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**New speakers include:**

Panel Discussion on Shared Services Model -  
Clay Zwilling (Swine Registry), Kristin Bennett (NPR LLC) and Harold Palmer (TJC-IT)

Panel Discussion on trends in Horse Sales -  
Superior Sale (GT Werry), Appalachian Challenge (Tinia Creamer), CSU Sales (Craig Huffhines)  
and Professional Horse Services (Mike Jennings)

**Hotel Reservations**

To make reservations go to <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/washington-dc-shoreham/meetings/2022-ahc-annual-meeting-and-national-issue-06012022>

**Conference Registration & Tentative Agenda**

Go to Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/313805820657>

**2022 AHC Award Winners**

The American Horse Council (AHC) will honor the equine industry's brightest leaders at its annual meeting and national issues forum June 7, 2022, at its conference in Washington DC with the presentation of the Van Ness Award, the Hickey Award and the Rolapp Award.

The Van Ness Award is named in honor of the late Marjorie Van Ness of New Jersey, a long-time leader and friend to the horse industry. This award is presented to an individual that best emulates the dedication and commitment of Marjorie Van Ness to the improvement of the horse industry at the state level.

*The 2022 Van Ness Award winner is Lonny Powell. The son of a jockey, a lifelong member of the thoroughbred industry and long-time executive, Powell oversees the political, regulatory, legal, public relations and promotional activities of the Florida Breeders' and Owners Association. He has served as a registered lobbyist in California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, and Florida promoting the thoroughbred industry specifically, and overall, the equine industry. AHC President Julie Broadway stated "Lonny is a true champion of the equine industry whether working to successfully pass*

legislation or fighting against detrimental legislation. He knows the halls of the state house and cultivates industry partners.”

The Hickey Award is named in honor of past AHC President James J. Hickey Jr., who served AHC from 1993 to 2016. This award is presented to an individual who has been a great supporter of the horse industry and the AHC.

***The 2022 Hickey Award winner is Dr. Josie Traub-Dargatz.*** *Dr. Traub-Dargatz has one of the most impressive service records within the horse industry and provided significant support to the American Horse Council on behalf of the industry. She is a crucial presence at equine health conversations, and her years of service at Colorado State University made sure that the next generation of industry leaders have the knowledge and skill to contribute in the same way. Dr. Traub-Dargatz was a pivotal component to the success and continuation of the National Animal Health Monitoring Service’s 5-year Equine Study, the most significant USDA report for our industry. She also continues to serve our nation horse herd in her retirement, most recently agreeing to support the AHC’s support of the USDA’s development of a foreign animal disease diagnostician’s drill for African Horse Sickness, the first horse specific drill of its kind. AHC Director of Health & Regulatory Affairs Cliff Williamson added. “Traub-Dargatz has shown again and again that persistence and service has lasting impacts and because of her our horse industry is stronger, healthier and better prepared”.*

The Rolapp Award is presented in honor of the late Rich Rolapp, who was President of the AHC from 1974 to 1993. This award is presented to a Member of Congress who has been a great supporter of the horse industry.

***The 2022 Rolapp Award winner is Representative Henry Cuellar (D-Texas).*** *Serving his ninth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Henry Cuellar proudly represents Texas’ 28th congressional district, which includes the cities of Laredo, Mission, Rio Grande City, and San Antonio. As a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, which oversees all federal funding for agricultural programs, Congressman Cuellar has taken proactive stances on agricultural issues of critical importance to the 28th District of Texas’ rural communities. AHC Government Affairs Liaison Mark Risso, stated “Rep. Cuellar is a major supporter of the agriculture and equine industry ranking as one of our top partners on AHC’s congressional scorecard.”*

In addition, AHC will recognize the 2020 and 2021 winners which were presented virtually. 2021 Hickey Award Dr. Peter Timoney; 2021 Rolapp Award - Senator Susan Collins (R-ME); 2020 Hickey Award Dr. G. Marvin Beeman; Van Ness Award Fred Sarver, and Rolapp Award Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-OR).



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## **UHC Raffle Fundraiser**

The American Horse Council Foundation (AHC) is delighted to host a raffle fundraiser to benefit the United Horse Coalition and its efforts to provide resources to horse owners in need of assistance with maintaining and ensuring the health and wellbeing of their horses.

AHC & AHC President Julie Broadway stated “Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to provide support to the UHC Resource Database which offers horse owners in need access to essentials like hay banks, feed coupons, vet care, gelding clinics, and other support. “

From April 29, 2022 to June 15, 2022, you can purchase tickets for \$50 each or 3 tickets for \$125.00 for a ***chance at a fabulous 2 guest, 4-night all-inclusive stay at White Stallion Ranch in Tucson Arizona.*** White Stallion Ranch is an amazing traditional, historic, upscale dude ranch offering lodging, amenities, daily meals, and a vast array of ranch activities from horseback riding to rock climbing, hiking, shooting, fat-tire bikes, and evening entertainment. There’s something for everyone with spa services, a heated pool, sports court, movie theater, petting zoo, and fitness center.

