

Rocky Mountain Horse Association Newsletter



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New Trainers Directory for Website and Magazine.

Are you a trainer?
Would you like people know that you are a trainer?

The Rocky Mountain Horse Association is starting a new Trainers Directory that will be published on our website and in our magazine. This is not an endorsement of any trainer and we will specifically state this at the beginning of the Trainers Directory. The cost is \$200.00 for a one year listing, beginning November 2009. See Page 2 for sign up form.

2010 World Equestrian Games

We are extremely proud to have been selected to do a breed demonstration at the 2010 World Equestrian Games that begins on September, 25, 2010. This is the first time that the World Equestrian Games will be held in the United States as previous games were held in Germany, Spain, Italy, Netherlands, and Sweden. We are glad to be able to show the world our beautiful, talented Rocky Mountain Horse. We do not have the complete schedule yet nor do we know how many times we will be doing the demonstration. We have been told that we will have the opportunity to do demonstrations October 2-6, 2010. The plan, as of today, is to do something a little different than having the horse just travel around an arena. We will be doing a demonstration with eight matched Rocky Mountain Horses in a quadrille to music. We are asking all of our members if you would like to participate in these demonstrations. The criteria for participating are:

- We will use only our signature color Rocky, chocolate with a flaxen mane and tail.
- Only Geldings and mares will be used.
- You will have to commit to coming to Lexington several times in several months, prior to the start of the games, for rehearsals.
- All demonstration horses will be stabled on the park prior to and during the demonstration period.

Those of you that are interested in taking part in this once in a lifetime experience to demonstrate in front of thousands of international visitors who have probably never seen our fabulous Rocky Mountain Horse. Send a photo of your Rocky along with your name, address and copy of the horses certified registration. Our address is: RMHA 4037 Iron Works Parkway Suite 160 Lexington, Kentucky 40511.

We will follow up later and ask you for a video of the horse being ridden. RMHA members will be selected to participate based on their skills, their horses' skills, and commitment and willing to participate. The entire selection procedure has not been formally approved but I did want to give you a heads up about our demonstration.

Mailing to RMHA Headquarters

We are still having members sending their registration forms to the PO Box in Mt Olivet. The one year forwarding time from this post office box to the Horse Park will end soon and all of your documents will be sent back to you. Please send all your information to RMHA HQ, 4037 Iron Works Parkway Suite 160, Lexington, Kentucky 40511.

Trainers Directory Application

NAME:

ADDRESS:
Street:

City:

State:

ZIP:

PHONE:

Email:

WEBSITE:

Fee is \$200.00 a year
starting November 1, 2009
through November 1, 2010
Send Check To:

RMHA
4037 Iron Works Parkway
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For more Information
contact RMHA at 859-243-
0260. You will also be
allowed to have a 10-15
word write-up.

DNA Fees

Don't forget that the DNA fees are \$45.00. There are no forms to send in, all you need to do is send us 10-12 pulled tail hairs and your fee and we will send the hairs to the University of Kentucky for testing.

Rocky Mountain Horse Association and the Friesian Horse Association Sponsors Leadership Luncheon

Each month an organization on the Horse Park sponsors a leadership luncheon for the other 33 organizations that have their headquarters at the Horse Center on the Horse Park. We not only arranged for the lunch, compliments of the Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau, but we gave the attendees a chance to ride a Rocky Mountain Horse. Rea Swan kindly brought two of her horses and provided a demonstration and a short history of the Rocky Mountain Horse to the attendees. We have had a lot of great comments from these participants and I have since been told that one of the individuals is going to buy a Rocky.



P.J. Cooksey, one of the top women jockeys in the world tries her hand on one of our beautiful gaited Rocky Mountain Horses.

