APRIL

12-14 Swan Lake Stables April Littlestown A 1

14 CJL Inc. Horse Show Glenmoore B 2

14 Heritage Acres Spring III Dillsburg B 2

21 Snowbird Malvern B 2

27 Heritage Acres Dillsburg B 2

MAY

5 CJL Inc. Horse Shows Glenmoore B 2

8-12 St. Christopher's Littlestown AA 1

15-19 Blue Rock Littlestown AA 1

19 CJL Inc. Glenmoore B 2

22-2 Devon Devon AA 1

JUNE

2 Snowbird May II Glenmoore B 2

9 Heritage Acres Summer I Dillsburg B 2

19-23 Summer Kick Off Littlestown A

26-30 State College Classic Furnace A 1

2024 WPA Breeding Calendar

MARCH

9-10 CJL Inc. Horse Show Elverson B 2

23 Winter Wonderland V Schwenksville B 2

APRIL

14 CJL Inc. Horse Show Glenmoore B 2

21 Snowbird Malvern B 2

MAY

5 CJL Inc. Horse Show Glenmoore B 2

8-12 ST. Christopher's H/J Littlestown AA 1

15-19 Blue Rock Littlestown AA 1

19 CJL Inc. Glenmoore B 2

22-02 Devon Devon AA 1

JUNE

2 Snowbird May II Glenmoore B 2

JULY

28 CJL Farm, Inc Malvern B 2

AUGUST

10-11 CJL Farm, Inc Glenmoore B 2

OCTOBER

19-20 CJL Inc. Horse Show Elverson B 2

NOVEMBER

9 CJL Inc. Horse Show Elverson B 2

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MARCH

2-3	Raleigh Winter Dressage	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, P, EQ, F, Q, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Raleigh, NC
30-31	March Magic Dressage	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, P, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, IR	Raeford, NC

APRIL

5-7	NCAHA/HAHA Spring All Arabian Show	Intro - 4th	INR	Raleigh, NC
6-7	VADA/NOVA Spring April	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, P, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE	Leesburg, VA
12-14	Blue Ridge Arabian Classic	Intro - 4th	INR	Lexington, VA
13	Dressage at Jericho	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, P, F, J, AA, INR	Newtown, PA
18-21	Tryon Spring Dressage 1	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, IR	Mill Spring, NC
19-21	The Dressage Experience Spring Fling	Training - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Allentown, NJ
20	Loch Moy Spring Fling	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Adamstown, MD
20-21	Prime Time Dressage	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, P, EQ, F, J, AA, PE, IR	Raeford, NC
21	Loch Moy Spring Fling Dressage II	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Adamstown, MD
24	Dressage at Dunmovin	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, INR	West Chester, PA
27	Dressage at Deep Run I	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, P, EQ, F, Q, INR	Manakin Sabot, VA
27	Dressage at SLM	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, EQ, F, J, AA, INR	Westampton, NJ
28	Dressage at Deep Run II	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, Y, EQ, F, INR	Manakin-Sabot, VA
28	SLM Dressage	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, PE, INR	Westampton, NJ

MAY

1	1st Chance @ Dressage, By Chance?	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, F, J, AA, IR	Union Bridge, MD
4-5	Tryon Spring Dressage 2	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, IR	Mill Spring, NC
5	Dressage Bucks County Horse Park I	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, PE, INR	Revere, PA
8	VADA/NOVA Midweek May Meet	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, EQ, F, J, AA, PE, INR	Leesburg, VA
10-12	Dressage in the Sandhills	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, Y, F, J, AA, NA, INR	Pinehurst, NC
11	Dressage at SLM	Training - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, PE, INR	Westampton, NJ
11-12	PVDA Spring Show	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, P, EQ, F, Q, J, NA, PE, IR	Adamstown, MD
11-12	Raleigh Spring Dressage	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, D, M, Y, P, EQ, F, Q, J, AA, PE, INR	Raleigh, NC
15	Dressage at Blue Goose	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, P, EQ, F, Q, J, AA, IR	Cochranville, PA
16-19	Mid-Atl Dressage Fest & Lex CDI 3	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, C, NA, PE, INR	Lexington, VA
17-19	NJHAHA II All Arabian <i>Competition Restricted to: Arabian/Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian</i>	Intro - 4th	INR	Allentown, NJ
18	Dressage at Jericho	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, P, F, J, AA, C, INR	Newtown, PA
25	ESDCTA MDW Dressage	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, D, M, Y, BC, EQ, F, J, AA, PE, INR	Montague, NJ
25-26	Mayday Dressage	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, Y, F, AA, INR	Pinehurst, NC
25	Whispering Miracles Dressage	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Virginia Beach, VA
26	ESDCTA MDW Dressage 2	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, D, M, Y, BC, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Montague, NJ
26	OVCTA Spring Dressage Show	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, EQ, F, J, AA, INR	Glenmoore, PA
26	Whispering Miracles Dressage	Intro - Grand Prix	M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Virginia Beach, VA
29	SSD Recognized Dressage Show	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, Y, EQ, F, J, INR	Annandale, NJ
31-02	Virginia Arabian <i>Competition Restricted to: Arabian - Open</i>	Intro - 4th	INR	Doswell, VA

