



Opportunities to Showcase Breeds, Breed Associations, and Horses at Equine Affaire in Massachusetts

Having equine ambassadors of your breed on exhibit in the Breed Pavilion or Horse & Farm Exhibits and performing in demonstrations and presentations before large audiences at Equine Affaire are invaluable ways to promote your breed and breed association to avid horse enthusiasts. Equine Affaire offers several different opportunities to present horses in hand, under saddle, and in harness during the event. These live demonstrations will enable you to showcase the qualities, capabilities, and charisma of your horses...and get people as excited as you are about your breed!

Breed Demonstrations in the Coliseum and Mallary Clinic Arena

Breed demonstrations are choreographed and scripted “mini productions” presented in between clinics in the coliseum and Mallary Arena. The purpose of each breed demonstration is to give each breed association or owner group exhibiting in the Breed Pavilion a prime opportunity to educate Equine Affaire attendees about their breed—and inspire event attendees to visit their exhibits to learn more about their horses and associations. Your breed demonstration should focus on the history of your breed; the conformation, gaits, and unique qualities that define horses of your breed; and the disciplines and activities for which your horses are best suited. While your horses perform in the arena, Equine Affaire’s announcer will read a script prepared by your breed demo coordinator and, if desired, play music that you provide as an mp3 file.

Each breed is offered up to two breed demo opportunities—one eight-minute demo in the coliseum and one eight-minute demo in the Mallary Arena. Breed demonstration times and locations are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis in the order in which Equine Affaire’s Horse Exhibits Coordinator receives contracts from Breed Pavilion exhibitors. Once the clinic schedule is confirmed for the main arenas, the Horse Exhibits Coordinator contacts the representative of your breed who contracted for the exhibit space to schedule your demonstration day and time. You will then need to designate an individual within your organization who will serve as your breed demo coordinator; our Horse Exhibits Coordinator will then follow up with that individual to provide him/her with the information and materials needed to produce the breed demonstration.

You may present four to eight horses in each of your breed demonstrations. These horses may include horses that are at the event to be featured in your exhibit stall, horses on display in the Horse & Farms Exhibits, and horses brought to the event solely for participation in your demonstrations. To support breed associations in producing their demonstrations, Equine Affaire provides 24 hours of stabling and four single-day tickets for each horse brought to the event solely for participation in your demos.

If there are unassigned breed demo timeslots in the clinic arena schedule after all breed demos for associations and groups exhibiting in the Breed Pavilion have been scheduled, opportunities to present breed demos will be extended to breeds represented solely within the Horse & Farms Exhibits. Those demos will be coordinated by the horse owners exhibiting in that area.

Breed Presentations in the Equine Fundamentals Forum

Breed presentations in the Equine Fundamentals Forum (located in the Mallary South) are smaller and less formal breed segments scheduled in between other educational sessions in the Forum's 24' x 24' demo ring. Featuring one horse in-hand, these presentations are 10 minutes in length and provide opportunities for Equine Affaire attendees to become acquainted with various breeds and see horses "up close." Equine Affaire's Horse Exhibits Coordinator contacts breed associations and groups with exhibit stalls in the Breed Pavilion and participants in the Horse & Farm Exhibits and invites them to present their breeds and horses in the Equine Fundamentals Forum. No script is needed for these presentations. The coordinator of the breed's EFF breed presentation may use the microphone and sound system to speak to members of the audience about the breed and the equine ambassador in the ring. Audience participation is encouraged.

Breed Presentations in the Breed Pavilion Ring

Within the Breed Pavilion there will be a 16 x 20 presentation ring for use by the breed associations exhibiting horses in stalls within the Pavilion. Throughout each day of the event there will be presentation timeslots that are 10-12 minutes in length. Breed Pavilion exhibitors are given the opportunity to sign up for timeslots each day during which to showcase their horses and present their equine ambassadors outside of their exhibit stalls. These breed presentations are very informal; there is no script or sound system. Horse owners present their horses in hand and talk with attendees outside of the presentation ring. **Representatives should plan to use the horse in the display stall of the Breed Pavilion for this presentation.**

Breed Videos on Equine Affaire's Youtube Channel

Equine Affaire is devoted to developing an understanding of horses and basic horsemanship skills for new riders and horse owners of all ages. If your breed association has a professionally produced promotional video about your breed and breed association, you may submit the video for broadcast on Equine Affaire's Youtube channel. Videos may be no longer than five minutes and must be provided as a mp4 video file.