

# Delaware Equine News

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Oct/Nov 2023

Another successful show! Two more to go!  
October 8th (double points) and October 15th!



Delaware Equine Council

## 2023 Horse Show Series

Sunday, May 21, 2023  
Saturday, July 29, 2023 CANCELLED  
Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023  
Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023\*  
Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023

Location  
Paradise Equestrian LLC 26632 Equistar Drive  
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Warm up @ 8:00 AM  
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Mayvis Baker, 3, standing strong with the flag during the Pledge of Allegiance. Go to page 3 & 8 for more on the 2023 DEC Members Appreciation Day



### President's Message

Where does the time go?? September flew by and now we're heading into October like Flash Gordon!

The September horse show went great. We have one this Sunday, October 8th with double points and Sunday, October 15th to finish out the 2023 Horse show year! The "Year End" awards will be given out at the October 15th show!

The 2023 Member Appreciation Day ride/drive and luncheon was a success due to Stan's trust in Mother Nature and our Quarter Auction on Oct. 1st was well attended and great fun. Lot of amazing gifts for quarters and the proceeds are being donated to the large animal rescue equipment purchase. You should come next time!!

Enjoy this weather and get out with your equines!

*Ken Horeis, DEC President*

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### ★ Next DEC Meeting ★

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- October 16, 2023
- November 20, 2023
- December - No Meeting

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### 2023 MAD Trial Ride

Not even a tropical storm could dampen the spirits at the 2023 Member Appreciation Day was held at Redden State Park Headquarters on Sunday, September 24th.



Friends and Family riding the day

Adjustments were made for parking, so we wouldn't make ruts or get stuck in the field. Frances Baker brought her young team of Clydesdale's with one of her magnificent carriages and several riders hit the trails for a beautiful day.



Frances Baker and Linda Thomas from the Delmarva Driving Club

In total, there were 64 attendees to enjoy Shorty's fantastic pulled pork and barbecue chicken lunch. Mayvis Baker held the American flag while the pledge was recited and Stan Vonasek said the blessing before digging in!

**Thanks to all who came out! See you in 2024!**

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COMPASSIONATE HEARTS WHERE HORSES EMPOWER PEOPLE. Gals That Give Have fun & #dogood! OCTOBER 25, 2023 BAYWOOD GREENS



Compassionate Hearts #dogood benefit

#dogood Gals Night Out supporting Compassionate Hearts

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**This month's proceeds will benefit the Courageous Hearts**

Dinner Ticket Cost: \$45 per person

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# 2023 DEC Member Appreciation Day





# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mount Harmon PAPER CHASE

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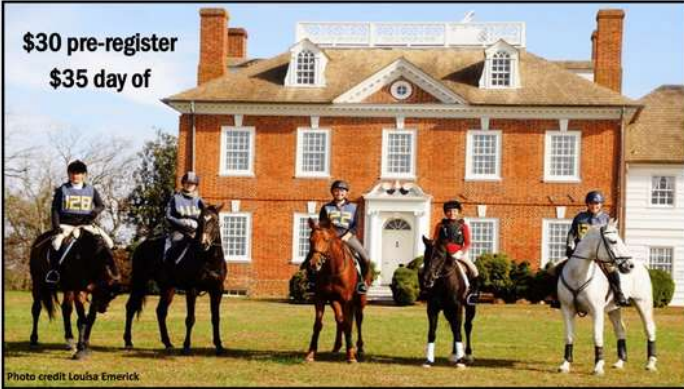


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**Sunday, November 12, 2023**  
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## Owner Vaccination Guidelines

By Robert Holland, DVM, Ph.D.

The world is getting smaller every day. People and horses travel across the country and around the planet at rates never seen before. It has opened up huge vet and owner opportunities for competition, growth, and learning. Unfortunately, it has also given us increased opportunities to be exposed to a growing number of diseases.



Never before has it been so important to connect with your veterinarian to focus on preventive actions for the health of your horse. The number one way to do this is through an effective vaccination program. It is so easy to forget those annual vaccines, but they can and do keep horses healthier, and in some cases, alive. Who wants to see their horses suffer with a disease?

So how do you begin to decide what vaccines to give? Get together with your veterinarian. Your vet can help you assess the risk factors in your area, when the best time to vaccinate would be, and what is right for your specific animals on your farm, ranch, or stable. It is not as easy as it sounds; when I was on the task force for the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) to develop vaccination guidelines, one of our biggest issues was how to account for variations in individual circumstances. For example, the ideal time of year to vaccinate might change due to the geographic area. Using the AAEP guidelines as a starting point, talk with your veterinarian about developing an individual plan for your horses.

Vaccinations aren't your only defense, however: Preventive management on your farm is another important key. Quarantine any incoming horses away from the rest of your herd for at least two weeks. This should cover any incubation period. That way, if your new horse is sick, you don't get all of the others sick as well. Make sure to keep your water sources cleaned regularly, wash your hands between horses, and always deal with a sick horse at the end of the day to avoid spreading his disease. If a horse has a respiratory problem, ask your vet to swab his nose to get a sample to test for what specific disease is affecting your horse. That way, the appropriate antibiotic and treatments can be applied. Discuss these and other measures with your veterinarian.



