



CONTINUING EQUINE EDUCATION COURSES

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The wish to improve our overall horsemanship skills from the trainer down to the groom has been a continuing objective identified at previous editions of the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit. The recommendations have ranged from implementation of uniform testing for initial licensees to continuing education requirements for current licensees, starting with licensed trainers.



In response to the testing objective and with the assistance of Dr. Reid McLellan, executive director of the Groom Elite program, the Education Committee of the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit created The Uniform National Trainers Test for jurisdictions to use for licensing new trainers in 2008.

The Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit also developed a study guide that accompanies the test and is available for purchase on the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit website. The test has gained acceptance and is now used by 17 jurisdictions as part of their trainer licensing requirements. In support of the continuing education course requirements, the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI) adopted a model rule in 2008 requiring four (4) hours of Trainer Continuing Education (CE) to begin no later than 2010.

Indiana was the first jurisdiction to pass the RCI model rule requiring continuing education and when other jurisdictions failed to act on the rule Indiana resented the regulation.

Currently, however, New York is the only racing jurisdiction that requires continuing education when they passed the Model Rule in 2016 and the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse staff is assisting them with their program.

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California maintains the California Horse Racing Board's Racing Safety Program that provides educational materials through the University of California Davis and staff is working with the CHRB to integrate these programs into our Advanced Horsemanship site to avoid future duplication.

Further to assist the industry, in 2015 The Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit partnered with the Blue Grass Community and Technical College to create the Advanced Horsemanship Program, a free online educational program available to all jurisdictions, all licensees, and anyone interested. Course content will track participants and completion, enabling jurisdictions to be notified when licensees successfully complete a continuing education course.

Course #1 UNDERSTANDING & MANAGING EHV-1

Features of the interactive course include:

- What is EHV-1
- What causes EHV-1
- What are the clinical signs
- The diagnostic tools available
- Treatment options
- Prognosis
- Best management practices to prevent contamination
- EHV-1 vaccination rules for shipping



Course #2
THE HOOF:
INSIDE & OUT

The objectives of this Advanced Horsemanship course are to:



- Increase your knowledge about the physiology of the hoof and how it correlates to soundness and racing performance
- Inform you on basic horseshoeing principles and shoe types
- Provide best hoof care management practices
- Encourage dialogue among your stable's team and farrier

Course #3
UNDERSTANDING THE
NATIONAL UNIFORM
MEDICATION
PROGRAM (NUMP)

Users will learn about the:



- Components of NUMP
- NUMP's Medication Regulation
- Third-Party Lasix Administration
- RMTC Laboratory Accreditation
- Multiple Medication Violation Program
- Progress of NUMP

Course #4
INTRODUCTION TO
THOROUGHBRED
RISK & PROTECTIVE
FACTORS

Features of the interactive course include:



- Importance of Risk & Protective Factors
- Definition of Risk & Protective Factors
- Misconceptions of Risk

- Importance of the Fetlock Joint in Risk Management
- The Role of Pre-Existing and Recurrent Injuries in Risk Management
- Utilization of Risk & Protective Factors

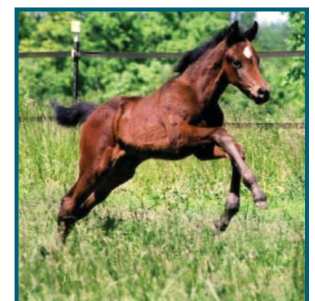
Course #5
NUTRITION AND
BALANCED FEED
PROGRAMS

The objectives of this Advanced Horsemanship course are to:



- Increase your knowledge and understanding of how nutrients requirements are determined and what are the nutrient requirements of a racehorse
- Inform you on how best to meet nutrient requirements based on the horse's gastrointestinal anatomy
- Increase your knowledge and understanding of equine gastrointestinal health and its impact on a balanced feed program
- Provide you ways in which you can best utilize feedstuffs to maximize nutrient intake

Future courses are being developed from the presentations made at prior editions of the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summits featuring subjects such as:



- Nutraceuticals
- Training and Bone Development
- Respiratory and Airway Health
- Biomarker Research
- Compounded Medications
- Equine Injury Database Insights

Links to these courses can be found at:
<https://courses.grayson-jockeyclub.org/>

PHIPPS FAMILY TO ACCEPT AWARD AT BELMONT STAKES CHARITY CELEBRATION

The Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation announced today that the Phipps family will be the recipient of the inaugural Dinny Phipps Award when it is presented at the Belmont Stakes Charity Celebration on Thursday evening, June 8, at the Bryant Park Grill in New York City.



Earle Mack, an active participant in Thoroughbred racing and breeding for more than 50 years, created the new award to honor the legacy of his friend Dinny Phipps for his longstanding dedication to equine health. Phipps, who died April 2016, served as a board member of the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation from its inception.

Phipps' wife, Ande, daughter, Daisy Phipps Pulito, and son, Ogden Phipps II, will be on hand to accept the award.

Trainer Shug McGaughey, who has trained for the Phipps Stable for the past 30 years, will also be in attendance, as will leading jockeys John Velazquez, who rode this year's Kentucky Derby winner, Always Dreaming; four-time Eclipse Award winner Javier Castellano, who won last Saturday's Preakness on Cloud Computing; and Hall of Famer Ramon Dominguez.

"The week of the Belmont Stakes is a special time of the year for horse racing and a perfect opportunity to celebrate New York and our great sport while also paying tribute to a man who did so much for both throughout his life," said Mack. "Dinny Phipps was a giant in the Thoroughbred racing industry and an uncompromising voice for integrity and horse health. This award was created to recognize Dinny's

enormous commitment to equine welfare and help continue his great work in the years to come."

Mack commissioned the Odon Wagner Gallery and artist Gary Weisman to create a bronze sculpture to commemorate the new award.

The evening will feature cocktails, dinner and a live jazz performance by The Juilliard School.

The foundation also announced that The Stronach Group has graciously pledged a \$25,000 donation to the event.

"Frank Stronach and The Stronach Group have maintained a longstanding dedication to equine health, and we are proud to support an event like this, especially one that honors the late Dinny Phipps," said Mike Rogers, a member of The Stronach Group's executive board.

The Bryant Park Grill is located in the heart of New York's famed Bryant Park, adjacent to the New York Public Library, one of the country's greatest architectural institutions.

Tickets for the event are available at \$300 each and all proceeds from the Belmont Stakes Charity Celebration benefit the ongoing research of the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation to improve equine health and safety.

Additional information about the Belmont Stakes Charity Celebration can be obtained by contacting Nancy Kelly at (212) 521-5305 or nkelly@jockeyclub.com.

