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Driver Nick Roland is competing at Shenandoah Downs for the first time this spring (VEA photo).

WOODSTOCK, VA

The first ever spring harness season at Shenandoah Downs kicked off Saturday on a warm but blustery afternoon as local Woodstock resident trainer Betsy Brown reached the winners circle in the initial race with Terry's Watching --- runner up in the 2022 Virginia Breeder's 2-Year-Old Colt/Gelding Trot Championship. Todd Warren drove the Charlie De Vie gelding in his first start this year for owner James Brown, locally based as well. The Brown/Warren combo connected again later with Ellen's Wish, 2023

Virginia Breeder's 3-Year-Old Filly Trotting Champ, in wire-to-wire fashion. Co-owned by Brown and Morgan Marston, the Charlie De Vie mare crossed in 2:02.0 in her fifth lifetime score.

Warren, who started competing at Shenandoah in 2022, had six wins over the weekend including a natural hat trick on Sunday aboard Lomangino Standardbreds' Thaneeya and Make America Great, and with Raymond Burt's Sporty Dragon.

Warren, who has made 34,829 career starts with 5,266 wins, is part of a growing accomplished driver colony in Woodstock which includes David Ingraham (7,186 wins), John Wagner (5,766 wins), Roger Hammer (4,421 wins), Fern Paquet Jr. (3,221 wins), Corey Braden (2,420 wins) and newcomer Nick Roland (2,178 wins). A regular and Shenandoah fan favorite since 2016, Tyler Shehan is closing in on his 1,000th driving victory. He had four over the weekend and with 987 now, is just 13 wins shy. 61-year-old driver Ingraham is 11 outings shy of career start number 53,000.

New York based trainer Mike Annunziata brought five horses to Woodstock over the weekend including \$1.6 million earner Doctor Butch. The 13-year-old Art Major horse, who finished fifth in Sunday's \$10,000 Open Handicap Pacing feature, headed to Charlottesville after the race where he will stand as part of the Virginia Harness Horse Association's lucrative new Sired Stakes program. Nick Roland's Alilthundadownunda did win the feature by a head over Archie Buford's Ideal Big Guy in 1:55 4/5.

Annunziata did end up winning races though with three of his other four horses --- Gotta Minute N, Lovin Miss Daisy N and Milady Denver A.

Trophies from the 2022 fall meet were presented to category winners during the card. Stacey McLenaghan, who received hardware as leading trainer, ushered in the '23 spring meet with three victories including one with Creekside Pete in the co-featured \$10,000 Open Handicap Trot. Fiance Corey Braden drove the 7-year-old Uncle Peter gelding to his 21st lifetime victory for owner David Jarvis.

Fern Paquet Jr. accepted leading driver honors for the third straight meet while owner Shantae Gant and trainer Mike Whitaker accepted Horse of the Meet honors for Theorem, who had four wins, a pair of seconds and a third at last fall's 8-week stand.

The track's simulcast signal, which is now being streamed in a high-definition format, is available to wager via TVG, Twinspires, Xpressbet and NYRAbets an at many other tracks and OTBs. Free Trackmaster past performance programs will be available at **shenandoahdowns.com**.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

Horse Death in a Race on Preakness Day Underscores Urgency for Horse Racing Reforms

Kitty Block, president and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States, released the following statements regarding today's races at Pimlico Racetrack in Baltimore:

"We are devastated by the tragic death of Havnameltdown on Preakness day. This fatality,

alongside a series of losses of racehorses' lives prior to and since the Kentucky Derby, underscores the urgent need for immediate, sweeping reforms in the horse racing industry.

The ongoing incidence of doping scandals and the obstruction of reforms by organizations such as the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association reveal a systemic failure to protect racing's equine athletes. These tragedies may be the downfall of horse racing as the horsemen's groups, who are contributing to the sport's waning appeal, hold the industry's fate in their hands.

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act provides hope for a safer future for racehorses. The full and prompt implementation of its anti-doping and medication control program is critical. Opponents working to block racing reforms bear a share of the responsibility for racehorse deaths.

We must collectively strive for a zero-tolerance policy on practices and conditions that produce catastrophic injury to horses. These animals deserve better than to be treated as expendable assets in a high-stakes game. Stop gambling with racehorse lives."



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Jump Off class is a \$200 Stakes class. Open to ponies, horses, and all riders. Fence

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the fence height.

23 Open 3'3" Jump Off

24 Open 3"3" Speed



Churchill Downs Incorporated released the following statement Saturday May 27, 2023 in response to questions about track safety during the meet:

In today's first race, Kimberley Dream (Colonel John) sustained a significant injury–a distal sesamodean ligament rupture–to her left front leg. A similar injury occurred to Lost in Limbo (Into Mischief) during Friday's seventh race. Unfortunately, in both scenarios, attending veterinarians determined that the injuries were inoperable and unrecoverable and made the difficult but most humane decision to euthanize. We send our deepest and most sincere condolences to the connections and all who loved and cared for Kimberley Dream and Lost in Limbo.

There have been 12 equine fatalities at Churchill Downs since the stable area reopened for training on March 30. It is with absolute dismay and sorrow that we report this highly unusual statistic. Our team members mourn the loss of these animals as we continue to work

together to discover cause and determine appropriate investments to minimize, to the degree possible, any avoidable risk in this sport and on our property. We do not accept this as suitable or tolerable and share the frustrations of the public, and in some cases, the questions to which we do not yet have answers. We have been rigorously working since the opening of the meet to understand what has led to this spike and have yet to find a conclusive discernable pattern as we await the findings of ongoing investigations into those injuries and fatalities.

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As with any matter under investigation, justice or answers are not always swift, but the commitment to being thorough is incredibly important. We understand the justified desire for answers, yet also respect the process and authority of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) and the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) when managing these important investigations. We are actively working in cooperation with these regulatory authorities and share their goal to improve the safety of this sport.

In recent weeks, we have been focused on our responsibility to provide the safest racing environment possible on our property. Part of that effort has included increasing the frequency with which our surfaces are tested. Earlier this week, Churchill Downs commissioned Dr. Mick Peterson, Executive Director of Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory and Professor of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering at the University of Kentucky, to perform additional diagnostics on our racetrack. The report indicated that the measurements from retesting do not raise any concerns and that none of the data is inconsistent with prior measurements from Churchill Downs or other tracks.

We simply will not allow these equine fatalities to be in vain. We are engaged in an epidemiological study with the Jockey Club to review each individual horse to determine if there are any undetected patterns that have not been previously identified. These findings can be incorporated into our daily review of entries and potentially trigger additional interventions using advanced diagnostic modalities.

Additionally, we have worked to uncover ways to invest in research and resources that may be made available to trainers, so that together we can better detect pre-existing injuries and work to avoid catastrophic injuries in racing. We have made promising progress in determining ways to increase the use of technology to better inform and intervene when abnormalities in horses present and are eager to share these announcements with horsemen and the public in the coming days. This is in addition to mining and enhancing our already comprehensive safety protocols and policies (Churchill Downs "Safety from Start to Finish"), all developed over the years to improve upon every opportunity we have to advocate in the best interest of our equine and human athletes.

We are troubled by this recent string of fatalities. It is extremely inconsistent with the outcomes we have experienced over the years, with the reputation we have developed over the decades and with the expectations we set for ourselves and owe our fans. We are committed to doing this important work and updating the public with our developments.



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- 6. *Children/Adult Hunter Under Saddle
- *Children/Adult Equitation 2'6 or 3'
- *Thoroughbred Hunter Course A 2'6 3'
- *Thoroughbred Hunter Course B 2'6 3
- 10. *Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle

AWESOME GUY PERPETUAL TROPHY

- *Green Hunter Over Fences A 2'6"
- 12. *Green Hunter Over Fences B 2'6"
- 13. *Green Hunter Under Saddle
- 14. *Working Hunter Over Fences-3' Course A
- 15. *Working Hunter Over Fences-3' Course B
- *Working Hunter Under Saddle

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- 24. *Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences 18" Course B
- 25. *Short Stirrup Under Saddle
- *Child/Adult Horse Pleasure W/Trot
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- 34. Low Hunter 2' Course B
- Low Hunter Under Saddle
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- 38. *Pony Hunter Over Fences B Sm 2', Med 2'3, Lg 2'6
- 39. *Pony Hunter Under Saddle

"UNCLE JACK" THOMAS PERPETUAL TROPHY

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May 15, 2023 Vaccinations Help Protect Horses by Lowering the Risk of Mosquito-Borne Illnesses

As temperatures rise in Virginia, so does the risk of mosquito-borne illnesses for horses. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) encourages horse owners to talk to their veterinarians about vaccinating their horses for West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE).

The mortality rate with WNV is 30 percent, and up to 90 percent with EEE. There is no proven cure for these diseases, but veterinarians can provide supportive therapy to treat symptoms and keep horses from injuring themselves.

"Both the WNV and EEE vaccine are highly effective in minimizing disease, if given appropriately. Vaccinations are effective for six to 12 months and must be given at least two weeks before the horse is exposed to the virus," said Dr. Charles Broaddus, VDACS State Veterinarian.

Humans cannot become infected with EEE or WNV by handling an infected horse, nor can a horse acquire the virus directly from another infected horse. However, the presence of an infected horse in an area indicates that mosquitoes carrying EEE or WNV are present, and those insects pose a threat to both humans and horses.

Horse owners should contact their veterinarian to schedule the WNV and EEE vaccination. Other prevention methods include the following:

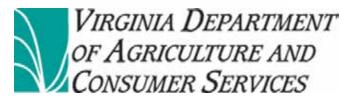
Dumping or draining standing water breeding sites for mosquitoes, such as containers and puddles;

Using insect repellents and removing animals from mosquito-infested areas during peak biting times, usually dusk to dawn;

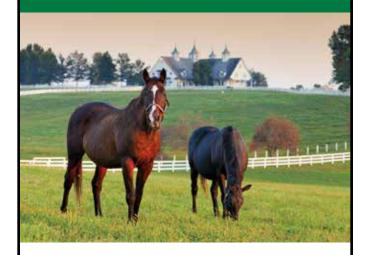
Turning off the lights in and around the barn at night.

For more information on WNV or EEE, contact the VDACS Office of Veterinary Services at 804.786.2483 or go to www.vdacs.virginia.gov/animals-animal-health.shtml.





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US Congress Has New Chance to Stop Horse Soring

The Prevent All Soring Tactics Act seeks to strengthen the Horse Protection Act and enforce long standing animal welfare standards

From the Humane Society of the United States

WASHINGTON—The Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act, H.R. 3090, which aims to put an end to the cruel practice of horse soring, has been reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives with a strong bipartisan set of 185 original co-sponsors led by Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick, R-Pa., Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., and Jan Schakowsky, D-III. The bill amends the 1970 Horse Protection Act and would eliminate the failed system of industry self-policing, strengthen penalties against the soring of horses and ban devices that are integral to the soring process.

The PAST Act previously passed in the House in the last two Congresses by a wide bipartisan margin.

In enacting the Horse Protection Act in 1970, Congress intended to end soring, but the practice remains pervasive among some parts of the Tennessee walking, racking and spotted saddle horse breeds. Soring is the use of painful techniques such as chemicals, chains and stacked shoes to force horses to perform the artificial, high-stepping gait known as the "Big Lick," to win prizes in horse shows. Now, over half a century later, the U.S. Department of Agriculture—which oversees enforcement of the Horse Protection Act—is still finding shocking numbers of horses subjected to soring.

During this time, other national governing bodies of equestrian sport have implemented rules to ensure the welfare of horses. By contrast, in the Tennessee walking horse universe, the leadership has spent decades blocking reform.

