



Connecticut Horse Council

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2018 WINTER NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

January is once again time to renew your CT Horse Council membership. We are a non- profit volunteer legislative advocacy group representing all horse interests in CT.

We monitor all issues that have an impact on the horse industry. The Connecticut Horse Council is member supported by individuals and organizations representing every facet of the horse industry including owners, breeders, veterinarians, farriers, breed organizations, horsemen's associations, commercial suppliers and town horse councils. CHC represents equestrian interest with representation on the **Connecticut Greenways Council** and the **Connecticut Equine Advisory Council**. We provide information on Legislation, Road Safety, Trails, Zoning, Barn Fire Training – CT Horse 911, Fire Prevention & Emergency Disaster Preparedness and produce educational brochures for the public. We are an affiliate of the **American Horse Council**, whose primary concern is to oversee federal legislation, including taxes, which affect the horse industry.

CHC has partnered with CT Horse Magazine. Your 2018 CHC membership will include your subscription to the magazine delivered to your address.

As a member you are also available to **purchase the Personal Excess Liability Insurance administered by Equisure, Inc. for Association Resource Group (ARG) and their affiliates** THIS INSURANCE IS EXCESS AND NOT INTENDED TO BE YOUR PRIMARY EQUESTRIAN LIABILITY COVERAGE. The coverage is from January 1st to December 31st 2018, so it is best to send in the annual fee along with your CHC membership dues as early as possible. The insurance is \$19.00 for an individual and \$38.00 for family. See pages 4-5 for more information

Our supporting organizations and business members are listed on 20-25 and are also posted up on our website. Club, Organizations, Business & Professional support is only \$40.00 per year - all posted on our web site and in our Newsletters. The CHC membership form is on pages 26-27. We look forward to helping our communities in all aspects of horse life, education and care. Support your state organization, get up to date information on legislation, policies and more.

The CHC, Inc., can only be as strong as its membership. Please join us and work together to protect your interests for today and tomorrow!

If you have already renewed, thank you for your support.

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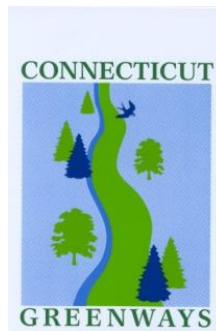
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Frequently Asked Questions

about the Personal Excess Liability Insurance administered

by Equisure, Inc. for Association Resource Group (ARG) and their affiliates

THIS INSURANCE IS EXCESS AND NOT INTENDED TO BE YOUR PRIMARY EQUESTRIAN LIABILITY COVERAGE.

? When does my personal excess insurance start and end? The coverage starts when your membership is approved and the premium is paid to Equisure. Coverage ends 12:01 am on December 31st of every calendar year.

? If my membership starts in June, when will my insurance coverage start? Your insurance will also start the month you purchase your membership. For e.g., you will have coverage for approximately 7 months if you joined in June and coverage for 12 months if you joined in January. In both cases the coverage will end 12:01a on December 31st.

? How can I get a copy of the Master Policy? You should contact Equisure directly with proof of your membership and request a copy of the Master Policy or email your request to info@equisure-inc.com. The Master Policy may not be posted on your association websites or reproduced without prior written consent from the management of Equisure.

? Do members get anything showing proof of coverage? Yes. Your group will be provided with certificates of Insurance (a brief summary of coverages, conditions and exclusions) these may be distributed only to members. Like the Master Policy, the Certificate of Insurance may not to be posted on websites or reproduced in any fashion without written consent from Equisure.

? How would this insurance apply if I have homeowners insurance? This policy is excess over any other valid and collectible underlying insurance. If you have underlying insurance, such as homeowners/farm insurance, this policy is excess over that insurance. If you have no other underlying insurance this policy would become primary.

? I am a trainer and run a horse breeding operation, does this insurance provide coverage for my business? No. Coverage for equestrian businesses and business related activities are excluded from the personal excess policy. Please contact Equisure for more information or to purchase **Professional and/or General Liability insurance** for your equine training activity and/or any other equine business operation.

