

**The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc.**  
**UPDATE # 4**  
**CVMA convening meeting regarding EHV in Connecticut**

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As most horse owners in Connecticut are now aware, there has been an ongoing outbreak of Equine Herpes Virus (EHV) in other states in recent weeks, most notably in Florida and California. On December 24 2006, a horse at Fairfield Equine Associates in Newtown Connecticut, developed a fever and was tested. This horse was confirmed with the Neurological form of EHV. This horse is currently under quarantine and continues to improve.

As of January 9 2007, EHV was detected in horses at the University of Connecticut. As a result, the University quarantined its herd of 72 horses, and instituted biosecurity procedures.

Due to the outbreak on campus, a decision was made on January 10, 2007 to cancel the Horse Symposium, scheduled to be held at UConn on March 24 & 25 2007. A Conference on Equine Health and Management on Saturday, March 24, from 10 AM - 4 PM will take place instead. Additionally, the sale of rescued horses that was being held by the Department of Agriculture has been postponed. The sale will be rescheduled after the quarantine is lifted. The rescued horses are not housed at UConn and have had no exposure to the virus.

This afternoon, CHC president Amy Stegall spoke with Dr. Robert M. Baratt, DVM. Dr. Barrat is chair of the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) equine committee. Next week, the CVMA equine committee will be convening a meeting of its members along with the state veterinarian, Dr. Mary Jane Lis to discuss this current situation.

CHC will continue to remain in communication with CVMA and the state veterinarian, and will provide as much information as possible to equestrians in Connecticut. We are aware that there is conflicting information being provided on the internet, therefore we are only releasing statements which we have verified with the state or CVMA. We anticipate that we will have additional statements from CVMA and the state by the middle of next week.

Should you have questions about EHV, please contact your veterinarian. If you have questions about this alert, please contact CHC President Amy Stegall [stegall@snet.net](mailto:stegall@snet.net). You may also contact state veterinarian Dr. Mary Jane Lis at 860-713-2505 with questions about the quarantine. Please check the Connecticut Horse Council, Inc. website for updates and alerts [www.cthorsecouncil.org](http://www.cthorsecouncil.org)