

BRINGING HORSES TO EQUINE AFFAIRE

November 9-12, 2023 | Eastern States Exposition | W. Springfield, MA

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE:

Please carefully review the document that covers the arrival protocols for those with horses on site. **No horses may arrive prior to 10:00am on Wednesday.** Horse owners are encouraged to arrive during the hours that the Barn Office will be open. Please contact the Horse Exhibits Coordinator to make special arrangements to arrive outside of the posted hours or if you need to stay through Sunday night.

HEALTH PAPERS: All horses brought to Equine Affaire are expected to be free of illness and infectious disease.

IMPORTANT! Any horse transported to the event must also be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) issued within 30 days of the date on which the horse arrives at the event. *The certificate must state that these equines do not originate from a quarantined area, or an area where a contagious or infectious disease has been officially diagnosed.*

Any horse transported to the event must be accompanied by a negative test result for equine infectious anemia (Coggins Test) dated within one year of November 12, 2023. Horses offered for sale must be accompanied by a negative test result for equine infectious anemia (Coggins Test) dated within 6 months of November 12, 2023.

While not required, it is strongly recommended that all equines be vaccinated for rabies, tetanus, EEE/WEE, and Flu/Rhino within one year of the event.

Each horse owner/trainer will be required to present the required health papers to the show veterinarian upon check in. On Wednesday the show vet, Dr. Kris Koss, will be stationed in the Barn Office of C Barn. Dr. Koss will be available through the Barn Office on Thursday-Sunday as well.

BARN OFFICE HOURS: The Barn Office will be located in C Barn and open as follows: Wednesday: 10:00am–8:00pm | Thursday–Saturday: 8:30am–6:30pm | Sunday: 8:30am–3:00pm

HORSE EXHIBITS COORDINATOR'S OFFICE HOURS: The Horse Exhibits Coordinator will be located in the Barn Office of C Barn on Wednesday from 10:00am–8:00pm and on Thursday-Sunday during show hours.

VET ASSISTANCE: During show hours Dr. Kris Koss can be reached through the Barn Office in C-Barn. During non-show hours, Dr. Koss will be on call and can be reached at (508) 864-6988.

BEDDING/FEED: Owners of horses will be responsible for bringing or buying their own bedding. Feed, shavings, straw and hay will be available on site for purchase by contacting the Eastern States Exposition Feed Store at the bedding office in C Barn.

Pre-event orders are encouraged and will be handled via credit cards; orders can be placed by contacting the Eastern States Exposition Feed Store at (413) 205-5307 or via the online order form beginning October 3rd at www.TheBigE.com/agriculture. **To open an account at the event, one must leave either a blank check or credit card on file.** Office hours: Wednesday: 10:00am-8:00pm; Thursday through Sunday: 8:00-11:00am and 3:00-7:00pm

BEDDING AND TRASH REMOVAL:

Breed Pavilion: Please use the manure/bedding dump area outside of Door 5 (the horse door) of the Stroh building for the disposal of bedding from Breed Pavilion stalls. All Breed Pavilion exhibitors must remove the bedding from their exhibit stalls during move-out on Sunday evening. You may simply push the bedding out into the aisle in front of your stall.

The Barns: There are bedding/manure dumping locations outside of all four barns...on the west side of each barn. Horse owners are not required to remove the bedding in their stalls in the barns when they depart.

PLEASE do not put any garbage in any bedding/manure dump area—dispose of all other trash in regular trash receptacles located throughout the barns.

USE OF FACILITIES: Please groom your horse within your stall and refrain from cross-tying a horse in any aisle during event hours. At the close of the show, please remove any tacks, staples, or nails that you have used to hang decorations on your stall.

HORSE PRESENTATION RING IN STROH: The Presentation Ring, located in the southwest corner of the Stroh Building, will have rubber mat flooring and be enclosed by white vinyl fencing.

WATER FOR HORSES IN BREED PAVILION: There is a water faucet in the janitor's closet next to the west office in the Stroh building.

OUTDOOR RIDING: Riding will be permitted only in designated areas at the event; riding is not permitted in any pedestrian area or on lawns or walkways. There will be two outdoor riding rings available for your use during the event: one between C-Barn and the coliseum and the outdoor arena west of E Barn. There will be a large number of horses of a variety of breeds and riding/driving styles utilizing the areas at the same time, so it will be very important to work in a cooperative spirit with your fellow horsemen. **When riding in the area between C-Barn and the coliseum, please give priority to horses warming up for the next session in the coliseum. Please report any problems which may arise in this area to the Coliseum Arena Manager and/or the Barn Office.** Help us foster a safe environment for both horses and people by respecting the ride and no-ride zones indicated on the site map posted inside and outside the Barn Office.