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**Oct. 7-TEC's "Celebration of the Horse"**, 10 am-4 pm, 619 Crouse Mill Road, Queen Anne, MD, Contact: Stacy Frank (516) 901-4979 for info.

**Oct. 8\*- DEC HORSESHOW** at Pairadice Equestrian, 26632 Equistar Lane, Milton, DE 19968-contact Joan at touchngong@msn.com or 631-905-5800 to pre-register \*Double Points

**Oct. 15- DEC HORSESHOW** at Pairadice Equestrian, 26632 Equistar Lane, Milton, DE 19968- contact Joan at touchngong@msn.com or 631-905-5800 to pre-register.

**Oct. 29-AMBA's Halloween Trail Ride & Walk**, \$25 includes lunch, music, and prizes-costumes optional. Benefits AMBA & DEC Fundraiser for Large Animal Rescue Equipment. Registration opens at 10am.

**Oct. 28-Making Strides Hunter Jumper Series** at Breezy Run Farm, Church Hill, MD

**Oct. 28- HOLIDAY JUMP START CRAFT EVENT** AT SONSHINE EQUINE, 9am-1pm, Brenda's number is 301-706-5183 and Sandy's is 443-326-2331.

**Nov. 4- FALL FESTIVAL FOR RIDERS AND FAMILIES** at Sonshine Equine, 2-4pm, Contact Jan 302-858-1275 for more information.

**Nov. 12-Mt. Harmon Paper Chase**, Earlvile, MD. \$30/preregistered, \$35 day of. 10-1pm

**Nov. 19-Making Strides Hunter Jumper Series** at Breezy Run Farm, Church Hill, MD

### Owner Vaccination Guidelines (continued)

A starting point in developing a vaccination program for your horses is first to determine the risk of infection for your animals with your local vet, who will know the diseases and risk factors common to your area. Are your horses farm-bound, or are they out at a new show every weekend? The process of shipping stresses horses in and of itself. So, if shipped horses are also exposed to many other animals that might be carrying disease, they might need a more aggressive vaccination program to give them the best protection possible in these increased risk circumstances.

How old are your horses? Young horses, like children, tend to pick up passing diseases very easily, as they are still building up their immunity to many diseases. And immunity to any disease isn't instant, even with vaccine administration. According to the AAEP guidelines, "Protection is not afforded to the horse immediately after administration of a vaccine that is designed to induce active immunity. In most instances, a series of multiple doses of inactivated vaccine must be administered initially for the vaccine to induce protective active immunity."

## Emergency Equine Assistance Program

DEC Emergency Equine Assistance Program is a payment program designed to assist horse/equine owners who demonstrate financial need with the cost of hay, feed, or veterinary services for their equines. Payments will be to the feed/hay suppliers or veterinarians to cover actual, documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the horse/equine owner. **Visit [https://delawareequinecouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/eeap\\_all\\_docs.pdf](https://delawareequinecouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/eeap_all_docs.pdf)** Our online application forms are the fastest way to get help. Please use the link to access the forms. Fill them out completely and accurately. When complete, they will be e-mailed directly to the committee.

### 2023 DAHA Fall Spotacular

The 2023 DAHA Fall Spotacular did not disappoint, with enough horses coming to open a block barn at the fairgrounds. We had horses from near and far and of every color and breed. We even had a pony named Milkshake come for the open all breed classes. We aptly started calling him Funsized.



Milkshake aka Funsized & Brooke

We started out the weekend with some fun on Friday night, with our Costume Freestyle Showmanship followed by our Command class. There were lots of laughs by everyone.



2023 DAHA Fall Spotacular

Then it was time to get your game face on for Saturday bright and early beginning with halter classes. We continued on through the night showing and having fun.

Our Make Your Own S'More's Bar was a big hit again this year. Speaking of food, we had the BEST food truck around. Stick To Your Ribs and Darrell Hughes fed us well, with giant portions.

Sunday continued with everyone smiling and having fun. We ended the show by giving out our two perpetual trophies and 23 Hi-Point buckles and Reserve Hi-Point awards. But we didn't stop there. Thanks to our wonderful sponsors we had circuit awards for every class winner. But the best of all our sponsors, Collins Performance Horse, Integrity Home Mortgage, Mary Kessler, and Focus Behavioral Health & Equine Therapy we gave away over \$2000.00 to our exhibitors.

If you haven't been to the DAHA Fall Spotacular you should put it on your calendar for 2024

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Jamie Collins & TE's Coolest Cowboy winner of the Michael Griffin Memorial Halter Champion of Champions. This is the third year winning the trophy for Jamie



Brook Kuronya winner of the Gayle Matson Youth Equitation Memorial Trophy.

There were plenty of tears all around when we announced Brooke as the winner.

These were not just normal happy tears. Yes they were happy tears, but they were so much more than that.

Gayle passed away from ALS and Brooke was one of her last student before she passed. So that made it a special moment. You see not only did Brooke win a trophy in memory of her beloved trainer, she won it on Gayle's birthday. We know Gayle was all smiles in Heaven.



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