? If my horse is boarded away from my residence, would this policy provide coverage? Yes, on an excess basis, any other insurance is primary. This policy provides coverage for equine related incidences away from your residence for which you are personally liable or negligent.

? If I lend my horse to someone to ride, how would coverage apply? This policy would be excess but you would have coverage for bodily injury and/or property damage to a third party for an equine related incident caused by a horse you own for which you are held legally liable.

? Is my horse covered if it dies? No. This policy does not provide animal mortality coverage for horses you own. **Equine Mortality/Major Medical Insurance** can be purchased by calling Equisure (800-752-2472) or internet quote request at www.equisure-inc.com.

? How are insureds defined? Family Membership: includes "you", your resident spouse and your children under 18 years of age. The each occurrence limit is the most we will pay for the sum of damages claimed against you, your resident spouse and your resident children under 18 years of age.

Individual Membership: The Each Occurrence Limit is the most we will pay for the sum of damages claimed against you arising out of one occurrence.

For any claim to be considered, the member(s) must have a valid membership and be in good standing with the affiliate of Association Resource Group. The General Aggregate limit is the most we will pay for the sum of all damages claimed.

? If I fall off my horse and broke my arm, would this policy provide coverage? No, not under the Personal Excess Policy. This is not a medical insurance policy. You would need to have your own health or accident insurance.

? What limits are provided by this policy? The limits provided under this policy per household and is shared by all member of the same residence:
\$1,000,000 aggregate limit ~ \$1,000,000 per occurrence limit

? Can I increase the limits provided by this policy? No.

? Can I add an additional insured to this policy? This policy provides personal excess liability insurance for you. It does not allow for the addition of additional insureds. If your barn has questions about the insurance provided, please phone Equisure. If needed, you can purchase Primary Equine Liability insurance for owned horses on a primary basis and add an additional insured.

? What should I do if I think I have a claim? 1. Immediately document all the details about the incident 2. Get the names and phone numbers of any witness(es) 3. Do not admit fault or make any monetary payment 4. Contact Equisure at 800-752-2472.

For any additional questions please contact Equisure, Inc.

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Legislation

Passport to the Parks Passes Legislature

By: Eric Hammerling, Executive Director CT Forest & Park Association



You did it!

Your emails, calls, and personal contacts with your Legislators made a difference. Thanks to your involvement, the Passport to the Parks is in the bi-partisan 2018-19 budget that was just passed overwhelmingly by your General Assembly. Hooray!

What does this mean for you?

Starting in January, 2018, two things will be different for you:

1. No more parking fees for you to get into any State Park (this year, the parking fee was \$13 for just one weekend visit to a shoreline Park like Hammonasset Beach State Park and \$9 at many other Parks); and
2. You will have a \$10 charge added to your DMV vehicle registration (paid every other year) which generates funding for the operation, maintenance, and enhancement of your State Parks.

Your hard work as an advocate has made your State Parks more sustainable (no longer totally reliant on the General Fund) and more people will get to enjoy Parks and campgrounds because of your efforts. Please pat yourself on the back and thank you!

What does this mean for your State Parks?

Although there are a few elements of the Passport to the Parks that will likely need to be tweaked over time, the result is a LARGE step in the right direction for your State Parks:

- ~\$13.9 million in new revenues estimated in the FY 2019 Budget for the Passport to the Parks fund;
- A new dedicated, non-lapsing Passport to the Parks Fund with better protection against sweeps or diversions; and
- No more parking fees at State Parks for all Connecticut residents starting in January, 2018 (this may result in increased visits to State Parks).

This new, more sustainable funding source for your State Parks is essential to provide a solid foundation for the future of your State Parks and campgrounds. This is progress!

Please thank your Legislators Getting the “Passport to the Parks” is fantastic news in a very tough budget environment, so please take a few minutes to [contact your Legislators](https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CGAFindLeg.asp) to let them know that you appreciate their efforts on behalf of your State Parks. Thanks to them, and thanks to you for your action and support.

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Legislation

Sadly, the Bonding for the Recreational Trails and Greenways Program is no longer available.

