



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact Amanda Currie Jones with questions
acjones@horsecenter.org, 540-464-2968

Women for VHCF Presents Equine Management Seminar

Women for VHCF, a committee of local women interested in horses and in enhancing programs offered at the Virginia Horse Center, will present a free seminar for women on May 12, 2012 in the Appomattox Mezzanine.

The “Know What You Don’t Know: Protect Yourself Through Knowledge. Take Action,” seminar will be presented by Kelly LaPar of Lenhart Obenshain PC and Gardy Bloemers of Merrill Lynch, both based in Charlottesville. Topics covered will include Virginia’s Equine Liability Act, ways and means to financial freedom for women, and a discussion on estate planning for farm owners.

Kelly LaPar is an attorney with Lenhart Obenshain PC. Kelly has represented clients on matters involving sales, boarding agreements, leasing agreements, waivers and releases, corporate formation, business litigation and recreational liability. She will provide attendees with a brief history of equine liability statutes, detail Virginia’s Equine Activity Liability Act, and discuss liability waivers and relevant case law. The focus of her talk will be to provide valuable insights for anyone involved in the equine sport, whether you are a back-yard horse owner, trail rider, boarder or have your own Warmblood breeding operation.

Financial Advisor and equestrian Gardy Bloemers from Merrill Lynch specifically focuses on delivering wealth management planning and advice to women. She regularly speaks to women’s professional associations and enjoys educating her clients on a wide variety of important financial topics ranging from saving for children’s education to planning for retirement. Gardy will initially provide some statistics and identify why they are relevant to understand and take into consideration. Next she will focus on specific action steps women can take to become more financially secure. Gardy’s remarks will include a discussion on estate planning for farms and farm animals.

The seminar will run from 9:30am to 1:30pm with a light lunch included. This program is free but registration is limited to twenty-five. Email acjones@horsecenter.org or call 540-464-2968 to reserve your spot today.

The Virginia Horse Center Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which owns and operates the Virginia Horse Center. The Foundation is proud to be a part of the Rockbridge community, an asset to the state’s equine economy, and a resource to the East-Atlantic competition circuit.

Committed to serving the needs, well-being, and safety of both rider and horse, the VHCF supports a 600-acre competition facility that serves over 400,000 people and 100,000 animals of all breeds and disciplines. The VHCF manages 115 events annually, most free and open to the public. Host to the Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center, the Foundation’s mission is to enrich lives with programs focused on recreation, education, and preservation.

487 Maury River Road · Lexington, Virginia 24450 · (P)540-464-2950 · (F)540-464-2999 · www.horsecenter.org