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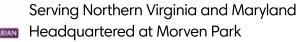
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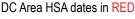
Red Gate Farm 19255 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont, VA 20135 START TIME: 8am DATE: October 4 SCHOOLING: 8-8:45 & 20 min @ lunch (not before 11am) SCHOOLING AREA: varies JUDGES: 10/4 Davera Ackenbom/DeDe Bache-Shumate CLASS FEES: \$50 Division, \$20 class OFFICE FEE: \$20 NON-SHOWING: \$25 WARM-UPS: CA - all day FACILITIES: indoor heated bathrooms WATER: Yes FOOD: snack bar PHOTOGRAPHER: yes MANAGER: Christine Vitkus PHONE #: 540-882-3530, day of show ONLY 703-585-7586 WEB SITE: www.RedGateFarmVA.com e-MAIL: RedGateFarmVA@aol.com **VHSA HUNTERS** 35. Green Pony Hunter US (B/D/V) Main Ring 36. Pony Hunter (B/D/V) **FUN** Schooling 7-8am/Start Time 8am S-2', M-2'3", L-2'6" 37. Pony Hunter (B/D/V) JUMPERS 1. Low Hunter 2' (B/D) S-2', M-2'3", L-2'6" 2. Low Hunter 2' (B/D) October 18 - 2pm (Sun) 38. Pony Hunter US (B/D/V) 3. Low Hunter W/T/C (B/D) 39. Pony Eq S-2', M-2'3", L-2'6" (B/V) 4. Limit Hunter 2' 3" (B) \$20 per round 5. Limit Hunter 2' 3" (B) **Small Outdoor** \$20 office fee 6. Limit Hunter W/T/C (B) W/T Schooling 8-9am/Start Time 9am 40. Leadline 100% Eq (D) 7. Horse Pleasure W/T (B/D/T/V) Jump Heights: 8. Horse Pleasure GAYP (B/D/T/V) 41. Leadline 50% /50% (B/D) 12" Cross Rails 9. Horse Pleasure W/T/C (B/D/T/V) 42. Leadline 100% Pony Suitability/ 18" Puddle jumpers Manners (D) 10. Ch/AA Equitation On The Flat (B/V) 43. RGF Pattern Ride Walk/Halt 11. Schooling Hunter Horse 2'6" (B) thru cone weave & pole maze 12. SchoolingHunter Horse 2'6" (B) 2'11" Novice 44. Pre-Short Stirrup Eq W (B/D) 13. Schooling Hunter Horse US (B) 45. Pre-Short Stirrup Eq W/T (B/D) 3'3" Training 14. Ch/AA Hunter 2'6" Or 3' (B/D/V) 46. Pre-Short Stirrup Eq W/T/Sit-T 3'6" Prelim 15. Ch/AA Hunter 2'6" Or 3' (B/D/V) Jump Position at Walk (B/D) 16. Ch/AA Hunter US (B/D/V) You can show multiple **Indoor Ring** 17. Ch/AA. Eq 2'6" Or 3' (B/V) heights. Schooling 8-10am/Start Time: 10am 18. T-bred Hunter 2'6" (B/D/T/V) • Blue ribbons for all clear 19. T-bred Hunter 2'6" (B/D/T/V) 47. Novice Eq. W/T rounds! 48. Novice Eq. Individual Canter 20. T-bred Hunter US (B/D/T/V) 49. Novice Eq. 4@12" 21. Green Hunter Horse 2'6" (B/D/V) (Trot or Canter) 22. Green Hunter Horse 2'6" (B/D/V) each height. 23. Green Hunter Horse US (B/D/V) 50. Short Stirrup Eq. 4@18" (B/D) (Trot or Canter) 24. Working Hunter 3' (B/D/V) 51. Short Stirrup Eq. 4@18" (B/D) 25. Working Hunter 3' (B/D/V) (Trot or Canter) 26. Working Hunter US (B/D/V) 52. Short Stirrup Eq. W/T (B/D) 27. Children's Medal 3' (V) 53. Short Stirrup Hunter 4@18" (V/D) 28. Adult Medal 3' (V) 54. Short Stirrup Hunter 4@18" (V/D) 20 Minute Schooling/Not Before Noon 55. Short Stirrup Hunter W/T/C (V/D) **29. NCEL Junior Equitation** 56. Student Equitation 4@2' (B) 30. Pony Pleasure W/T (B/D/V) (Trot Or Canter) 31. Pony Pleasure GAYP (B/D/V) 57. Student Equitation 4@2'(B) 32. Pony Pleasure W/T/C (B/D/V) (Trot Or Canter) 58. Student Equitation W/T/C (B) 33. Green Pony Hunter (B/D/V) S-2', M-2'3", L-2'6" B = BHSA D = DC Area HSA V = VHSA 34. Green Pony Hunter (B/D/V) T = Jockey Club Incentive Program

- S-2', M-2'3", L-2'6"

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- (no refusals, no knockdowns)
- Ribbons for 1st-6th places at
- All classes judged on speed.









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About the Cover Photo

Legendary Casanova Huntsman Tommy Lee Jones captured by photographer Douglas Lees, at the Hunt's Opening Meet, October 2007, just after the blessing of the hounds at Casanova Green. After 50 years as Casanova Huntsman, Tommy Lee retired following this past winter's season and now the Casanova Hunt has also retired (see page 28), marking the end of an era.

Tommy Lee also served as the manager of the Upperville Colt and Horse Show beginning in 1985, and ran the historic Warrenton Horse show for 35 years. He was named VHSA's Horseman of the Year in 1998 and inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2013.

The Masters of Fox Hounds Association established an award for hunt professionals who have shown the utmost dedication to the sport and Tommy Lee was the first Huntsman to be presented with the Ian Milne Award in 2013. He was also inducted into the Huntsmen's Room founded in 1997 by the Museum of Hounds and Hunting in North America. The Huntsmen's Room is dedicated to those particular Huntsmen, who throughout their careers, have made significant contributions to the sport of fox hunting and are recognized for their successful hound breeding and showing great sport to those who followed them.

It is an honor to have this great horseman grace our cover.

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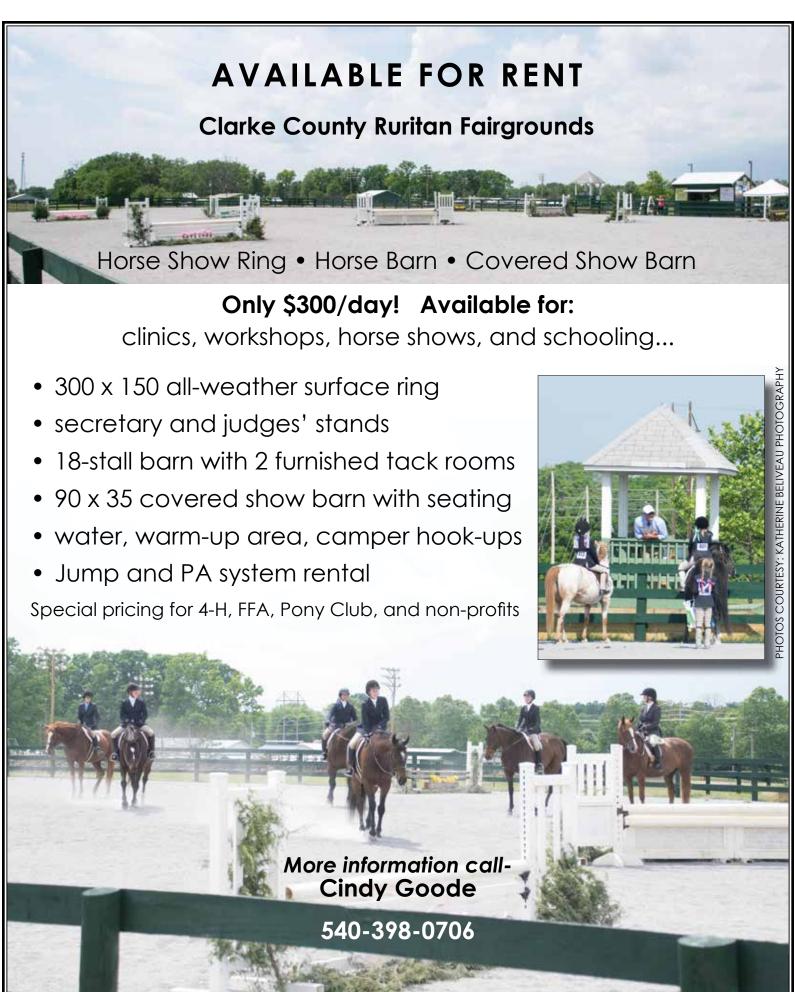
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Sandstone Farm 3805 Millwood Rd., Millwood, VA 22646 Hunter DATES: October 11 START: Main Ring 8 am, Sm. Ring 8:30am Jumper DATES: October 4 START TIME: 8:30 am JUDGES: 6/21 Laura Batts, 7/12 Kristin Campbell, 8/2 Kim Gilbertson, 9/6 Mark Wonderly, 10/11 Tracy Mullen Hunter SCHOOLING: Main Ring (am classes) until 7:45, Sm Ring until 8:15 WARM-UPS: Un-judged - all day CLASS FEES: \$50/Hunter division, \$20/class, \$25 medals, \$20 grounds fee (\$10 off w/online entry) FACILITIES: Port-a-johns PHOTOGRAPHER: TBD SCHOOLING AREA: sand & rubber WATER: Yes MANAGER: Luci Strange PHONE #: 540-837-1261, day of show 540-532-2292 FOOD VENDOR: White Apron WEB SITE: www.sandstonefarm.com e-MAIL: sandstonefarm@aol.com			
HUNT			
Main Ring Start 8 am	Schooling Break - not before 2pm	JUMPERS	
 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 9. Hunter Hack OF - W/T 10. Hunter Hack Under Saddle - W/T/C 2 - 2' fences - Judges Choice Schooling Break - Not Before 10:30am (Midday Session Only) 11. *Short Stirrup Hunter OF - 18" - A 12. *Short Stirrup Hunter OF - 18" - B 13. *Short Stirrup Hunter OF - 2' or 2'3" - A 15. Limit Rider Hunter OF - 2' or 2'3" - A 15. Limit Rider Hunter US 17. *Pony Pleasure - W/T 18. *Pony Pleasure - W/T 19. *Pony Pleasure - W/T/C 	 27. *Thoroughbred Hunter OF - 2'6"- A 28. *Thoroughbred Hunter OF - 2'6"- B 29. *Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle 30. *Green Hunter OF - 2'6"- A 31. *Green Hunter OF - 2'6" - B 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" - A 36. *Jr/Ad Hunter OF - 2'6" or 3" - A 38. *Working Hunter OF - 3' - A 39. *Working Hunter OF - 3' - B 39. *Working Hunter Under Saddle -W/T/C 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 - 50% Equitation/50% Suitability 44. Lead Line - 50% Equitation - W 46. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - W/T 	Hacking and limited Jumping Schooling 7:30 - 8:30 am Schooling in small ring all day Puddle Jumpers 2' 1-Puddle Jumper Table II, Sec. 1 2-Puddle Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 3-Puddle Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (b) <u>Novice Ch/Ad Jumpers 2'3" - 2'6" VHSA</u> 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) <u>Novice Jumpers 2'3" - 2'6" VHSA</u> 7-Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (b) <u>Novice Jumpers 2'3" - 2'6" VHSA</u> 7-Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 9-Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (b) <u>Thoroughbred Jumper 2'9" VHSA</u> 10-Thoroughbred Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 12-Thoroughbred Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 12-Thoroughbred Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 12-Thoroughbred Jumper Stable II, Sec. 2 (c) 13-Low Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 14-Low Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 15-Low Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c) 15-Low Jumpers Stable II, Sec. 2 (c) 15-Low Jumpers Stable II, Sec. 2 (b) Ch/Ad Jumpers 3'0" VHSA	
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25-Unjudged Warm-up

45 Second rule will be in effect all day



	DC Area HSA dates in RED		
SOUTHERN HERITAGE FARM 1117C D	Norm Three Alreadization		
SOUTHERN HERITAGE FARM 11176 Rogues Rd. Midland, VA 22728			
JUDGES: 10/10 Kim Gilbertson			
START TIME: 9 am WARM-UPS: CA - all day SCHOOLING: 7:30 - 8:45 am, day before shows \$15 each rid	er (please contact prior)		
CLASS FEES: \$13, \$5 office fee per horse/rider combination, \$20 returned check fee			
FACILITIES: Port-a-john WATER: Yes PHOTOGRAPHER: TBD FOOD VENDOR: concessions MANAGER: Natatia Bledsoe PHONE #: 540-270-4615 SCHOOLING AREA: grass with jumps			
WEB SITE: www.SouthernHeritageFarm.com	e-MAIL: shfboarding4u@aol.com		
1. Leadline 100% rider +	29. Pony Hunter o/f 2', 2'3", 2'6" * ** + 30. Pony Hunter o/f 2', 2'3", 2'6" * ** +		
2. Leadline 100% horse/pony suitability + 3. Leadline 50% rider/50% mount suitability** +	31. Pony Hunter u/s * ** +		
4. Pre Short Stirrup Eq walk** +	– SCHOOLING BREAK –		
5. Pre Short Stirrup Eq w/t** + 6. Pre Short Stirrup Eq w/t/sit trot/jump position** +	Afternoon classes will not start before noon		
7. Hunter Short Stirrup o/f 18"* +	32. Pleasure Horse w/t * ** + 33. Pleasure Horse GAYP * ** +		
9. Hunter Short Stirrup w/t/c * + 10. Short Stirrup Equitation w/t** +	34. Pleasure Horse w/t/c * ** + 65 Equitation on the flat* ** 36. Maiden Hunter u/s ** 37. Maiden Hunter o/f 2' **		
11. Short Stirrup Equitation w/t/c** + SERIES	36. Maiden Hunter u/s ** 37. Maiden Hunter o/f 2' **		
12. Short Stirrup Equitation o/f 18"** +	38. Maiden Hunter o/f 2' **		
13. Pleasure Pony w/t* ** + 14. Pleasure Pony GAYP* ** +	39. Low Hunter u/s ** +		
15. Pleasure Pony w/t/c* ** +	40. Low Hunter o/f 2' or 2'3"** + 41. Low Hunter o/f 2' or 2'3"** +		
16. Opportunity Hunter w/t/c	42. Thoroughbred/Green Hunter o/f 2'6" * ** +		
17. Opportunity Hunter o/f 18" 18. Opportunity Hunter o/f 18"	43. Thoroughbred/Green Hunter o/f 2'6"* ** + 44. Thoroughbred/Green Hunter u/s * ** +		
19. Long Stirrup Equitation w/t	44. Moroughbred/Green Hunter d/s 45. Working Hunter o/f 2'6" or 3' * ** +		
20. Long Stirrup Equitation w/t/c 21. Long Stirrup Equitation o/f 18"	46. Working Hunter o/f 2'6" or 3' * ** +		
22. Student Equitation w/t/c**	47. Working Hunter u/s * ** +		
23. Student Equitation o/f 2'**	48. Ch/AA Equitation 2'6" * ** 49. Ch/AA Hunter o/f 2'6" * ** +		
24. Student Equitation o/f 2'**25. Limit Rider Hunter u/s**	50. Ch/AA Hunter o/f 2'6" * ** +		
26. Limit Rider Hunter o/f 2', 2'3"**	51. Ch/AA Hunter u/s * * +		
27. Limit Rider Hunter o/f 2', 2'3"**	52. CA warm-up (all day)		
28. Pony Equitation 2', 2'3", 2'6"* **	* = VHSA ** = BHSA + = DC Area HSA		
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The Big and the Small of the Horse Auction

You Never Know What Surprises Come From A Purchase

By Kathie Hamlin

Well, since my trip to the auction on May 15th, things had been going pretty well with the pony I bought. I named her Cinderella, which I though was fitting, since I figured her life had been improved. Greg calls her Hippie Pony.