<https://www.whitestallion.com/>

White Stallion has been awarded the TripAdvisor Travelers Choice Award from 2018-to 2021 and USA Today’s 10 best summer vacations in the US for Families in 2021.

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://unitedhorsecoalition.org/uhc-raffle/> or in-person at the

AHC Annual Conference on June 5-7<sup>th</sup> in Washington DC.

This vacation offer is valid till 6/30/2024. Official rules can be found here:

<https://unitedhorsecoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/UHC-Raffle-Rules-2022.pdf>



## Legislative Updates

### **Heard on the Hill...**

The American Horse Council continues to establish – and re-establish its relationships and network on Capitol Hill. The pandemic detached many industries from lawmakers which inevitably hurts policy makers from understanding how industries position themselves in public policy and on legislation under review in the House and Senate - yet the American Horse Council continues to engage Members of Congress and their staffs – face-to-face. The response from Capitol Hill is worth noting – as the American Horse Council educates policy makers on issues important to the horse industry, it always helps Members of Congress to understand that the American Horse Council is a strong network for information and a valuable resource and Members of Congress have thanked the American Horse Council for embracing and advancing the relationships.

### **H-2B Rule Published in the Federal Register**

The new H-2B Rule was published in the *Federal Register* this week and includes the following:

- Supplemental visas only apply to the 2nd half cap for work April 1 through September 30. The Department of Homeland Security will only accept petitions through September 15, anything pending after October 1 will be denied
- Any unused Northern Triangle visas will not be rolled over to returning worker visas for other countries
- Requires enhanced recruitment for most petitions
- The rule added a requirement to contact AFL-CIO if the occupation is traditionally or customarily unionized.

## **The American Outdoor Recreation Act**

The *American Outdoor Recreation Act* - sponsored by US Senators John Barrasso and Joe Manchin, was recently approved by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources – and has now moved on to the Senate floor for review. The bill is a bipartisan recreation package that would benefit outdoor activities such as hiking, mountain biking and target shooting **by providing funding for new trails and recreation areas**. The bill also contains language designed to make it easier for film production companies to get access to public lands by streamlining the regulatory process involved.

“America’s Outdoor Recreation Act bolsters the outdoor recreation economy and opens the doors for outfitters new and old to provide ample and affordable guided opportunities to folks from all walks of life,” said Aaron Bannon of Lander, executive director of America Outdoors Association. The bill consists of several different funding and regulatory packages, including the Federal Interior Land Media Act and the Cape and Antler Preservation Enhancement Act. The act would also establish a pilot program that would make real-time visitation data readily available for members of the public seeking to visit recreation sites on federal land, a tool that could be critical for gateway communities like Jackson and Cody.

### **Coalitions**

The American Horse Council continues to engage in valuable coalition activities – most recently,

#### **The Sports Coalition** (discussion topics)

- ○ ■ COVID – International Travel Restrictions
- Fan Tokens
- Stadium Airspace - drones
- Tax Exempt Stadium Bonds

#### **Sound Horse Summit**

The American Horse Council continues to push for House and Senate consideration of the “Prevent All Soring Tactics” Act – the legislation has 256 cosponsors in the House and 52 cosponsors in the Senate.

#### **H-2B Coalition**

Currently reviewing the recently published ***Federal Register*** notice on H-2B visa.



## Regulatory Updates

### FDA Investigates Anti-Microbial Use in Horses

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is soliciting comments from the public on antimicrobial drug use practices in the horse industry and the potential impacts of such uses on antimicrobial resistance in both humans and animals. FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) intends to use the information provided to assist in the development of strategies to promote antimicrobial stewardship. The official announcement can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/02/16/2022-03245/antimicrobial-drug-use-in-companion-animals-request-for-comments>

Antimicrobial drugs have been widely used in human and veterinary medicine for more than 80 years, with tremendous benefits to both human and animal health. The development of resistance to this important class of drugs, and the resulting loss of the drugs' effectiveness, poses a serious threat to human and animal health. Because antimicrobial drug use can contribute to the emergence of drug-resistant organisms, these drugs should be used judiciously in both human and veterinary medicine to slow the development of resistance and preserve their utility. While judicious use efforts often focus on antimicrobial drug use in food-producing animal species ( e.g., cattle, swine, chickens, and turkeys), there is also a need to better understand how the use of antimicrobial drugs to treat other animals ( e.g., dogs, cats, and horses) might contribute to populations of resistant bacteria in these species and the humans exposed to them.

The American Horse Council will discuss this issue at the upcoming Health and Regulatory Committee meeting being held in person in Washington D.C. on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have comments you would like included, please contact Cliff Williamson at [cwilliamson@horsecouncil.org](mailto:cwilliamson@horsecouncil.org) before June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### II. Questions for Consideration

1. Please describe if antimicrobial use practices in horses have impacted the development of antimicrobial resistance in bacterial pathogens of companion animals.
2. Please describe if antimicrobial use practices in horses, including extralabel use, have

impacted the development of antimicrobial resistance in human bacterial pathogens. If possible, please describe whether the impact was the result of direct or indirect contact between humans and the treated companion animals. Are there specific concerns about the development of antimicrobial resistance in human bacterial pathogens when particular antimicrobial drugs or drug classes are used in horses?