Over the past two decades, the USDA has repeatedly found evidence of widespread and continuous use of soring techniques and prohibited substances used to sore horses' legs or mask evidence of soring. In addition, separate undercover investigations by the Humane Society of the United States have led to the arrest and conviction of a prominent trainer for violations of the Horse Protection Act and other laws and revealed evidence that the legs of every Big Lick horse at another prize-winning stable were being covered in prohibited substances. Despite these alarming findings, horse soring continues unabated in this faction of the industry. Most of the members of the Walking Horse Trainers Association board have faced citations for violating the Horse Protection Act.

"No horse should be forced to suffer for a blue ribbon," said Kitty Block, president and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States. "Despite the Horse Protection Act's existence for over five decades, horses continue to suffer at the hands of those who prioritize profits and winning over welfare and integrity. It's time for our political leaders to stand up for these animals and ensure that this cruel practice is put to an end once and for all."

"Horse 'soring' is one of the worst cruelties imaginable—where scofflaw trainers deliberately torment Tennessee walking horses to get them to fling their front legs high, just to win a cheap blue ribbon in a show ring. It'd be like forcing an Olympian to wear broken glass in her shoes so the pain will make her leap higher over the hurdles," said Sara Amundson, president of Humane Society Legislative Fund. "We are grateful to the steadfast House champions—Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick, Steve Cohen, Vern Buchanan, and Jan Schakowsky—and to the many legislators who stepped up to demonstrate continued broad, bipartisan support for the PAST Act. We hope USDA will take note, too, and implement long-overdue reforms to strengthen its enforcement to end this torture."

"The Big Lick faction perpetuates and rewards the cruel practice of horse soring, allowing it to thrive unchecked for decades," said Keith Dane, senior director of equine protection for the Humane Society of the United States. "It's time for Congress to put an end to this shameful behavior and hold these individuals accountable for the suffering they've inflicted on countless horses for their own selfish gain."

In 2017, under Secretary Tom Vilsack, the USDA took a bold step forward by finalizing a rule to implement tougher regulations echoing key elements of the PAST Act. However, the Trump administration illegally withdrew the rule before its implementation, leading to a lawsuit filed by the HSUS and HSLF. The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the plaintiffs and remanded the case to the lower D.C. District Court to decide on the remedy, which plaintiffs hope will be reinstatement of the rule.

Meanwhile, with Vilsack serving as USDA Secretary once again, the agency has promised to publish a proposed new rule to strengthen its enforcement of the Horse Protection Act. New regulations are essential to end the suffering of horses subjected to soring.





1st Annual Clarke/Frederick **Open Horse Show Series 2023**

SHOW DATES:

July 22 August 20

Frederick County Clarke County October 14 Frederick County November 10 Series Banquet (Venue & Time TBD)

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Western WJ Youth Dision

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For more information contact:

START TIME: 9am WARM-UPS: Un-judged - all day CLASS FEES: \$10 Office Fee per horse/rider combo

\$12 class FOOD VENDOR: WATER: Yes FACILITIES: Bathrooms **SCHOOLING AREA: Grass**

Western W/J Open Division

- 28. Pleasure
- 29. Go As You Please
- 30. Horsemanship (On The Rail)

Western W/J/L Youth Dision

- Pleasure
- 32. Go As You Please
- Horsemanship (Pattern)

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44. Trail Mounted

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Reps. Titus, Schweikert, Cohen Introduce Bipartisan Wild Horse And Burro Protection Act Of 2023

Press Release from CONGRESSWOMAN DINA TITUS Representing Nevada's 1st District Washington, DC - Today Representative Dina Titus, a member of the Congressional Animal Protection Caucus, reintroduced the bipartisan, along with Reps. David Schweikert (R-AZ) and Steve Cohen (D-TN).

In efforts to control equine populations, the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is currently directed to "humanely capture" wild free-roaming horses and burros and set them up for adoption. To assist in the roundup, or "gathering", of wild horses and burros, the BLM contracts directly with private enterprises, including helicopter companies, to pursue equines over long distances, creating situations that can be frightening and even deadly to the animals.

These roundup practices also come at a steep cost to taxpayers. Since the beginning of fiscal year 2006, the BLM's roundup contracts have paid some \$57.4 million in taxpayer dollars to helicopter companies, including at least \$6.5 million since the beginning of fiscal year 2022 alone. Scientific research has shown that more humane and cost-effective alternatives, like fertility control are equally effective in controlling equine populations. The BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program, however, currently spends less than onepercent of its budget on these methods. Rep. Titus's Wild Horse and Burro Protection Act of 2023 would more effectively advance the BLM's directive to humanely capture horses while providing significant savings for taxpayers.

"Nevada is home to more wild horses than any other state in our country. Tragically, these animals are subjected to taxpayer-funded helicopter roundups and removals that are all too often costly, ineffective, and inhumane," said Rep. Titus, a member of the Congressional Animal Protection Caucus. "My legislation would eliminate the use of helicopters in BLM wild horse gathers and require a report to explore the benefits of alternative aircraft for humanely gathering horses and the workforce opportunities for traditional cowboys. I am proud to introduce this bipartisan proposal that would protect these icons of the American West which remain a source of pride for Nevada residents."

"I am proud to co-sponsor and support this important legislation that protects wild horses from dangerous roundups that too often put the lives of these animals at risk," said Rep. Schweikert. "The Wild Horse and Burro Protection Act encourages humane and cost-effective alternatives to capture wild horses and ensure they can continue to flourish in Arizona and other western states."

"I am pleased again to join Congresswoman Titus in introducing this measure to protect wild horses and burros by discouraging the use of helicopters in roundups and encouraging greater use of fertility control drugs on these iconic animals by the Bureau of Land Management," said Rep. Cohen, a member of the Congressional Animal Protection Caucus.

"We applaud Congresswoman Titus, Congressman Schweikert, and Congressman Cohen for their leadership in protecting our nation's wild horses. Reforms are long overdue to the Bureau of Land Management's failed management approach, which involves stampeding panicked horses through helicopter roundups. These roundups are cruel, expensive, and ultimately ineffective at stabilizing populations. Wild equines deserve to be managed safely and humanely in their natural habitats for Americans to enjoy," said Dr. Joanna Grossman, Equine Program Director and Senior Advisor for the Animal Welfare Institute.

"We are thankful to wild horse champions Congresswoman Titus, Congressman Cohen, and Congressman Schweikert for standing up for our nation's wild horses and burros. Roundups are inhumane and cost U.S. taxpayers millions of dollars each

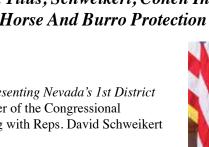


year. Grounding these helicopters and utilizing more humane methods of managing wild horse populations on the range, such as fertility control vaccines, would go a long way toward protecting our wild horses and burros and saving tax dollars," said Holly Gann Bice, Director of Government Relations for the American Wild Horse Campaign.





Dina Titus





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2709 West Ox Road	Herndon, VA 20171 pan.org/hunter-entry
HUNTER DATES: June 27 Judge: Kim Gilbertson August 15 Judge: Mark Wonderly Show Manager/Course Designer Brooke Fries EMAIL: FCPAEquestrian@gmail.com	START TIME: 4pm Indoor Arena SCHOOLING: 3pm - 3:45pm CLASS FEES: \$18 \$10 Office Fee Per Horse/Rider Combination Day Stalls available, \$35 per stall FACILITIES: Bathrooms WATER: Yes FOOD VENDOR: Concessions
 Leadline (BHSA): Open to riders 7 years of age and under. May not cross enter into any divisions where they would be asked to trot. 1. Leadline 100% rider 2. Leadline 50% rider 50% horse 3. Leadline 100% rider Pre-Short Stirrup (BHSA): Open to riders 10 years of age and under. May only cross enter into pleasure walk/trot. 	 RULES: 1. Every class herein, which is covered by the rules and regulations of the current VHSA and BHSA rule books, will be conducted and judged accordingly. VHSA rules take priority in VHSA divisions and classes. 2. All entries must show a current negative Coggins test (taken within 12 months) before a number will be issued. If you are shipping from out of state, you will be required to show a current health certificate.
4. Pre-Short Stirrup Walk 5. Pre-Short Stirrup Walk/Trot 6. Pre-Short Stirrup Walk/Trot/Jumping Position	 Class fees are \$15 per class. With pre-registration at www.fryingpanequestrian.org. Pre-registrations must be submitted by midnight the night before the show. New back/bridle numbers will be issued at each show, unless otherwise
 Short Stirrup Equitation (BHSA): Open to riders 12 and under. May only cross enter into Short Stirrup Hunter, Pleasure, and Equitation on the Flat. 7. Short Stirrup Equitation Walk/Trot 8. Short Stirrup Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter 9. Short Stirrup Equitation Course A 	requested by the rider on their entry form. 5. Entry fees will not be refunded for a class once that class has begun. If you need to scratch a class, you must do so one class prior to that class. With failure to scratch one class prior, no refund will be given. 6. Any class shown in and not entered before the class starts will be charged
Short Stirrup Hunter (VHSA): Open to riders 12 and under, riders may only cross enter into pleasure or equitation on the flat. 10. Under Saddle W/T/C 11. Over Fences Course A 12. Over Fences Course B	 the entry fee plus a \$10.00 office charge. 7. All equitation classes will be judged on hands, seat, guidance, and control. 8. Frying Pan Farm Park; Fairfax County Park Authority; Founders, Benefactors, Supervisors, Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park; their employees; and volunteers will not be responsible for any accident, injury, or loss occurring during the shows. Exhibitors enter the shows under this condition.
Pleasure Pony Division (VHSA/BHSA): Open to ponies ridden by juniors. 13. Pleasure Pony W/T 14. Pleasure Pony Go-As-You-Please 15. Pleasure Pony W/T/C	 Scores based on 1st – 10, 2nd – 6, 3rd – 4, 4th – 2, 5th – 1, 6th – 1/2 points. Bonus Points: Champion 10, reserve 6. 10. Entries showing "unjudged" will be limited to the end of the class, if time
Adult/Junior Horse Pleasure Division (VHSA/BHSA): Open to horses ridden by adult amateurs and juniors. May split if entries warrant. 16. Adult/Junior Pleasure W/T 17. Adult Junior Pleasure Go-As-You-Please 18. Adult/Junior Pleasure W/T/C	permits. Unjudged entries pay the same entry fee for each round. 11. At the option of management, a dotted line may be enforced. 12. A three minute gate call will be given for all classes. If no rider enters the ring when the class is called during the three minute time period, the class will be cancelled. Entry fees will still be owed by rider(s) who miss their class and did not fill out and submit a class scratch card by one class prior.
Equitation on the Flat (VHSA): May split if entries warrant. 19. Equitation on the Flat 14 and under/15-17/Adult Amateur	 Hard hats are required at all times while mounted. Juniors must wear safety helmets with approved (USEF or USPC) harness fastened.
15 minute Schooling Break	14. Judge's decisions are final.
Regular/Green Pony Hunter (VHSA/BHSA): Open to ponies 14.2 hands and under ridden by juniors. Smalls 2', Mediums 2'3", Larges 2'6". Will split if entries warrant. 20. Regular/Green Pony Hunter – undersaddle W/T/C 21. Regular/Green Pony Hunter – course A 22. Regular/Green Pony Hunter – course B	 No credit will be given in any classes with fewer than three entries. Proper attire required in all classes. Please reference the VHSA/USHJA Rule books for specifics. Management reserves the right to cancel, combine, or split classes, if necessary.
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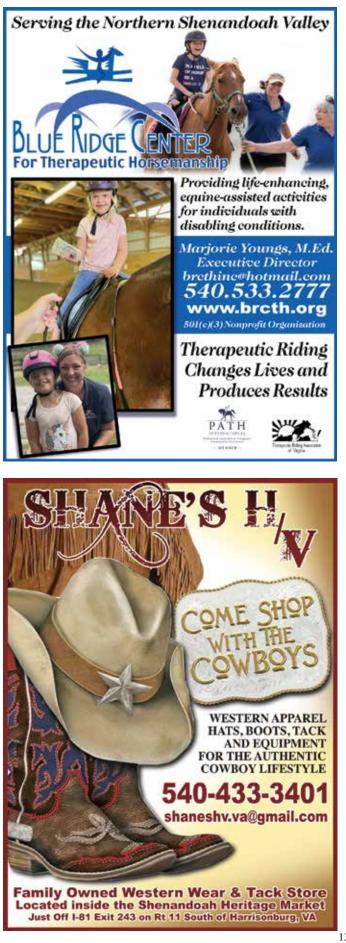
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Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 6pm-9pm Long Branch Historic House and Farm

Will celebrate the Virginia Thoroughbred as part of its annual Summer Celebration Event

Racing silks and memorabilia will adorn the 19th century Millwood house which was left in 1990 for the community's benefit by Harry Isaacs, noted thoroughbred owner and breeder.