CHC will continue to work on the Constitution Amendment for:

“A Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State to Protect Real Property Held or Controlled by the State” Resolution Act 16-1 – was passed in the 2016 session (as Senate Joint Resolution 36), and, as required for proposed constitutional amendments, must be passed a second time to allow the public to vote on this important referendum question in 2018. This Resolution would amend the state constitution to require that State-owned public lands must receive a public hearing and a two-thirds vote before being given away, swapped, or sold by an act of the General Assembly. In our region, Maine, Massachusetts, and New York constitutions already include similar protections for public lands.

Trails Report

HELP NEEDED - Save Pachaug State Forest from State Training Facility

Below is a message from the members of Keep Griswold Quiet and Friends of Pachaug Forest Groups. Please take the time to read the information below and links for more information.

The Connecticut Horse Council is asking its membership to support this effort and to contact their local legislators asking them to help in protecting the uses of this forest.

Pachaug State Forest

The State of Connecticut along with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) have chosen the most **desirable** location to build a new Connecticut State Police Training Facility in and around Pachaug State Forest on Lee Road, in Griswold, CT. Pachaug State Forest (part of the Last Green Valley) consists of 27,000 acres of dense forest and wildlife, precious wetlands and streams, and is a flyway for migrating birds.

Members of Keep Griswold Quiet, Friends of Pachaug Forest, and CT residents know that this facility would have a direct negative effect on visitors, hikers, horseback riders, campers, hunters, kayakers, and many others who enjoy the outdoors. The ancient and historic Nehantic trail is located in Pachaug State Forest and cuts through the piece of property the state wants to build the range on.

The proposed State Police Training facility will be an extremely negative impact on the 2-mile radius including schools, churches, Hopeville State Park campground and beach, and residential neighborhoods of Griswold and Voluntown. The proposed facility is slated to be built on a sprawling 113 acres of prime agricultural land on Lee Road, surrounded by Pachaug State Forest. The facility will include 55,000 square feet building in addition to four outdoor ranges, control towers, and a parking lot for 125 cars. Our troopers will need to drive a mile through the forest from the nearest established paved road.

Training will take place Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm and will include some evening training/discharging firearms as late as 9pm. This would mean that 32 troopers will be discharging firearms every day, from dawn until dusk. Troopers, along with **all** other law enforcement agencies, will be allowed to practice on the weekends at this massive facility. The Connecticut State Police Swat Challenge is held yearly and agencies from all over CT participate with activities including helicopters and car chases.

While residents and organized members have the deepest respect for the Connecticut State Police, the dangerous job they do, and their need for an upgraded state-of-the-art training facility. However, Pachaug State Forest is not the right place for what they are planning.

There are alternative solutions available within the state of CT:

- a. Revamp the current state range in Simsbury, CT
- b. Use virtual reality as an option to keep costs down and still maintain state of the art training
- c. Find an empty indoor facility that can be renovated into a top of the line/ state of the art training facility.
- d. Use the East Haven or Meriden, CT existing military facilities. Federal agencies have granted 220 days for state police to use such spaces.
- e. Utilize brown field spaces in CT.

People of CT deserve Pachaug State Forest to remain a safe place for healthy recreational activities and for wildlife. It is not the place for a disruptive facility.
This project needs to be stopped and your help is desperately needed.

Please join the cause:

1. While we aim to raise awareness, we are also seeking donations of every size to help offset the financial burden of legal fees. You can make a difference in the life of your neighbor and the forest. Greatly appreciated, your donation will directly support the legal fees.
Visit www.youcaring.com and search for Save Pachaug Forest to make your donation.
2. Help us spread this message to everyone you know; Check out the proposed solutions on Facebook www.facebook.com/protectpachaugforest/ and join the [Protect Pachaug Facebook Group](#).
3. Contact CT leaders (representatives, senators, [contact your Legislators](#) <https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CGAFindLeg.asp> and let them know that Pachaug State Forest belongs to all the people of Connecticut. A state police training facility will destroy this beautiful forest and rob us of a precious natural resource.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

For more information on the Range Proposal Process, go to www.ct.gov/csprange/site/default.asp

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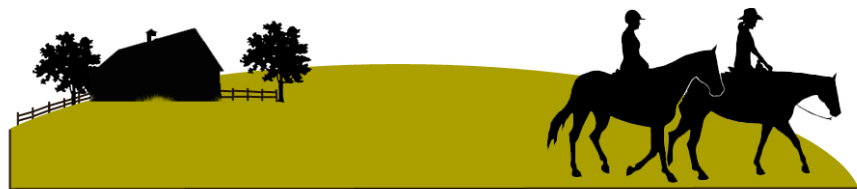
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CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The mission of the Equine Advisory Council and is to promote equestrian use on public lands, creating, preserving, maintaining and restoring trails.