If you are interested in providing a horse for any of our demonstration please call Don at 859-243-0260

Volunteers Needed For RMHA Booth at the 2010 World Equestrian Games

The Rocky Mountain Horse Association will have an equine booth at the 2010 World Equestrian Games and will need volunteers to man the booth between September 24 and the end of the games on October 10, 2010. If you are interested in volunteering to man our booth, contact either Kathy Veatch at 615-957-0250 or Elsie Hatcher at 270-777-3435. We are also looking for lodging for volunteers, if you have an extra bedroom or a place to have a RV/or Horse trailer at your home call Kathy Veatch or Elsie Hatcher.

Breeds Weekend at The Kentucky Horse Park

We have an opportunity in 2010 not only to participate in the 2010 World Equestrian Games but we will also be able to present a weekend breed demonstration for visitors at the Horse Park. No firm date has been set, however, I would like to give you the opportunity to let me know if you are willing to participate. We will be able to demonstrate all of the capabilities of our Rockies from the show ring, to driving and obstacles.

Horse Park Ambassador

The RMHA is looking for the next horse to become our ambassador at the Kentucky Horse Park. We need a signature color Rocky to be in the Parade of Breeds demonstration starting in May 2010, and remaining at the Park through 1 October 2010. The horse must be one that has won championships and must be a gelding or a mare. Please contact the RMHA if you are willing to have your horse be our ambassador 859-243-0260

Deadline for submission to hold a RMHA sanction class (A) show is December 9, 2009. See our website at rmhorse.com for more information.

RMHA Competitive and Endurance Riding Program

The RMHA is committed to recognizing RMHA members who participate in US and International competitive and endurance events such as NATRC, AERC, OAATS, FEI. The RMHA Competitive and Endurance Distance Program will award the superior RMHA equine athletes enrolled in this program with certificates for the breed high point winner at events, Youth and Adult yearly mileage awards (horse and rider), and mileage milestones (horse and rider), recognition on the RMHA website and in the RMHA magazine. The RMHA will collaborate with NATRC, AERC, OAATS, FEI, and other recognized competitive/endurance riding organizations on mile tabulation.

Eligibility Requirements:

Horse owner/rider must be a current RMHA member in good standing

- The horse must be a registered and certified Rocky Mountain Horse
- Ride participation must be documented
- Program enrollment will follow the horse and is transferable if the horse is sold.
- A \$45 program registration fee per horse for the life of the horse.

As this recognition program is rolled out in 2009, the program registration fee is waived. However, the enrollment form must be received by October 1, 2009, for participation in 2009 awards. Sign up now for the 2010 awards

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RMHA Christmas Party, Saturday, December 12, 2009

The RMHA will hold their annual Christmas Party and awards Banquet at the Marriott Griffin Gate Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky. A General Membership meeting will be held at 1:00 PM, followed by a sit down dinner at 6:00 PM and then the awards ceremony. Please fill out the RSVP form and send it to the RMHA 4037 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 160, Lexington, Kentucky 40511 by December 4, 2009. Make checks payable to RMHA. Room reservation call 859-231-5100, rates \$79.00/night

Name: _____

Number of Attendees _____ @ \$20.00 each = \$ _____

Website advertisement renewal due by January 1, 2010**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME**

Your yearly membership is due by December 31, 2009 in order for you to remain a current member in the RMHA. Avoid the rush and send in the form below with your check to RMHA 4037 Iron Works Parkway Suite 160, Lexington, Kentucky 40511 to renew your membership for 2010.

Name: _____ Membership Number: _____

_____ Single Membership \$35.00, _____ Family Membership \$75.00,

_____ Legal Entity \$50.00 _____ Junior Membership \$25.00,

_____ International Membership (single only) \$50.00

For International membership add \$25.00 for Shipping and Handling

Signatures: _____

Committee Volunteers Needed

The RMHA has an ongoing need for members willing to volunteer to carryout the Committee functions of the Associations. If you are interested in being considered for one of these important positions please provide a statement of interest including you experience both with horses and in other areas, you current level of computer skills, and the reasons why you wish to be on a committee. Go to our website rmhorse.com for a list of our committees.