3. How should the human medical importance of particular antimicrobial drugs or drug classes be considered when deciding whether, or under what conditions, to use such drugs in horses?

4. How can CVM best engage with our stakeholders on promoting antimicrobial stewardship for horses?

5. How can CVM encourage the development of antimicrobial drugs consistent with the principles of antimicrobial stewardship for the treatment of infectious diseases in horses for which there are no FDA-approved animal drugs?

a. What bacterial diseases affecting horses are most in need of an FDA-approved antimicrobial drug?

b. What safety and effectiveness study design considerations present challenges for developing antimicrobial drugs to address specific infectious diseases in horses?

c. Are there specific infectious diseases in horses for which topical formulations of antimicrobial drugs ( e.g., medicated shampoos, rinses, or ointments) may be a better alternative than using systemic antimicrobial drugs from the perspective of antimicrobial stewardship?

6. Labeling:

a. What information on currently approved animal drug labeling helps the veterinarian prescribe or use an antimicrobial drug in a manner consistent with the principles of antimicrobial stewardship?

b. What additional information could be added to the approved animal drug labeling to improve the veterinarian's ability to prescribe or use an antimicrobial drug in a manner consistent with the principles of antimicrobial stewardship?

c. Is there a need for materials containing labeling information and/or information about antimicrobial stewardship that veterinarians could provide to the client when they prescribe an antimicrobial drug ( e.g., client information sheets or other educational handouts)?

7. What other actions should CVM consider taking to foster greater antimicrobial stewardship?

## Film Contest Information

Calling all amateur and professional filmmakers! Entries open today for the Horse Week© Film Contest brought to you by [Boehringer Ingelheim Equine Health](#). Submit video entries, 5 to 45 minutes in length. There will be a *cash prize for the film contest winner of \$7500*. Participants may enter multiple videos.

Ready to submit an entry? Entries are open now through Friday, July 15, 2022. Click the link below to enter!

<https://bit.ly/3pMqaZJ>

For more information: <https://www.equisearch.com/discoverhorses/equine-network-announces-horse-week-film-contest>

### EHV-1 Updates & Information from USEF

**Lexington, Ky.** – Following the EHV-1 outbreak experienced in California in February and March of 2022, US Equestrian continues to identify measures to prevent and reduce potential transmission at licensed competitions in the future. A panel of equine infectious disease experts, regulatory veterinarians, treating veterinarians, competition organizers, and USEF staff have been appointed to review the 2022 outbreak, revise general mitigation prevention measures, and discuss prevention and containment best practices, while working to identify and provide expanded ways to further prevent the spread of disease at competitions in the future.

The panel will discuss the results of the findings and examine how the 2022 outbreak was managed, addressing both positives and negatives, to improve the framework of effective containment measures. Work and research is, and will continue to be, ongoing as EHV-1 is not a disease that can be fully eradicated from the population, but must be managed and responded to immediately and appropriately to reduce the risk of wide spread transmission.

Most recently, US Equestrian has been working with researchers at U.C. Davis, and have collaborated on ongoing research at USEF-licensed competitions to better understand asymptomatic virus shedders and to identify environmental factors that could potentially impact the rate and scope of transmission.

Information and findings of the panel will be shared with US Equestrian membership once finalized.

If you would like to submit constructive feedback, please email USEF at [EHV@usef.org](mailto:EHV@usef.org). For additional information, please refer to the [California Department of Food and Agriculture](#) and [Equine Disease Communication Center](#) websites.

## Protect and Strengthen America's Horse Industry.

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The American Horse Council Foundation (AHCF) seeks to encourage the support of worthwhile charitable, scientific and educational projects of interest and benefit to the American horse industry.

**The AHCF mission is:**

- to promote a healthful and enjoyable environment, social welfare level, and opportunities for those in the horse industry;
- to educate the public about the horse, horse care and the horse industry;
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The AHCF presently has three major initiatives that work under its auspices: the *National Economic Impact Study of the US Horse industry*, the *United Horse Coalition*, and the *Equine Welfare Data Collective*. Read all about those below:

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### [AHC Foundation launches fundraising platform](#)

The American Horse Council Foundation (AHCF) has launched a new fundraising platform through its partnership with DonorBox ©. AHCF will accept donations directed at three major initiatives: United Horse Coalition, Equine Welfare Data Collective, and the National Economic Impact Study of the U.S. Horse Industry. Donations can be made here: <https://donorbox.org/american-horse-council-foundation-donation-campaign>

AHC President Julie Broadway stated, “We are proud to offer this robust, efficient, and secure method to reach donors and help support these important and worthwhile initiatives. We are very excited about some of the great features DonorBox offers including a donor wall where donors can leave messages; social media campaign sharing to attract more interest, and goal meters to help track our progress. We also love that it automatically sends thank you notes and tax receipts to donors.”

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