



2012 Rancho Valencia Dressage Affaire- EHV-1 California Outbreak Bulletin

For Immediate Release--Del Mar, CA January 27th, 2012- The 2012 Rancho Valencia Dressage Affaire, scheduled for March 8th – 11th at Del Mar Horsepark, would like to make all competitors, spectators, vendors and sponsors aware that the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has identified an outbreak of the EHV-1 virus in the Orange and Riverside Counties of Southern California. The most accurate and current information from CDFA can be found at http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/equine_herpes_virus.html.

This most recent outbreak of EHV-1 was first reported on January 11th, 2012 in Orange County, California. Del Mar Horsepark Equestrian Facility, the site for the Rancho Valencia Dressage Affaire, **has not had an outbreak** and has taken immediate steps to protect both permanent borders and show participants from infection. Upon learning of the outbreak, facilities management immediately initiated a voluntary “lock down” of the entire facility. This means that healthy horses are allowed to leave the show grounds, but no horses are allowed to enter or re-enter. The stalls assigned to house the Dressage Affaire horses have been held empty since December 5th, 2011 and will remain empty until Dressage Affaire. With the latest updates in mind, and in accordance with CDFA regulations, the Rancho Valencia Dressage Affaire **will continue as scheduled** with additional safety precautions/protocols put in place to further protect horses, and competitors while providing all attendees an exceptional dressage experience. In an effort to provide the safest possible environment for all competitors and their horses, Rancho Valencia Dressage Affaire, working closely with facilities management and local veterinary counsel has implemented the following safety protocols to be implemented by **all competitors** in the week leading up to the competition:

- **All competitors:** monitor and document the competing horse’s temperature on a daily basis for seven days prior to competition; and
- **All competitors:** upon entry to the show-grounds, provide a completed KP Events Health/Temperature Confirmation signed by a licensed veterinarian to include the veterinarian’s license number, dated within three days of event attendance, and no earlier than March 5th, 2012. Forms will be available for download by February 3, 2012 from the show website at: http://www.dressageevents.com/competitor_resources.php; and
- **Out of state competitors:** the standard health certificate required to enter CA will fulfill the protocol requirement as long as it is dated within three (3) days of arrival to Del Mar Horsepark. If competitors have intermediary stops or lay over along the way, they will need to supplement the required health certificate with the completed KP Events Health/Temperature Confirmation form. It will be checked at the gate upon entry; and
- **Permanent boarders at Horsepark:** will remain on their side of the property and will not enter the show grounds. The training barn in the covered arena will exit to the North and exercise only with the permanent boarders on that side of the property; and
- **All:** signage and fencing will be erected to make both riders and general public aware of the outbreak and to keep anyone from going horse to horse in the stall area and to discourage petting/touching of animals in transit to/from the show ring.
- **Entries Closing Date:** February 17th, 2012.
- **Scratch Date:** February 24th, 2012.
- **Cancellation:** in the unlikely event that CDFA extends the quarantine period causing event cancellation, all competitors, vendors and sponsors will be eligible to receive a refund of entry fees or donations.

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