

Greetings Competitors - Riders - Owners - Trainer - Coaches of the Starr Vaughn Equestrian Dressage Show!

The Procedure for Admittance onto the Competition grounds

As you are all aware, the USEF has mandated biosecurity requirements for all shows due to the Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) breakout here in California. Vesicular Stomatitis is a viral disease of horses and other animals. Infection results in vesicles (blisters), crusts, and ulceration of the lips, muzzle, nose, tongue, ears, sheath, teats, and/or coronary band. Transmission is predominantly by Black Flies, Sand Flies and biting midges. The virus is in the active lesion, thus animals with active lesions can transmit the virus by direct contact, shared feed/water sources, and other carriers contaminated by infective lesions, vesicular fluid, and/or saliva. The lesions are self-limiting and typically resolve within 14 days. Humans can be infected from exposure to the virus and have mild flu-like symptoms.

USEF supports continuing competitions provided biosecurity measures are implemented.

USEF is mandating that:

All competition institute immediate mandatory reporting of horses with VS lesions to competition management

All competitions require immediate isolation of horses with vesicular lesions or temperatures over 101.5 degrees F.

All Competitions immediately report horses with VS to State Veterinarians office AND to USEF Equine Health and Biosecurity Veterinarian - Dr. Katie Flynn.

Starr Vaughn Equestrian BIOSECURITY Measures for the JULY Dressage show:

ALL HORSES ENTERING THE PROPERTY FROM CALIFORNIA MUST have an official timed certificate of Veterinary Inspection - a HEALTH Certificate - this must be a completed certificate - a note on letter head WILL NOT WORK - it must be an OFFICIAL Health/Vet Certificate which includes a VS statement and issued within 5 days of Entry to the competition grounds and must be completed by a licensed Veterinarian who has examined the horse (s).

UPON arriving at Starr Vaughn Equestrian Dressage facility - you must present your health Certificate to the representation that will then make sure that all horses in the trailer must have a Health Certificate. You may have multiple horses on one certificate - but if arriving in separate trailers - make sure that each trailer has a copy of the Health Certificate. At that point - a trained representation will be inspecting EACH HORSE while still on the trailer. Using a new pair of disposable gloves for each horse - the mouth - muzzle - nose - ears - coronary bands - sheath and udders will be examined to be sure that there are no lesions. Once all horses are examined - if cleared - they will be allowed to enter stabling. This will be completed as quickly as possible - as we realize that we are working with possibly high temperatures. Again - we will all be working to make this process as quick as possible to secure the security of all of our horses.

ARRIVAL TIMES: Those arriving Wednesday - early arrival - please call Michele Vaughn at: 916-869-7942 to coordinate your arrival time.

Those arriving THURSDAY: We will begin inspections at 7am and will continue throughout the day until 5pm - if you plan on arriving AFTER 5pm - please call Michele Vaughn at: 916-869-7942 to coordinate your arrival time.

Those arriving only FRIDAY - SATURDAY - or SUNDAY please call Michele Vaughn to coordinate your arrival time - this way we know when you are arriving and we will have a designated trained representative to inspect horses - thus trying to make the process as quick and easy as possible.

HAUL INS - please call Michele Vaughn to coordinate your arrival time for EACH DAY. We will have a designated area for all Haul ins - but you must be inspected EACH DAY of arrival.

WE highly SUGGEST that all go to USEF.org and take the USEF online VS educational Module. It is a 16 minute video with a quiz at the end. The information is a wonderful way to educate yourself about this outbreak and how best to limit the spread of VS. We also highly suggest that everyone be sure to bring and use Fly spray at the event - again - this is spread most commonly by Black Flies. The link to the video: <https://members.usef.org/education/biosecurity>

DURING COMPETITION:

ALL HORSES STABLED ON THE SHOW GROUNDS AND HAUL INS - ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE TEMPERATURE OF YOUR HORSES TWICE A DAY ! This is mandatory - and again a mandate from USEF and a requirement for us to be able to hold this horse show. A Temp Log will be given to you at Check in - it must be posted on your stall and you MUST Temp your horse twice per day - 1X AM - 1X PM. BRING YOUR OWN HORSE THERMOMETER - as Temps must be taken - those not adhering to the stipulation will be asked to leave the competition. Again - all of this is to ensure that our horses remain safe - and it is a mandate in order to hold the competition.

To Summarize:

ALL HORSES Entering the Competition Grounds MUST have an official Vet/Health Certificate from their Vet within 5 days of arriving at the Show Grounds. ALL HORSES Will be inspected in the Trailer by a trained representative before being allowed into the stabling area. Each Horse MUST have their temperature Taken TWICE per day and recorded on the Temp Log while on the show grounds. This will be reviewed by the Official Designated Representative and you will be reminded to temp if temps are missing.

Anyone arriving on Wednesday - early arrive - MUST contact Michele Vaughn to coordinate arrival and inspection.

THURSDAY - Arrivals can begin 7a-5p we will be working diligently to process and inspect all as quickly as possible. Anyone needing later arrival must contact Michele Vaughn.

FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY - Please contact Michele Vaughn to coordinate arrival PRIOR TO your arrival.

HAUL INS - Please call Michele Vaughn to coordinate arrival.

THANK YOU for your understanding and thank you for your cooperation. This is a USEF mandate to continue to be able to host Dressage Competitions - and most importantly - to be able to help ensure the safety - security - and wellness of our beloved four legged friends. THANK YOU for your cooperation.

We will be sending out Ride times and Stabling no later than Monday evening- but we felt this was extremely important information to get to all of you asap.

THANK YOU!

Michele Vaughn - Owner/Manager

Angela Goodwin-Volpert - Show Secretary