While 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of Secretariat's Triple Crown sweep, Long Branch will also recognize other great horses from Virginia's rich racing tradition, such as **Paul Mellon's Mill Reef**, bred in Upperville, Virginia and considered one of the greatest horses to ever run in Europe and Sea Hero, another Mellon bred horse, who won the Kentucky Derby in 1993.

The Summer Celebration will salute special guests *Althea "Robin" Richards* of Millwood, owner of the Virginia Thoroughbred Association's 2022 Virginia-bred Horse of the Year *Green Up*, and *Amy Moore*, breeder of *Forte* and VTA's 2022 Virginia Breeder of the Year.

Tickets for Long Branch's Summer Celebration will go on sale June 1. *To purchase tickets and RSVP Please Call 540-837-1856.*



Long Branch's own *Harry Isaacs* had an impressive string of racehorses in his lifetime and created a foundation of stakes-winning bloodlines for others. Many of his winning trophies are on display in the Millwood, Virginia house, as well as a *Richard Stone Reeves* painting of Isaac's racehorse Intentionally, a sprint champion in his time, ridden by the great jockey *Willie Shoemaker*.

There are and have been numerous local residents associated with the racing industry, from breeders to owners to jockeys, and the Board of Directors of Long Branch Historic House and Farm is honored to salute their accomplishments and Virginia's rich racing history as part of Long Branch's annual Summer Celebration party this year.

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Secretariat: Remembering Big Red Georgia Andrews

Secretariat was an American Thoroughbred racehorse who became one of the most celebrated and dominant champions in the history of horse racing. He was foaled on March 30, 1970, at Meadow Farm in Virginia, USA. Secretariat's life was remarkable, marked by his exceptional racing ability, numerous victories, and the enduring legacy he left behind. As a racehorse, Secretariat achieved remarkable success, capturing the public's imagination with his breathtaking performances. Trained by Lucien Laurin and owned by Penny Chenery, Secretariat's racing career began in 1972. He won his first race at Aqueduct Racetrack, and over the course of his career, he competed in many high-profile races.

Secretariat's most notable and iconic achievement came in 1973 when he became the first Triple Crown winner in 25 years. The Triple Crown consists of three prestigious races: the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes, and the Belmont Stakes. Secretariat won all three races in record-breaking fashion, setting new track records that still stand today.

In the 1973 Kentucky Derby, Secretariat ran a remarkable race, pulling away from the pack and winning by 2 1/2 lengths. He completed the race in a record time of 1:59 2/5, becoming the first horse to break the two-minute mark in that race.

Two weeks later, in the Preakness Stakes, Secretariat faced a tough challenge but ultimately prevailed by 2 1/2 lengths, setting another record time of 1:53. Secretariat's performance in the Belmont Stakes is widely regarded as one of the greatest in horse racing history. He won by an astounding 31 lengths and set a world record time of 2:24 for 1 1/2 miles on dirt.

Secretariat's dominance on the racetrack earned him the nickname "Big Red" and made him a beloved sports icon. He won numerous other races during his career, including the Arlington Invitational, the Marlboro Cup Invitational Handicap, and the Canadian International Stakes.

Following his retirement from racing in 1973, Secretariat had a brief stud career, but he was ultimately diagnosed with laminitis, a debilitating hoof condition. Unfortunately, he was euthanized on October 4, 1989, at the age of 19 due to complications from the illness.

Secretariat's legacy in horse racing is unparalleled. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest racehorses of all time and is often mentioned in the same breath as legends like Man o' War and Citation. His incredible racing ability, charisma, and record-breaking performances continue to captivate and inspire people around the world, making him an enduring symbol of excellence in the sport of horse racing.



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START TIME: 4pm WARM-UPS: \$18 CLASS FEES: \$18 class, \$5 office fee, \$35 fee for returned checks PHOTOGRAPHER: TBA SCHOOLING AREA: 3-4 pm

HUNTER DATES:June 14thKayJune 21stCincJuly 12thChriJuly 19thDan

ES: Kayleigh Burke Cindy Lytle Christopher Webb Dana Kiser HUNTER DATES: July 26th Edee McGregor August 2nd Katie Petronelli August 12th Lisanne Rankins (only Saturday show, 10am start time)

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

PLEASURE PONY (VHSA & BHSA)

Open to ponies ridden by Juniors.

14. Pleasure Pony Walk/Trot

15. Pleasure Pony Go-as-You-Please

16. 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 17. 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) 18. Pony/Green Pony Hunter over Fences Course A

19. Pony/Green Pony Hunter over Fences Course B

20. Pony/Green Pony Hunter under Saddle

STUDENT EQUITATION (BHSA)

Open to all riders in their 1st or 2nd year of showing over fences at 2' or higher. Jumps set at 2', riders may trot courses. Riders may only cross enter into Pleasure, Eq on the flat, or Low Hunter. Points to rider.

- 21. Student Equitation over Fences Course A
- 22. Student Equitation over Fences Course B
- 23. Student Equitation under Walk/Trot/Canter

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

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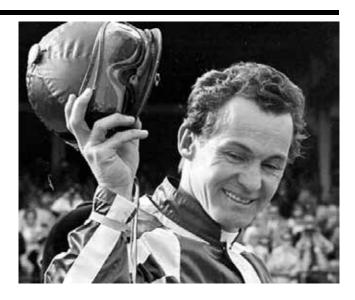
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Remembering Secretariat's Most Famous Jockey Georgia Andrews



Secretariat was ridden by several jockeys throughout his

racing career, but the most well-known and associated jockey with him is Ron Turcotte. Ron Turcotte was born on July 22, 1941, in New Brunswick, Canada.

Turcotte began his professional riding career in 1962 and quickly gained recognition for his talent and skill. In 1972, he was approached by trainer Lucien Laurin to ride Secretariat. Turcotte accepted the offer, and the partnership between the jockey and the horse would prove to be extraordinary.

Turcotte and Secretariat achieved remarkable success together, forming a bond that would forever be etched in racing history. Turcotte's riding style complemented Secretariat's powerful strides and allowed the horse to showcase his exceptional speed and stamina.

The most memorable moments of Turcotte's partnership with Secretariat came during their Triple Crown-winning campaign in 1973. Turcotte guided Secretariat to victories in the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes, and the Belmont Stakes, showcasing remarkable skill and finesse in each race.

Turcotte's ride in the Belmont Stakes, where Secretariat won by a record 31 lengths, is often regarded as a masterclass in jockeyship. He navigated Secretariat flawlessly, allowing the horse to unleash his incredible burst of speed and pull away from the rest of the field.

Following Secretariat's retirement from racing, Turcotte continued his career as a jockey but unfortunately suffered a life-altering accident in 1978. During a race at Belmont Park, he was thrown from his horse and became paralyzed



from the waist down.

Despite the accident, Turcotte remained involved in the horse racing community and became an inspiration to others. He has been recognized for his contributions to the sport and was inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in 1979.

Ron Turcotte's partnership with Secretariat remains an iconic chapter in horse racing history. His skillful riding and deep connection with the horse helped elevate Secretariat's performances to legendary status. The bond between Turcotte and Secretariat serves as a testament to the remarkable partnership that can form between a jockey and a racehorse.



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HUNTER DATES:

June 4	Judges: DeDe Shumate / Robin Wood
June 18	Judges: DeDe Shumate / Kristin Campbell (June 18 is re-scheduled from April 30)
July 23	Judges: Kristin Campbell / Kimberly Gilbertson
Aug. 6	Judges: DeDe Shumate / Robin Wood
Sept. 10	Judges: Davera Ackenbom / Christopher Webb
Oct. 1	Judges: Robin Wood / DeDe Shumate

LARGE OUTDOOR RING

Schooling 7-8 am · Start time: 8 am

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	Service international and a
*** 20 minute schooling break, not before	1 pm
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	Walk Housanter
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	

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SMALL OUTDOOR RING

START TIME: 8am

CLASS FEES:

WARM-UPS: \$20 CA

\$65 Division, \$25 Class, \$25 Office Fee, \$25 Non-Showing, \$40 Medal/Derby

SCHOOLING AREA: Varies

PHOTOGRAPHER: Hannah Jones Photography

CONCESSIONS: Sally's Smoothies & TBA

Schooling 7-9 am . Start time 9 am

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

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INDOOR RING

Schooling 7-10 am · Start time 10 am, typically finishes noon-1pm

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- Walk/Trot Individual canter Over 2 fences 12" (Trot or Canter) Over 4 Fences: 18" (Trot or Canter) Over 4 Fences: 18" (Trot or Canter) Walk/Trot Over 4 Fences: 18" Under Saddle (Walk/Trot/Canter) Over 4 Fences: 2' (Trot or Canter) Over 4 Fences: 2' (Trot or Canter) Over 4 Fences: 2' (Trot or Canter) Under Saddle (Walk/Trot/Canter)

D/	ATES	JUN	MP HEIGHTS
June 14	Wed 4pm	Grou	nd Rails
June 28	Wed 4pm	Cross	s Rails
July 12	Wed 4pm	18"	Puddle jumpers
July 26	Wed 4pm	2'	Elementary
Aug. 9	Wed 4pm	2'3"	Baby Beginner
Sept. 24	Sunday 8am	2'7"	Novice Beginner Novice
Oct. 22	Sunday 9am	2'11"	Novice
Nov. 12	Sunday 9am	3'3"	Modified/Training

Blue ribbons for all clear rounds! (no refusals, no knockdowns) Ribbons for 1st-6th places at each height. End of year awards will be presented for top 6 TIP jumpers at 2', 2'6", 3', 3'3" with 3 or more shows!



Secretariat Racing Into History on Tour Georgia Andrews



"Secretariat Racing Into History" a 3,800-pound bronze monument of the legendary racehorse made its way home to Virginia to kick off the official 50TH anniversary celebration of his immortal Triple Crown of 1973. The monument by renowned equine artist Jocelyn Russell traveled over 1,000 miles from the foundry in Oklahoma to Ashland to be unveiled on April 1, 2023. The impressive sculpture is 1.5 times life size at 21 feet long and 11.5 feet tall, it is the largest monument of Secretariat in existence.

Ashland had the honor of being the first venue of the multi-state Secretariat 50th anniversary tour. Secretariat's breeder Christopher Chenery grew up in Ashland and attended Randolph-Macon College. Penny Chenery later ran the Meadow Stable and managed Secretariat's spectacular career. Her daughter Kate Chenery Tweedy lives in Ashland and is chair of the Secretariat For Virginia Committee of the Ashland Museum. The SECVA team is working to place the monument permanently in Ashland by the end of this year. Despite Secretariats deep roots in Virginia no monuments exist here. This would be the first and only monument of the iconic champion here in his home state.

After the unveiling the statue left Ashland on April 27 to begin its trek to Kentucky for the Kentucky Derby. The monument made a brief stop in Lexington Virginia at the Virginia Horse Center. April 30 to May 6th the monument was featured at Churchill Downs even serving as the Grand Marshal of the Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade accompanied by Kate Tweedy, her sister Sarah Manning and Jocelyn Russell. The bronze left Kentucky following the Derby and began making its way to Pimlico in Baltimore, Maryland.

