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Winter Schooling Show Series at the Virginia Horse Center

Winter's temperatures are challenging for equine sport. For riders and horses alike, the chill is unfriendly, the ground is hard, and concentration often drifts to warmer seasons rather than the task at hand. Luckily, the Virginia Horse Center Foundation has increased its indoor winter schooling show opportunities in hopes of motivating riders to shake off the winter blues in anticipation of the upcoming show season.

The Polar Bear Series began on January 14th. It will be held again on Saturday, January 28, Saturday, February 11, and Saturday, February 25. These one day hunter/jumper shows are held in the East Complex arena and are notable for having all individual classes. Classes mimic those during the regular show season with a twist – divided by fence height rather than expertise or the age of a horse or rider. Competitors are encouraged to enter any combination of classes they choose. Rates are very affordable at \$12 per class.

The Dressage Winter Schooling Series will be held on Sunday, January 29 and Sunday, February 12. Also in the East Complex arena, this show features tests for riders with disabilities, Intro tests, Training, First, and Second Level tests, as well as Dressage Trail classes. Competition begins at 9am and runs according to the number of entries. Tests can be entered for only \$30.

Registration for all of these schooling shows is open until the day prior – a huge benefit for unpredictable weather winter! Good Eats Café and Catering will provide concessions for purchase at all of these events. The Virginia Horse Center Foundation encourages the community to attend as this and most other events are free and open to the public.

For more information, please visit www.horsecenter.org or call 540-464-2950.

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 support a 600-acre facility that serves 400,000 people; functioning as a classroom, land reserve, market place, and recreation venue. The VHCF manages 115 events annually, most free and open to the public, and hosts the Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center.