

BRINGING HORSES TO EQUINE AFFAIRE

April 12-16 2023—Ohio Expo Center, Columbus, OH

HEALTH PAPERS: All horses that are brought to the Ohio Expo Center are expected to be in good health and free of infectious disease.

Any horse transported to the event must be accompanied by a negative test result for equine infectious anemia (Coggins Test) dated within twelve months of April 5, 2020, and horses coming from out-of-state shall have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) dated within 30 days of the date on which the horse arrives at the event. These documents must be presented upon arrival at Ohio Expo Center to the veterinarian who will be in the Barn Office during Equine Affaire.

BARN OFFICE HOURS:

The Barn Office is located at the front of the Gilligan Complex along the green wall.

Wednesday: 10:00am–8:00pm

Thursday–Saturday: 8:30am–6:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am–3:00pm

Horse Exhibits Coordinator OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday: Check in at the Barn Office in Gilligan Complex between 10:00am-8:00pm

Thursday-Sunday: The office in the Voinovich center will be manned 8:00am-7:00pm

VET ASSISTANCE: During show hours Dr. Michael Schmall can be reached through the Barn Office in the Gilligan Complex. Please see information posted in the Gilligan Complex and at the Breed Coordinator's offices. Both during and after show hours Dr. Schmall can be reached at (614) 570-6148. Please allow time for the vet to travel to the grounds during non-show hours.

BEDDING/FEED: Owners of horses will be responsible for bringing or buying their own bedding. Straw and shavings will be available on site for purchase by contacting Kuhlwein Feeds at the trailer located under the viaduct to the west end of the Gilligan Complex. Pre-event orders are encouraged; they can be placed by contacting Jim Kuhlwein at (614) 989-2142 or jimkuhl1@aol.com.

STALL MATS: For Horse & Farm Exhibitors, stall mats are available for rent by Kuhlwein Services at (614) 989-2142 or jimkuhl1@aol.com. The mat rental rate is \$80 per stall. Pre-event orders are encouraged.

USE OF THE COVERED PADDOCK & THE DENNY HALES PAVILION:

For the safety of horses, riders, and event attendees, **riding is permitted only in the Covered Paddock, the Denny Hales Pavilion, and the clinic arenas; riding is not permitted in any pedestrian areas or walkways or anywhere north of 17th Avenue.**

The west half of the **Covered Paddock** (which is adjacent to the Bricker Building and just across the plaza from the Gilligan Complex) will be available for schooling horses Wednesday through Sunday. Longing is not allowed in the Covered Paddock. Please have respect for any clinics and presentations taking place Thursday-Sunday in the east end of the Covered Paddock.

From 6:00-10:00pm on Thursday-Saturday evenings the acts performing in the Fantasia will be warming up and staging in this area; all other riders and handlers are expected to use the Denny Hales Pavilion during these times.

The Denny Hales Pavilion (just south of the Voinovich Livestock and Trade Center) will be available throughout the expo for exercising horses. Horses may be ridden, driven, and lunged in

this arena. **This is the only arena in which owners of horses for sale may allow prospective buyers to test ride their horses for sale.**

There will be a large number of horses of a variety of breeds and riding/driving styles utilizing the schooling areas at the same time, so it will be important to work in a cooperative spirit with your fellow horsemen. Should you observe any unsafe or undesirable situations, please bring them to the attention of show management at the Barn Office.

ACCESS TO THE COLISEUM: The Coliseum will be available for schooling horses during specified hours that will be posted outside of the Barn Office and the Breed Coordinator Office. The Coliseum will usually be available Thursday–Saturday in the early morning and each night after Fantasia until midnight. **Horses for sale may not be test ridden in the Coliseum.**

The “NO DOG” policy WILL BE ENFORCED: Because of the nature of the event, the attendance volume, and liability restrictions by both the Ohio Expo Center and our insurance company, companion animals (other than working service animals or service animals in training in accordance with Section 955.43 of the Ohio Revised Code) will not be permitted inside any building (**including the barns**) at Equine Affaire at any time during move-in, event hours, or move-out. **Any exhibitor who brings a companion animal into any building at Equine Affaire will be asked to remove his exhibit and leave the event. There will be no exceptions.**

USE/RENTAL OF SCOOTERS & GOLF CARTS: All-terrain vehicles, scooters, mini-bikes, roller blades and other similar recreational equipment are strictly prohibited on the grounds of the Ohio Expo Center. Golf carts are permitted *outside of the buildings*. If you wish to rent a golf cart for the show, you may do so by calling Eagle Golf Cars, LLC at (740) 756-0518. You may also order online at <http://www.eaglegolfcars.net/rentals.html>.

HOTELS & CAMPING: Detailed information on Equine Affaire host hotels is available at **equineaffaire.com**. Make your reservations as soon as possible because the demand for rooms during this event is very high. Camping in campers or horse trailers is permitted only within one of the Ohio Expo Center campgrounds. Tent camping is not permitted. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis upon arrival; there are ample camping spaces and no pre-registration. The camping fee is \$35/night. Electric, water, and sewer hook ups are available. Shower facilities are located in the Gilligan Complex. Horse owners may sleep in their stalls to maintain watch over their horses; however, be advised that there may be rodents in the barn.

QUIET HOURS: In fairness to other participants and their horses we ask that you please observe “quiet hours” from 11:00pm to 7:00am. The folks and the horses that will be spending the night in the barn will appreciate your consideration.

SMOKING: Smoking is strictly prohibited inside all buildings, including the Gilligan Complex.

SAFETY: Some people who will be attending Equine Affaire will not be horse people who understand the potential dangers posed by horses. It will be extremely important to keep the welfare of the public in mind as you exhibit your horse. You will need to protect your horse from the public and the public from your horse. **Each horse that is led through any area used by pedestrians must be escorted by THREE escorts: one at the head, one at the tail, and one walking in advance of the horse clearing the aisle and announcing that a “horse is coming through.” Please take every precaution possible to help ensure everyone’s safety.**

SECURITY: Because of the size of the Ohio Expo Center and the fact that people will be coming and going from the stabling area on a 24-hour a day basis, Equine Affaire cannot guarantee the security of your horse or belongings. A security officer will be on duty each night to assist you in

the event of an emergency. The officer will circulate through the stabling area and check back at the Barn Office area on a regular basis. We anticipate that several owners will be staying with their horses, so a “neighborhood watch” system may be in effect.

Please be sure to safeguard your valuables at all times; do not leave valuables unattended in stalls or visible within vehicles. Complete an **Emergency Notification Card** (available in the Barn Office and Breed Coordinator’s office) and post it on the front of your stall.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation and hope that the 2023 Equine Affaire will be a very successful event for everyone involved. If you have any questions, please contact us at (740) 845-0085 (9am–5:00pm Monday-Friday, Eastern):

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