The CT Equine Advisory Council's website and link to the Multi Use Trail Surface can be viewed on: <http://www.ct.gov/deep/eac> The study can be used to educate and promote multi-use trails and surfaces for planners of trails who may play a role in maintaining or implementing trail systems including Town planners, recreation committees and Council of Governments throughout the state.

2018 Meeting Schedule:

The 2018 meetings of the EAC will continue to be quarterly at a new location:
The CT Forest & Park Association Library located at 16 Meriden Road, Rockfall/Middlefield, CT
For directions: <https://www.ctwoodlands.org/about-us/contact-visit-cfpa>

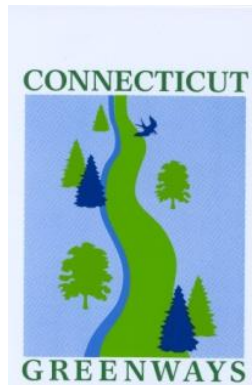
Meeting dates are: Thursday, March 15th, Thursday, June 21st, Thursday, September 20th, and December 13th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The public is welcomed.



LEFT : Meg Sautter (1st District), Laurie Gianniotti (DEEP), Eric Hammerling (CFPA), Fred Mastele CHC President, Ginger Tullai (2nd District), David Frazzellini (4th District) Ruth Beardsley (3rd District), Diane Ciano (5th District)

CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL



Members of the Connecticut Greenways Council are appointed by the Governor and the leaders of the General Assembly. Their duties include advising and assisting in the coordination of state agencies, municipalities, regional planning organizations and private citizens in voluntarily planning and implementing a system of greenways; providing assistance to state agencies, municipalities, regional planning organizations and private citizens in the technical aspects of planning, designing and implementing greenways, including advice on securing state, federal and nongovernmental grants; and establishing criteria for designation of greenways. Many Council members have had direct experience with trail and greenway development, and they can provide valuable insight into the development of successful local and regional projects.

The Council solicits nominations every February for official state greenway designation. Potential applicants are welcome to submit pre-proposals anytime to allow for discussions with CGC members and facilitation of new greenway designations when appropriate.

The council also reviews applications and awards grants submitted for the Recreational Trails Program.

Our CHC Representative is Stacey Stearns.

The CT Greenways Council meetings are open to the public. The Council meets at 9:30 am on the 2nd Monday of every other month at the offices of VHB, Inc. located at 100 Great Meadow Road Suite 200, in Wethersfield, Connecticut. Conference call option is available. Conference Call in Number: 1 (605) 472-5814. When prompted, enter the meeting ID 663-681-285, followed by the # key

The 2018 meeting dates are:

January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th,
August – no meeting, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th,
December – no meeting

For more information on the CT Greenways Council go to: www.ct.gov/deep/greenways

For further information about the Connecticut Greenways Council, contact Laurie Giannotti, DEEP Liaison to the Council at: CT DEEP 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106 (860) 424-3578
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Your CHC Representation around the state...



SCORP - Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Plan

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) released its 2017-2022 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). *Early in 2017 the CHC asked our membership to respond to the surveys.* **Your CHC Representative was President Fred Mastele.**

SCORP is updated every 5 years by the CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP). Extensive surveys of the general public, avid outdoor enthusiasts, and town leaders were incorporated into this DRAFT SCORP to get input on Connecticut's supply of outdoor recreation opportunities as well as the needs for more. The last time DEEP conducted intensive surveys on outdoor recreation as part of SCORP was in 2005, so it's interesting to see what has changed or stayed constant over time.

