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Devon Horse Show and Country Fair Announces 2021 Cancellation *DHSCF unable to present show with current USEF spectator ban in place*

Devon, Pa. - April 10, 2021 - It is with deep disappointment that the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair (DHSCF) must announce the cancellation of the 125th edition of its event originally scheduled for May 27 - June 6, 2021.

This decision was made only after significant evaluation of the far-reaching operational and financial implications due to on-going restrictions imposed by U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF) regarding spectators and other important issues at their sanctioned events. The organizers together with the Board of Directors evaluated multiple options, but were ultimately unable to operate under the current restrictions outlined by the sport's governing body.

Despite the DHSCF's many efforts to obtain updated information, the competition was told on April 5 that new guidelines for spectators would not be available until "mid-May." This time frame does not provide sufficient time to adequately plan and prepare for a show of the DHSCF's size and caliber. In fairness to the competitors, sponsors, ticket holders, vendors, volunteers and all others involved, the DHSCF believes that the decision to cancel is the best under the circumstances.

"Although other equestrian events are operating during this time, the DHSCF is a non-profit organization uniquely tied to its local audience and spectator base," says DCSCF Chairman and CEO Wayne Grafton. "This decision was made to protect the financial viability of the show for years to come. We are proud to be a USEF-sanctioned show, but our issues were unable to be resolved in time to move forward."

In the coming weeks, the DHSCF and its organizers will be contacting all stakeholders with information regarding cancellation processes.

"The health and well-being of the entire DHSCF community are always of utmost importance, and while we believed we could run a safe and successful outdoor event, the lack of movement in attendance guidelines from USEF made it a financial impossibility even with significant fundraising efforts for the competition to continue in 2021," says Grafton.

"We are incredibly thankful for and indebted to our supporters, volunteers, exhibitors, athletes and vendors who supported us during last year's cancellation," Grafton continues. "We fully understand the emotional and financial investment our community makes in each year's edition of the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair and we are now putting our efforts toward making the 2022 event unforgettable."

One aspect of Devon will continue this year as planned: area driving clubs have graciously decided to continue their traditional Pleasure Drive on Sunday, May 30. More information about the Pleasure Drive will be on www.DevonHorseShow.net as it becomes available.

The Devon Horse Show and Country Fair looks forward to celebrating its 125th anniversary during the competition in 2022. For additional information, visit www.DevonHorseShow.net.

About the DHSCF

The Devon Horse Show and Country Fair is the oldest and largest outdoor multi-breed horse show in the United States. DHSCF attracts competitors, spectators, and visitors from around the world. The fairgrounds are filled with boutique shopping, unique food, an art gallery, and an expansive Midway featuring a Ferris wheel, carousel, and games for children of all ages. DHSCF benefits Bryn Mawr Hospital with more than \$15 million in donations to date.