



EHV-1 Hits Virginia!

Causing Glenmore to postpone hunting activities

Equine Herpes Virus–1 is now in Virginia, and several farms and counties have been quarantined to help prevent the spread of this highly contagious disease. Although Augusta County has not been put under official quarantine, the Glenmore masters have chosen to postpone hunting activities until more information about the situation is available. Counties currently quarantined include Loudoun, Fauquier, and Culpepper. The Marion DuPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, where the suspected outbreak was first detected, is also under quarantine.

According to an Associated Press article (www.thehorse.com), three horses have shown neurological symptoms of EVH-1. Two of those horses are located in Loudoun County, the third is in Fauquier. Test results to confirm diagnosis are expected sometime this week.

Horse owners should take prudent precautions to prevent the spread of this disease. The Glenmore Masters will continue to watch the situation and provide updates received to the membership via email. Hunting on Tuesday (February 27) and the Junior Hunt scheduled for Saturday (March 3) has been cancelled. Members should call the hunt line to verify hunting for next week.

What is EHV?

a basic guide . . .

There are five types of herpes viruses that affect horses. Three are known to cause illness: EHV-1, EHV-3, and EHV-4. EHV-1 is the culprit for Virginia's current outbreak.

EHV-1: also known as rhinopneumonitis. Can cause many problems, most commonly appears as an upper respiratory disease that is usually successfully treated with supportive care. For broodmares, this strain is especially problematic as it can cause abortion, and weak or stillborn foals. There is also a newly recognized form called peracute pulmonary vasculitis that affects adult horses in their lungs and kills them almost overnight. The outbreak Virginians are currently dealing with is a neurologic form that has been around for many years. Unfortunately, more and more cases of this neuralgic form are being reported worldwide.

EVH-1 is transmitted through aerosol droplets, making it extremely contagious. Recent research has shown that the neurologic form is caused by a mutation in the virus strain, explaining why all horses, regardless of vaccination status are at risk during outbreaks of this disease.

EHV-3: Causes a venereal disease also known as equine coital exanthema. This is a rare disease, and isn't deadly, but has the potential to devastate breeding establishments. Sexually transmitted.

EHV-4: Causes an upper respiratory disease that is not fatal and treated with supportive care. Older horses develop immunity; foals through three-year-olds are at risk. It is spread through aerosol droplets, like the flu. Consequently, there is potential for widespread and severe outbreaks.

Vaccination: Currently, there are only vaccines available for EVH-1 and EVH-4. Keep in mind, however, that since the neurologic form is a mutation of EVH-1, current vaccines are not effective against this form of the disease. There are some preventative measures that can be taken for high risk horses. Contact your veterinarian to develop a vaccination and preventive care program for your horses.

Jakki Avery with Nikki Shipplett Clayton, DVM

Secretary's Corner

The next meeting of the
Glenmore Hunt, Inc.
will be on Tuesday, March 6th at
the Glenmore Offices
The Board of Directors will meet
at 7:00 P.M.

General Membership at
8:00 P.M.

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Events of Special Note

March

17th— Closing Hunt, with Special Tailgate (see below)

31st—Hunt Ball at the Holiday Inn

April

3rd—Annual Meeting and Elections

22nd— Spring Hunter Pace

May

6th —Jr. Hound Show

26th—Virginia Hound Show, Leesburg

Hunts Cancelled

The hunts scheduled for next week (Tuesday - Feb 27, and Saturday – March 3) have been canceled due to the outbreak of the Neurological Equine Herpes Virus-1 (EHV-1) in Virginia. Information about the remaining hunts will be sent near the end of next week.

The Masters

Closing Hunt

Our March 17th closing hunt location is TBA at this point. We have invited guests from Rockbridge, Oak Ridge and Stonewall to join us for a joint meet and a special tailgate after the hunt. A grill will be provided and all who attend are asked to bring their own choice of meat to cook. Sides will be provided by the members of the Glenmore Hunt.

All members, social and riding are asked to contribute a side dish or dessert to the hunt site to ensure that our guests are treated to the usual Glenmore feasting. Please contact Chris Thompson by phone 540-292-0066 or e-mail src2h@virginia.edu to let him know what you will bring.

