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Spring at the Virginia Horse Center

The upcoming weeks hold a packed schedule at the Virginia Horse Center – a sure sign of spring and the start of another busy competition season. Three unique events are in store during the first weeks of March.

On March 9 and 10, the United Professional Horseman Association will stage a Saddleseat Clinic in the Bent Tree arena. Saddle Seat is a style of horseback riding within the category of the English riding style that is designed to show off the high trotting action of certain breeds. The style developed into its modern form in the United States, and is also seen in Canada and South Africa. The goal of the style is to show off the horse's extravagant gaits, particularly the trot. All Saddleseat riding is done on the flat with no jumping. For more information, please contact Nancy Troutman at mwsinc516@aol.com.

The first House Mountain Show of 2012 will be held on March 10 and 11 in the Anderson Coliseum. This will be the first in the five show series for regional Hunter/Jumper competition. Executive Director Katherine Truitt says, "We are thrilled to welcome exhibitors for another year of high quality showing at the Virginia Horse Center." This series is the longest running Hunter/Jumper show series held at the VHCF. Since 1988, it has provided riders of all ages and riding levels the opportunity to compete in the manicured rings of the facility and alongside many talented equestrians.

Rounding out the busy schedule is Virginia Classic Llama and Alpaca Show on March 10 and 11. This event will be held in the indoor arena of the East Complex. Join the fun watching the largest Llama and Alpaca show in the country featuring halter, performance, fleece, and futurity classes. Competition will begin at 8 am and more information can be found by visiting www.llamalife.com/classic.

More information on these events and more can be found at www.horsecenter.org.

The Virginia Horse Center Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which owns and operates the Virginia Horse Center. The Foundation is proud to be a part of the Rockbridge community, an asset to the state's equine economy, and a resource to the East Atlantic competition circuit.

Committed to serving the needs, well-being, and safety of both rider and horse, the VHCF supports a 600-acre competition facility that serves over 400,000 people and 100,000 animals of all breeds and disciplines. The VHCF manages 115 events annually, most free and open to the public. Host to the Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center, the Foundation's mission is to enrich lives with programs focused on recreation, education, and preservation.

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