

GHF/Massey Ferguson Dressage Shows

Event Isolation Protocol at Chattahoochee Hills Farm

Statement: Once a horse is identified as having a potential communicable disease, the owner or agent responsible for the animal or the person identifying the animal shall immediately notify competition management.

In the event a horse on the competition grounds presents or is suspected of having a communicable disease as described by the USEF in their publications and notices, the following procedures will be instituted by competition management pursuant to USEF guidelines and local laws and/or ordinances governing equine competitions and animal welfare statutes:

- Direct the owner/agent/handler to remove the animal from the immediate competition area to the unused secondary stabling at **Chattahoochee Hills Farm**, on top of the hill above the main stabling areas. This location is away from all competition horses and will be marked by a large sign: TEMPORARY QUARANTINE FACILITY.
- Competition management will provide a covered refuse container at the isolation sites and bags designated as biohazard-use bags for manure and any and all refuse generated by the horse or the owner/agent/handler associated with the handling or care of the infected animal.
- The owner/agent/handler will be directed to refrain from having any contact with other horses associated with the competition.
- Competition management will provide a container of Chlorhexidine solution or suitable substitute and biohazard-compliant supplies as stipulated by the USEF for the use of the owner/agent/handler to disinfect their hands, tack and/or implements; and a pan of similar solution to disinfect their footwear prior to allowing them to re-enter the competition area.
- Competition management will notify the owner/agent/handler to remove the isolated animal from the property to a suitable veterinary facility immediately. A separate ingress/egress access for the transport vehicle will be provided adjacent to the isolation paddock/stall.
- Southern Crescent Equine Services, the show's veterinarian, has quarantine facilities, prior to shipment to either Auburn University or the University of Georgia's Veterinary Hospital.
- Once the contaminated stall is vacated, the stall will be padlocked until farm management can clean and decontaminate the stall after the competition.