2007 Hunt Ball

The invitations are mailed, so dust off your dancing shoes, grab your friends, and join us for the 2007 Hunt Ball, Saturday, March 31, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Staunton. PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR RSVP REPLY CARD BY MARCH 17.th

The Committee is busy collecting Silent Auction items. Donation items should be given to Terry Smith (or Marjorie Hays). Joanne VanSiclen has been busy making the centerpiece for each table of 8. We're hoping to have 14 tables. Please talk to your friends, co-workers, dancers, etc., and invite them to please join us for an fun evening.

Your 2007 Hunt Ball Committee

Glenmore Needs You:

The Nominating Committee has been formed to put names forward as Masters, Officers, and Board members of the Glenmore Hunt for 2007/2008. Hugh Brown is chair with Brenda Simmons, Chris Thompson, Jean Viel, and Anne Avery as committee members.

If you are called to stand for election, please give the request positive consideration. If you want to volunteer for a specific position, please email Hugh <brownhh@jmu.edu> or call at 540-568-3501 (day) or 540-886-6359 (evening).

The Long Range Planning committee will be helping chart a vision for the future of Glenmore and the next Board will be active in making that vision come true. Without leaders, there is no hunt club. Please consider serving your club!

Glenmore Hunt President presents at GPC Class

I went to the Glenmore Pony Club meeting at the Library February 4.th The GPC was preparing for their Quiz (Know-Down) and wanted a foxhunting information station. After some thought, I decided to do "Foxhunting Jeopardy" The categories were:

1. The Fox
2. Hounds and Hound Behavior
3. Who's Who
4. Hunting Misc.

I took questions from the handouts that we always pass out to them each time a presentation is given. I had 5 questions in each category and assigned points from 5-25. Of the 3 groups that rotated through, the top three point earners received a prize. 1st place was a capping fee; 2nd place and mane comb & hoof pick; 3rd place was a horsy calendar.

It was very well received. As a matter-of-fact, some of the parents wanted to do the 'Foxhunt Jeopardy' as a station when the Pony Club has to host the Know Down Quiz. I left them with the handouts, the questions on cards, etc. to help them plan for this.

Brenda

Glenmore's Top Gun at
Springbrook Feb. 24



Bottle Hunt

Thank you to all of you who provided a beverage at our bottle hunt today. Our "larder" is looking much better. We enjoyed having all the juniors out today as well! What a great day - a wonderful view of a gray fox.

Sandy

Annual Meeting and Elections in April

The Annual Meeting and election of Master(s) of Foxhounds, Officers, and Directors of the Glenmore Hunt, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd, 2007 at the Glenmore Office, 101 Frederick Street, Staunton, Virginia.

The Board of Directors will meet at 7:00 PM and the General membership at 8:00 PM. All members are encouraged to attend this annual meeting.

Dwight Phelps, Hon. Secretary

Spring Hunter Pace

The Spring Hunter Pace is still scheduled for April 22nd. We won't cancel unless it's necessary for horse health reasons. Location TBA. Look for flyers in the next newsletter.



Legislative Update:

Letter from Bob Kane, President Virginia Hunting Dog Owners' Association

Dear VHDOA Supporters,

Ten bad animal bills were "Tabled," or otherwise defeated, in two House subcommittees. These included

HB 1959 Dogs and cats; increase of license fee.

HB 2081 Cruelty to animals; Class 6 felony for any person to willfully & unnecessarily cause death thereof.

HB 2098 Tethering of animals; certain acts associated therewith Class 3 misdemeanor.

HB 2100 Cats and dogs; license fee on those who have not been spayed or neutered.

HB 2242 Dogs; Class 3 misdemeanor to tether, fasten, etc. to stationary object.

HB 3091 Companion animals; exempts occasional breeder, etc. from being treated as dealer.

HB 3147 Cats and dogs; evidence by owner of inoculation or vaccination of rabies.

HB 3195 Companion animal dealer permits

HJ 567 SOL; Department of Education to include standards regarding instruction on animal safety, etc..

HB 2631 Abolishes the right of hunters to trespass for the purpose of retrieving hunting dogs.

HB 2295 Rabies vaccinations; surcharge thereon, was reported without recommendation

More detailed information may be found at <http://vhdoa.uplandbirddog.com/staterk.html>

Only horse people....