We got her wormed, gave her vaccinations, and had her hooves trimmed. She needed a little work learning how to get a bath, and be a little less pushy on the ground, but her bomb-proof temperament has made her worth the effort. She is also tolerant and happy to haul kids around for pony rides, so I love her.

She has already attended a couple of our monthly family get-togethers and carted all



Grandaughter Ruby awaits her ride on Cinderella with Uncle Matt as handler on June 14. Her new puppy Davey Boy is negotiating the deal.

the grandkids around the yard unbothered by toys and dogs.

She even attended our August 8th horse show in Lead Line with our grandson Norman. Our little helper Abbie was diligently riding her, working on trotting and steering and even rode her on the very day it happened....

It was Friday, August 28th and I was at the track watching my horse lose. We had just finished cooling him out when I got the call. Everyone knows the feeling when someone from your barn calls you when you are away. It's the feeling that maybe you don't want to answer, but you know that you must. I could never have expected what, Tori, one of our instructors had to say.

"Cinderella had a baby!"

It was a young student, Jett, who found her and had to convince the adults that he actually saw a baby and not just one of the smaller



Auntie Alex spots grandson Wyatt for me on July 25 at a family day.



Grandson Norman ready for his Lead Line class at our Elmington show on August 8.

ponies.

Now, if you had seen Cinderella prior to this event, you may be thinking "What a bunch of idiots!" since she was a roly-poly butterball.

In our defense, Christine and I questioned her condition at the auction. We asked the people selling her, who swore she had never snuck out during the night. **continued on p. 13**



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DC Area HSA dates in RED SUMMERDUCK RUN FARM 21204 Cedar Grove Road, P. O. Box 691, Culpeper, Virginia 22701 DATES: September 27 START TIME: 9 am WARM-UPS: Culpeper Warm-ups - all day JUDGES: 9/27 Linda Reynolds CLASS FEES: \$15, \$40/division SCHOOLING: daybreak to 8:45 am & lunch (not before noon) FACILITIES: Port-a-john WATER: Yes PHOTOGRAPHER: no FOOD VENDOR: Deli*icous Deli MANAGER: Rosemary Thomas PHONE #: 540-825-6177 SCHOOLING AREA: grass field w/ jumps-all day WEB SITE: www.facebook.com/Summerduck-Run-Farm e-MAIL: summerduckrunfarm@gmail.com				
 Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk-Halt-Circles Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk-Trot Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk-Trot, Sitting Trot & Jump Position Short-Stirrup Equitation 	 38. VHSA/BHSA Children's/Adult Amateur Equitation 2'6" or 3' 39. Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter - O/F 2'6" or 3'10 40. Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter - O/F 2'6" or 3' 41. Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle 42. TB Hunter - O/F 2'6" 43. TB Hunter - O/F 2'6" 44. TB Hunter Under Saddle 			
 Walk-Trot and Tests Short Stirrup Equitation - W/T/C Short Stirrup Equitation - O/F 18" Short Stirrup Hunter - O/F 18" Short Stirrup Hunter - O/F 18" Short Stirrup Hunter - Under Saddle Leadline Student Equitation - Walk-Trot and Tests Student Equitation - W/T/C Student Equitation - O/F 2' Pleasure Pony - W/T Pleasure Pony - Go As You Please Pleasure Pony - W/T/C VHSA/BHSA Pony Equitation O/F - Small 2', Med 2'3", Large 2'6" Pony Hunter O/F - Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6" Pony Hunter O/F - Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6" Pony Hunter O/F - Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6" Pony Hunter Under Saddle VHSA Equitation on Flat 30 Minute Schooling Break - Not to start before 12:00 Noon Warm-up - Unjudged Pleasure Horse - Walk-Trot Pleasure Horse - W/T/C Maiden Hunter - O/F 2', May Trot Maiden Hunter - O/F 2', May Trot Maiden Hunter - O/F 2' Low Hunter - O/F 2' Low Hunter - O/F 2' Low Hunter - Under Saddle Green Horse/Pony Hunter - O/F; Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6" Green Horse/Pony Hunter - O/F; Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6" Green Horse/Pony Hunter - O/F; Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6" Green Horse/Pony Hunter - O/F; Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6" Green Horse/Pony Hunter - O/F; Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6" Green Horse/Pony Hunter - O/F; Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6" Green Horse/Pony Hunter - O/F 2'6" or 3" Schooling/Working Hunter - O/F 2'6" or 3" Schooling/Working Hunter - O/F 2'6" or 3" Schooling/Working Hunter - O/F 2'6" or 3" 	Lessons: Private or small groups of 3-5 Children and adults Beginner to advanced Eacilities: 300 by 150 ft all weather sand/rock dust ring with lights and jumps. Open fields with some cross-country jumps and natural water. Well trained school horses are available and ship-ins are welcome. Boarding: Full care boarding and daily turn-out, either in pasture or a private paddock. Retired horses are welcome. Training board is also offered for show hunters and jumpers with a 60 day minimum. Starting young horses under saddle available with a 90 day minimum. Sales: A few quality home-breds and prospects are for sale.			



Defense Schooling- 6:30-7:30am, Ring 2 during show DATES: October 10, October 31 START TIME: 8:00 am SCHOOLING: Schooling- 6:30-7:30am, Ring 2 during show JUDGES: 10/10 DeDe Bache-Shumate, 10/31 Kristin Campbell CLASS FEES: \$20, Office Fee: \$25 WARM-UPS: Open card Ring 1 MANAGER: Lara McPherson WEB SITE: turnerfarmevents.org				
Ring I - 8am Open Card Warm-up 1-Schooling Hunter OF- 2'6"	19-VHSA Horse Pleasure WT 20-VHSA Horse Pleasure Go As You Please 21-VHSA Horse Pleasure WTC			
2-Schooling Hunter OF- 2'6" 3-Schooling Hunter U/S 4-VHSA Child/Adult Amateur OF- 2'6", 3'	22-Lead Line 100% equitation (7 and under)* 23-Lead Line 100% pony* 24-Lead Line 50% Eq, 50% pony*			
5-VHSA Child/AdultAmateur OF- 2'6", 3' 6-VHSA Child/Adult Amateur U/S	25-Pre-Short Stirrup W* 26-Pre-Short Stirrup WT* 27-Pre-Short Stirrup WT/Test*			
7-VHSA Working Hunter OF- 3' 8-VHSA Working Hunter OF- 3' 9-VHSA Working Hunter U/S	Schooling Break (not before 12:30am) 28-Long Stirrup WT			
Schooling Break (not before 10:30am) 10-Low Hunter OF- 2'	29-Long Stirrup WTC 30-Long Stirrup OF at 18"			
11-Low Hunter OF- 2' 12-Low Hunter U/S 13-VHSA Pony Hunter OF- S-2', M-2'3", L-2'6"	31-Short Stirrup Eq WT 32-Short Stirrup Eq WTC 33-Short Stirrup Eq OF- 18" 34-VHSA Short Stirrup Hunter OF- 18" 35-VHSA Short Stirrup Hunter OF- 18" 36-VHSA Short Stirrup Hunter U/S			
14-VHSA Pony Hunter OF- S-2', M-2'3", L-2'6" 15-VHSA Pony Hunter U/S				
16-VHSA Pony Pleasure WT 17-VHSA Pony Pleasure Go As You Please 18-VHSA Pony Pleasure WTC	* Management reserves the right to run classes 22-27 in Ring 2 during 12:30 Schooling Break.			



Auction.....from p. 9 We asked the vet, who gave her a look, listened to her carefully with a stethoscope, and assured us that she was just fat.

In fact, each time someone questioned her stature, we explained that she was just tubby. Since our efforts to battle her belly were failing, we had even started muzzling her at night!

We named our healthy little boy "August Surprise" and call him "Gus. He seems a little too perfect to be unintentional, an extremely correct little chestnut with four white socks and a blaze.

He was so tiny, I could just pick him up and carry him around, however, judging the length of his cannon bones, I expect him to be significanty taller than his mom. He's now grown enough to finally fit into a halter, so he is beginning leading school.

Greg seemed to take it all in stride. The cuteness was way too off the charts to mention that we had just accumulated yet another horse! I was sure that he was completely on board with being a part of Gus's fan club, when he announced, "We need to put him out in the paddock early the morning of our show so everyone can see him." I thought that maybe he finally realized just how adorable ponies are and why we need to collect them, until he followed with, "So maybe someone will buy him."

Hmmm, well, maybe he hasn't



Photos from another family day on August 30, show a tolerant, more "svelt" Cinderella sharing her produce with our grandchilden. Norman (above) Ruby and Caroline (right)



noticed that horses never leave our farm and the value of our "Buy One Get One Free" deal?

I did catch him hanging out with Gus the other day just for fun.

> Portrait of Gus taken by Chris Hanna on September 12. (above)



Granddaughter Lila meets Gus.



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 - 2. D Leadline Pony
 - 3. B/D Leadline 50%/50%
 - 4. B/D Pre-Short Stirrup Walk Eq.
 - 5. B/D Pre-Short Stirrup W/T
 - 6. B/D Pre-Short Stirrup W/T/Sit-T Jump pos. at walk

RING 1 – AT CONCLUSION OF RING 2

- 7. CA Warm-up-all day, Course B
- 8. B/D Short Stirrup Eq. W/T
- 9. B/D Short Stirrup Eq. O/F 18"
- 10. B/D Short Stirrup Eq. O/F 18"
- 11. V/D Short Stirrup Hunter O/F 18"
- 12. V/D Short Stirrup Hunter O/F 18"
- 13. V/D Short Stirrup Hunter U/S
- 14. B/V/D Pleasure Pony W/T
- 15. B/V/D Pleasure Pony GAYP
- 16. B/V/D Pleasure Pony W/T/C
- 17. B Student Eq. O/F 2' May Trot
- 18. B Student Eq. O/F 2' May Trot
- 19. B Student Eq. W/T/C
- 20. B/V Pony Eq. O/F 2', 2'3", 2'6"
- 21. B/V/D Pony Hunter O/F 2', 2'3", 2'6"
- 22. B/V/D Pony Hunter O/F 2', 2'3", 2'6"
- 23. B/V/D Pony Hunter U/S
- 24. B/V/D Gr. Pony Htr O/F 2', 2'3", 2'6"
- 25. B/V/D Gr. Pony Htr O/F 2', 2'3", 2'6"
- 26. B/V/D Gr. Pony Hunter U/S
- 27. VHSA Pony Medal

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- 28. V/B Equitation on the Flat
- 29. B/V/D Pleasure Horse W/T
- 30. B/V/D Pleasure Horse GAYP
- 31. B/V/D Pleasure Horse W/T/C
- 32. B Maiden Hunter O/F 2'
- 33. B Maiden Hunter O/F 2'
- 34. B Maiden Hunter U/S
- 35. B/D Low Hunter O/F 2', 2'3"
- 36. B/D Low Hunter O/F 2', 2'3"
- 37. B/D Low Hunter U/S
- 38. B Limit Rider Hunter O/F 2' & 2'3"
- 39. B Limit Rider Hunter O/F 2' & 2'3"
- 40. B Limit Rider Hunter U/S

15 Minute Schooling Break Not before 2 pm

- 41. B/V CH/AA Equit. O/F 2'6", 3'
- 42. B/V/D CH/AA Hunter O/F 2'6", 3'
- 43. B/V/D CH/AA Hunter O/F 2'6", 3'
- 44. B/V/D CH/AA Hunter U/S
- 45. Forrest Linton Horse Classic 2'6", 3'
- 46. B/V/D Gr. Hunter O/F 2'6"
- 47. B/V/D Gr. Hunter O/F 2'6"
- 48. B/V/D Gr. Hunter U/S
- 49. B Sch. Hunter O/F 2'6"
- 50. B Sch. Hunter O/F 2'6"
- 51. B Sch. Hunter U/S
- 52. B/V/D TB Hunter O/F 2'6"
- 53. B/V/D TB Hunter O/F 2'6"
- 54. B/V/D TB Hunter U/S
- 55. B/V/D Working Hunter O/F 2'9", 3'
- 56. B/V/D Working Hunter O/F 2'9", 3'
- 57. B/V/D Working Hunter U/S
- 58. VHSA AA Medal
- 59. VHSA CH Medal