"Our primary goal with the new five-year plan is to better understand the recreation demands of Connecticut's residents and identify opportunities for a variety of outdoor recreation activities that are compatible with the long term protection of the state's outstanding natural and cultural resources," said Mike Lambert, DEEP Bureau Chief for Outdoor Recreation.

The draft 2017-2022 SCORP includes four key goals and action items that represent a commitment by the DEEP to continue to be responsive to the recreation needs of Connecticut's residents while responsibly managing the available resources in order to realize the greatest return on investments made to the outdoor recreation system.

The four goals include:

- Protect, conserve, and manage Connecticut's natural, cultural, and historical resources as they support outdoor recreation.
- Provide clean, safe, well-maintained outdoor recreation areas and facilities.
- Ensure that all residents and visitors can locate and access all outdoor recreation areas and facilities
- Promote healthy lifestyles through increased participation in outdoor recreation.

In developing the draft plan, DEEP established a SCORP Advisory Committee made up of individuals representing a diversity of recreation interests and perspectives to help guide the process. In addition, DEEP partnered with the Center for Public Policy and Social Research at Central Connecticut State University to seek substantial input from Connecticut's citizens including park and outdoor recreation stakeholders in a variety of ways, including online surveys and focus groups. Southern Connecticut State University provided assistance with strategic plan development and drafting the plan.

DEEP creates SCORP to meet a requirement of the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, a funding source the department uses for the development of park and recreation lands. The Land and Water Conservation Fund requires each participating state to complete a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan every five years to ensure wise use of grant funds. To be eligible for funding, the DEEP must submit its final 2017-2022 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Plan.

To view this final draft plan:

http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/stateparks/general_info/Draft_SCORP_2017-2022.pdf

Horse Owner's Corner: Timely Tips – Equine Herpes Virus infection

Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, UConn Equine Extension Specialist and CHC Education Chair

A recent outbreak of equine herpes virus in Bethany has us thinking about this potential problem again. Equine herpesvirus infections have been highlighted in many news articles since they are very common in horse populations. There are sporadic outbreaks due to equine herpesvirus in equine populations. Therefore, it is good to be familiar with the types of equine herpesviruses, clinical signs associated with the disease, transmission, diagnosis, treatment and especially, ways to protect your horses from infection.

Types of Equine Herpes Virus

Equine herpesviruses (EHV) are in the family alphaherpesviridae and are enveloped double stranded DNA viruses. There are 5 alpha herpesviruses that infect horses (EHV-1, 2, 3, 4, and 5). For the purposes of this fact sheet, we will focus on EHV-1 and EHV-4, which are the two that result in serious clinical disease in the horse. EHV-1 and EHV-4 used to be considered subtypes of the same virus, but are now recognized as closely related but different viruses. EHV-1 is commonly found in horse populations worldwide and was previously referred to as the equine abortion virus. Although EHV-1 is well known for causing reproductive disease, it is also known to cause respiratory and neurological disease. EHV-4 is also known as equine rhinopneumonitis virus and is most common among foals and yearlings. Although EHV-4 most commonly causes respiratory disease, it can also cause abortion and neurological disease.

Clinical Signs Associated with Equine Herpesvirus Infection

The incubation period (period of time from exposure to development of first clinical signs) ranges from 2 to 10 days. Respiratory signs for EHV-1 and EHV-4 include fever of 102 -107° F that lasts for 1-7 days, coughing, depression, inappetence (going off feed), and nasal discharge. Abortion usually occurs between months 7 and 11 of gestation, about 2-12 weeks after infection. There is no evidence that the mare's reproductive tract is damaged, and it does not affect her ability to conceive in later estrous cycles. Signs of neurologic disease for EHV-1 and EHV-4 include mild incoordination, hindlimb paralysis, recumbency (lying down and being unable to get up), loss of bladder and tail function, and loss of sensation to the skin around the tail and hindlimb areas.