On its way to Pimlico, Shenandoah Downs hosted the statue for a few days in Woodstock, Virginia. It was a rare opportunity for fans of Harness Racing to see this impressive work of art. After a brief stop in Woodstock the monument continued its travel to Pimlico where it awaited the running of the Preakness before heading to New York.

The monument is scheduled to also attend the Belmont and then the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga in July. It is the hope of the SECVA to have the monument permanently installed in Ashland, Virginia. You can follow the tour at **www.SecretariatForVirginia.com**



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HUNTER DATES JUDGES:COMBINED JDG TBAJune 25Tracy MullenJune 17July 30Louise Bowling SteinfortJuly 22August 27Mark WonderlyJuly 22Sept 10Diana CappellantiAugust 12October 15Dede Bache-ShumateSept 16	JUMPER DATES: JDG Jane Nordstrom June 18 July 23 Aug 13 Sept 17 Oct 8	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: \$50/Division, \$20/Class Warm-Up, \$30/Medals, \$20/Grounds Fee (-\$10 w/online entry), \$25 Office Fee, \$25 Non-Show JUMPER: \$60/Division, \$25/Class, \$20/Warm-Up \$25/Grounds Fee (-\$15 w/online entry)
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27. *Thoroughbred Hunter OF - 2'6"- A

28. *Thoroughbred Hunter OF - 2'6"- B

29. *Thoroughbred Hunter US

30. *Green Hunter OF - 2'6"- A

31. *Green Hunter OF - 2'6"- B

SCHOOLING AREA: Sand & Rubber

HUNTERS

Main Ring Start 8 am

- A. Unjudged Warm-Up Course B
- 1. Benefit Hunter OF 2' or 2'6"
- 2. Benefit Hunter OF 2' or 2'6"
- 3. Benefit Hunter Under Saddle
- 4. *Jr/Ad Hunter Pleasure W/T
- 5. *Jr/Ad Hunter Pleasure W/T/GAYP
- 6. *Jr/Ad Hunter Pleasure W/T/C
- 7. *Junior/Adult Equitation on the Flat
- 8. Hunter Hack OF W/T
- 9. Hunter Hack OF W/T/GAYP
- 10. Hunter Hack Under Saddle W/T/C 2 - 2' fences - Judges Choice

Schooling Break -Midday Session Only

- 11. *Short Stirrup Hunter OF 18" A
- 12. "Short Stirrup Hunter OF 18" B
- 13. *Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle
- Open to Juniors and Adult Amateurs only
- 14. Limit Rider Hunter OF 2' or 2'3" A 15. Limit Rider Hunter OF - 2' or 2'3" - B
- 16. Limit Rider Hunter US
- 17. *Pony Pleasure W/T
- 18. *Pony Pleasure W/T/GAYP
- 19. *Pony Pleasure W/T/C
- 20. *Green Pony Hunter OF A S 2'; M 2'3"; L 2'6"
- 21. *Green Pony Hunter OF B S 2': M 2'3": L 2'6"
- 22. *Green Pony Hunter Under Saddle
- 23. *Pony Eq- S 2'; M2'3"; L 2'6"
- 24. *Pony Hunter OF A S 2'; M 2'3"; L 2'6"
- 25. *Pony Hunter OF B S 2'; M 2'3"; L 2'6"
- 26. *Pony Hunter Under Saddle
 - Schooling Break -

- 32. *Green Hunter Under Saddle 33. *Jr/Ad Equitation - 2'6" or 3" 34. *Jr/Ad Hunter OF - 2'6" or 3" - A 35. *Jr/Ad Hunter OF - 2'6" or 3" - B 36. *Jr/Ad Hunter Under Saddle 37. *Working Hunter OF - 3' - A 38. *Working Hunter OF - 3' - B 39. *Working Hunter Under Saddle 40. *Children's Medal 41. *Adult Medal Small Ring Start 8:30 am
- All flat classes run before over fences B. Unjudged warm-Up - Course B
- 42. Lead Line 100% Rider Eq.
- 43. Lead Line 100% Mount Suitability
- 44. Lead Line 50% Equitation/50% Suitability
- 45. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation W
- 46. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation W/T
- 47. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation W/T/ Sit-T/Jump Pos
- 48. Short Stirrup Eg OF 18" A
- 49. Short Stirrup Eg OF 18" B
- 50. Short Stirrup Eq Under Saddle
- 51. Student Eq OF 2' A
- 52. Student Eq OF 2' B
- 53. Student Eq Under Saddle
- 100. Warm Up
- 125. Costume Class (10/10 only) * = VHSA Associate Classes

JUMPERS

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

Puddle Jumpers 2' 1-Hopeful Jumper Table II, Sec. 1

START TIME

2-Hopeful Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 3-Hopeful Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Novice Ch/Ad Jumpers 2'3"- 2'6"

VHSA/BHSA

4-Novice Ch/Ad Table II, Sec. 1 5-Novice Ch/Ad Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 6-Novice Ch/Ad Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

- Novice Jumpers 2'3"- 2'6" VHSA/BHSA
- 7-Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1 8-Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 9-Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Thoroughbred Jumper 2'9" VHSA/BHSA 10-Thoroughbred Jumper Table II, Sec. 1 11-Thoroughbred Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 12-Thoroughbred Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Low Jumpers 2'9" VHSA/BHSA 13-Low Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1 14-Low Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 15-Low Jumpers

\$10 Add-Back Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Ch/Ad Jumpers 3'0" VHSA/BHSA 16-Ch/Ad Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1 17 Ch/Ad Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 18-Ch/Ad Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Schooling Jumpers 3'3"- 3'6" VHSA/BHSA 19-Schooling Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1 20-Schooling Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 21-Schooling Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Modified Jumpers 3'6"- 4' VHSA/BHSA 22-Modified Jumper Table II, Sec. 1 23-Modified Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 24-Modified Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

25-Unjudged Warm-up 45 Second rule will be in effect all day

Synchrony Study Estimates The Lifetime Cost Of Horse Ownership Ranges From \$300,000 To \$924,000

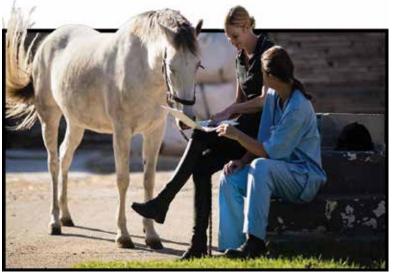
Horse Owners Underestimate the Total Cost of Care, with Actual Expenses Three or Even Four-Plus Times Higher Research Uncovers 85 Percent of Horse Owners Feel Anxiety from Horse Expenses, Can Expect One to Two Costly Emergency Medical Events Per Year.

STAMFORD, Conn. - April 26, 2023 - Horse owners nationwide vastly underestimate the lifetime cost of caring

for a horse, which ranges from nearly \$300,000 to \$924,000, according to a new Synchrony (NYSE: SYF) study, "Equine Lifetime of Care." While 83 percent of horse owners say they are prepared for expenses, the actual costs may reach three or even four times higher than they expect.

According to Synchrony's Equine Lifetime of Care report, costs vary depending on the horse's role:

\$575,000-\$1,000,000 for competitive horses \$295,000-\$400,000 for recreational horses \$215,000-\$290,000 for backyard horses



On an annual basis, the all-in costs for owning

a horse range from around \$8,600 to \$26,000 per year, not including events or operating expenses.

The study, conducted on behalf of CareCredit, a Synchrony financing solution for veterinary care, investigated an exhaustive list of horse expenditures, including food and nutrition, boarding and grooming, farrier services, tack and gear, breeding, routine and emergency veterinary care, end of life care, and more, over a horse's lifetime, which is averaged at 25 years.¹ The findings from 1,231 U.S. horse owners and nearly 30 equine veterinarians, found that while horse owners often financially prepare for food, boarding and gear, they tend to overlook critical components of veterinary care, such as colic treatment, broken bones, and eye issues — which could cost as much as \$10,000.

The Equine Lifetime of Care report also indicates that horse owners typically start experiencing stress when an unexpected invoice reaches \$1,500. To that end, more than eight out of 10 horse owners surveyed would apply for a credit card that specifically helps finance veterinary care.

With most horses facing one or two emergency medical events per year, Synchrony has sought to build further awareness for solutions like the CareCredit credit card that can help horse owners become financially prepared, while providing equine veterinarians with digital point-of-care innovations that enable them to collect payment for service virtually from any location.

"Nearly all horse owners keep their horses for life – which can be as long as 25 years. Yet, the true cost of care is consistently underestimated, and many horse owners aren't financially prepared for care-related expenses," said Jonathan Wainberg, senior vice president and general manager, Pet, Synchrony. "With the Synchrony Equine Lifetime of Care research, we aim to better educate, inform, and prepare horse owners for what to expect financially, so they have the tools they need to make that lifetime commitment and better provide their horses with the care they need."

"Many might expect experienced horse owners to be the most financially prepared for the lifetime commitment of raising a horse – whether it's a competitive, recreational, retired or backyard horse – but often that's not the case," said Mike Pownall, equine veterinarian, DVM, MBA. "Helping horse owners clearly understand the full financial commitment and the financing options they can rely on from the very beginning can give them peace of mind that they are ready to manage the cost of the lifelong care their horse needs, easing the financial stress for both the veterinarian and the owner."

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Law Enforcement Equine Seizures Sees Surge After Covid

Alicia Montgomery

On the evening on March 16th, 2023, Fauquier County Sheriff's deputies, along with the state task force, seized seventeen horses, one pony, one donkey, two sheep, two goats and four cats from the Bay Ridge Equestrian Center property located on Greenwich Road in Nokesville, Virginia. Conditions at the farm included unclean automatic waterers filled with algae, poor quality hay, broken and dangerous fencing. The two sheep were locked in one stall, the goats in another. One horse was stalled. Five horses were in one paddock, two horses in another and a third paddock housed the rest of the equines. Three cats were locked in the tack room with an overpowering ammonia smell and feces throughout the room. The horses were owned by Alexis Farris, a FCSO deputy, Barbary Kuzyk, David and Mischa Shoe, and Amanda Stanton. Most of the horses were thin to emaciated. Their bloodwork revealed malnutrition and dehydration. Many were in desperate need of a dental and farrier care.

Barbara Kuzyk was a full care boarder who according to her testimony was working diligently with her veterinary team to figure out why her horse was losing weight. Her horse was returned to her during the seizure hearing without prejudice.

The Shoes were self-care boarders who shipped into the facility ten days before the seizure. According to the Shoes their former boarding facility was starving their horses. While social media critics may not have believed Ms. Shoe's testimony the Judge did, and their horses were returned to their care.

Alexis Farris testified that she was a full care boarder who was not at the facility very often. One of her horses was leased by Amanda Stanton as a school horse. Despite her testimony that she did not come to the facility often, Ms. Farris was the emergency contact on the feed chart. The judge returned her sheep and horses to her, but made special note from the bench that she did not believe Ms. Farris was as innocent as she testified in court.

Amanda Stanton was responsible for most of the equines, the two goats and the four cats. There were many instances of Ms. Stanton leasing or purchasing horses on payment plans. She acquired one equine through a raffle held by Long Meadow Equine Rescue based out of Northern Virginia. The seizure of her the equine was upheld. Amanda Stanton has been banned from owning livestock indefinitely with the ability to petition to get her rights restored in two years.

Shortly after the Fauquier seizure, four horses were seized in Shenandoah County that were owned by Amanda Stanton. In addition to not being able to own livestock, Shenandoah added companion animals to her ban as well. The seizure results were not appealed for the Shoes or Farris, despite public outcry that they were abusive and neglectful to their animals.

Following Covid local law enforcement has seen a rise in complaints and seizures of Equine. Many of these seizures and surrenders are coming from lesson barns.

If you have concerns about the care of Equine near you, please contact your local sheriff's office.





Two of the Amanda Stanton horses seized from Shenandoah County pictured after their arrival at local horse rescue.