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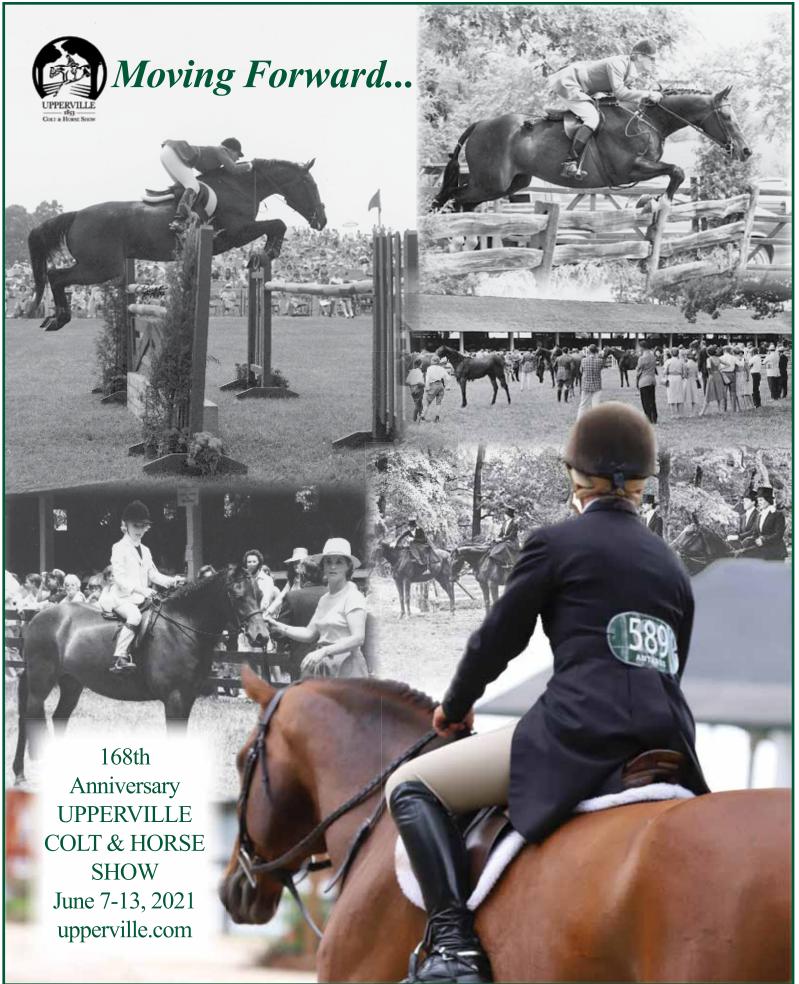
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The Majestic Trees of the Upperville Colt and Horse Show

Witnesses to History

By Jane Thery

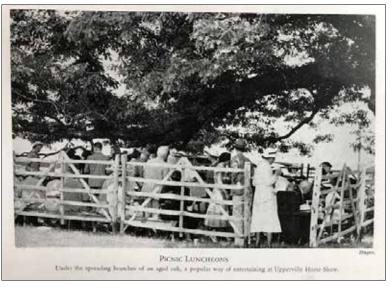
By the mid-1700s, the grove of trees that would become the horse show grounds were resplendent with black gums that can live 400 years and classic white oaks that can live 200-300 years.

In 1773, a little acorn dropped into the fertile soil of the grove. The white oak that sprouted stood for over two centuries in what became the main hunter ring, as a witness to the history of the Upperville Horse and Colt Show.

In 1820, Richard Henry Dulany was born in Unison, Virginia, ten miles from Upperville. His father had purchased the property that included the grove of trees and extensive acreage along the road. Dulany learned the family business of managing a plantation, and developed a keen appreciation for a good horse.

Dulany had come to the conclusion that the average horse in the region was not wellsuited for either good farm work, transportation or the thrilling sport of fox hunting. He also worried about the general care of horses, a sentiment that was galvanized when he came upon and freed a colt stuck in a wire fence, half frozen and in poor condition.

In 1853, two friends of Dulany's had a dispute over which had the better colt. As a recognized judge of quality horses, he was asked to choose the better colt. So began his efforts to organize a small breed show with judging of conformation and overall condition to help establish a higher standard in the local horse population. The neighboring embraced the gentry idea



enthusiastically as a celebration of the horse and a festive summer occasion. Dulany wanted the best of prizes so he traveled to New York City to meet with Charles Lewis Tiffany and discuss silver cups as show trophies. Tiffany loved the idea and donated the original trophies.

Dulany needed a shaded and accessible place to hold the show. The grove of trees on his father's farm provided the perfect venue. A crowd of over one hundred came to watch the show under the trees. The festive character of the Upperville Colt and Horse Show began at its inception.

The show's focus was breeding. Dulany wanted to promote a better work horse and a better sport horse. The breed show under the trees was held each year in June and succeeded in raising the standard of equine conformation and care as well as establishing a must-attend social **continued on p. 21**



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This peace was short-lived as the Civil War swept through Virginia. Dulany joined the Confederate army and rose to the rank of Colonel. Farms were raided and crops destroyed. Horses were commandeered for cavalry for mounted soldiers and to pull wagons and cannon. Many died.

The Show was not held from 1861 to 1869 but in 1863, at the white oak's 90th birthday, the Emancipation Proclamation was signed.

In 1870, the horse show resumed and continued for the next 36 years under the watchful eye of Colonel Dulany. It was a prestigious, premier show with the highest standards of judging. Its social importance grew -carriages arrived, parties and picnics were held at the horse show. Certain spots under the trees spreading branches were reserved for elaborate luncheons. Performance classes joined the breed classes in 1902, adding excitement and new sport. In 1906, Colonel Dulany passed away. The white oak reached its 133rd year.

The turn of the century and the introduction of cars and mechanized farm machinery altered the role of horses in the community forever. Their importance shifted from work animals to sport and recreation. The show evolved with this change and added classes for sidesaddle, hunter classes on the flat and over hunter courses, with horses jumping out of the ring and around natural fences on the show grounds. Spectators arrived in cars from farther way, and riders and horses traveled to participate, adding value to their mounts for having been shown at Upperville.

In 1917 and 1918 the show was suspended for the First World War. When it resumed, women rode in classes for the first time and, in 1920, they got the right to vote. The white oak tree celebrated its 147^{th} year.

The Second World War halted



the show from 1942 to 1945. In 1946, when the horses gathered again under the trees, the white oak was 173 years old and had lived through the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and both World Wars.

During the second half of the 1900s, the show added more performance classes and, in a major change, began to hold jumper classes. The white oak saw one more war – Vietnam – as it reached its 202nd year.

In 2008, the white oak died. It had sprouted before the United

States became a nation had stood quietly as history marched below its spreading branches.

Today, the Upperville Colt and Horse Show is as vibrant as ever. A tree committee oversees care of the older trees and carefully plans the addition of new trees the show grounds.

And for the future? The trees of the Upperville Colt and Horse Show are in good hands. The future looks both bright and wellshaded! And new and ancient trees will mark the passage of time over the centuries to come.

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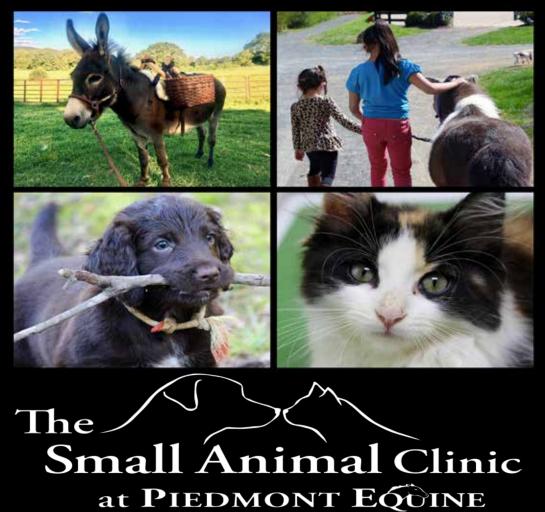
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Cap Fees:

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Season:

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

<u>Territory</u>:

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

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How To Be A Good Barn Parent

Even Non-Horsey Parents Can Play The Role Of Coach/Instructor

By Dawn Bellinger



Making short video clips of your child riding, even if it is in the rain, is a very helpful way to add to their riding education. In addition to letting the rider evaluate their own riding, the clips can be shared with an instructor.

Whether your child's ability to take lessons and attend shows was curtailed this year or not, being a good barn parent is crucial. A coach or instructor isn't always going to be there to guide your child, so a parent can become an important ally in their horsemanship and riding education.

The younger the child, the easier it is to be a good barn parent. But even older children can benefit and appreciate their parents' time and energy. And, the best part is that you don't have to have a riding background to be a good barn parent. There are three things you can do right now to enjoy this title.

First, ask your child to teach you something about horses and riding. The best way to ensure you know something is to teach it successfully to someone else. Next time she is headed to the barn, ask her to teach you something you don't know. How should I approach a pony safely? Show me how I can help groom your pony? How to tack up? Why do you use that bit? Why do you always mount on the left? Why do you tighten the girth before you mount n and again after you've warmed up a bit? How do you properly warm up your pony? How do you know S which direction you can jump an obstacle safely? Your questions Vol. can be basic or quite detailed,

based on the interest and ability of your child. And, if she doesn't know the answer, that might give you an opportunity to look it up together later.

Second, use your cell phone to take video clips of your child riding. Take short (30-90 second) horizontal video clips of her riding. Later, ask her to evaluate the videos with you, pointing out the things she did well and the things she would like to work on. She can even share the videos with her instructor and ask for feedback over a phone call or zoom session. I'll provide a flat routine and some jumping guidelines for you to use next.

For a flat routine, wait until after the warm up and ask her to let you know when she is ready. Stand in the center of the arena if you can, just like an instructor. Ask your child to perform a 20-meter circle (most arenas are 20 meters wide) around you at a walk on a loose rein. Once you're in position and ready, start filming and ask her to collect her reins and perform a collected walk, wait 5-10 seconds, then ask her to trot, staying on the circle. After two full circles at the trot, ask her to come back to the collected walk. wait 5-10 seconds, and then ask her to halt for 3 full seconds and then take five steps backwards on a straight line. Stop filming. Now, continued on p. 29

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<u>Cap fees</u>: Call one of the Masters for information.

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Season:

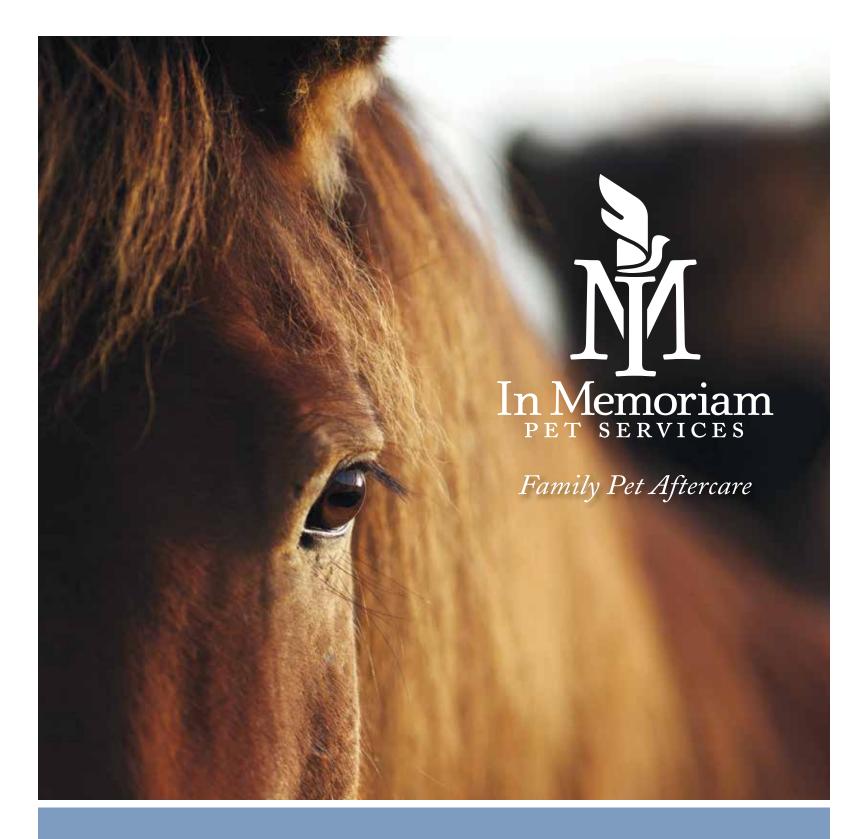
September 1st - end of March, primarily on Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays with occasional Bye Days.

<u>Territory</u>:

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

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Visitors are permitted to hunt by permission of the Masters. Contact a Master for details. Visitors are asked to remit cap fees, sign a Liability Release and present Coggins to the Honorary Field Secretary upon arrival. Guests may cap 3 times per season.

Season:

September-March Hunt to meet primarily on Tuesday and Saturday with occasional Bye Days.

<u>Territory</u>:

The country is located in central and eastern Fauquier Co., southeast Culpeper Co., Northeast Orange Co., northeast Spotsylvania Co. and western Stafford Co. It is a mixture of open grass cattle, crop farms and woodlands. Fences are mostly timber and coops of typical size.

Photo courtesy: Douglas Lees

Hello Friends,

In 1909, a group of foxhunters and avid sportsmen founded the Casanova Hunt. From its beginning, Casanova was a farmers' hunt and has always been an integral part of this rural community. Many of the landowners were also members of the hunt. Casanova Hunt has been fortunate to have had more than 100 years of great sport, with Tommy Lee Jones hunting the hounds these last 50 years.

Unfortunately, recent years have not been kind to the hunt. Hunting requires open space, and developers have built extensively in and around Casanova's hunt territory. Foxhunting and the growing population are competing for the same country, and foxhunting is losing. New houses bring people and burgeoning traffic with no respect for the tradition of foxhunting. The traffic has endangered the hounds, horses, and riders.

The influx of coyotes has pushed out the fox. Hunting coyote requires more country in a time when Casanova's open space is shrinking.

The current pandemic leaves everyone looking at an altered reality and an uncertain future. Hunting may no longer rely upon the income that once was considered disposable, as our discretionary income dwindles.

As time moves forward, change is inevitable. These changes are both unwelcome and out of our control. Unfortunately, these trends may well become worse in the future.

