

Equine Disease, ID, and Unwanted Horses among Topics Planned for American Horse Council's 2007 Issues Forum

April 18, 2007 – Press Release - The American Horse Council (AHC) will host the 2007 National Issues Forum June 17-20 in Washington, DC. This is an exciting opportunity for the AHC to bring together industry experts and participants to discuss important national equine issues.

The general session on Tuesday, June 19, will include key seminars including:

- ***Disease Control: Who's Really Responsible?*** Equine diseases have dramatically affected racing, showing, breeding, sales and movement of horses over the last two years. This is an opportunity to take a look at prevention and management at the federal, state and individual levels.
- ***The Unwanted Horse Coalition: "Own Responsibly"*** With the closing of processing plants, the issue of the "unwanted horse" is even more critical. Get an update on the UHC's recent activities and future plans.
- ***Equine Identification/National Animal Identification System: Is There Life Left?*** A candid look at the ID system in regard to horses. The USDA says the national ID system is voluntary. What does this mean for the proposed system?
- ***World Equestrian Games: A Great Opportunity for All.*** Featuring an update from World Games 2010 Foundation, Inc. CEO Jack Kelly. The 2010 games will be an opportunity for the horse industry to showcase itself on the national and international stage. Find out how your breed can participate.
- ***Horse Parks: Should Your State Have One?*** As more states consider horse parks, what can you do so that your state is not left behind?
- ***A Collaboration Success: Partnerships Pioneer New Programs to Maintain Trails.*** As access to trails diminishes, how can you keep the remaining ones open to horses?

More information about the 2007 National Issues Forum, including registration forms, tentative schedules and more, can be found at the AHC web site, www.horsecouncil.org or by calling the AHC offices at 202-296-4031.