Turner Farm Events

VHSA ASSOCIATE HUNTER SCHOOLING SHOWS 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls,VA 22066

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June 3 Judge: Mark Wonderly Sept 9 Judge: Cindy Lytle Oct 14 Judge: DeDe Bache-Shumate Start Time 8:00am Schooling 6:30am-7:30am Warm-up rounds Open all day Office Fee \$25 / Class Fee \$20 Photographer Hannah Jones Photography Manager: Lara McPherson / Julu2mc@aol.com Secretary: karen.washburn@longandfoster.com

Ring 1 8:00 a.m.

Open Card Warm-up
 Schooling Hunter OF (2'6")
 Schooling Hunter OF (2'6")
 Schooling Hunter US
 VHSA Working Hunter OF (2'6", 2'9" to 3')
 VHSA Working Hunter US
 VHSA Children's/ AA Eq (2'6", 2'9" to 3')
 VHSA Children's/ AA OF (2'6", 2'9" to 3')

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



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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.



BLUE RIDGE HUNT 2023 Trail Rides

• June 17th

Weldon House Farm 1326 Swift Shoals Rd., Boyce Hosted by the McIntoshs 5pm/\$40 Cookout & Ride

June 25th Sunday Chaser Dreams Stable 2757 Red Gate Rd., White Post Hosted by Sara & Barry Foley

 July 1st Claytonville
 574 Clay Hill Rd., Boyce Hosted by Karyn Wilson

July 8th Rolling Hills Farm 1675 Lockes Mill Rd., Berryville Hosted by Katherine Berger

- July 21st Friday Shannon Hill 779 Stickley Lane, Front Royal Hosted by The Lehews 6pm/\$40 Cookout & Ride
- July 29th Ellerslie Farm 1511 Ellerslie Rd., Berryville Hosted by The Sneads
- August 5th Locust Hill 1618 Carters Line Rd., White Post Hosted by The O'Donnells
- August 12th TBD
- August 19th
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Checks payable to Blue Ridge Hunt. Paypal & Venmo are also accepted.

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Rescued Foal Receives Emergency Treatment For A Growth Plate Infection & Mild Pneumonia

Sharon Peart



Snuggles, a miniature filly foal, and her mother were pulled from a horse auction in Pennsylvania by Colby's Crew Rescue, an equine rescue based in Charlottesville, Virginia.

On March 30, Snuggles and her dam were referred to the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center (EMC) by Dr. Gary Kubala from Littlestown Veterinary Hospital, Littlestown, Pennsylvania, for further evaluation and treatment of Snuggles' left hind

and treatment of Snuggles' left hind lameness.

When mom and baby arrived at the Center, Sarah Dukti, clinical assistant professor of equine emergency and critical care, noted that the filly was bright, alert, and responsive.

Snuggles arrived standing in the trailer and walked without assistance into the hospital but was grade 4/5 lame on her left hindlimb and toe-touching intermittently at the walk. She weighed in at 19 kilograms or just under 42 pounds, an appropriate weight for her very diminutive size.

Snuggles heart rate and temperature were found to be within a normal range but her respiratory rate was mildly elevated. Her joints palpated within normal limits except for her left hindlimb fetlock, which was moderately swollen, warm, and reactive to palpation.

Ultrasound of Snuggles' lungs confirmed that she had mild pneumonia, a lung infection in foals that can turn into a rapidly progressive disease if not treated quickly and appropriately.

Radiographs of both hind fetlocks were taken for comparison. No signs of fracture were seen, but changes were noted in the distal caudomedial aspect of the physis (growth plate) of the left hind metatarsus (fetlock joint). Under general anesthesia, a joint tap to collect a sample of synovial fluid found in the joint was taken for laboratory testing, and regional limb perfusion which delivers a high concentration of antimicrobials into the affected area was completed to evaluate and treat the infection in Snuggles' growth plate.

After anesthesia, once standing, Snuggles nursed well and seemed comfortable. Synovial fluid and blood were submitted to the EMC in-house laboratory for testing. Blood work revealed a mildly elevated white blood cell count indicating that Snuggles' was fighting an infection, but luckily there was no evidence of infection in the fetlock joint.

After her initial evaluation, Snuggles and her dam were placed under the care of the EMC medicine team led by Elizabeth MacDonald, clinical instructor of equine medicine, and Emily Schaefer, clinical assistant professor of equine medicine.

Due to the severity of Snuggle's clinical signs and diagnostic findings, limb perfusion for three consecutive days was recommended with systemic antibiotics, NSAIDs (anti-inflammatories), and supportive care. Snuggles' lameness improved significantly each day, and she gradually became more and more playful and inquisitive about all and any activities near her stall. She especially enjoyed keeping a close eye on mares and foals entering and leaving the ICU!

Careful monitoring continued and a repeat chest ultrasound confirmed that her pneumonia was improving. Due to significant improvements in her lungs and lameness, Snuggles was switched to oral antibiotics.

After exactly one week in the hospital, Snuggles was ready to go home!

MacDonald provided clear instructions for Snuggles' continued care at home and suggested that Dr. Kubala take repeat radiographs after 14 days.

Typically, a client of the equine hospital at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine main campus in Blacksburg Virginia, Alison Smith of Colby's Crew Rescue said "Thank you to the entire team for helping Snuggles and her mom! We appreciate it so much!"

EMC Clinicians and support staff hope that Snuggles and her as-yet-unnamed mom find a forever home soon and wish them a bright future!

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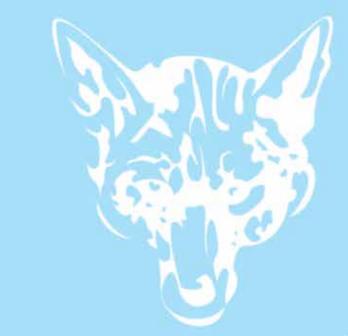
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Laminitis in Horses:

Understanding the Causes, Symptoms, and Treatment *Georgia Andrews*

Laminitis, a painful and potentially debilitating condition, is a significant concern for horse owners and veterinarians alike. It is a complex disease that affects the sensitive laminae within the hooves, leading to lameness and structural damage. Laminitis can occur in horses of all ages, breeds, and disciplines, and it demands immediate attention and appropriate management to ensure the horse's well-being. This essay aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of laminitis, including its causes, symptoms, and treatment options, in order to raise awareness and promote effective care for horses affected by this condition. **Causes:**

Laminitis can arise from various triggers, and understanding its underlying causes is crucial for prevention and treatment. The most common causes include:

- Dietary Factors: Overconsumption of high-sugar or high-starch diets, such as lush pasture, grain-rich meals, or sudden access to rich feeds, can lead to an overload of carbohydrates in the digestive system, triggering laminitis.
- Endocrine Disorders: Equine metabolic syndrome (EMS), Cushing's disease (pituitary pars intermedia dysfunction, PPID), and insulin resistance can disrupt the body's hormonal balance, increasing the horse's susceptibility to laminitis.
- Trauma and Inflammation: Systemic inflammation resulting from severe illness, gastrointestinal issues, or prolonged weight-bearing imbalance can induce laminitis. Traumatic events, such as excessive concussion on hard surfaces or repetitive trauma, can also trigger laminitis.

Symptoms:

Recognizing the early signs of laminitis is crucial for prompt intervention. Common symptoms include:

- Increased Digital Pulse: An elevated pulse felt in the arteries located at the back of the fetlock is often an early indicator of laminitis.
- Lameness and Reluctance to Move: Horses with laminitis display a characteristic stance, shifting weight onto their hindquarters to alleviate pressure on the affected front feet. They may exhibit a shortened, stilted gait or appear hesitant to walk or turn.
- Heat and Pain in the Hooves: Hooves affected by laminitis may feel warm to the touch and exhibit sensitivity to pressure or hoof testers.

Accurate diagnosis of laminitis involves a thorough examination by a veterinarian, including assessing the horse's medical history, conducting physical evaluations, and employing diagnostic tools such as radiography or ultrasound.

Treatment:

The treatment and management of laminitis require a multifaceted approach aimed at alleviating pain, reducing inflammation, and promoting hoof healing. Key strategies include:

- Pain Management: Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are often prescribed to mitigate pain and reduce inflammation. Resting the horse in a comfortable, supportive stall or using therapeutic hoof boots can also aid in pain relief.
- Dietary Modification: Restricting access to high-sugar and high-starch feeds is crucial to managing laminitis. Transitioning the horse to a low-calorie, low-carbohydrate diet, along with appropriate forage sources, is essential. Careful monitoring of the horse's body weight and body condition is necessary to prevent further weight gain.
- Hoof Care: Regular trimming and maintenance of the hooves are essential for proper weight distribution and support. Trimming protocols may vary based on the severity and stage of laminitis. Supportive therapies such as therapeutic shoeing, orthotics, or the use of hoof casts may be employed to alleviate pressure and encourage healing.
- Medical Interventions: In severe cases, therapeutic options such as cryotherapy (icing the hooves)

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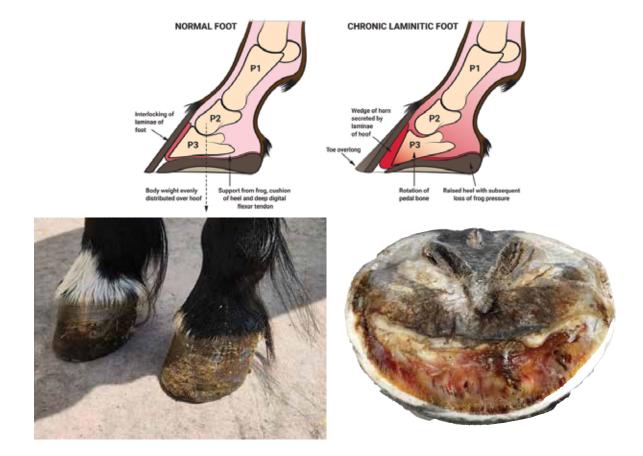
or administration of vasodilators may be considered to increase blood flow to the affected tissues. **Prevention:**

Preventing laminitis is key to ensuring equine well-being. Implementing the following preventive measures can help minimize the risk:

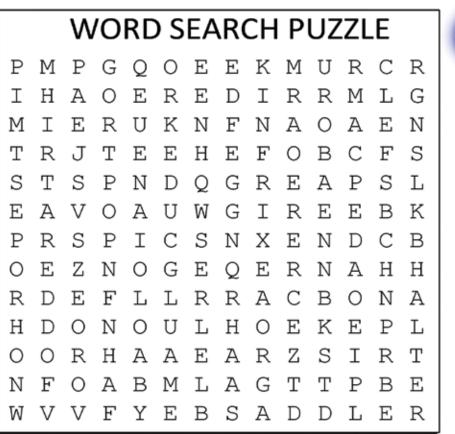
- Balanced Diet and Feeding Regimen: Providing a well-balanced diet, avoiding sudden dietary changes, and monitoring access to high-sugar or high-starch feeds can help reduce the risk of laminitis.
- Weight Management: Maintaining a healthy body weight through regular exercise and appropriate calorie intake can help prevent laminitis, especially in predisposed breeds or horses with metabolic disorders.
- Regular Veterinary Care: Routine veterinary examinations, including blood tests to monitor metabolic health and hormone levels, can aid in early detection of underlying conditions that may increase laminitis risk.

The prognosis for horses with laminitis varies depending on the severity, promptness of treatment, and underlying causes. With proper management, many horses can recover and lead productive lives. However, severe or recurrent cases may lead to long-term complications, such as chronic lameness or hoof deformities.

Laminitis remains a significant concern in equine health, demanding proactive measures from horse owners, trainers, and veterinarians. Recognizing the causes, identifying early symptoms, and seeking timely veterinary care are essential for managing this potentially devastating condition. Through proper treatment, dietary adjustments, hoof care, and preventive measures, the impact of laminitis can be minimized, ensuring the welfare and soundness of horses. By spreading awareness and promoting responsible horse management, we can strive towards a future where laminitis is prevented, treated effectively, and its impact on equine well-being is significantly reduced.