With very heavy hearts the decision has been made that Casanova Hunt will not continue beyond this past season. Words cannot begin to express our disappointment and frustration.

Casanova Hunt is forever indebted to our landowners who have given us the privilege to ride over their land. We also thank our many friends and members in the Casanova community and beyond who have supported us through the years. We are immensely grateful and appreciative to all. We will always be proud of our years and the irreplaceable memories with Casanova Hunt.

We wish everyone all the best as we say our final "Good Night."



Pony Club.....from p. 25 ask her to reverse direction and film the same routine going in the other direction.

If your child has the ability, go ahead and add the trot to canter (two full circles) back to trot (two full circles) to this routine. And, if they know how to perform a walk to canter transition, even better. There may be other transitions and movements that your child can perform and would like you to video. If your child doesn't yet have some of these skills, omit them from the video until she feels ready for you to record it.

Taking video of your child jumping is a bit harder because you're in a fixed location, preferably in the arena, and they are moving faster and further away. Ideally you should stand as close to the center of the arena as possible, near a large set of jump standards or barrels to give you cover. If your child is only jumping at the trot, this exercise will be easier. If at the canter, discuss with her where the best place is for you to stand. If your child is young, 2-4 jumps in a row may be plenty. For the very young,

a poll on the ground constitutes a single jump. Older children can create a course of 6-8 jumps. Make sure you and she are clear on her course so that you're not in the way. This is not the time for her to go faster and jump higher than ever before. In fact, this is the time to step down a few inches so that she's successful. And, if she's successful at the lower level, then you can put the jumps up a peg and she can go again. Once you're in position and she's warmed up over a few individual jumps, go ahead and start filming.

Third, help your child find some fun online resources she can use. The internet is full of online resources. The problem is finding ones that are reputable. I can certainly attest to the United States Pony Clubs website, www.ponyclub.org. While full membership gives you the full suite of resources, nonmembers have access to some good information too. Here are a few ideas of things you can learn together to get you started. After you do a few of these, you'll get the idea and start looking for things yourself.



Help your young rider find reputable online resources to enhance their knowledge of horses and riding.

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- Tying a Quick-Release Knot
- Jumping Distances
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The most important thing you can do to be a good barn parent is to relax and enjoy spending time with your child. All too soon, he or she will be grown and gone. The connection you will make during this period will buy you years of goodwill. About The Author: Dawn Bellinger enjoyed her time as a good barn mom to daughter Ann who is now 28 and still riding but not nearby. However, Ann's first call after a good barn day is to her mom. Sharing their riding passion has given them a special bond. Dawn and Ann both grew up in Pony Club and still enjoy learning something new in the barn every day.



Clarke County Benefit* Horse Show Clarke County Fairgrounds, 890 West Main Street, Berryville VA, 22611 DATE: Saturday, October 3 START: Main Ring 8 am JUDGE: Diana Cappalanti WARM-UPS: Un-judged - all day SCHOOLING: 7:15 - 7:45, New 300 x 150 All Weather Surface Ring SCHOOLING AREA: grass CLASS FEES: \$15/class, Admin Fee \$10, Clarke County Pleasure & Trail Classes \$10/entry, non-showing \$25 WATER: Yes FACILITIES: bathrooms PHOTOGRAPHER: TBD FOOD VENDOR: pre-ordered box lunches MANAGER: Cindy Goode PHONE #: 540-398-0706 e-MAIL: goodepets@gmail.com * Proceeds to benefit Enders fire department. *VHSA ASSOCIATE GREEN PONY HUNTER DCA LEAD LINE DCA Open to riders 7 years and under. Open to ponies in their first year of showing; to be ridden by junior only. 25. *Green Pony Under Saddle 1. Lead Line (100% Pony) 26. *Green Pony Hunter Over Fences – Small 2', Medium 2'3", Large 2'6" 2. Lead Line (100% Rider Equitation) 27. *Green Pony Hunter Over Fences – Small 2', Medium 2'3", Large 2'6" 3. Lead Line (50% Pony, 50% Rider Equitation) ***VHSA ASSOCIATE PONY HUNTER DCA** PRE-SHORT STIRRUP DCA Open to all ponies ridden by juniors. Open to riders 10 and under; rider may not cross-enter 28. *Pony Hunter Under Saddle into any classes that canter. 29. *Pony Hunter Over Fences – Small 2', Medium 2'3", Large 2'6" 4. Pre-Short – Walk 5. Pre-Short – Walk/Trot 30. *Pony Hunter Over Fences – Small 2', Medium 2'3", Large 2'6" Large Pony Champion receives the "Uncle Jack" Perpetual Trophy and will 6. Pre-Short - Walk/Trot with 2 point position keep a trophy donated by the Clarke County Ruritan Club. SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION DCA ***VHSA PONY EQUITATION OVER FENCES** Open to riders 12 and younger; may only cross-enter in short stirrup hunter, pleasure, and trail. 31. *Small 2', Medium 2'3", Large 2'6" 7. Short Stirrup – Walk 15 Minute Schooling Break Short Stirrup – Walk/Trot/Individual Canter 8. 9. Short Stirrup - Walk/Trot/Trot or Canter 2 cross rails *VHSA ASSOCIATE JUNIOR/ADULT HUNTER – PLEASURE HORSE DCA 32. *Pleasure Horse – Walk/Trot ***VHSA ASSOCIATE HUNTER SHORT STIRRUP DCA** *Pleasure Horse – Go As You Please 33 Open to riders 12 and under. May not jump higher than 2' at this show. 34. *Pleasure Horse – Walk/Trot/Canter 10. *Short Stirrup Under Saddle 11. *Short Stirrup Over Fences – Jumps at 18" CLARKE COUNTY PLEASURE HORSE 12. *Short Stirrup Over Fences – Jumps at 18" 35. Open to Clarke County residents ONLY Walk, trot, and canter both ways. May be asked to back or other test. Winner SPRING CHICKEN DIVISION is awarded the Lewis M. Allen Riding Club Perpetual Trophy and will keep a Open to Riders over 40 new to riding or just coming back to riding. trophy. 13. Walk/Trot 14. Walk/Trot/Go As You Please ***VHSA ASSOCIATE GREEN HUNTER DCA** 15. Trot or Canter - 2 jumps @ 18" Open to all horses showing in their first or second year. May be combined with Green Pony Hunter TRAIL CLASSES 36. *Green Hunter Under Saddle Available at 10:00 a.m. Held outside of the ring. 37. *Green Hunter Over Fences – Jumps at 2'6" 16. In-Hand 38. *Green Hunter Over Fences – Jumps at 2'6" 17. Mounted Winner of this division is awarded the Perpetual Trophy and will keep an Purpose of this class is to show a good relationship between horse and annual trophy. rider. Entries may practice the obstacles before competing. Riders may enter as often as they wish, but must change mounts; entry fee/entry. *VHSA ASSOCIATE ADULT/CHILDREN'S HUNTER DCA Horses/ponies may be entered more than once, but with a different rider; 39. *Children's/Adult Hunter Under Saddle entry fee/entry. Winner of this class will receive a trophy. 40. *Children's/Adult Hunter Over Fences – Jumps at 2'6" LOW HUNTER DCA 41. *Children's/Adult Hunter Over Fences – Jumps at 2'6" Open to all riders on horses and ponies. Winner of this division is awarded a trophy donated by Clifford Hunt. 18. Low Hunter Under Saddle 19. Low Hunter Over Fences – Jumps at 2' ***VHSA ASSOCIATE CHILDREN'S/ADULT EQUITATION** 20. Low Hunter Over Fences – Jumps at 2' 42. Children's/Adult Equitation Over Fences – Jumps at 2'6" *VHSA ASSOCIATE HUNTER PLEASURE PONY DCA *VHSA ASSOCIATE THOROUGHBRED DIVISION DCA Open to junior riders only. 43. Thoroughbred Under Saddle 21. *Pleasure Pony – Walk/Trot 44. Thoroughbred Over Fences – Jumps at 2'6" 22. *Pleasure Pony – Go As You Please 45. Thoroughbred Over Fences – Jumps at 2'6" 23. *Pleasure Pony – Walk/Trot/Canter Winner of this division will be awarded the Perpetual "Awesome Guy" Trophy donated by Sylvia Wilson. An annual trophy is awarded by the Clarke County CLARKE COUNTY PLEASURE PONY Ruritan Club. 24. Open to residents and mounts of Clarke County ONLY. Walk/Trot/ BANK Of

Canter both ways of the ring and may be asked to back or other test. Winner is awarded the Ann Clay Memorial Perpetual Trophy and will keep a trophy donated by the Clarke County Ruritan Club.

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CENTRAL VIRGINIA SHOW JUMPING ASSOCIATION

💋 @ Deep Run Show Grounds, 1540 Manakin Rd., Manakin Sabot, VA 23103

DATES: Sundays: October 6 - Final Qualifier & October 27 - MINI PRIX

START TIME: 8:30 am WARM-UPS: ticketed all day before each division SCHOOLING: main ring-ticketed warm-up only SCHOOLING AREA: two stone dust rings w/ jumps-open all day

CLASS FEES: \$25 pre-entry, \$35 post entry, \$5 office fee, ticketed warm-ups & unjudged(after trip only) same as classes FACILITIES: bathrooms WATER: Yes FOOD: Various local food trucks & Pony Club breakfast

PHOTOGRAPHY: Sarah Black

MANAGER: Sulu Rose Reed WEB SITE: www.cvsja.com PHONE #: (804)476-2077, day of show (804)461-1698 e-MAIL: cvsjashows@gmail.com

OCT 6TH	MINI PRIX	DIVISION SPECIFICATIONS
RING 2 <u>101 Ticketed Warm Up 2'</u> 1 Puddle Optimum Time 2 Puddle Jump Off	You must have shown it at least one previous show this season. Formal Dress Required (Jackets etc.).	Puddle Jumper.65 MetersOpen to horses and ponies. Horses, ponies and riders in this division may only cross enter into any class not exceeding 3' if otherwise Eligible. Fence height shall not be lower than 2' or greater than 2'3" with spreads not greater than the fence height. Professionals may not compete in this division, showing in this division only does not break novice status.
102 Ticketed Warm Up 2'6" 3 Novice Rider Optimum Time 4 Novice Rider Jump Off 5 Novice Horse Optimim Time 6 Novice Horse Jump Off 7 Open 2'6" Optimum Time 8 Open 2'6" Jump Off	Ring 1 All Mini Prix classes all divisions, Timed 1st Jump Off. Ring 2 Special Gamblers Choice Class for each jump height.	Novice Horse.75 MetersOpen to horses and ponies in their 1st or 2nd year of showing in jumper classes at any height higher than 2' as of December 1 of the current show year. Horses may not com- pete in classes where jump height is higher than 3'. Fence height shall not be lower than 2'3" or greater than 2'6" with spreads not greater than the fence height. Season points are awarded to horse owner, are accrued to the horses membership number regardless of rider.Novice Rider.75 Meters Open to children and adult amateurs in their 1st or 2nd year of showing in jumper classes at any height higher than 2' as of December 1 of the current show year. Riders
RING 1 21 Equitation Prep 2'6"	Ticketed Warm Ups	may not compete in classes where jump height is higher than 3'. Fence height shall not be lower than 2'3" or greater than 2'6" with spreads not greater than the fence height. Professionals may not compete in this division. Season points are awarded to the rider in this division on any horse.
22 Equitation Prep 3 103 Ticketed Warm Up 3'3" 9 Child Adult Jump Off	will be allowed in each ring prior to each jump height.	Open 2'6" . 75 Meters Open to all riders and all horses. Fence height shall not be lower than 2'3" or greater than 2'6" with spreads not greater than the fence height.
 Child Adult Speed Open 3'3" Jump Off Open 3"3" Speed 	Bonus Prize Money for each Mini Prix Class, Special Sash Ribbons to winners.	Low Jumper and Thoroughbred Jumper.90 MetersOpen to ponies, horses, and all riders. Fence height shall not be lower than 2' 9" or greater than 3' with spreads not greater than the fence height.Horses competing in the Thoroughbred division will accrue points for VHSA & CVSJA.
104 Ticketed Warm Up 3'3" 13 Schooling Jump Off 14 Schooling Speed	Team Costume Class will follow Mini Prix Classes in Ring 1	Child/Adult Jumper1.00 MeterOpen to ponies, horses, juniors, and amateurs. Fence height shall not be lower than 3'0" or greater than 3'3" with spreads not greater than the fence height. Professional not allowed.
<u>105 Ticketed Warm Up 3'6"</u> 15 Modified Jump Off 16 Modified Speed	See Prize list for more details.	Open 3'3" 1.00 Meter Open to all riders and all ponies and horses. Fence height shall not be lower than 3'0" or greater than 3'3" with spreads not greater than the fence height.
106 Ticketed Warm Up 3' 17 Low Jumper Optimum		Schooling Jumper1.10 MetersOpen to ponies, horses, and all riders. Fence height shall not be lower than 3'3" or greater than 3'6" with not greater than the fence height.
18 Low Jumper Jump Off 19 TB Jumper Optimum 20 TB Jumper Jump Off		Modified Jumper1.20 MetersOpen to ponies, horses, and all riders. Fence height shall not be lower than 3'6" or greater than 4' with spreads not greater than the fence height.
20 TB Jumper Jump On		Prize Money \$100 per division distributed to the top three in each division. Champion \$50, Reserve Ch. \$30 and Honorable Mention receives \$20. Horses must compete in both classes to be eligible for the prize money.

Choosing The Right Feed For Your Horse

A Guide To Understanding the Nutritional Needs of Your Horse

By Dr. Tania Cubitt

With so many options on the market, choosing the right feed for your horse can be daunting. By answering these questions, you can help simplify your feed choice.

What is the age of your horse?

If the horse is 2 years or younger, its nutritional needs are driven by growth. Most commercial growth and development feeds have a protein content between 14% and 16%. This is because protein is a major component of most tissues in the body and added dietary protein, as well as added vitamins and minerals, is necessary to ensure healthy and sound growth in the young foal. When considering protein in the



young horse's diet it is not only the amount but the quality of protein that is important. Lysine is an amino acid that has been shown to be critical in the sound development of growing horses.

