

Apple Lane Farm

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Dear Keuring Participant,

Welcome to the 2007 KWPN-NA Keuring hosted by Apple Lane Farm and organized by the NE Keuring Crew. Enclosed in this packet you will find general information, a stabling reservation form and hotel suggestions. A tentative schedule will follow shortly. Please remember that this is a private farm and residence, so we ask you to please follow the enclosed guidelines. Also, this is the first time hosting a keuring at Apple Lane Farm so we're encouraging everyone to offer suggestions or express concerns so that our NE keuring is a success. Scot Tolman, Kathy Hickerson and Jenn Tousignant form the rest of the NE Keuring Crew. Everyone else you'll see at the farm is a volunteer, a student from a local university, or a friend.

To help ensure that everyone has a great experience, we really need your help during unloading and loading so that we can get the trailers as close to stabling as possible. While there is plenty of room to turn around, if 8 6-horse trailers show up at once, there will be some waiting. So please try to estimate as close as you can when you'll be arriving and the type of trailer you have.

Health Requirements

- Negative Coggins test dated in 2007. **Nursing foals will use their dam's Coggins test.**
- Influenza Vaccination within 6 months - must be given no earlier than 7 days prior to arrival.
- **Pregnant mares and nursing foals are exempt from the above requirement** – they should be on their normal vaccination schedule.
- Please leave sick horses at home!

Stabling will be tents. All stabling requests must be received with payment by 9/1/07. You must provide buckets, bedding and stall guards. Shaving will be provided at \$6/bag. **Strip your stalls before you depart.** If you'd like for us to strip your stall, the cost will be \$20 per stall. All stabling must be pre-paid by check payable to Apple Lane Farm along with the stabling request form. **There is no turnout for the horses.** Stalls are \$60.00 for Friday night and any part of the day on Saturday. Stalls will be marked with Horse & Owner's name. No refunds on Stabling.

Truck Ins - There will be a \$20 grounds fee for truck ins.

Participant Fee – There will be a \$25 keuring fee, which includes \$5 for lunch. Please let us know if you plan on having lunch with us. It's \$20 if you opt out of lunch.

Trailers - It would be very, very helpful if everyone could please indicate on the stabling form the type of trailer you are bringing and your arrival time. There is plenty

of room for 2 and 4 horse trailers. But we need to coordinate the parking of 6 horse trailers. And if the weather is terrible, everyone needs to be flexible on parking trailers.

Food/Cocktail Party - There will be a cocktail reception at the main house with food Friday night starting around 6:30pm. Food, soda, water, beer and wine will be provided. The bar is sponsored by Scot Tolman and the food by Kathy Hickerson. Breakfast Saturday morning will be provided in the shed attached to the indoor and is sponsored by Debbie Malcomson. Lunch will be provided in the same area.

Arrival & Departure Times for Exhibitors

Friday, Sept 21, 2007 Horses may arrive between noon – 5:00pm late or early arrivals by special arrangement.

Saturday, Sept 22, 2007 The main farm will open at 6:00 a.m. and will close once the keuring ends for the day.

Please make your plans accordingly. All horses must arrive during the hours posted above. If you can not arrive during the hours above, call ahead of time to make special arrangements. All horses must depart the farm by 6pm on Saturday.

Free-jumping schooling session – We will have the indoor set up with the jumping chute for a schooling session on Friday, 9/21. The session will be from 2:00pm until 3:30. Then the indoor will close until the next day. We will have the outdoor dressage arena available for schooling until 6:00pm on Friday. There will also be a designated schooling area during the rest of the keuring. Protective head gear must be worn when you are mounted.

Exhibitor Packets – will be at your stall if applicable or available from Dayna.

Dogs - As much as we love our canine friends, we must ask you to leave your dogs at home.

Braiders - call Addie Pepoli (978) 660 8363 to arrange braiding. Cost is \$40 per horse and \$25 per foal. You have to make arrangements ahead of time.

Handlers - Here is Janko's contact info who you may like to use for the keuring. Please call Kathy directly for prices and to make arrangements to use their services.

Janko van de Lageweg - contact - Kathy Hickerson at 603-673.4344 or cell 603 557 4054 or email kathy@majesticgaits.com

Evaluating the 3yr and older horses – will be in the upper apple orchard at the main farm. Horses will be presented in groups. They will be measured, have their mouths checked and will then be shown on the hard surface. After the group is done the horses will proceed to the indoor for a walk around and then individual loose movement and free-jumping (if applicable) then the group will go back into the indoor for score announcements and ribbons.

Riding classes and IBOP Tests – weather permitting - we plan to hold the riding classes in the outdoor dressage arena and jumping in the indoor arena.

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Evaluating foals, yearlings & two year olds fillies and geldings - Weather permitting we will evaluate these horses in an outdoor grass ring that is next to the indoor. In case of inclement weather we will move their classes to the indoor.

Please note the schedule is a GUIDELINE and time of go can be moved up or back depending on scratches. Please be sure and be here at least 2 hours before you are scheduled to present your horse.

Score Sheets - Horses 3 years old & older receive a written evaluation form after they are judged. They can be picked up after the class has been pinned. When you come to pick up your evaluation, please let me know if you will want your horse branded. **There are no written score sheets for horses under 3 yrs of age.**

Branding - Mares & geldings three years old & older that are accepted into the Main Studbook with a First or Second premium can be branded. Horses must wear their bridle number for branding. Time and place for branding will be announced at the keuring.

Photographers – Carole MacDonald will be here to take photos. Proofs are \$5 per print. If you are interested please let me know on the stabling form or contact Carole directly at carolemacdonald@verizon.net. If you are interested in having video shot, please let me know on the stabling form or contact me directly. I will have all the classes videoed but I need to know who's interested in a DVD. If no one is interested, we won't shoot one.

Facility – Apple Lane Farm is located in northern Worcester County right near the intersection of Rt. 2 and I-190, on Rt. 117. The farm has a 75X200 indoor arena with Tapeta footing and a 100x200 outdoor ring with black sand. There is a nice grass paddock in front of the indoor for the mares/foals. You may want to bring a chair to watch the riding classes outside and to watch the foals – there is no seating next to the outdoor arena. There will be hay bales inside the indoor for seating. Also plan to be flexible as well as dress for inclement weather – this is hurricane season so the weather may cause us to change plans. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

Vet/Farrier – There is a vet on call as well as a farrier.

Directions:

From 495S:

Take Rt. 117 West approximately 7 miles, farm is on the right, 2393 Main St. There will be a sign indicating which driveway to enter.

From 495N:

Take Rt. 2 West to I-190 South to exit 7, Rt. 117 East approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, farm is on the left. See above.

From VT/Keene NH:

Take I-91 to Rt. 9 East to Rt. 12 South to Rt. 140 South to Rt. 2 East to I-190 S to exit 7, Rt. 117 East. See above.

From Maine/Portland NH:

Take I-95S to I-495S, follow directions above.

If you're somewhere else, try the maps function at www.yahoo.com. If you get lost, please call me at (617) 510-8663.

Look forward to seeing everyone,

NE Keuring Crew