

# NEWS & VIEWS

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Guests and ponies share holiday cheer at the Greenwell Foundation's drive-through holiday meet and greet.

ride at Full Moon Farm.”

In addition, Fulton sent out a challenge to other barns to do similar programs at their stables. She said, “The equestrian community possesses many strengths, including a willingness to learn and improve, and a passion for sharing the incredible joy that horses can bring to a person’s life. We can all create a welcoming opportunity for more participants and fans.”

## MD Racing Commission Regulations Update

On December 2, the Maryland Racing Commission approved final regulations related to continuing education for trainers, banning race-day Lasix and expanded restrictions on shock wave therapy. All three topics began moving through the regulatory process months ago.

According to a MRC press release, “continuing education programs are part of the Mid-Atlantic Strategic Plan to Reduce Equine Fatalities.” As of January 1, 2022, all licensed trainers and assistant trainers must provide documentation showing they participated in four hours of continuing education during the 2021 calendar year. Two of those hours must be related to

equine health and welfare. This new requirement follows along what New York is already doing, and other Mid-Atlantic states are in the process of implementing similar regulations. The Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association has started discussions on providing educational programs that will satisfy the new requirement.

Earlier this year, MRC approved revising the Lasix regulation to ban its use within 48 hours of a race for 2-year-olds only. In 2021, this rule will be extended to all graded stakes run at Maryland racetracks. Currently, non-graded stakes are not part of the Lasix ban.

As for shock wave therapy, MRC has now stated that a horse is not permitted to race within 10 days of receiving this treatment. The new regulation extends the 10-day stand-down to training and workouts.

In addition, MRC signed off on the recommendation from the Maryland-Bred Race Advisory Committee to maintain the current percentages for breeder and stallion purse bonuses through June 2021. There is a caveat that these percentages may need to be amended should COVID-19 restrictions impact racing’s

## Greenwell Hosts a Horse Drive Thru

On December 3, the Greenwell Foundation in Hollywood, Maryland, hosted a drive-thru holiday celebration. Staff and horses were decked out in holiday costumes and lined the Manor House driveway circle where invited friends from group homes and day programs were able to drive up and pet the horses through their car windows. Each visitor left with a goodie bag as well.

“Greenwell Foundation has been offering our Watershed Heroes program for almost four years,” said Greenwell’s Executive Director Jolanda Campbell. “We are holding Watershed Heroes [programs] over ZOOM and were so eager to see our friends in person in a safe and healthy way. So we designed this special celebration.”

## Full Moon Farm Gifts Lessons

This past December, Full Moon Farm reached out to its Finksburg area community asking for nominations of children from families affected by COVID-19 that may need a Christmas/holiday gift. Farm owner Karen Fulton committed to donating 25 private lessons “to bring holiday cheer to those who have not yet been able to



## Burke Equipment Food Drive

Burke Equipment Company financially contributes to the Food Bank of Delaware through its summer Kubota Customer Appreciation Event. This funding helped provide food for the Seasonal Food Bank distribution at Dover Downs on November 18, 2020. Over 1700 families were provided food.

revenue stream. Currently the breeder bonus is 25% and the stallion bonus is 8.33%. These percentages were reduced from 30% and 10% in 2020 due to the shutdown of live racing and casino gambling in Maryland during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## ESWHA Announces Scholarship Winners

The Eastern Shore Western Horse Association announced this past November the winners of its annual \$500 scholarships. The scholarships are to be applied to the 2020-2021 school year and were presented at the club’s annual open meeting. This year’s winners are Haley Scott and Georgia Weiner.

Typically ESWHA presents one scholarship, however this

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