



HOW CAN WE GET YOUR HORSES BACK IN THE RING?



First and foremost, how are you doing? Are you still able to ride and train? Have your supplies, hay and feed been uninterrupted? Are you and your families staying safe and healthy? We are sending our best to all of you during this most difficult time. Since our sport is already a physical distance sport (we like using “physical distancing” instead of “social distancing”), we hope that you are able to spend time riding in the beautiful spring weather.

These are unprecedented times and it seems like things change every 12 hours like the ocean tides. With the continued uncertainty, we need each other and our communities more than ever for support.

In accordance with Governor Northam’s Executive Order the VHC is now closed until April 23. This is very troubling for all of us since it puts us right up against LSP. All of our employees, except for a small handful of essential staff, have been furloughed. We are planning to hibernate the VHC and survive on the bare minimums so we can be ready to reopen as soon as conditions allow.

Even with furloughing over 30 employees and cutting all non-essential overhead costs, we need approximately \$50,000 per month to maintain our hibernation plan. Winter at the VHC is very slow and revenues from the last show season were spent to get ready for this show season. None of these dollars were spent on renovations or capital improvements. Those funds were raised from a handful of devoted friends and family. To further add to an already fragile situation, we have lost precious revenue from multiple shows scheduled for late March and early April that have been cancelled.

We at the Virginia Horse Center value the safety and wellbeing of our patrons, employees, and volunteers. We would like to take this time to reassure you that we are monitoring the developing COVID-19 situation closely and following all guidelines from local authorities, the Virginia Department of Health and the Governor’s office. **With the recent announcement that USEF has extended its suspension of competition through May 3, 2020**, we understand that USEF/USHJA are considering flexibility of dates once the show season resumes so are hopeful we will be granted permission to reschedule our shows that have to be cancelled. Stay tuned and we will continue to communicate our plans as new information becomes available.

We are willing and able to ramp back up and reopen as soon as conditions allow.

For this to be possible....

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT MORE THAN EVER BEFORE. We can’t make it without the support of all our friends and families who come to the VHC. All of you. Please give whatever you can afford. Anything will help. Please consider becoming a monthly donor.

We will be here for you. Can you be here for us?

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