- ...believe in the 11th Commandment: Inside leg to outside rein.
- ...know that all topical medications come in either indelible blue or neon yellow.
- ...think nothing of eating a sandwich after mucking out stables.
- ...know why a thermometer has a yard of yarn attached to one end of it.
- ...are banned from Laundromats.
- ...can magically lower their voices five octaves to bellow at a pawing horse.
- ...have a language all their own ("If he pops his shoulder, I have to close that hand and keep pushing with my seat in case he sucks back".)
- ...will end relationships over their hobby.
- ...cluck to their cars to help them up hills.
- ...insure their horses for more than their cars.
- ...will give you 20 names and reasons for that bump on your horse.
- ...know more about their horse's nutrition than their own.
- ...have neatsfoot oil stains on the carpet right next to the TV.
- ...have a vocabulary that can make a sailor blush.
- ...have less wardrobe than their horse.
- ...engage in a hobby that is more work than their day job.
- ...know that mucking stalls is better than Zolofit any day.

(thanks to **Marge Hays**)

The View of a Lifetime

At 32, I'm still fairly young, so some of the more seasoned hunters might argue. **Hon-MFH Hugh Sproul** tells a great story of the time Glenmore treed a grey, and perhaps that would top the view the field enjoyed on Saturday, but for me, this was as good as it gets.

We hunted from our *Springbrook* fixture on Saturday, January 27, 2007. This is a beautiful piece of property, and my personal favorite. There is a nice mix of open land and wooded areas. The terrain is varied with picturesque rolling hills and mountain views. The weather was blustery and crisp, making scenting a difficult. At one point, the field was positioned on a hillside overlooking the woods where hounds were cast. We were close. Hounds were hunting only about 50 yards from our spot. With no leaves on the trees, and little thicket or cover, we had a wonderful view of the hounds working.

TALLEYHO!!!

There was a grey fox casually trotting out of the wood away from the hounds. We watched him saunter across the open field and through a fence line to the adjoining pasture. It did not take the hounds long to catch scent of him, and we watched hounds open excitedly and follow him out of the wood. Unfortunately, the wind was so great that hounds could not hold the line for long.

All of this happened in the span of five minutes. It was truly thrilling to see the hunted fox and hounds so clearly, and for me, that made it the view of a lifetime. This is what we hope for each time we go out, and what makes fox hunting so addictive.

Jakki



Left - **Chris Thompson** and guest at *Springbrook*. Above - A scenic view of **Bruce Campbell's** property. Photos by **Hugh Brown**.

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffins

4 eggs
2 c sugar
1 ½ c vegetable oil
2 tsp baking powder
2 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp salt
1 15oz can pumpkin
2 c chocolate chips

Mix wet ingredients together. Sift dry ingredients and combine thoroughly with wet ingredients. Add 2 cups chocolate chips. Bake in slightly greased muffin pan at 375 for 14-20 minutes. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Reduce baking time to make mini muffins by 5-7 minutes.

Jakki

Recipe originally from Susan Cromer.

Masters' Corner

As you have probably noted, Mother Nature has interfered with the hunts scheduled during this winter. In fact, you may sometimes wonder why certain hunts were canceled.

The Masters are thinking about conditions that adversely affect the hounds, the horses, and the humans. We want hunting to be safe and fun; we also want to be respectful of the landowners' property. This means avoiding damaging fields and crop areas with horses and trailer parking.

For example, on Saturday, February 10th, there was a scheduled joint meet with the Rockbridge and Stonewall Hunts. Rockbridge chose to cancel as a kindness to their hounds. (They'd had up to 7 inches of snow with concerns about the hard crust, which can cut front legs of the hounds.)

Stonewall's Master of Foxhounds, Mrs. Elizabeth Wykle, offered to carry on. Five Glenmore members—MFHs **Sandy Cryder** and **Jewell Phelps**, members **Stacy Thompson** and **Joe Manning**, along with Honorary Master **Hugh Sproul** journeyed to Stonewall's fixture near Appomattox and enjoyed a grand day watching the Stonewall hounds work. The field viewed a coyote and there were stories about a viewing of a bobcat.

Many thanks to Stonewall from Glenmore for the hospitality extended.

Jewel

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