"Senior" status is not

determined by age alone, but can be classified as when bodily functions begin to decline, and/ or when dental health is such that proper chewing is not possible. Horses that are missing teeth or have poor dentition must rely on alternative sources of pasture and hay, such as hay cubes, pelleted forage, and chopped forage, as their ability to chew is limited. Complete feeds that use high fiber ingredients such as beet pulp can be used as a quality forage source, and are often fed wet or in a "mash" form to minimize issues of choke associated with inability to properly chew. Commercial feeds specifically designed for the senior horse are typically pelleted or extruded and are easy to chew and highly digestible, with readily available vitamins and minerals required in higher concentrations than younger horses.

What is the physiological stage or use of the horse?

It is important to consider the level of exercise your horse is getting. Over or under feeding can have consequences for the performance your horse, as well as compromising its health and soundness.

A maintenance horse is one that is more than two years old and exercised one hour or less per day, excluding pregnant or lactating mares and breeding stallions. These animals have minimal energy requirements to maintain an optimal body condition. You MUST feed the minimum recommended amount of feed the tag directs for your horse's weight to guarantee him the nutrients that the feed is designed to provide. If your horse is gaining unnecessary weight on the recommended amount, you should select a "ration balancer" with fewer calories per pound, designed to be fed at a lower rate while ensuring adequate vitamins and minerals in the diet.

Light exercise is considered to be recreational riding, beginning training, and horses that show occasionally. Moderate exercise includes low level polo, horses that show frequently, and ranch horses. Heavy exercise includes frequent showjumping, lowmedium level eventing, high level **continued on p. 37**



Horse CALENDAR

Please Note: Every effort is made to supply accurate information. HT is not responsible for inaccuracies and changes. Please double check calendar dates with individual events when making plans.

DC Area Horse Show Association dates are in RED.

Hunt events (open to all) are listed in gray bars, please refer to page.

SEP	Event Name	BHSA	VHSA	Location
18	Shenandoah Downs Harness Racing be	egins(se	e p.18)	Woodstock, VA
20	Hunt Club Farms Hunter Series		H/E	Berryville, VA
20	TWA Horse & Pony Series	yes	H/E	Warrenton, VA
26	Locke Meadows Hunter Series	yes	H/E/M	Berryville, VA
27	Summerduck Run Farm Hunter Series	yes	H/E	Culpeper, VA
OCT	Event Name	BHSA	VHSA	Location
2	RSD Horse Auction	(see	e p. 2)	Kearneysville, WV
3	Clarke County Benefit Horse Show	yes	H/E	Berryville, VA
4	National Steeplechase Association Eve	ent (see	e p.18)	Foxfield, VA
4	Red Gate Hunter Series	yes	H/E	Bluemont, VA
4	Sandstone Jumper Series		J	Millwood, VA
4	Warrenton Hunt Sporting Clays (see	e p.24)		Warrenton, VA
10	National Steeplechase Association Event (see p.18)			Middleburg, VA
10	Southern Heritage Hunter Series	yes	H/E	Midland, VA
10	Turner Farm Hunter Series		H/E	Great Falls, VA
10	TWA Jumper Series	yes	J	Warrenton, VA
11	CVSJA Jumper Show		J	Manakin Sabot, VA
11	Old Dominion Hounds Sporting Clays	(see	p.56)	Orlean, VA
11	Sandstone Hunter Series		H/E	Millwood, VA
11	TWA Horse & Pony Series	yes	H/E	Warrenton, VA
17	Shenandoah Downs Harness Racing	ends (s	ee p.18)	Woodstock, VA
17	Elmington Farm Hunter Series	yes	H/E/M	Berryville, VA
18	Locke Meadows Hunter Series	yes	H/E/M	Berryville, VA
18	Red Gate Jumpers		J	Bluemont, VA
18	Warrenton Hunt Fall Hunter Pace (s	ee p.24))	Warrenton, VA
24	NSA Event International Gold Cup	(see	p.18)	The Plains VA
24	SVERN Halloween at the Horse Farm	(see	p. 65)	Winchester, VA
25	CVSJA Mini Prix		J	Manakin Sabot, VA
25	Old Dominion Hounds Fall Hunter Pace	(see	p.56)	Orlean, VA
31	Turner Farm Hunter Series		H/E	Great Falls, VA
31	Rappahannock Hunt Opening Meet (s	see p.62	2)	Amissville, VA

NOV	Event Name	BHSA	VHSA	Location
1	Rappahannock Hunt Fall Fun Hunter Pace (see p.62)			Reva, VA
6	RSD Horse Auction (see p. 9)			Kearneysville, WV
TBD	Loudoun Hunt Ball (see p.50)			Ashburn, VA
27	Rappahannock Hunt Trail Ride/Chili Cook Off (see p.62)			Reva, VA
29	CVSJA Awards Dinner		Manakin Sabot, VA	
DEC	Event Name	BHSA	VHSA	Location
4	RSD Horse Auction	(see p. 21)		Kearneysville, WV
6	Rappahannock Hunt Christmas Parade (see p.62)			Washington, VA
TBD	Bright Lights Clinics			

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Feed.....from p. 33 polo, and the middle stages of race training. Very heavy exercise includes racing and elite three-day eventers.

Stallions during the breeding season have increased nutritional requirements compared to maintenance mares and geldings. Their energy requirements are related to the intensity of their breeding program. Breeding stallions in heavy use have similar energy needs to that of the late gestational mare.

It is critical that pregnant mares receive balanced minerals and vitamins all through their Ration pregnancy. balancer products are an excellent option if your mare is in good body condition and just needs adequate vitamins and minerals during early pregnancy (conception to 5 months) and mid gestation (6-8 months). During late gestation (9-11 months) when the fetus is rapidly developing tissue mass the energy demands on the mare are higher and therefore a growth and development feed should be considered. These feeds are higher in protein and calories, as well as calcium and phosphorus, and will ensure the mare goes into lactation with adequate nutrition to support the added stress.

Does your horse suffer from any relevant medical issues?

Relevant medical conditions can include anything from gastric ulcers to metabolic diseases such as tying-up, obesity, insulin resistance, laminitis, and Cushing's. Low carbohydrate diets are often sought for horses with these conditions, as they can be worsened by diets with excess carbohydrates non-structural Carbohydrates (NSCs). can roughly be divided into two types, structural and non-structural. Structural carbohydrates make up the cell wall, include cellulose, hemicelluloses and lignin, and are what make up fiber and roughage in the diet. Non-structural carbohydrates make up the cell contents and include simple sugars, starch and fructan. These non-structural carbohydrates are Issue predominantly found in cereal grains and lush green pasture. S When considering decreasing carbohydrates in your horse's Vol. diet it is the NSCs that should



High performance horses have increased nutritional requirements.

be limited, not the structural carbohydrates.

What is your horse's body weight and body condition?

Regular body weight and condition scoring of your horse will help in deciding if your horse needs to gain, lose or just maintain weight, and which feed will be most appropriate. If you do not have a weight tape, you can also use a simple measuring tape to determine your horse's approximate weight. Measure the heart girth, then measure the length of the horse from the point of the shoulder to the point of the buttock. Then use the following equation to estimate body weight:

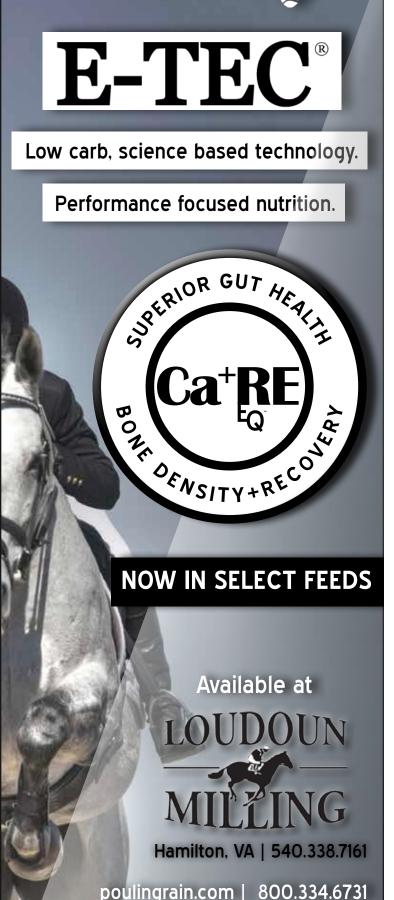
Heart girth (inches) x Heart girth (inches) x Length (inches) / 836.65 = Weight (lbs)

Body condition scoring involves the palpation and visual assessment of the degree of fatness of various areas of the horse, such as: over the ribs, tail head area, neck and withers, and behind the shoulders The scoring system uses a numeric scale of 1 to 9 where 1 is emaciated and 9 is obese, and 5-6 is ideal.

What type of forage are you feeding?

Forage, which includes hay and pasture, should be the base for all equine feeding programs. The feed you select should complement the forage that you have available for your horse. If you have ready access to pasture and good quality hay you will generally have to feed less concentrate to reach the horse's nutritional requirements. Low intake ration balancer products are often a good choice under these conditions. If hay is lower in nutritional value then you will need to add more concentrate to your horse's diet to meet its requirements. Hay analysis is the best way to determine its nutritional value.

POULIN GRAIN



DC Area HSA dates in RED Elmington Farm, LEC 345 Elmington Lane, Berryville, VA 22611 DATES: Saturday, October 17 ("End of Year" Awards from 2020 Series) START TIME: 8 am/Main Ring, 8:30 am/Ring 2 WARM-UPS: CA - all day JUDGES: 10/17 Robin Wood, DeDe Bache-Shumate(r) SCHOOLING: Main Ring 7-7:45 am & 15 min during Pleasure, Ring 2 7-8:15 (7b-9b only) CLASS FEES: \$20, Division \$50, Medal \$25, office fee \$20, non-showing \$25, \$50 ret. ck (cr. cds. accepted), 4-H discounts FOOD: **TBA** PHOTOGRAPHY: Nicole Cranford FACILITIES: Port-a-john WATER: Yes MANAGER: Kathie Hamlin PHONE #: 540-955-6219 SCHOOLING AREA: stone dust ring w/ jumps after 9b WEB SITE: www.elmington.com *e-MAIL:* info@elmington.com (Incomplete online entries will not be not accepted) **Tenth Annual "PUMPKIN" Event*** (*will be held after classes in Small Ring) Special Prizes, Goodies, and Pumpkins! Fun for ALL Levels (Stick to 3'6") & ALL Ages (Toddler to Oldies) Bring your "non-riding" friends for horseless classes! 1) Stick Horse Class: Open to all. Adults welcome if you dare to compete against the children. Judged solely on the entertainment value of the exhibitor. Applause from the peanut gallery welcomed. CLASS FEE: \$10 BYO (Stick horses available) 2) Invisible Horse Class: Open to all. 4 jumps. Judged on way of going, jumping approach & landing, proper lead changes, & equitation. Bring your own coconuts. CLASS FEE: \$10 3) Costume Class: Open to all. Judged on originality & use of horse or pony. More than one person with a single horse will be judged as one entry. CLASS FEE: \$10 HUNTER SERIES (VHSA/DCA/BHSA) 29) VHSA PONY EQUITATION ON THE FLAT MEDAL (New!) Main Ring/Start: 8 am (Schooling: 7-7:45 am) 30) VHSA AMATEUR EQUITATION ON THE FLAT MEDAL (New!) 1) Low Hunter OF A 2' (open to all) BD Will not start before noon (Main Ring) 2) Low Hunter OF B 2' 31) Limit Rider Hunter OF A 6 fences @ 2'-2'3" B 3) Low Hunter Under Saddle 32) Limit Rider Hunter OF B 6 fences @ 2'-2'3" 4) Schooling Hunter OF A 2'(non-BHSA), 2' 6" or 3' B 33) Limit Rider Hunter US 5) Schooling Hunter OF B 2'(non-BHSA), 2' 6" or 3' 34) Green Pony Hunter OF A S-2', M- 2'3", L 2'6" BDV 6) Schooling Hunter Under Saddle 35) Green Pony Hunter OF B S-2', M- 2'3", L 2'6" 7) Working Hunter OF A 3' or 3'6" (rider's choice) BDV 36) Green Pony Hunter Under Saddle 8) Working Hunter OF B 3' or 3'6" (rider's choice) 37) Pony Hunter OF A S-2', M- 2'3", L 2'6" BDV 9) Working Hunter Under Saddle 38) Pony Hunter OF B S-2', M- 2'3", L 2'6" 10) VHSA CHILDREN'S MEDAL 3' 39) Pony Hunter Under Saddle 11) VHSA ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL 3' 40) Pony Equitation S-2', M-2'3", L-2'6" BV 12) Thoroughbred Hunter OF A 2'6"- 3' (rider'schoice) BDV 41) VHSA PONY MEDALS S-2'3", M-2'6", L-3 13) Thoroughbred Hunter OF B 2'6" - 3' (rider's choice) Small Ring/Start: 8:30 am (open for schooling after class 6b) 14) Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle Mini-clinic format, judges spend time giving reasons & suggestions to participants. 15) Green Hunter OF A 2'6"BDV All entrants in small rings recieve a prize for each division. 16) Green Hunter OF B 2'6" 1b) Lead Line (50% Pony 50% Child) B(1b only)D 17) Green Hunter Under Saddle 2b) Lead Line (with poles & cones) 18) Child/Ad Am Hunter Equitation 2'6" or 3' BV 3b) Lead Line (detached w/handler) 19) Child/Ad Am Hunter OF A 8-fences 2'6" or 3' (rider's choice) BDV 4b) Pre-Short Stirrup Eq. Walk BD 20) Child/AdAm Hunter OF B 8-fences 2'6" or 3' (rider's choice) 5b) Pre-Short Stirrup Eq. Walk & trot 21) Child/Ad Am Hunter Under Saddle 6b) Pre-Short Stirrup Eq. Walk, trot, jump position at a walk 15 min schooling break/main ring during Pleasure Ring 2/Start: after Small Ring classes (not before 9 am) Grass Ring/Start: not before 11am (Schooling: 7am 7b-9b only) (open for schooling after 12b) 7b) Hunter Short Stirrup OF A 4 fences @ 18"DV 22) Child/Adult Horse Pleasure W/T BDV 8b) Hunter Short Stirrup OF B 4 fences @ 18" 23) Child/Adult Horse Pleasure Walk/Go as you please 9b) Hunter Short Stirrup Under saddle 24) Child/Adult Horse Pleasure W/T/C 10b) Hunter Short Stirrup Eq. OF A 4 fences @ 18" (may trot) BD 25) Pony Pleasure W/T BDV 11b) Hunter Short Stirrup Eq. OF B 4 fences @ 18" (may trot) 26) Pony Pleasure Walk/Go as you please 12b) Hunter Short Stirrup Eq. Under saddle (W/T/Indiv.canter) 27) Pony Pleasure W/T/C Management reserves the right to combine or split classes. In general, to promote

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competition, classes are not split unless there can be 6 entries in each class and are

combined if there are not 6 entries in each class.