Transmission

Transmission occurs when infected and uninfected horses come in either direct (nose to nose contact) or indirect (through buckets, clothing, blankets that are contaminated) contact with nasal discharges of infected horses. The virus can travel via aerosol (in the air) for short distances. The virus may also be transmitted by contact with aborted fetuses, placental fluids, or placentas from infected horses. Also, following infection, horses may become latent carriers of EHV; the virus may be reactivated after stress or high doses of corticosteroids in these latent carriers.

Diagnosis and Treatment

Upon detection of clinical signs suggestive of EHV, the veterinarian may choose to take a nasopharyngeal (nose and throat) swab of the horse, blood sample, or tissue from the aborted fetus for detection of virus in the tissues. Paired blood samples for detection of antibody titers (levels) may also be taken. Treatment involves supportive care and treatment of the symptoms. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are commonly used to reduce fever, pain and inflammation. In uncomplicated

cases, complete recovery will occur in a few weeks. Horses with neurological disease have variable recovery rates depending on severity of the clinical signs. The prognosis is poor if the horse is recumbent (unable to stand) for an extended period of time. The horse should be rested until fully recovered and gradually returned to work.

Protection

There are two types of vaccines available for use in the horse for protection against EHV 1 and 4, but their use remains controversial. Vaccination may reduce the severity and duration of disease, but will not totally prevent the disease. Your equine veterinarian should be consulted regarding the most appropriate use of vaccination in your particular circumstance. Since latent infection is still a problem, vaccination must go hand-in hand with the use of best management practices.

There are both modified live virus and killed virus vaccines available. The modified live virus vaccine contains virus that has been altered to make it unlikely to cause disease but is still able to reproduce in the body cells and stimulate immunity. The killed vaccine contains virus that has been inactivated or killed using either heat or chemicals. The modified live vaccine is administered intranasally and offers quicker protection. There is no scientific basis to indicate that the modified live vaccine will cause disease. The killed vaccine is given intramuscularly. Vaccine usage in light of the recent outbreaks of neurological EHV-1 is currently being re-evaluated. Consult your veterinarian for recommendations.

In order to prevent an outbreak, horses arriving on a farm from other locations should be isolated for 3-4 weeks before being introduced into the resident horse population. Reduce management-related stressors that may increase the possibility of stress-induced reactivation of latent EHV-1 in carrier horses. Keep horses separated by physiological state or group, especially with regards to pregnant mares, who should be kept away from weanlings, yearlings, and performance horses or other horses that travel frequently.

In the case of an outbreak, infected horses should be isolated from other horses. The stable should be quarantined for at least three weeks after signs of clinical disease in the last case subside. All stable equipment should be disinfected. People handling the infected horses should be sure to wash their hands after handling each horse, dip their shoes in a disinfecting foot bath, and change clothes before working with healthy horses. Some sources suggest that bedding be removed and burned. Barn stalls, aisles and other surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected as well. Although this virus can last for several weeks in the environment, it is readily killed by most common disinfectants; phenol based disinfectants are commonly used.

With the recent outbreak, this is what we have posted at the University of Connecticut:
Greetings.

As you may be aware, there was a case of EHV-1 (herpes) identified in Bethany CT in addition to the previous case in NJ and several new cases in other states around the country. These horses are being treated and the barns are in quarantine. However, we must maintain a very high level of biosecurity to prevent the spread of EHV-1 to UConn horses.

Although all our horses have been vaccinated, the vaccine does not protect against the neurological form of EHV-1. Therefore, we are requesting that you assist us with biosecurity at the horse units to further reduce any concerns about an EHV-1 outbreak at UConn.

The Tufts Ambulatory Clinic has provided a EHV-1 fact sheets (attached) and Dr. Nadeau and Tufts have provided several links to information on biosecurity and EHV-1.

From UConn Equine Extension: <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/extension/publications/herpesvirus.pdf>

From USDA:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/2011/bro_keep_horses_healthy.pdf

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahss/equine/ehv/equine_herpesvirus_brochure_2009.pdf

To assist us with maintaining biosecurity at the UConn Equine Units:

Please remove mud and manure from your shoes and boots and then wipe your shoes/boots on the virkon-treated mats when you enter/exit the barns, and only enter or exit the barns where these mats are present. Also, wipe footwear down with Lysol wipes.