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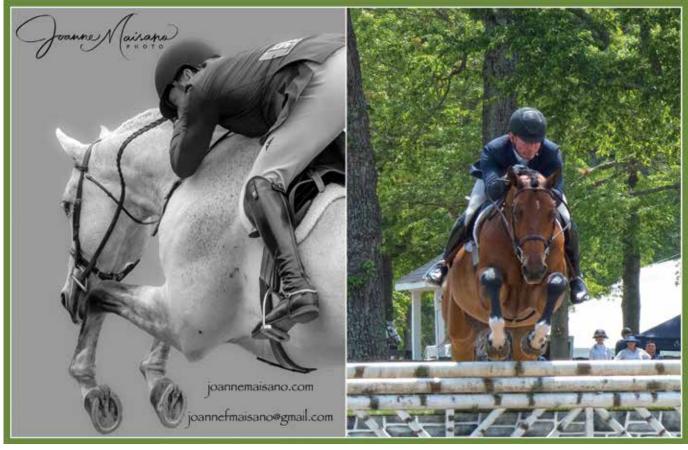


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Back to Basics: Saddle and Bridle Fit

Suzannah Kolbeck

Many different things influence exactly how well a ride will go. Once you've established a working relationship with your horse and are ready to get them under saddle, it's time to consider tack.

But it's more than just selecting an expensive saddle or ordering a custom browband. Properly fitted tack can make the difference between a happy, comfortable ride and one that ends in pain and injury (for you or your horse). Let's head back to saddle and bridle fit basics. **Saddles**

English saddles are smaller and lighter than leather Western saddles (some synthetic Western saddles are comparably lightweight). The contact between you and the horse is much closer, which means that fit issues are usually more complicated with an English saddle.

In addition to being heavier, Western saddles are designed to hold things like ropes and saddle bags. They have a horn, plus a variety of ties and D-rings designed to keep a cowboy's utility items close at hand. Some English saddles may have smaller D-rings for the occasional pack, but it's not usual. Endurance saddles, a cross between the weight of an English saddle and the function and comfort of a Western saddle, are another option if you plan on traveling longer distances with your horse.

Check saddle fit

Imagine walking five miles in a pair of shoes that is a half size too small. They pinch, rub, and form blisters. As you walk, your feet swell and the pain worsens. Chances are good you want to stop and sit or just throw your ill-fitting shoes across the room.

A poorly-fitted saddle has the same effect on your horse, with sometimes dangerous results. Some horses quietly resist a saddle that doesn't fit, while others have a big reaction. Some signs of a poorly-fitted saddle include:

- Ear pinning and tail swishing
- Biting or nipping when being saddled
- Getting "cinch-y" or "girth-y" (making a sour face, kicking, or nipping
- when the cinch/girth is tightened)
- White hairs where the saddle makes contact
- Sores or rubbed-off hair
- Uneven sweat marks
- Sore back or swelling
- Resistance to work or cues
- Bucking or crow hops



If you notice any of these, don't just add more padding. While that might help as a short-term fix, it can worsen the problem over time, souring your horse to being saddled and making riding difficult. The best way to check your saddle fit is by locating a qualified saddle fitter near you to come out to measure your horse and try a variety of saddles. Because this is not always possible, checking saddle fit on your own is important.

Below are some simple things to look for in Western and English saddle fit.

- Start with no pad: Make sure the saddle is placed where you will secure it on your horse.
- Look at the withers: Are they high, nonexistent, or somewhere between?
- *Locate the shoulder blade:* The saddle should sit behind the shoulder blade to allow for unrestricted movement.

• Try it out: Most reputable saddle makers offer a trial period. Take advantage of this.

Saddle fit basics

• The deepest part of the seat should be level with the ground when placed properly on your horse (without a pad).

• Run your hand underneath the saddle, down the length from the front to the back. Contact and *cont. on page 42*



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pressure should be even all the way down the spine.

- As a general rule, the saddle's seat should not reach beyond the horse's last rib, and the saddle's skirt should end before the point of the hip. Short-backed horses in Western tack may prefer a round-skirted saddle. Note that this is a general rule and does have some exceptions, depending on the horse.
- Place two stacked fingers between the saddle and the withers. This indicates adequate clearance.
- For a new, wool-flocked English saddle, look for a wither clearance of three or four fingers, as the saddle may settle up to half an inch with use.
- Look down the horse's centerline (stand directly behind them or peer across their neck). You should have a clear line of sight down their back under the saddle.
- Girth/cinch up the saddle and mount up (still no saddle pad unless your trial agreement requires it). Re-check the fit, including wither and gullet clearance (the view under the saddle along the horse's spine).
- Take a few steps. Pay close attention to how your horse moves. Look also at their ears and feel their attitude underneath you. If you pay attention, most horses will tell you exactly what they are feeling.

A word about saddle pads and adjustable gullets

Saddle pads can supplement a saddle that generally fits but needs support on a horse with challenging conformation.

Likewise, a saddle with adjustable gullets might be a good option for young and growing horses or those just coming back into work and building muscle.

But pads can only help so much. Better to take the time to figure out what your horse is comfortable in and check with a saddle fitter if you are unsure.

Bridle/Headstall

A bridle (English) or headstall (Western) secures the bit in your horse's mouth and consists of four basic pieces:

- Crown (or crownpiece)
- Browband
- Throatlatch
- Cheekpiece

Bridles may also have a noseband, and headstalls sometimes skip the browband and opt for a single- or double-ear style instead.

Headstalls may also use a curb strap to prevent a bit from sliding through a horse's mouth. Slobber straps on the end of the reins (attached to the bit) add weight and act as a pre-signal for your horse.

Bridle fit basics

Fit the bridle on its own without the bit first.

- Crown: Sits behind the ears with enough space for them to move freely
- Browband: Should fit flat and comfortably just below the horse's ears

(no gaps but not

tight – loose enough to slide a finger underneath but not much more)

- Throatlatch: Roomy enough to accommodate three to four fingers stacked when buckled
- Cheekpiece: Buckles on the cheekpiece should be roughly at eye level and even on both sides
- Noseband: Sits two fingers below the cheekbone; a flat hand should fit underneath (do not overtighten)

Bits

There are entire books written on bits, bit fitting, and alternatives to bits. The most important things to understand about bits include:





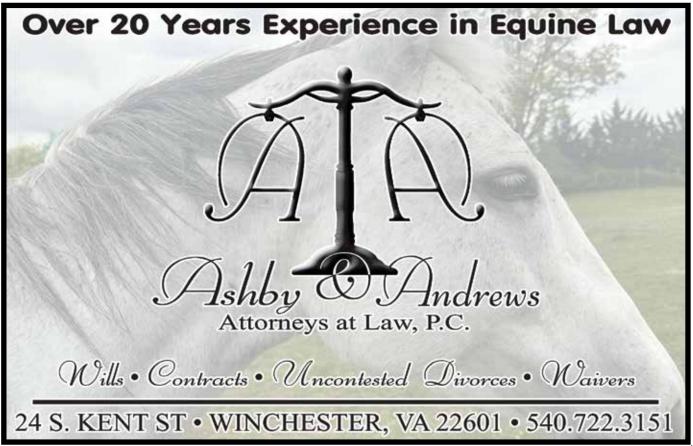
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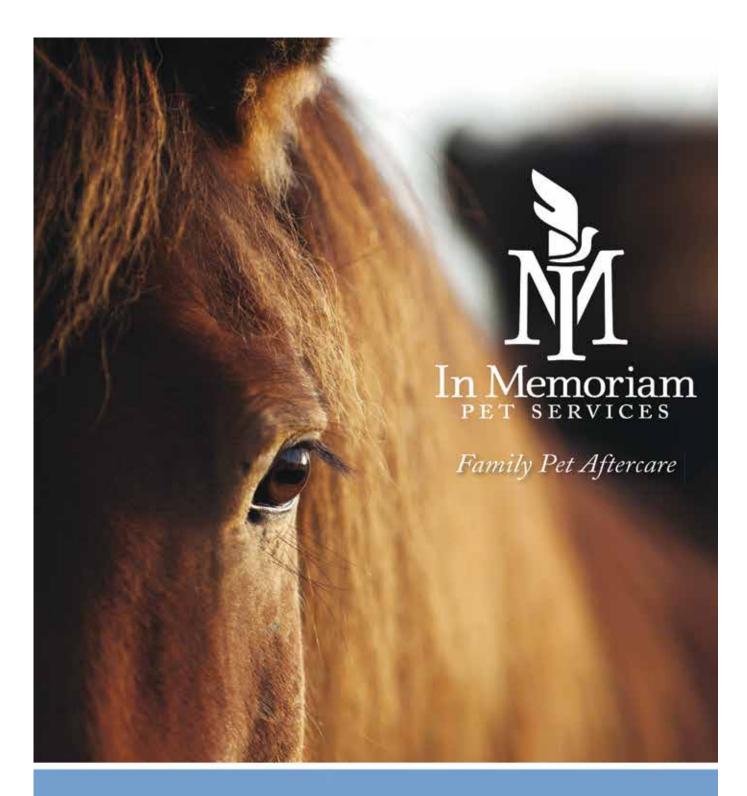
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Types of bits

There are two basic bit types: snaffle bits and leverage (curb) bits. The main difference is where in the horse's mouth pressure is applied.

- Snaffle bits can be made of one piece, or they can have multiple sections, including links in the middle to separate the action of each side of the bit. Snaffles can have different ends, such as D-rings, O-rings, and full-cheek pieces.
- Curb bits have shanks that hold the reins and cheekpieces of the bridle/headstall. The length of the shanks, the adjustment of the headstall, and the hands of the rider all affect the pressure of this bit.

Bit material is most commonly stainless steel, but some have copper inlays that increase salivation for better movement in the mouth. The bit can be smooth, or it can be twisted, and the width of the bit varies, too.

Because there are so many factors when it comes to the type of bit you select and how it fits, it can take some time to figure out which bit/bridle combination works best for your horse. Pay close attention to how your horse goes as you try them out.

And the most important thing to remember: the mildest bit can be painful with insensitive hands, and the strongest bit can be feather light with a gentle touch.

Check bit fit

The fact that a horse lets us place metal in their mouth to control the movement of their head in the first place is something of a revelation, so it's important to be kind and careful when it comes to how your bit fits.

The old idea of forming two wrinkles in the corner of the mouth is not always a great guide for checking fit. That has more to do with how high it sits in a horse's mouth, which is a subject of debate, too. Signs of poor bit fit include:

- Sores on the corner of the mouth
- Excessive lateral bit movement with cues
- Head tossing or shaking
- Bit avoidance
- Trouble bridling
- Change in behavior under saddle

To get a basic measurement:

- Start by making sure your horse is up to date on their dental exams. Bit fit won't matter if sharp points are making your horse uncomfortable.
- Grab a piece of baling twine (or a plastic bit sizer if you have one).
- Slide it into your horse's mouth where the bit would sit (on the bars, the gums behind the incisors but in front of the molars).
- On the baling twine, note where the string exits both sides of the mouth.
- Use that measurement to determine the bit size.

Partnership, not pain

At its finest, rider and horse are joined not by tack, but by trust. Each is totally reliant upon the other. Each is the selfless guardian of the other's well-being. – unknown

In the end, the goal is a safe and enjoyable ride for you and your equine partner. Take the time to ensure properly fitted tack and be rewarded with a willing horse and a safe, fun ride.





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Five Things You Didn't Know About Pony Club

May 31, 2023 (Lexington, KY) -



What's in a name? The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.

(USPC or Pony Club) isn't actually for ponies. When Pony Club was originally founded in Great Britain in 1929, the term "pony" was used generally to describe the mount of a youth rider. Horses, ponies, and equines of all sizes and breeds are welcome to participate with USPC members in the various activities available through the United States Pony Clubs.