28) Jr/Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat BV

(children may ride ponies, may be split 14 & under, 15-17, adult)

Highlights

Elmington Farm *By Kathie Hamlin*

Our first show this year was held July 18 with DeDe Bache-Shumate judging in our main ring, followed by Mark Wonderly on August 8, and Oliver Brown September 12.

The weather was a little hot this year for the first two shows, but everyone seemed extra happy to be horse-showing anyway. We had a cool overcast day this past

show, which was nice.

It has been especially wonderful to see everyone this year. Our season has been abbreviated, but as far as quality, I think it's been the best year ever. I know it's a little backwards to judge the crowd, however, everyone attending has been happy, pleasant, and appreciative. We were apprehensive to even have shows this year, however we are so glad that we did and thank all of you for enjoying our shows.



Amanda Weaver on What the Eq, Taylor Beliveau on Red Velvet, Lauren Rock on Limelight at Elmington show on September 12.



Ellie McFarland on Single Tree Gillian took champion in Pre-short Stirrup on September 12.



의 Taylor Beliveau took Reserve on 귱 Red Velvet in Thoroughbred and ▷ Working Hunters on August 8.



Molly Muller-Bedell took champion in Pre-short Stirrup on September 12 riding Peanut Butter, shown with mom Christina.



Lydia Smith on Evesdrop LJS was Champion in Green Hunter on August 8.

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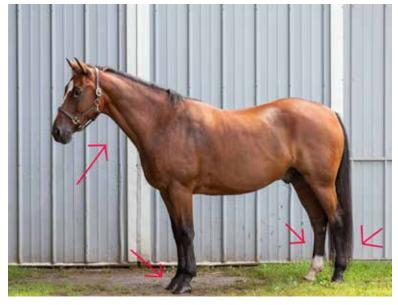
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Anyone Can Improve Their Skills! **By Nicole Cranford**



Taking a good conformation/sale photo is not that hard. See some secrets for success on the next page.

Taking great photos of horses is not easy, but I am happy to share some of the things I've learned that will help you take amazing horse photos and impress your friends and family!

Choose a quality camera with an optical zoom lens

Most people use a smartphone that's typically equipped with a pretty decent camera, but it probably won't result in a photo you would want to hang on your wall. Instead, go for a 'point and shoot' that has an OPTICAL zoom with a minimum of 200mm.

Pay attention to the light and the direction of the sun

Some of the best photos can be taken in early morning right after sunrise, when the sun is close to the horizon and the light appears warmer and softer.

If you're shooting during the middle of the day, move to a position where the sun is behind you and directed at the horse.

If the sun is straight overhead, look at the angle that the shadows are and move yourself to be at the opposite angle. Always take **40** practice shots to test the lighting.

The photo of Elliewood's Duchess Fergie, owned by Williams Instruction and Training LLC, displays positioning your horse to a barn door so that the sun illuminates the horse while shooting into a shaded area. Want



Elliewood's Duchess Fergie poses for the camera and demonstrates how to position your horse to a barn door so that the sun illuminates the horse while shooting into a shaded area.

to take it step further? Create a stunning black background portraiture by shooting at an angle to eliminate light coming from the back-barn door or simply close the door to get a head on view.

Create the correct composition.

Composition is how your subject appears relative to any other objects in the photograph. I always try to keep the center of the horse level with my camera. Depending on how far or close I am to the horse I may need to lower my position or stand a bit taller. This will fill the frame with more depth of the horse and rider.

I follow the rule of thirds. The scene can be cut into thirds up and down and side to side. Balancing the image within the thirds helps to tell the story.

For movement photos, take your photos from the front and at a slight angle so you can catch the horse's chest and the rider's face.

Timing is everything to capture quick movements!

Learning how to time your shots perfectly to capture a horse mid-air over a jump can be very tricky but gets easier with practice. I know my equipment and lag time very well, so it's become easy.

Set your camera to burst mode, also called continuous shooting mode, sports mode, or continuous high-speed mode. In burst mode, you're able to capture several photos in quick succession by either pressing the shutter button or holding it down.

It also pays to buy a memory card that can record images very

quickly and perform faster processing. I use the Scandisk Extreme PRO memory cards.

Capture animals with ears up

Ears up, and forward! This is true for many types of animal photography and makes all the difference with horses. Ears up make the horse look alert, happy, and

engaged. Ears forward on a horse also compliments the composition of their heads and shows the horse as being confident. You can use a candy wrapper, dollar bill or noises from your smartphone



The red lines illustrate the movement you want to capture. Time your photos so you have the legs in an "M" form.

to get their attention. Although these can gain a horse's attention, be cautious as they can also cause them to spook.

Learn how to edit to get a professional look

An important step to produce outstanding horse photos is to learn about photo editing. The Adobe Creative Suite is a great way to take advantage of Lightroom, Photoshop, and other creative applications to enhance your photography skills. Adobe provides a user-friendly interface to quickly color correct images, crop, and add color grading with simple sliders. You can also clone, heal, or use the adjustment brush to fix blemishes or the background.

During editing, crop the image to get rid of distracting elements like stray people or unnecessary poles and power lines in your background. Soften some edges, add 'burn' to areas that the eye doesn't need to focus on, and add sharpening to the horses. I can add a pop to the color of the horse or remove stains on a gray with saturation levels.

Another neat technique is to a move the Highlight and Shadow sliders in Lightroom to allow the shadows to have a blue tone, and the highlights a slight yellow \mathfrak{F} tone. This helps to create warmth

and depth in naturally lit photos. How to take a good conformation photo Taking a conformation photo is not that hard, but here are some



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Editing can be used to provide either a warm tone (top) or a cool tone (bottom) to a photo.

tips that will give your horse an advantage right out of the starting gate.

- Make a left-side profile of your horse.
- Place your horse's entire body, including its head, at a 90-degree angle to the camera. This, and standing your horse on level ground, will ensure that its proportions appear accurate in the photo.
- Consider banding, braiding, or combing your horse's mane over if it falls on the left side and is particularly long. This will give the viewer a clearer view of the neck.
- Place your horse in a welllit, simple setting with no distractions.
- Fit your horse's entire body in the picture, but make sure your horse isn't so far away that it's hard to see.
- Try to keep the person holding the horse's lead rope out of the shot.
- Make sure your horse is clean and well-groomed.
- Put your horse in a wellfitted halter, preferably a

solid color.

- Try your best to get your horse's ears up and alert.
- Be intentional. A candid shot of your horse in the pasture won't follow these guidelines. You want your horse to look its best!

Horse photography can be challenging! Hopefully, with these tips, you'll be well on your way to taking some fantastic horse photos of your own.

About The Author: Nicole Cranford's love for horses began in Denver Colorado at the age of 9 with western riding, rodeos, and the annual family trip to Wyoming for Frontier days. When she moved to northern Virginia, she became reacquainted with the horse world after enrolling her kids in a horse camp. Soon after her daughter began regular lessons that Nicole decided it was time to get back on a horse, but this time it would be riding English. From taking photos of her daughter and becoming reunited with her love of horses, she combined the two into Nicole Cranford Photography, LLC.

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Pet Trusts Are They A Good Idea? **By Warren Grossman, Esq.**

Pets have become an integral part of our family, and are often looked upon as family members. When I was growing up, our dogs lived in our home and my mother pampered and treated them like grandchildren. It was a far cry from my uncle who believed that a dog was expected to live with nature and a doghouse was adequate. Now, for many families providing medical treatment for a pet, it is an acceptable cost even when it runs into thousands of dollars.

I was doing an estate planning interview with a couple and the issue arose of what should happen to "Fido" when the coupled passed on. They were both in agreement that the dog should transfer to a friend with a sum to provide for the care of the animal for its lifetime. The dog was not young, and my clients were in their early sixties. The husband was thinking of three thousand dollars while the wife was thinking of forty thousand dollars. I will not bother you with the discussions that followed, but one of the considerations was a pet trust.

For the longest time an animal, even a household pet, was simply considered personal property. Over time legal rights were established protecting animals from cruelty (New York 1828). Organizations were formed such as the ASPCA 1866, PETA etc. to became advocates for animal rights. Animal rights were often connected with sanitary and humane conditions such as slaughterhouses and in medical research.

As we incorporated pets into became concerned about their $rac{1}{2}$ pet's welfare when they are $rac{1}{2}$ not able to provide for them. In previous times, a trust had



Carmen, beloved Hamlin family member.

to be for the benefit of a person or persons, therefore providing for a pet could easily become complicated. Currently many states, including Virginia, have passed legislation to permit a trust to be created for the care for these pets commonly known as, a Pet Trust.

A trust consists of three parties -- the grantor or settlor, the person giving the property; the trustee, the person who receives the property and who will follow the terms of the trust and the beneficiary; and the person for whose benefit the property is being held. With the passage of Pet Trust legislation, the path was laid to provide for the welfare of these animals.

We have been discussing pets with the concepts of dogs or pets but when we consider our equine friends the care and maintenance of these animals become exponentially more complex.

The trust will provide for the care of your pet upon your demise or incapacity for the life or lives of the animal(s). The drafting of these documents can be simple such as passing your 12-year-old cat to your sister or more complex when you are transferring a string of polo ponies to your favorite nephew.

My recommendation is when you are making decisions that will affect your family's future, consult with a professional.

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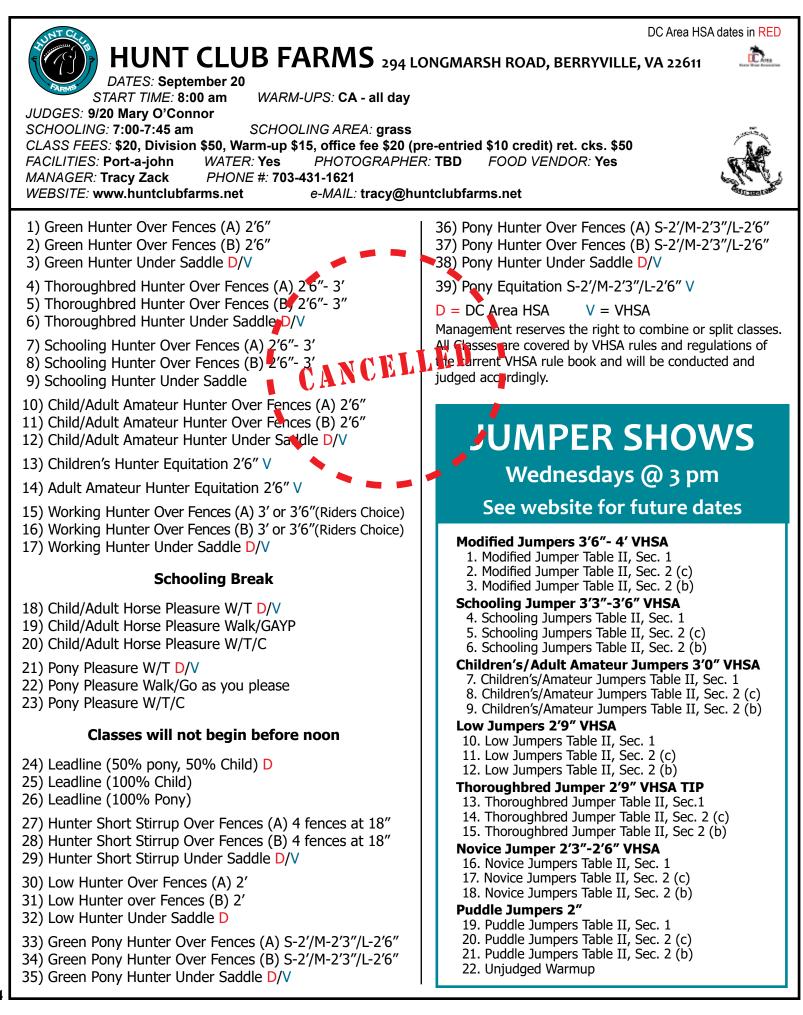
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Highlights

Hunt Club Farms By Megan Mondschein

Though life may have slowed down for many this summer, Hunt Club Farms owner Tracy Zack was hard at work planning for the future of her equine facility. Notably, Zack welcomed Head Trainer and professional eventer Danielle Poulsen to the team late this spring. Poulsen has continued to grow the program with training, lessons, and sales, assisted by her three working students, Kate Bearer, Whitney Bouthout, and Remington Sharp. The team successfully competed at multiple events in the area this summer.

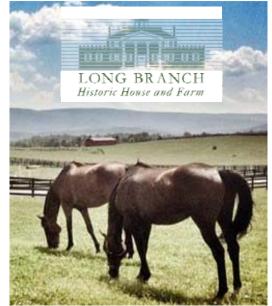
Hunt Club Farms successfully hosted a number of shows in an array of disciplines throughout the summer. Earlier in the season, Hunt Club's VHSA Jumper show drew dozens of participants with varying levels of riders from amateurs through professionals. Though the first few shows of the VHSA Hunter Series were cancelled by the local authorities due to the pandemic, fun was had by all at the July VHSA Hunter show. The series closed out with a VHSA Hunter Show on September 20.