JUNE

1-2	Capital Dressage Classic	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, D, M, Y, P, BC, EQ, F, Q, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Raleigh, NC
1	DVCTA Summer Opener	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, P, EQ, F, Q, J, AA, IR	West Chester, PA
1	Good Times Farm Dressage Show	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, P, EQ, F, Q, AA, INR	Freehold, NJ
1	Loch Moy Summer Festival I	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Adamstown, MD
2	Dressage at The Bucks Park II	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, PE, INR	Revere, PA
2	Loch Moy Summer Dressage II	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Adamstown, MD
7-8	Windy Hollow Hunt Dressage	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Vernon Township, NJ
8	Harrisburg Summer Dressage	Intro - 4th	RC, J, AA, INR	Harrisburg, PA
8-9	VADA/NOVA Summer Dressage	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, P, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, IR	Leesburg, VA
9	Dressage at Jericho	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, P, F, J, AA, C, INR	Newtown, PA
9	Windy Hollow Hunt Dressage II	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Augusta, NJ
13-16	Tryon, NC CPEDI*	Intro - Grand Prix	C, PE, INR	Mill Spring, NC
14-15	Tryon Dressage Summer 1	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Mill Spring, NC
15	Dressage at Rhythm & Blues I	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE	Quakertown, PA
15-16	VADA-CH De Szinay Memorial	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, D, M, Y, P, BC, EQ, F, Q, J, AA, PE	Culpeper, VA
16	Dressage at Rhythm & Blues II	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Quakertown, PA
16	Tryon Dressage Summer 2	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, J, AA, NA, PE, INR	Mill Spring, NC
19	CDCTA Dressage Great Meadow	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, INR	The Plains, VA
19	Dressage at Dunmovin	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, F, J, AA, INR	West Chester, PA
20-23	Dressage at Rhythm & Blues CDI	Prix St Georges - Grand Prix	F, C, NA, INR	Quakertown, PA
21-23	PA Arabian Games	Intro - 4th	INR	Centre Hall, PA
22	Dressage at Red Tail Farm June 1	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, P, EQ, F, Q, J, AA, PE, INR	Bedminster, NJ
22-23	Dressage at The Park	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, P, EQ, F, J, AA, PE, INR	Raeford, NC
22-23	PVDA Summer Show	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, Y, P, EQ, F, Q, J, AA, NA, INR	Upper Marlboro, MD
23	Dressage at Red Tail Farm June 2	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, P, EQ, F, Q, J, AA, PE, INR	Bedminster, NJ
29	SLM Dressage	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, PE, IR	Westampton, NJ
30	Dressage at SLM	Intro - Grand Prix	RC, M, Y, EQ, F, PE, INR	Westampton, NJ

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Sun. Aug. 18 Hartford Co Equestrian Center
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May 18-19 Airfield 4-H Wakefield, VA
June 15 Airfield 4-H Wakefield, VA
Aug 24-26 Airfield 4-H Wakefield, VA
Oct 26 Airfield 4-H Wakefield, VA

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April 7 VADA/NOVA Licensed Spring Dressage Festival @ Morven Park
April 27-28 Dressage at Deep Run @ Run Show Grounds, Manakin-Sabot
May 16-19 Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival & Lexington CDI 3* @ Va Horse Center
May 19 North East Virginia Dressage Association Schooling Shows @ Edgehill 2024
June 8-9 VADA/NOVA Summer Dressage Festival @ Morven Park
June 9 North East Virginia Dressage Association Schooling Shows @ Edgehill 2024
June 15-16 Isabel F. de Szinay Memorial Dressage Show @ HITS Culpeper, VA
July 12-14 Dressage at Lexington @ Va Horse Center



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JULY 12 USEA YEH Qualifier + NEH
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SEPT 7 USEA YEH Qualifier + NEH
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