HORSE HOLDING AREA NEXT TO MALLARY COMPLEX: If you are taking your horse to the arena in the Mallary Complex for a breed demo or clinic, please do not linger with your horse in the road way next to the building or outside of the horse

entrance to the clinic arena. Please wait with your horse in the roped off area on the grass to the west of the Mallary Complex until the beginning of your demo or clinic.

ACCESS TO INDOOR ARENAS: The indoor arenas in Mallary South and the Young Building will be utilized throughout each day of the event for training clinics and will not be available for schooling at any time including move in on Wednesday. The coliseum arena will be utilized for clinics each day and for the Fantasia on Wednesday through Saturday nights. The Coliseum will be open for schooling each morning and evening for limited hours; a schedule will be posted in the Barn Office.

THE “NO PET” POLICY WILL BE ENFORCED: Because of the nature of the event, the volume of people attending, and liability restrictions imposed by both the Eastern States Exposition and our insurance company, companion animals (other than working service animals or service animals in training in accordance with Chapter 355 of the Massachusetts Acts 2002, Section 39E) will not be permitted inside any Eastern States Exposition building, including the barns. This rule will be strictly enforced. **Any participant who brings a companion animal into a building at Equine Affaire will be asked to remove his exhibit/equipment/horse and leave the event. There will be no refund of any fees paid.**

SCOOTERS / GOLF CARTS: Golf carts and small, electric scooters may be brought to Equine Affaire, but they may not be used inside any building. All golf carts and scooters must be parked at the west end of C-Barn when not in use. Operators must be at least 18 years of age and are expected to exercise care when driving in the presence of horses and event participants. Equine Affaire and the Eastern States Exposition reserve the right to revoke golf cart or scooter privileges as needed.

QUIET HOURS: We hope that you and your fellow horsemen enjoy your participation in Equine Affaire and encourage you to have social gatherings at your stall area. However, in fairness to other participants and their horses, we ask that you please observe “quiet hours” from 10:00pm to 7:00am. The horse owners and horses which will be spending the night in the barn will appreciate your consideration.

EXTENSIONS OF STAY IN PRIVATE STABLING AREA: If you decide to extend your stay beyond your prepaid reservation, please notify the Barn Manager as soon as possible. Stalls are in short supply at this event, so most stalls are reassigned soon after the departure times indicated on Stall Reservation Forms. The fee for each additional night of stabling will be \$45; this fee must be paid in cash before an extension will be granted. Those not giving sufficient notice and/or neglecting to pay the fees will be asked to vacate as previously scheduled. Requests for extensions will be granted only if stalls are available.

SMOKING AT EQUINE AFFAIRE: Smoking is strictly prohibited inside all buildings including the barns.

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 very important to keep the welfare of the public attending the event in mind as you exhibit your horse. You will need to protect your horse from the public and the public from your horse.

Any horse that is being led through any area used by pedestrians must be escorted by THREE people: one at the head, one at the tail, and one walking in advance of the horse clearing the immediate area by announcing that a “horse is coming through.” Because Equine Affaire is not a regular horse show, we are all obliged to exercise a little more care and deal with different types of concerns than we ordinarily encounter at a horse show. **Please take every precaution possible to ensure everyone’s safety.**

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL: In the event of an emergency, please immediately contact one of the roving security officers or any member of the Equine Affaire staff so that they can contact the EMT on site and / or other emergency service providers. ***Please refrain from using your cell phone to call 911 as this may delay or interfere with the arrival of the appropriate and closest emergency service providers.*** Use your cell phone ONLY if the emergency is urgent and you are unable to quickly reach a security officer or member of the staff; please advise the staff immediately of any 911 call that you make.

SECURITY: Because of the size of the Eastern States Exposition and the fact that people will be coming and going from the barns 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. **Please be aware of your belongings at all times and secure those items of particular concern.** Keep your tack stall locked at all times. So that someone may contact you in the event of an emergency, please complete an **Emergency Notification Card** to post on your horse stall. Cards are available in the Barn Office and Breed Coordinator’s office.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact our staff at (740) 845-0085 (9:00am–5:00pm Monday–Friday).

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