Hunt Club Farms' hugely successful Horse Trials were held the weekend of July 25 and ran over 150 entries in divisions from Beginner Novice through the debut Preliminary course, complete with a brand new frangible mims table jump. Participants will get another chance to tackle the course at Hunt Club Farms' October 17 Fall Horse Trials.

Hunt Club Farms has also been offering a fun new event, the Double Clear Challenge, in which entrants tackle a show jumping and cross-country course with the goal of going double clear. Divisions run Intro through Training for the Double Clear Challenge.

As is tradition, Hunt Club Farms also had the pleasure of welcoming Boyd Martin to teach cross country clinics on two occasions this season. Boyd is kind enough to come do clinics at Hunt Club a few times a year.





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Loudoun County's Big Vision For Trail Network

Equine Alliance Efforts To Include Horses Have Paid Off

By Kelly Foltman, DVM



A crew of volunteers worked to open a seven-mile trail at Oatlands just south of Leesburg, Va. The trail opens to the public in October and will be suitable for horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking.

Loudoun County has a long and rich equestrian heritage, home to numerous and wide-ranging types of equestrian competitions, foxhunts, and pleasure riding. As the fastest growing county in Virginia, and one of the fastest growing in the nation, Loudoun County has surprisingly few public parks and very few public trails for horses. With increased development, places to ride on private property have diminished.

After more than a decade of consideration by various organizations looking at how to create a trail system in Loudoun, the Loudoun Board of ∞ Supervisors passed an initiative Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Space (PROS) board to develop a detailed proposal for a network Vol. of countywide trails and linear

parks, and authorized funding to hire a consulting firm to create a master plan for the network. This is a signature project that could become a great model for other counties as well.

The Loudoun County Equine Alliance, in conjunction with Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, Piedmont Environmental Council, International Mountain Biking, US Trail Ride, Coalition of Loudoun Towns and Potomac Heritage Trail Association, worked with members of the PROS board as an ad hoc committee called Loudoun Linear Parks and Trails (LPAT) to assist in creating broad goals and a request for proposal for a countywide, multi-modal trail network that will ultimately weave through the county. The key to developing continued on p. 49



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Trails.....from p. 47 the political commitment for the trail network has been the alliance formed by multiple user groups.

In most locations this trail system will have a natural surface which is so essential for mountain bike cyclists and equestrians. Some sections will have parallel trails for bikes and or horses, and it is recognized that there will be some places that favor one user group over another. The system will tie into the bike/pedestrian infrastructure transit where possible. It will also use existing "spines" - trails and natural corridors such as stream valleys. the Potomac Heritage trail and the W&OD trail - and connect to parks that have, and could have, trails. Clearly, the western part and sections of the transition policy area of the county will have more equestrian friendly trails and parking. A key feature of making public trails work for horses is parking for trailers. It's such a simple thing, but often overlooked.

It is envisioned to have small off-shoots from the main trail system that will be designed for specific types of users; for example, there might be a "node" for mountain bikers that would include the types of obstacles they use, and another for a small crosscountry course for equestrians. There will be consideration given to wildlife habitat as well as restoration of ecosystems from invasive plant species and erosion. Individual towns may put their own "flavor" into the trails that connect to them. We also envision a "blue way" system with public launches for canoes and other small nonmotorized watercraft. We are hoping that businesses along the trail corridors, such as wineries, breweries and bed and breakfasts, will be part of the trail build out.

The Loudoun County Equine Alliance has been involved in the push for a trail network since the Alliance's inception, making certain that equestrian use is fully represented in any plan. The consulting firm hired to produce the master plan has a resume of national successes with projects is like this, and experience with ₁ equestrian use. Done right, this visionary

project will help Loudoun



By having trails built for multiple user groups, the political interest in their development in rapidlygrowing Loudoun County has increased.

continue to be a "destination" for equestrians as it has been for more than a century.

On a smaller scale, the LCEA has been working on opening a seven-mile multi-use trail system at Oatlands in Leesburg. The trails will be open starting the first weekend of October. Use is by fee, and users can pay for either an annual or a day pass. The 400 plus acre property is owned by a private foundation, but it's central-Loudoun location and the historic mansion and gardens make it attractive as a good place to spend some time on horseback. Ultimately, the trails at Oatlands may become part of the countywide system as well.

Additional publicly accessible trails for equestrian use in Loudoun County are located at Temple Hall Farm and Franklin Park. The Virginia Horse Industry Board (VHIB) is also developing a statewide trail guide.

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The Poignant Story of Jane and Fitzrada

A Cast Off Cavalry Horse Won At Madison Square Garden

By Susan Purdy

Longtime Loudoun Hunt members may remember Jane Pohl Rust; Huntsman Ron Johnsev recalls her as an oldschool horsewoman and foxhunter with a radiant smile. Since Jane was famously modest and didn't talk about her remarkable early riding career, few knew the amazing story of Jane and her horse Fitzrada. That changed in 2008 with the publication of "Renegade Champion, the Unlikely Rise of Fitzrada," a book written by Jane's son Col. Richard R. Rust, along with release of a documentary feature film "The Lady and the Outlaw Horse."

Their story begins in 1938, when Jane's father, Col. Herman Pohl, received orders transferring the family from Fort Belvoir, Virginia to Schofield Barracks on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. Jane was 14 years old. In those days, it was not uncommon for army bases to have stables. It was at this stable that Jane first spotted Fitzrada, a chestnut cavalry Thoroughbred who had been deemed too hot-tempered and dangerous for an army horse.

Fitzrada was eleven years old, and he had not responded well to the training he received in the army. He showed natural talent as a jumper, but when pushed to jump big fences in preparation for the 1938 Olympics, overtraining soured his outlook on life and he became more and more uncooperative. This resulted in increasingly severe punishment, to the point that he became completely unmanageable.

Fitzrada was sent to the Schofield Barracks stable as a last chance at rehabilitation before being put down, hoping that he might make a competitive mount for General Dan Sultan. General Sultan did not get off to a good start with the horse, and was bucked off every time he tried to



Loudoun Hunt member Jane Pohl Rust

ride him. The general asked Jane if she would like to work with the horse, since he knew Jane to be a good rider who wouldn't give up easily, and he thought that Fitzrada might respond better to a female. Jane was thrilled to be given this opportunity, and slowly over the ensuing months she gained his trust and was able to ride him, in the ring and on little trail rides around the base.

In the spring of 1941, Jane's father was transferred to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Jane decided to take Fitzrada on one last trail ride through the beautiful countryside of Oahu. She asked him to canter, and then suddenly for no apparent reason, he seized the bit and lunged forward full tilt. Jane tried everything she knew to slow him, turn him, stop him, but to no avail. Flying, she knew a set of railroad tracks was approaching, and decided their best chance of survival was to bail out, emergency dismountstyle. Jane hit the ground hard, and Fitzrada continued over the tracks, hit the pavement, and crashed to the ground. They both survived this accident, ending up bleeding and bruised, but no permanent damage done.

After this incident, General Sultan decided to go ahead and destroy Fitzrada. Jane was distraught, feeling that she was somehow responsible for this final decision. She found out **continued on p. 53**

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<u>Season</u>:

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Jane and Fitzrada.....from p. 51 from one of the army wives who rode at the stable that the army sometimes sold horses, and Jane set out to persuade the army as well as her father to sell Fitzrada to her. The price was \$163.57, the government's standard price for purchasing a replacement. When the Pohl family moved to Fort Bragg, Fitzrada joined them there. It would take five years of patient handling, training, and loving care to bring him back to mental and physical health.

When Jane went off to college at Vassar, Fitzrada went with her, and it was there that they received their introduction to foxhunting, courtesy of the nearby Rombout Hunt. He was not easily controlled in the hunt field, but with the kind tolerance of the other hunt members, he became a reliable field hunter.

As Fitz became more relaxed, Jane decided to try him in the show ring, starting with the annual horse show at Vassar. He didn't do well in the hunter classes, but found his calling in the jumpers. He didn't like to be rated at all, but Jane found if she just steered him around the course, he found all the spots and jumped in great form, round through his back and knees snapped up tight. In that first jumper class at Vassar, over 4'6" fences, Fitzrada and Jane finished second behind a much more experienced horse and rider.

In 1945, after the end of WWII, Colonel Herman Pohl's new orders stationed him in Washington, D.C. He and Mrs. Pohl purchased a 23-acre farm on the west sloping face of Mount Gilead in Loudoun County, and the family moved there in August 1945. This would be Jane's home for more than 40 years.

At the time of their arrival, Jane was 21 years old, a year out of college, and intent on showing Fitzrada. She worked on the pasture's stone walls and cleaned the barn, thrilled to be living in an area where the best jumpers and hunters in the country were bred, trained, and shown. Jane couldn't compete with most of these stables in terms of money, but she and Fitzrada had grit, determination, and talent that $\underline{\circ}$ would carry them far in spite of -i limited financial resources.

in 1950, Jane and Fitzrada competed in open jumping classes that were almost exclusively the domain of men at the time. They had great success, breaking into the upper echelons of American post-war show jumping. Their astonishing achievement, as a female owner-trainer of modest means, with her backvard horse in a male-dominated arena of professional riders and wealthy owners, helped to break down the barriers that prevented women of the time from competing in the Olympics side-by-side with men.

They won blue ribbons from the local shows at Warrenton and Fairfax, and went on to wins at Madison Square Garden and the National Capital Show at Fort Mver, Virginia. Fitzrada was the Champion jumper at the Loudoun Hunt Horse Show, winning the Master's Bowl three years in a row and retiring the trophy in 1950. Jane and Fitzrada hunted regularly for nine seasons (1941 – 1950), with Rombout Hunt, New York; Moore County Hounds, North Carolina; and Middleburg and Loudoun Hunts in Virginia.

Fitzrada's remarkable life came to an end in early September, 1952 as the result of a pasture accident in which his left hock was fractured. The Loudoun Times Herald printed a rare obituary for an animal, headlined "Fitzrada Dies in Retirement." It read "Fitzrada, the little Thoroughbred jumper and hunter that has been well known in Northern Virginia for the last six years, is dead at the age of 22. He died on September 11 and was buried on his favorite spot in the pasture that he has roamed since his retirement two years ago . . . The story of Fitzrada is the story of a horse which made a girl and a girl who made a horse. Jane Pohl made headlines as a horsewoman because of the great heart of the old Army horse, and Fitz would have died an unloved Army nag had it not been for Jane."

Today, the old Pohl homestead Mount Gilead is in the Willowcroft Winery, and visitors there can see the pasture where Fitzrada is buried, as well as his old stall which still bears his nameplate. While there, raise a glass of the excellent Fitzrada's Reward, a light red wine, in honor of Fitz and Jane.



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NCEL Is Changing And Growing

Some New Formats And Rules Enhance The Competitions And Mission

By Nicole Cranford, Senior Administrator

NCEL is made up of a Junior Equitation League (JEL), Short Equitation League Stirrup and the most (NCSSEL), experienced riders are slated for the NCEL "A" league. The League is designed to bring in new riders at the JEL level, where they gain their confidence, establish a relationship with their coach/barn, and acquire solid healthy riding habits during fall and winter months when new riders tend to hunker down inside.

Barns looking to add supplemental riding options to their services have found that the NCEL league provides an affordable option to beginner riders and families just starting to understand the horse show world. It also offers an educational foundation for riders who hope to progress to National Level competition, by giving them the opportunity to compete with local barns and riders.

NCEL is not intended to compete with other leagues such as the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA). It can be a feeder option into nationallyrecognized leagues and provide barns a way to prepare their students to be competitive at the all levels. How else do you get better at showing, than showing?

NCEL's unique approach to the show experience is in its design as a "coaching league." Coaches are allowed to provide limited instruction to their riders from the rail, and in JEL, coaches may remain in the ring during the lowest level classes. Accredited judges are asked to provide detailed rider feedback. This personalized coaching style provides young riders with the support they need when riding at unknown barns and on unfamiliar horses.

NCEL's beginner Junior Equitation Leagues (JEL), is designed to support barns by waiving registration fees. There



Mila Kate Byer with pony Tuppence, owned by Red Gate Farm.

are five rider levels, and coaches have a high level of control over the type of horses their team members may ride at a meet. For example, if a rider draws a horse that is either too quick or too difficult, JEL rules (as well as NCSSEL, and NCEL) allow horses to be changed without penalty to the rider in order to safely match him/her with the most suitable horse. After all, this league is more like a family.

Over the years NCEL has adapted with the times, and this year is no different. We have done away with the requirement that a barn must have access to an indoor arena, as we can now begin the season early enough to hold some outdoor meets. Additionally, NCEL has adopted a Program Ride Equitation format resembling a dressage-like flat test for all three Leagues (NCEL, NCSSEL, and JEL) in lieu of the traditional hunt seat flat class.

The Program Ride test comprises a set series of memorized movements performed in an enclosed arena. The test is scored on each movement with the overall harmony and precision of the test taken into consideration. Riders should be accurate and stylish while using invisible aids and trying to make their rounds seem completely effortless.





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Fixture locations, directions, time and notice of cancellations due to weather or ground conditions. Changes or cancellations will be made no later than 3 hours prior.

Cap fees:

\$100 weekdays \$150 weekends & holidays

17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Non-subscribers may contact the Masters for permission to hunt. Checks payable to Old Dominion Hounds should be given to the Honorary Secretary along with a limited liability release (available at meet) and negative Coggins upon arrival at the meet.

Season:

Sept.- March, primarily Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and holidays.

Territory:

The territory actively hunted is approximately 100 square miles of rolling foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Fauquier and Rappahannock Counties, mostly pasture with large woodlands, extensively paneled with coops, some natural rail fences and stone walls.

Photo courtesy: Betsy Burke Parker

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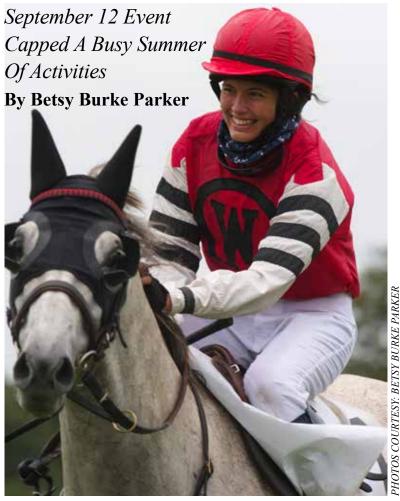
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Surprising Soul and McLane Hendriks won the featured open hurdle on Sept. 12, 2020 at the Old Dominion Hounds Point-to-Point at Ben Venue Farm, Flint Hill, Virginia.

