

# 2020 Lake Placid Horse Shows Cancelled

## Coronavirus Pandemic Forces Shows' First Cancellation in 51 Years

Lake Placid, NY, May 14, 2020 – The Lake Placid Horse Show Association has announced cancellation of this year's horse shows. The current Coronavirus pandemic forced the decision to cancel the Lake Placid Horse Shows, sponsored by Bainbridge Farms and presented by Sea Shore Stables, LLC, which had been scheduled for June 23-July 5 at the North Elba Show Grounds.

"This marks the first cancellation in the horse shows' 51-year history," said Philip Richter, Chairman of the Lake Placid Horse Show Association Board of Directors. "We place the safety of our exhibitors, the Lake Placid community and everyone connected with the horse shows above all else and that made this the only decision possible."

"This is incredibly dis-

appointing and I assure everyone that this decision was not made lightly," Richter continued. "We left no question unasked and no option unexplored. Our Board was unanimous that this was the only option. As tragic as this is, we look forward to welcoming everyone back to Lake Placid in 2021 when we plan to once again host the 'Best Two



Weeks of a Horseman's Summer!"

One of the premier

stops on the nation's hunter-jumper horse show circuit, the Lake Placid Horse Shows, sponsored by Bainbridge Farms and presented by Sea Shore Stables, LLC, feature more than 100 classes of competition each week awarding more than \$600,000 in prize money. The shows are highlighted by the \$100,000 Richard M. Feldman Grand Prix and the \$100,000 Great American Insurance Group Grand Prix Presented by AON.

The 2021 Lake Placid Horse Shows will host the Lake Placid Horse Show, June 29 – July 4, and the I Love New York Horse Show, July 6–11. Further information is available by calling the Lake Placid Horse Show Association at 518-523-9625 or online at [www.lakeplacidhorsheshows.com](http://www.lakeplacidhorsheshows.com).

### Check Horse Health Off Your "To Do" List

East Dorset, Vermont – Now more than ever, the Vermont Summer Festival management team is dedicated to the health and welfare of all human and equine athletes competing at the six-week event from June 30 through August 9 in East Dorset, Vermont. Show organizers are working diligently with the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) as well as local and state government officials to ensure all health and safety protocols are closely followed in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the meantime, competitors can review the following checklist to ensure that their horses are ready to compete at this year's Vermont Summer Festival.

#### Vermont Summer Festival Pre-Show Checklist

- ✓ My horses have been vaccinated per my veterinarian's recommendation
- ✓ I have completed the Vermont Summer Festival Vaccination Declaration
- ✓ I have proof of a negative Coggins test obtained within 12 months
- ✓ I have obtained a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) dated within 30 days of picking up my back number listing Vermont

## Equine Health Protocols for the 2020 Vermont Summer Festival



Summer Festival as the point of destination and 3028 Route 7, East Dorset, Vermont as the physical destination

Learn About Alternative Options

- ✓ My horses have been microchipped according to USEF standards with an ISO 11784/11785 compliant microchip, and I have the 15-digit code for my records
- ✓ I have completed the U.S. Center for SafeSport Train-

ing and/or the SafeSport Refresher Training required annually (18 and older only) Complete Your Training

#### Vermont Summer Festival's Equine Health Protocols

[www.vt-summerfestival.com/vaccination-coggins-health-certification-requirements/](http://www.vt-summerfestival.com/vaccination-coggins-health-certification-requirements/)

Don't forget... Vermont Summer Festival

entries are due by Friday, June 5, 2020  
Complete Entries Online - [www.vt-summerfestival.com/prize-list/](http://www.vt-summerfestival.com/prize-list/)

#### Highlights of the 2020 Vermont Summer Festival:

- "Equitation Tuesdays" Weeks 1-6
- \$5,000 3'3" NEHJA Hunter Derbies each Thursday Weeks 1-5
- \$15,000 3'3" NEHJA Hunter Derby Thursday of Week 6
- World Champion Hunter Rider (WCHR) during Week 3
- Marshall & Sterling League "Gold Circle Show" (triple points) Weeks 1 and 2
- \$10,000 Open Jumper Welcome each Thursday Weeks 1-6
- \$5,000 1.25m Open Jumper Classic each Saturday Weeks 1-6
- \$30,000 Grand Prix each Saturday Weeks 1-5
- \$50,000 Grand Prix Saturday of Week 6

For more information on the Vermont Summer Festival, please e-mail or visit [www.vt-summerfestival.com](http://www.vt-summerfestival.com).