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. was founded in 1954 to teach riding and the proper care of equines. In nearly 70 years, USPC has grown and changed with the times while remaining true to its original mission and core values.

Here are a few fun facts you might not know about today's United States Pony Clubs:

There aren't any age limits. Pony Club welcomes members of all ages.

While we are proud to be"where it all begins" for so many young riders, the United States Pony Clubs also welcomes adult members and anyone who wants to learn more about horse care and safe horsemanship. We have adult beginners and advanced adult riders, returning adult riders, parent-child duos who participate in Pony Club together, members who have earned their Century Award in dressage (where the

combined age of the rider and mount equal 100 total years of age), as well as members who rejoin to complete certification goals and participate in Pony Club again as adults.

Western riders can be part of Pony Club, too.

USPC offers instruction and competitive opportunities in 11 English and western riding sports, including Dressage, Eventing, Gymkhana (barrels, pole-bending, and more), Horse Management, Mounted Games, Polocrosse, Quiz (a knowledge-based competition), Show Jumping, Tetrathlon (a four-phase event including running, swimming, riding, and shooting), Trail, and Western Dressage. With so many disciplines, Pony Club has something for everyone.

You don't need to own a horse to join Pony Club.

No horse? No problem. Pony Club Riding Centers help make horses, equestrian sports, and Pony Club education accessible to more people, whether they own a horse or not. Pony Club Riding Centers are lesson barns and professional facilities licensed to offer the USPC curriculum and programming.

Pony Club teaches horse care, not just riding.

It's not just about riding, or winning ribbons. Horse care is the cornerstone of the Pony Club program. Pony Club emphasizes horse management and care of our equine partners in all activities. The Pony Club certification program encourages members to set goals, expand their knowledge, and learn and progress at their own pace. From the beginning D-1 all the way to the advanced A certification, each of the Pony Club certification levels is more challenging than the preceding one and requires members to learn more about horses and their care, in addition to becoming increasingly accomplished riders, trainers, and instructors.

Lessons learned in Pony Club last a lifetime.

The benefits of the Pony Club program go far beyond the barn. In addition to horsemanship, Pony Club teaches valuable life skills, including teamwork, leadership, responsibility, confidence, and more—which all serve our members well, both personally and professionally.

Local Pony Clubs and Pony Club Riding Centers offer Pony Club education in safe horsemanship, with the opportunity for members to participate in mounted and unmounted meetings, clinics, Pony Club rallies, the Pony Club certification program, and much more. Anyone interested in becoming a Pony Club member may join a local club or riding center in their area. Visit the Pony Club website to learn more about membership and find a Pony Club or Riding Center nearby.

About The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. — The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (USPC or Pony Club) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization that builds the foundation of teamwork and sportsmanship through riding, mounted sports, and care of horses and ponies, while developing and enhancing leadership, confidence, responsibility, and a sense of community in its youth and adult members. USPC is proud to offer instruction and competitive opportunities in 11 competitive disciplines through hundreds of clubs and centers across the United States. USPC's educational standards continue to be instrumental in curriculum development for schools, universities, equestrian professionals, and organizations across the United States. Many of the nation's top equestrians, including Olympic team members, as well as successful business professionals and leaders in a variety of fields, have roots in Pony Club. For more information, please visit **www.ponyclub.org**.

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Born on May 23, 1933, in Lexington, Kentucky, Seabiscuit

Seabiscuit: The Unlikely Hero of the Racetrack Georgia Andrews



faced a rocky start to his racing career. He was considered an underdog due to his small size and lack of prominent lineage. However, the turning point came when he was discovered by a group of individuals who recognized his potential. Under the guidance of owner Charles S. Howard, trainer Tom Smith, and jockey Red Pollard, Seabiscuit's true abilities began to shine.

Seabiscuit's rise to fame came during the Great Depression, a time of economic hardship and despair. He became a symbol of hope for the American people, offering a distraction from their daily struggles. The nation eagerly followed his races, finding solace and inspiration in his triumphs. Seabiscuit's ability to overcome adversity resonated deeply with the public, as he represented the fighting spirit that could prevail even in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

One of Seabiscuit's most memorable moments came during his historic match race against War Admiral, the reigning Triple Crown winner, on November 1, 1938, at Pimlico Race Course. Despite being the underdog, Seabiscuit astounded the crowd by defeating War Admiral with a commanding lead. This victory solidified his status as a champion and further endeared him to the American public. The race was a true testament to Seabiscuit's grit, determination, and unwavering spirit.

Seabiscuit's impact extended beyond the racetrack. He became a symbol of hope and resilience for a



nation desperately in need of both. His story inspired individuals from all walks of life, reminding them that success could be achieved regardless of one's background or circumstances. Seabiscuit's triumphs were a reflection of the American spirit, demonstrating that perseverance and hard work could lead to greatness. Seabiscuit's remarkable journey from an overlooked racehorse to a national hero left an indelible mark on the world of horse racing and beyond. His legacy as a symbol of hope, determination, and the triumph of the underdog continues to inspire generations. Seabiscuit's story serves as a timeless reminder that true greatness lies not only in talent and pedigree but also in the unwavering spirit to overcome adversity and defy expectations.

Long Branch Historic House and Farm Celebrates the Virginia Thoroughbred in their Summer Celebration

Virginia has a long history of great racing Thoroughbred horses, Secretariat at the top of that list celebrating his 50th anniversary this year of his Triple Crown victory.



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Thoroughbred horses are renowned worldwide for their grace, speed, and indomitable spirit. Bred specifically for racing, these majestic creatures have captured the hearts of horse enthusiasts and spectators alike. Their athleticism, intelligence, and striking beauty make them stand out among equine breeds. In this essay, we will explore the origins of the Thoroughbred, their remarkable characteristics, and their significant contributions to the world of horse racing.

The Thoroughbred breed traces its roots back to 17th-century England. It all began with the introduction of three Arabian stallions, the Byerley Turk, the Darley Arabian, and the Godolphin Arabian, to native mares. These stallions played a pivotal role in shaping the breed's distinctive features, including their elegant stature, well-defined muscles, and exceptional speed. Over time, careful selection and breeding practices refined the Thoroughbred, creating a horse uniquely suited to racing.

One of the most remarkable traits of the Thoroughbred is its remarkable speed. With their powerful hindquarters, long legs, and lean bodies, they possess an innate ability to accelerate rapidly. The Thoroughbred's average stride length ranges from 20 to 24 feet, allowing them to cover considerable distances in minimal time. Their high-speed potential has earned them a place in some of the most prestigious racing events worldwide, such as the Kentucky Derby and the Royal Ascot.

In addition to their speed, Thoroughbreds are highly intelligent animals. Their ability to comprehend and respond to their rider's commands sets them apart from other breeds. This intelligence, coupled with their strong work ethic, makes them trainable and adaptable to various disciplines beyond racing. Thoroughbreds often excel in other equestrian sports, such as show jumping, eventing, and dressage. Their versatility and willingness to perform have made them sought-after companions in many equestrian pursuits.

Thoroughbreds are not just exceptional athletes; they also possess an undeniable allure. Their sleek, shiny coats, combined with their expressive eyes and regal presence, captivate onlookers. Whether galloping across the racetrack or standing still in a pasture, Thoroughbreds exude an undeniable elegance. This aesthetic appeal has made them the subject of countless works of art, literature, and photography, further solidifying their place in the hearts of horse enthusiasts.

Beyond their physical attributes, Thoroughbreds have left an indelible mark on the world of horse racing. They have dominated racetracks for centuries, breaking records and pushing the limits of equine performance. Thoroughbreds like Secretariat, Man o' War, and Seabiscuit have become legendary figures, etching their names into the annals of horse racing history. The Thoroughbred breed has also contributed significantly to the advancement of veterinary medicine, as their well-being and performance are of utmost importance to owners, trainers, and fans.

However, it is important to acknowledge the challenges faced by the Thoroughbred industry. The pursuit of speed and performance has occasionally led to controversies surrounding the welfare of these magnificent animals. Issues such as overbreeding, injuries, and the post-racing fate of retired horses require ongoing attention and responsible stewardship to ensure the well-being and longevity of the breed.

In conclusion, the Thoroughbred breed stands as a testament to the symbiotic relationship between humans and animals. Bred for centuries to embody speed, intelligence, and beauty, Thoroughbreds have become the epitome of equine excellence. Their contributions to the world of horse racing, their versatility in various equestrian disciplines, and their undeniable allure have solidified their place as one of the most revered breeds in the equine world. While challenges persist, it is our responsibility to safeguard their well-being and ensure that their legacy endures for generations to come. 1700 S Loudoun St • Winchester, Va • 540.450.8090 info@meadowbranchanimalhospital.com MeadowBranchAnimalHospital.com



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Rapid Growth of IEA Dressage Program Results in Demographic Move from Regions to Zones for the 2023-2024 Season

Wednesday, June 1, 2023 (Columbus, Ohio)

Due to the rapid growth in membership of the IEA Dressage Program, the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Board of Directors recently approved the IEA Dressage Committee's recommendations to expand the demographic areas of teams into six Zones beginning with the 2023-2024 season. Previously divided into 11 Regions, the newly organized Zone structure allows Regions to grow within each Zone and mimics the way the IEA Hunt Seat Program has expanded over the years.

"This is an exciting step in the evolution of the IEA Dressage program," says IEA Dressage Administrator, Emily David. "We have seen several regions of the United States double in size over a few years, so this was the obvious next step. It allows for planned growth in the areas we have established teams as well as combining regions for new Zone Finals beginning this season."

IEA Dressage is still a relatively new discipline for the IEA – only in its 4th official year. Previous to it becoming an official program, the IEA developed a 3-year pilot program for Dressage - building up interest and membership before making it a permanent part of the organization. This 3-year Pilot Program model has proven to work in other areas of growth for IEA – including the addition of 4th and 5th graders a few years ago and now with the new Adult Pilot Program.

IEA Membership will open on June 1st with shows starting August 1st and running through late April. IEA Dressage National Finals will be held in conjunction with IEA Hunt Seat National Finals at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Burbank, CA in April 2024.

For more information about IEA and IEA Dressage, visit: https://www.rideiea.org/dressage/

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Lily Moslack

Lily Moslack is 9 years old and attending Armel Elementary School in Winchester, Virginia. Lily loves to ride and care for the horses. When she isn't spending time with the horses she can be found cheering in a local cheer squad.

OTLIGHT

Lily loves to read and learn. She looks forward to the day she can own her own horse and has set a goal to ride in all 50 states! Lily is a great volunteer with a positive attitude, who wants to learn about all aspects of horse care. SVERN is very happy to help Lily on her journeys with her equine future. Working in horse rescue and volunteering is a great way to learn the basics of quality horsemanship.

If you have a volunteer on your farm that you would love to tell the world about and give a very big thank you to. Send us their bio and a picture.

Lily with her favorite horse Red. One of SVERN's rescued horses.