Old Dominion Hounds Point-to-Point Kicks Off Fall Steeplechase Season



Young jockey and fashion model Mell Boucher was delighted with the winning performance from Paddy's Crown at the Sept. 12 Old Dominion Hounds Point-to-Point.

In a year with nothing but contraction of sport, the Virginia Point-to-Point Foundation, National Steeplechase Association and the Old Dominion Hounds bucked the trend.

COVID-19 caused cancellation of eight of 10 Virginia point-topoints this spring, but instead of canceling altogether, Old Dominion opted to postpone to September.

And that made all the difference. More than 100 of the nation's top steeplechasers, along with the entire professional jockey colony and the sport's leading trainers – including a Hall of Famer, took part in the Sept. 12 Ci Old Dominion Hounds Point-to-Point at historic Ben Venue Farm in Rappahannock County. "The Old Dominion point-topoint reminded us of what this sport is all about," said National Steeplechase Association president Al Griffin. "So many (hunt) volunteers worked hard to overcome current obstacles to create a wonderful racecourse, and horsemen showed up with an excitement that we all have missed."

Race chairman Matt Hatcher and joint-master Debbie Welch echoed that the meet was an unqualified success. "I got so many compliments," Welch said. "Both from horsemen and from spectators."

Under Phase 3 reopening regulations, outdoor field events are allowed to have up to **continued on p. 58**

Windfall Ponies

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Windfall Shooting Star 13 y/o (April 11, 2007) 13.1+h Section B Welsh mare Bright Chestnut (flaxen mane & tail) sire: Shenandoah Cracker Jack dam: Lindisfarne Snowdrop \$6,000

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268 Fletcher's Mill Road Woodville, VA 540-987-9778 **Old Dominion.....from p. 57** 1,000 non-essential personnel in attendance, as long as they are widely spaced and remain masked. "That was easy at Ben Venue," Welch said. "It's a huge farm, with a big, wide sweeping hillside for tailgate parking. The racing was spectacular. They really put on a show."

ODH Summer...at a distance

* Old Dominion staff and officials carefully managed COVID-19 through a wide range of summer events that were easily distanced and monitored. The club's inaugural Wine Ride was hosted in July by subscriber Matt Neiswanger. Neiswanger marked a six-mile trail from his Hungry Run Farm along the banks of the Rappahannock River through his Big Woods parcel between South Poes Road and Grimsley Road, to the mountainside vineyard at his High Meadow Manor on the north reaches of Fogg Mountain near Flint Hill.

More than 40 riders participated in the roving wine-tasting event, with tasting stations from local wineries dotting the trail.

* ODH welcomed subscribers, friends, neighbors and Pony Club members to walk out with hounds in July and August, co-hosted meet-and-greet events with the Orlean Community Trail System at the Orlean Market, held a "Hack and Yack" trail series on Thursday afternoons and organized a puppy auction and naming party at the kennels.

Huntsman Steve Farrin and wife Jennifer presented six newborn puppies by ODH Leeds out of ODH Feather for naming, and junior handlers showed off the five-month-old litter by Orange County Hounds Kermit out of Los Altos Dynasty – returning a strong ODH bloodline to the kennels.

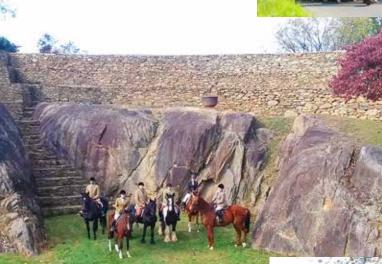
* Joint-master Debbie Welch hosted a hunt clinic in August for new foxhunters – human and equine. Educated by the British Horse Society, Welch set up progressive exercises designed to produce confident horse and rider pairs. The clinic finale was a morning spent following hounds at hound exercise, jump practice around the Crummet and Ryan farms and skill drills – forward reverse, "staff please," hold hard 58 and more. Old Dominion Hounds supporter, Carly Johnson, visits with a puppy born this summer. The sire is dual champion Orange County Kermit, the mother Los Altos Daylight, a hound with deep ties to old ODH bloodlines. The puppies were part of a litter born at former ODH huntsman Gerald Keal's farm in Hume.



Old Dominion Hounds huntsman Steve Farrin gets help from auctioneer Martyn Blackmore, huntsman for the Princess Anne Hunt, at the club's annual puppy naming and sponsorship auction.







Old Dominion Hounds huntsman Steve Farrin exercises the pack through the village of Orlean, hiking past the Orlean Market a half-mile south of the kennels on the historic Henchman's Lea property.

Members of the Old Dominion Hounds paused for a portrait at John Henry's picturesque stone amphitheater near Flint Hill. Henry, a Washington lawyer, hand-built the stone structure for outdoor plays and concerts. ODH hunts across his Stone Hill property regularly.

Old Dominion Hounds huntsman Steve Farrin joined the Virginia pack for the 2019-2020 season. He previously hunted the Arapaho Hounds in Colorado and the Amwell Valley Hounds in New Jersey. His father was huntsman for the Quorn in England some 30 seasons.



Highlights



Caitlyn Carlo competing in Red Gate Farm's twilight jumper show on August 19

Red Gate Farm

By Christine Vitkus

Red Gate Farm has come back to life following the governor's stay-at-home orders from late March through mid-June. Our summer horse shows (hunter, jumper, and horse trials) have good attendance had and provided a safe outing for local riders. Surprisingly, the income from horse trials and jumper shows has exceeded our hunter show income for the first time in our 18-year history.

The eventing community has been excited about our offerings, including two contact-less horse trials that were completed over multiple days, allowing for private time on our competition courses and dressage tests judged by video.

Our summer Wednesday twilight jumper show series was great fun and encouraging for all competitors. We offered blue ribbons for all clear rounds, in addition to ribbons for the top ci six rounds at each height. Our excellent lighting and great sound system made for exciting rounds. Spotify is used for motivational music tracks. (Van Halen's "Jump" is my favorite, but I'm a child of the 80s....)

While our summer sleep-away camps were canceled, our day camps were modified for added safety and were well received. Many new riders participated, probably as a result of other camps and activities being limited or canceled. But I'm happy to report that our sport is thriving in the current environment, and we have a whole new crop of riders coming along nicely.

Red Gate Farm is proud to keep our promises on the building of the cross-country course and farm improvements. In spite of lost income during the pandemic, we continued construction of our novice (3') course, cleared out some of the wooded area to allow for new tracks that will go in and out of the woods, and added some signature jumps from top course designers. The course now has jumps from logs up through 3 foot, in heights of introductory (18") Elementary (2'), Beginner Novice (2'7") and Novice continued on p. 61





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Highlights

Red Gate.....from p. 59 (2'11"). We also added two stone walls that can be jumped from our competition ring to the cross-country course that will allow for Derby cross competitions in the future.

Renovation of the 200-yearold stone barn, located near the main house, will begin shortly. A portion of the barn collapsed in a storm in early spring. This barn is one of the oldest and largest in Loudoun County, and we are making every effort to save it. The renovation is being completed by historical architects who specialize in these types of structures. Red Gate farm is proud to provide clinics with top national riders. This fall we are bringing Cornelia Dorr and Woods Baughman to the farm. In the past, we have hosted Joe Fargis, Martin Douzant, Hannah Sue Burnett, and hunter/equitation judges Kristin Campbell and Robin Wood.

We would like to thank everyone who has attended our events. Our staff truly enjoys hosting them and seeing riders develop through the years. We are grateful for the business and friendship we have received, and are excited about our outlook for the future.



Picturesque Farm's famed Costume Class featured Addison Laskow on Mindy as The Cow Jumper Over the Moon!

Picturesque Farm *By Kristy Willwerth*

How is the Picturesque Farm show series over when I feel it has just begun!? I'm still in awe of the incredible outpouring of support and appreciation we always have from so many trainers, riders and friends for our Wednesday evening schooling shows.

Even with the events going on in the world today, the Picturesque shows were very successful and extremely well attended. I couldn't be happier with all of the word of mouth about our

shows.

Not only do we have our incredible returning regulars but we had quite an influx of new students and trainers to the area. With the exception of canceling one horse show due to rain, we held eight out of the nine shows in the series.

At the start of the show series, with all the safety precautions and regulations we limited our audience to no spectators but only the riders, trainers and students to insure everyone's comfort level and basically to adjust as needed. **continued on p. 63**

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Cap fees:

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Fall Hunting Season:

\$50 adults, \$40 Young Adults, \$15 juniors

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Territory:

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Check our website for updates, fixture card and details!

Picturesque.....from p. 61 It was seamless with everyone respecting space and rules as well as having a blast.

Unfortunately, with many camps and lesson programs having a slower start, the Lead Line and Pre-Short divisions were a bit quiet in the beginning, but that didn't last long!

We filled every division at every horse show except for the greens. Often, we had 15-20 pleasure pony riders and 8-12 pony hunters!

I think throughout the series, everyone appreciates the fact we have amazing jumps, water and drag before every show, are always on time, the staff is organized and upbeat and for food you can't beat Chef Herb!!

Once again, the final show had us all sad that the series was coming to an end but also in stitches at the incredible, funny, unique costume class that has become a staple of our series.

We have listed the series-end champion and reserve winners to the right.

We look forward to seeing even more new faces next year and hopefully we will be introducing a surprise NEW series at an additional location. Lead Line Ch - Ann Bates R- Emma Zywusko

Pre-short Stirrup Ch - Levi Shaw R - Locklyn Willwerth

Short Stirrup Equitation Ch - Branden Shaw R - Kailey Charles

Short Stirrup Hunter Ch - TicTac R - Miracle on 34th

Pony Pleasure Ch - Mae Be Dreaming R - Woodland's Lashley

Student Equitation Ch - Addison Laskow R - Shelby Kaye

Pony Hunter Ch - Mae Be Dreaming R - Fudge Ripple

Low/Schooling Hunter Ch - Cinderella R - Glenhaven Sage

Pleasure Horse Ch - Cinderella R - Expose

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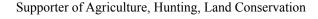




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A decade ago, a legal seizure of 40 horses in Frederick County, Virginia created a crisis. Where would that many animals go? How would they find foster homes, and then permanent homes?

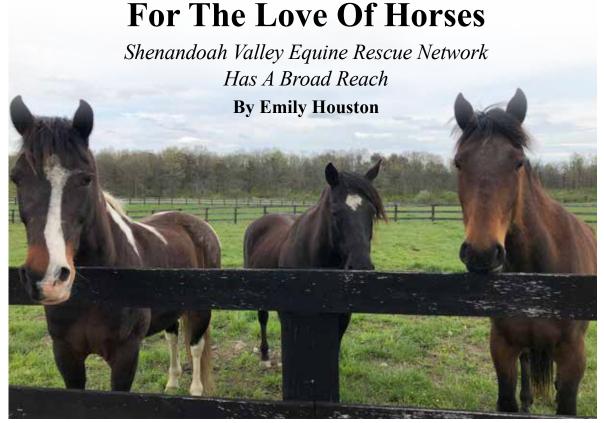
Shenandoah Valley Equine Rescue Network (SVERN) was born out of that crisis, created to deal with that situation.

Today, the organization takes in horses seized by law enforcement, and acts as a network to help owners who can no longer care for their animals to find good homes for them. Their facility also plays host to a behavioral management therapeutic program to assist (using horses) in the rehabilitation of substance abusers and troubled youth.

SVERN works with the sheriff's offices in about one third of the state of Virginia, from Frederick County to as far south as Richmond.

When law enforcement officers seize animals due to neglect and abuse, SVERN is called. If they have room at their farm, they take the animals in. If they don't, they rely on their network of concerned citizens and fellow rescues (about 30-40 of them), to take action and provide foster care and veterinary attention. The power of social media is put to work to place the horses (or donkeys).

That use of social media is especially useful in the case of owner surrenders. SVERN doesn't take them at their farm because they want to give top



Paint horse Rocket's owner became ill and could no longer care for him. He was left in a field for five years, and was never touched. It took SVERN volunteers three days to catch him. Rocket has been adopted!

Bree (middle) is an off-the-track Thoroughbred mare and is SVERN's longest rescue resident. She is now "in sanctuary" which means she will never be put up for adoption, and will live the rest of her days in SVERN's care.

Woody, the bay horse on the right, was abandoned in Richmond. A home buyer discovered that two horses were living in a field on their newly-purchased property. One of them was eight-month-old Woody.

priority to the legal seizures, which tend to be in poorer health and require a team of caregivers.

Owner surrenders are plugged into the SVERN network to find homes, whether fosters or



64 Both of these horses were abandoned with their owners died.



Mini Marshmallow (the palomino curious about the camera) was seized in Warren County. Little Joe, the paint, is the SVERN mascot. He came from Rockingham County. Tootsie, the gray, was part of a three-horse seizure in King William County.

permanent. This is an especially useful service since the owners seeking homes for their horses are often older and struggling with health issues, making them unable to do this themselves. SVERN will post the horse(s) on social media, do a vet check, and act as liaison to facilitate the adoption. Now that horses live longer, the frequency with which the animals can outlive their owners has increased.

This year, for the first time ever, SVERN's farm will be opening to the public for a special Halloween event on October 24. The SVERN board members want to offer a festive seasonal activity for children, since so many other options have been shut down. The admission price is only charged for children – adults are free, as are kids under three.

SVERN's fundraising events scheduled for earlier in the year had to be cancelled, so the hope is that this event will help fill the financial gap, and impart its mission of assistance to neglected horses to families in the area.

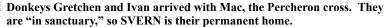
For more information about providing for your horses during the estate planning process, please see the article on Pet Trusts on page. 43.



Mac, the gray Percheron cross, had been left in a field in Shenandoah County when his owner became ill. He was one of four animals taken in by SVERN, which included two mini donkeys.

The mare in the middle is Barbara Ann. She came to SVERN along with Rocket (who is standing next to her).













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