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## 2020 Gathering of Friends and Champions & Sale

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### Gathering Update

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the cancellation of this year's Gathering of Friends & Champions Show and Sale that was scheduled for June 26th - 28th. We recognizing the disruption this causes for many and our apology for those things outside of our control.

The ILR Board of Directors, ILR Office and Gathering Committee made a commitment to you early on regarding the safety of exhibitors at The 2020 Gathering of Friends & Champions. As mentioned in previous e-mails and through social media, we have been working closely with the Iowa Equestrian Center and local health officials to make an informed decision for the safety of our exhibitors, judges, and volunteers. Although we were optimistic and the data and current state guidelines supported having our show, we received notification today from the **Iowa Equestrian Center and they are unable to host our event.** This was not a decision that was taken lightly. Unfortunately, the events of the past week have caused concern for the local county public health

department about a possible increase in COVID-19 cases over the next few weeks. Our partnership with the Iowa Equestrian Center has been positive and we appreciate their transparency throughout this process.

A special THANK YOU to all of our SPONSORS! Please take the time to visit the sponsorship page of the Gathering website at [www.ilrsdthegathering.com](http://www.ilrsdthegathering.com).

"Moving Forward Together" has been our theme throughout these past several months. We encourage you to continue to support your local, state, and 4-H shows that are able to be held safely in the near future. We are blessed with a membership that is truly a family and support all things llama.

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