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## Equestrian Aid Foundation Processes 160 COVID-19 Relief Grants for Industry Professionals in Crisis

Wellington, Florida—Apr. 16, 2020—The Equestrian Aid Foundation is proud to announce the distribution of 160 relief checks to equestrians in financial crisis as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The initiative to support equestrian professionals and industry service providers has been funded through EAF's Disaster Relief Fund.

"The essential shutdown of our industry has really thrown the community into crisis," said EAF board member Scot Evans. "Many of the people we work among week in and week out have been left with no means of financial security and no way forward. It's been devastating."

Applications for emergency grants have come from all corners of the equestrian community, from

jump crew to stewards to instructors whose lesson income has all but disappeared. Thanks to community support, private donations, and the Great Charity Challenge, the Equestrian Aid Foundation has been able to fund emergency grant payments of \$500 to assist qualified applicants with basic living expenses. The Foundation is also honored to have financial support from a growing number of businesses.

"When we conceptualized our Disaster Relief Fund several years ago, we never imagined we'd be helping our community through a pandemic," said EAF board member Louise Riggio. "But this fund is designed to help people overcome the unimaginable. We're making great strides to help alleviate the finan-

cial impact of COVID-19, and as long as we have community support, we'll continue to face it head-on. We are horsemen helping horsemen."

Please visit the Equestrian Aid Foundation's website for updates on grant availability and businesses supporting EAF's COVID-19 relief effort. Click here to donate to EAF's Disaster Relief Fund.

#### About the EAF:

The Equestrian Aid Foundation® is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that assists people from all corners of the horse world within the United States who are coping with catastrophic injury or illness and resulting financial crisis. For more information, please visit [EquestrianAidFoundation.org](http://EquestrianAidFoundation.org).

### Notice to the Industry

## Confirmed Cases of EHV-1 at Woodbine Racetrack: Monitoring and Containment Measures in Place

On May 17th, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) has confirmed that two horses residing at Woodbine Racetrack have tested positive for the neurotropic strain of EHV-1. Both horses are 2-year-old thoroughbred horses that resided in Barn 12 at Woodbine.

The horses were transported from Woodbine to the Ontario Veterinary College for testing and treatment on Saturday May 16, 2020 after showing neurological symptoms, along with a third horse that subsequently tested negative. The AGCO received the results late on Saturday May 16, 2020.

The AGCO has directed that four additional horses residing in Barn 12 at Woodbine be isolated as a precaution. One of the four horses has been isolated because it resided near the two positive horses. The three other horses have fever symptoms but have other-

wise not shown signs consistent with EHV-1.

The health and safety of horses and of all people involved in the sport of horse racing is the AGCO's top priority. Due to the infectious nature of this disease, the AGCO has ordered the implementation of various infectious disease protocols to protect our equine athletes. The following measures are now in effect:

- In order to determine whether the disease has spread to horses in other barns, no horses are to exit Woodbine Racetrack without AGCO approval until further notice. This restriction will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.
- No horse is allowed in or out of Barn 12 until further notice, including for training, except for emergency veterinary treatment or to be isolated. This restriction will be reviewed, based on the progression of the disease.
- Only essential people shall enter Barn 12.

All horses stabled at Woodbine must have their temperatures taken and recorded visibly on the horse's stall door for twice daily inspection. Trainers with horses that have clinical signs consistent with EHV-1 infection (including fever of 101.5 F/38.5 C or higher) or respiratory signs (cough, nasal discharge, and/or neurological signs) must immediately report these findings to their veterinarian.

Equine dentistry is not permitted, except for emergencies. Only ponies housed in the same barn will be allowed to pony horses.

Horse people who had horses at Woodbine Racetrack within the last seven days should monitor their horses for any signs of illness.

Horse people are reminded to remain vigilant and institute appropriate biosecurity measures and should consult their veteri-

narians for advice.

To ensure best practices are in place to contain the disease, the AGCO received input from the infectious disease expert Dr. Scott Weese from the University of Guelph and worked closely with Woodbine management, veterinarians, and horse people.

The AGCO will continue to closely monitor the situation and any further developments will be reported. EHV-1 cannot be spread to humans and is entirely unrelated to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, or to speak with Dr. Chambers, please call:

289-237-3922  
Dr. Adam Chambers  
Manager of Veterinary Services

Additional resources on biosecurity:

[https://www.equineguelph.ca/education/infection\\_control\\_resources.php](https://www.equineguelph.ca/education/infection_control_resources.php)



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