If you have interacted with non-UConn horses, please wash and/or disinfect your riding gear, including pants, shirts, helmets, gloves and boots, mallets, etc., before entering the UConn barns and riding arena. **If you are visiting two barns on the same day, please visit UConn first and ensure that you change clothes and wipe down riding gear and equipment between barns.**

This is especially important for those going to 'home' barns over the winter break, for the visiting Equestrian teams for the UConn home shows, for any home polo matches, and for those of that go to outside barns while at school as well as spectators of these events if they travel to non-UConn equestrian events.

Anyone that does not comply will be immediately asked to leave the premises and will forfeit the opportunity to ride and/or work with the horses at UConn.

Thank you for your diligence and cooperation.

Steven Zinn

Professor and Head

Department of Animal Science

Equine herpes virus infection can become a serious problem. Being aware of the types of equine herpesvirus, clinical signs associated with the disease, transmission, diagnosis, treatment and especially, ways to protect your horses from infection, will aid you if there is an outbreak in your area. Incorporating measures to protect your horse now may prevent problems in the future.

Sources:

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3. Personal communication, Dr. Sanchez, Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine.

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Save the Dates for 2018:

2018 CHC Meeting Dates - Changes from quarterly to By-Monthly at the Eversource Energy meeting room 107 Selden Street, Berlin at 7:30 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the following months: February 6th, April 3rd, June 5th, October 2nd, December 4th

No Meetings, July, August, September

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, February 3rd, 2018

No Child Left Inside Winter Festival

10AM–3 PM
Burr Pond State Park
384 Burr Mountain Rd ,Torrington,CT

CHC is looking for Volunteer Horse Patrol people to attend this event to meet and greet the visitors.

Please contact Diane Ciano 203.757.1904 or Spirit76@snet.net



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday March 3rd, 2018



2018 CT Horse Symposium

Vendor Fair, Equine Camp Fair

Horsebarn Hill Arena, University of Connecticut, Storrs, [Directions to the Arena](#)

Sat Morning: Clinics with Mike Marquez, Vaquero Training Center 9 AM - 12 PM

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11 AM- 12 PM – Learning to build Turn on the Haunches/Forehand
(And any other maneuvers we may want to address.)

Check them out on their website or follow them on Facebook or Instagram at: [Vaquero Training Center](#)

12 PM [UConn Drill Team](#) Demonstration

1 PM - 3 PM Hands on Horse Science!

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Questions? More info & Updates can be found at this link: <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/horseSymp/index.php>

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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, June 2nd, Sunday, June 3rd

National Trails Day Events

The CHC encourages all equestrian organizations to plan an event to celebrate National Trails Day. It can be a trail work day, trail ride, Meet and Greet horse event, etc. It can be planned for the first weekend in June either Saturday or Sunday, The CT Greenways Council kicks off the events on Friday, June 1st and presents Greenways Awards and Trail designations.

Our CHC Volunteer Horse Patrol Event will be a campout, Blessing of the Mounts and, trail rides at Natchaug State Forest in Eastford CT for the weekend. Everyone is invited to attend.

Please let CHC know of your planned event by contacting Diane Ciano, so that we can advertise it.

Please take the time to Register your Trails Event on the CFPA website below

Trails Day Registration Now Open

Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA) has opened their website for the 2018 CT Trails Day event registration. Click **HERE** to register your event today.

<https://www.ctwoodlands.org/ct-trails-weekend/2018-connecticut-trails-day-event-registration-begins-jan-4th>

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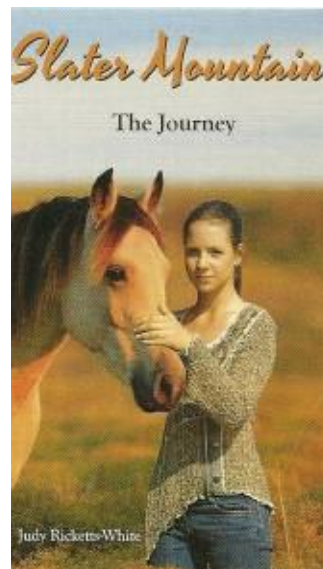
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