

USDA and S.H.O.W. to Host Shoeing Clinic to Help Improve Horse Protection Act Compliance



On February 3, USDA Animal Care and the S.H.O.W. horse industry organization will hold a shoeing clinic for trainers, exhibitors and owners who participate in events regulated under the Horse Protection Act to help these individuals better understand and follow the federal regulations.

As we head into the 2018 show season, we believe noncompliance with shoeing and other equipment-related requirements may be easily prevented by promoting a shared understanding of the regulatory requirements.

USDA inspectors, along with designated qualified persons from the walking horse industry, will review shoeing measurements and perform hands-on demonstrations so everyone in attendance will gain a deeper understanding of the federal shoeing requirements. In addition, we will provide an overview of our entire inspection process – including a discussion regarding assessing compliance with the scar rule.

The clinic, which is free and open to the general public, will take place from 1-3 p.m. at the Calsonic Arena, located at 721 Whitthorne Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160. We will begin by gathering in the Hall of Fame Club.

“This event is a great opportunity for us to fully explain the requirements for proper shoeing so we can help people steer clear of noncompliance with the Horse Protection Act,” said Dr. Aaron Rhyner, Animal Care’s assistant director for operations. “We see this clinic as a tangible way to improve compliance for the benefit of all involved.”

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