Virginia Horse Shows Association, Inc. ASSOCIATE: LOCAL SCHOOLING

JUNI	5		
11	EKG Stables	H/E/M	Spotsylvania, VA
11	Southern Heritage Farm	H/E	Midland, VA
11	Brookhill Farm Show Series	H/E	Charlottesville, VA
11	Hunter Lane Stables	H/E	Chesterfield, VA
13	TWA Tuesday Afternoon Jumper Shows @ S		Culpeper, VA
14	Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series	H/E	Warrenton, VA
17	Oakland Heights Farm	H/E	Gordonsville, VA
17	Randolph-Macon Equestrian Center	H/E	Ashland, VA
17	Whitestone Farm	H/E	Fredericksburg, VA
18	Drew Taylor Horse Shows	H/E	Keswick, VA
18	EX DA LE LEZA NESSER CON DAVID AND A CHEVE A CONCERNED.	J	Millwood, VA
	Sandstone Farm Jumper Show	The second s	
21	Orange County Fair Horse Show	H/E	Orange, VA Warrenton, VA
21	Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series	H/E	A LOT MADE AND A LOT A LOT A LOT A LOT AND A LOT
24	Four Oaks Farm	H/E	Palmyra, VA
24	Hazelwild Farm	H/E	Fredericksburg, VA
25	Bull Run Hunt	H/E	Locust Dale, VA
25	Sandstone Farm Hunter Show	H/E/M	Millwood, VA
27	TWA TueS Afternoon Jumper Shows @ SRF		Culpeper, VA
JULY			
4	Oakland Heights Farm	H/E	Gordonsville, VA
8	Topline Horse Center	H/E/J/M	Yorktown, VA
8	Autumn Olive Farm	H/E	Goochland, VA
8	Silver Lining Farm	H/E	Manakin-Sabot, VA
9	EKG Stables	H/E/M	Spotsylvania, VA
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11	TWA Tues Afternoon Jumper Shows @ SRF	LUE	Culpeper, VA
12	Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series	H/E	Warrenton, VA
14	Oakland Heights Farm	H/E	Gordonsville, VA
15	Hazelwild Farm	H/E	Fredericksburg, VA
15	Whippoorwill Farm	H/E	Shackelfords, VA
15	Rockin' M & Clarke County Ruritan	H/E	Berryville, VA
16	Southern Heritage Farm	H/E	Midland, VA
16	Brookhill Farm Show Series	H/E	Charlottesville, VA
16	Hunter Lane Stables	H/E	Chesterfield, VA
19	Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series	H/E	Warrenton, VA
21	Four Oaks Farm	H/E	Palmyra, VA
22	Autumn Olive Farm	H/E	Goochland, VA
22	Stonehouse Stables	H/E	Toano, VA
	Grayhorse Farm	H/E/J	Powhatan, VA
22-23		H/E/J	Warrenton, VA
23	Red Gate Farm	H/E/M	Bluemont, VA
23	Hunter Lane Stables	H/E	Chesterfield, VA
23	Sandstone Farm Jumper Show	J	Millwood, VA
25	TWA Tues Afternoon Jumper Shows @ SRF	10. E	Culpeper, VA
26	Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series	H/E	Warrenton, VA
	Drew Taylor Horse Shows	H/E H/E	
30 30	Sandstone Farm Hunter Show	H/E H/E/M	Keswick, VA Millwood, VA
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2	Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series	H/E	Warrenton, VA
5	Topline Horse Center	H/E/J/M	Yorktown, VA
5	BHSA H&J Classic @ Rosemount Farm	H/E/J	Spotsylvania, VA
6	Red Gate Farm	H/E/M	Bluemont, VA
8	TWA Tue Afternoon Jumper Shows @ SRF		Culpeper, VA
12	Autumn Olive Farm	H/E	Goochland, VA
12	Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series	H/E	Warrenton, VA
12	Areion Equestrian	H/E/J	Newport News, VA
13	EKG Stables	H/E/M	Spotsylvania, VA
13	Southern Heritage Farm	H/E	Midland, VA
13	Sandstone Farm Jumper Show	J	Millwood, VA

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Virginia Horse Shows Association, Inc. REGULAR (RATED)

JUNE

2-4	Boumi Mounted Patrol Show "A"	H/J/M	Owings Mills, MD
21-25	Deep Run Horse Show "AA"	H/M	Manakin-Sabot, VA
28-July 2	Warrenton Pony Show "A"	H/M	Warrenton, VA
JULY	a manufacture and a second		
20-23	Rosemount Farm "A"	H/M	Spotsylvania, VA
26-30	Blowing Rock Charity "AA"	H/J	Blowing Rock, NC
27-30	Rosemount Farm	H/M	Spotsylvania, VA
AUGUST		B ^{el}	
2-6	Blowing Rock Charity "AA"	H/J	Blowing Rock, NC
3-6	Bay State Classic "A"	H/J/M	Owings Mills, MD
9-13	Lexington National "A"	H/B/J/M	Lexington, VA
30-Sept 3	Warrenton Horse Show "C"	H/B/J	Warrenton, VA
SEPTEM	BER		
8-10	Back To School Classic "A"	H/J/M	Owings Mills, MD
13-17	Maryland Horse & Pony Show "AA"	H/J	Upper Marlboro, MD
OCTOBE	R		
4-8	North Carolina State Fair H/J Show "AA"	H/B/J	Raleigh, NC
NOVEME	BER		
8-12	Jump For The Children Benefit I "AA"	H/J	Raleigh, NC
15-19	Jump For The Children Benefit II "AA"	H/J	Raleigh, NC

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June 7-11	Traverse City Spring 339087 National	Traverse City, MI
June 9-11	NEST	Brave Horse, Johnstown OH
June 14-18	Traverse City Spring 339088 Premier	Traverse City, MI
June 17-18	Sewickley Hunt Summer	WPQHA Showgrounds, New Castle PA
June 21-25	Brave Horse III	Brave Horse, Johnstown OH
June 21-25	Swan Lake Stables Summer Kick Off A	Swan Lake Stables, PA
June 21-25	Traverse City Spring 339159	
	Prem WCHR/Spec/Zone Ch	Traverse City, MI
June 24-25	Fair Haven Farms	Grove City, PA
June 30-July 2	Brave Horse Summer	Brave Horse, Johnstown OH
July 5-9	Great Lakes Equestrian Festival I	Travers City, MI
July 7-9	NEST	Brave Horse, Johnstown OH
July 12-16	Great Lakes Equestrian Festi II	Travers City, MI
July 15	Fair Haven Farms-Jumpers	Grove City, PA
July 19-23	Great Lakes Equestrian Festival III	Travers City, MI
July 19-23	Brave Horse IV	Brave Horse, Johnstown OH
July 20-23	Swan Lake Stables Mid Summer Stroller A	Swan Lake Stables, PA
July 22-23	Fair Haven Farms	Grove City, PA
July 26-30	Great Lakes Equestrian Festival IV	Travers City, MI
July 27-30	Mason Dixon Classic A @ Swan Lakeq	Swan Lake Stables, PA
August 2-6	Great Lakes Equestrian Festival V	Travers City, MI
August 4-6	NEST	Brave Horse, Johnstown OH



MARYLAND HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION **REGIONAL SHOWS**

June 17	BEST Horse Shows June I	Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T; J			
June 18 BEST Horse Shows June II		Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T; J			
June 24	McDonogh Reg June Show	Owings Mills, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T			
June 24	McDonogh Reg June Show	Owings Mills, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T			
July 1-2	BEST Indoor Summer Classic	Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T; J			
July 15	BEST Horse Shows July I	Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T; J			
July 16	BEST Horse Shows July II	Upper Marlboro, MD	MHSA - APGLC; LL, LS, SS; T; J			
Fo	r Contact and Other Info. Visit Maryla	and Horse Shows Association webs	ite: mdhsa.org/calendars/			
	RAT	TED SHOWS				
June 21-25	Deep Run Hunt Horse 1	Show Manakin-Sabot, VA	R - A; MHSA - L; T			
June 28 - July 2 Warrenton Pony Show		Warrenton, Va	R - A; MHSA - HC; J; HB			
August 3-6 Bay State Classic		Owings Mill, MD	R - A; MHSA - HPCAG; L; T; J			
August 8-13	Lexington National	Lexington, Va	R - A; MHSA - HPCAG; L; T; J; HB			
Aug 30-Sept 3 Warrenton Horse Show		Warrenton, Va	R - C; HB, T			
Sept 8-10 Back to School Classic		Owings Mills, MD	R - A; MHSA - HPCAG; L; T; J			
Sept 13-17	Md Horse & Pony Show	V TBA	R - A; MHSA - HPCAG; L; T; J			
Maryland Dressage Association marylanddressage.org						
June 10	Olney Farm	September 9 Olney Farm	Mayland			
July 2 Hartford Co Equestrian Center		September 24 Hartford Co E	questrian Center			
August 27	Hartford Co Equestrian Center	October 22 MDA Finals Ba	to Co Ag Center			

July 2 August 27	Hartford Co Equestrian Center Hartford Co Equestrian Center	September 24 October 22	Hartford MDA Finals	d Co Equestrian Center Balto Co Ag Center	
Western Dressage Association westerndressageassociation.org					
July 15-16	Classical & Western Schooling S	Show Airfie	ld 4-H	Wakefield, VA	
August 19-20	Classical & Western Schooling S	Show Airfie	ld 4-H	Wakefield, VA WESTER	N DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION
August 19-21	Arabian Sport Horse Extravaga	nza Airfie	ld 4-H	Wakefield, VA	WEAA
October 15-1	6 WDAVA Fall Show	Airfie	ld 4-H	Wakefield, VA	7 4241011
October 28	Classical & Western Schooling S	Show Airfie	ld 4-H	Wakefield, VA	4
Virginia Dressage Association virginiadressage.org Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, Virginia July 14-16 Dressage at Lexington October 5-8 Great American IG/Region 1 Championships/VADA Fall Competition					

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Maryland Horse Trials Adamstown, MD				
Horse Trials	June 14	Twilight Eventing	August 2	Twilight Eventing
The Highlands at Loth May Farm	June 17	Young Horse SHow Series & FEH Qualifier	August 5	LMF Dressage Festival III
	June 18	PYT Dressage & Show Jump Rounds	August 6	LMF Dressage Festival IV
	July 7-9	MD International		
	July 14	USEA YEH Qualifier		
	July 15-16	USEA MDHT 2 (I,P,M,T,N,BN)		
Same to Same	July 17-23	XC Schooling For Contact & Show Info: the	marylandhorsetr	ials.com/calendar-lochmoy

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June 11	Brookhill Farm Show Series				
June 11	EKG Stables				
June 11	Hunter Lane Stables				
June 11	Southern Heritage Farm Horse Show				
June 13	TWA Tuesday Jumper Series				
June 14	Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series				
June 17	Oakland Heights Farm Horse Show				
June 17	Whitestone Farm				
June 18	Drew Taylor Horse Shows				
June 18	Sandstone Jumper				
June 21	Orange County Fair Horse Shows				
June 21	Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series				
June 24	Four Oaks Farm Horse Show				
June 24	Hazelwild Farm Horse Show				
June 25	Bull Run Hunt Hunter Show				
June 25	Woodpecker Farm				
June 25	Sandstone Hunter				
June 27	TWA Tuesday Jumper Series				
June 30	Bellemount Stables				
July 4	Oakland Heights Farm Horse Show				
July 9	EKG Stables				
July 11	TWA Tuesday Jumper Series				
July 12	Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series				
July 14	Oakland Heights Farm Horse Show				
July 15	Hazelwild Farm Horse Show				
July 15	TWA CHSA/BHSA Hunter Show				
July 16	Southern Heritage Farm Horse Show				
July 16	Brookhill Farm Show Series				
July 16	Hunter Lane Stables				
July 19	Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series				
July 21	Four Oaks Farm Horse Show				
July 22	Gray Horse Farm Jumper Show				
July 22	TWA Jumper				
July 22	Bellemount Stables				
July 23	Gray Horse Farm Jumper Show				
July 23	TWA Hunter				
July 23	Red Gate Farm Hunter Show				
July 23	Sandstone Jumper				
July 25 July 26	TWA Tuesday Jumper Series Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series				
July 28	Bellemount Stables				
July 30	Drew Taylor Horse Shows				
July 30	Sandstone Hunter				
August 2	Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series				
August 5	BHSA Hunter & Jumper Classic				
August 6	Red Gate Farm Hunter Show				
August 8	TWA Tuesday Jumper Series				
August 12	Picturesque Farm Summer Show Series				
August 13	EKG Stables				
August 13	Southern Heritage Farm Horse Show				
August 13	Sandstone Jumper				
August 19	Oakland Heights Farm Horse Show				
August 19	Bellemount Stables				
August 20	Hazelwild Farm Horse Show				
August 26	Four Oaks Farm Horse Show				
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August 27	Sandstone Hunter				
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