

#### **Maryland Horse Council**

Who We Are; What We Do

Presentation to the 2013 Coalition of State Horse Councils
Spring Meeting



### Form of Organization

501 (c) (6)

Board of Directors – elected by the Membership

**Executive Committee** 

Associations – one member per association

Charities – one member per organization

Businesses – At-large, one per 25 members

Farms – At-large, one per 25 members

Individuals – At-large, one per 25 members

# Types of Membership

Member Type	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Lifetime
Association	100	300	500	1,000
Business	100	285	475	1,000
Farm	75	215	355	750
Charity & Foundation	75	215	355	750
Individual	40	105	175	400
Youth	5	n/a	n/a	n/a





#### Who We Are

According to the 2010 Equine Census, we are 28,340 people with 81,000 horses on 16,040 properties that comprise 587,000 acres.

Our assets are \$5.6 billion, our direct operating expenses are \$363 million, and our economic impact has never been accurately measured, but is in the billions.

# A Framework for Action 2009 Governor's Horse Forum

- Labor
- Zoning and Land Use
- Promoting and Marketing the Horse
- Legal Matters, Liability and Insurance



- Vision for the Future of Maryland Racing
- Trails and Public Lands
- Going Green
- Infrastructure and Competition Venues
- Unwanted Horses

# **Standing Committees**

- Business Network
- County Issues and Forums
- Farm Stewardship
- PAC
- Marketing Advisory

- Unwanted Horse Project/Maryland Fund For Horses
- Save The Horse Farms
- Support MD Racing
- Trails & Greenways



# Maryland Horse Council Legislative Updates Blog

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013

Details of proposed federal legislation on drug use in racehorses

Here, courtesy of thehorse.com, is info about this new proposed legislation to regulate drug use in racehorses.

Posted by Jane Seigler at 6:04 AM No comments:



SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2013

#### Annapolis Legislative Session Wrap-up

The dust has fully settled on this year's legislative session in Annapolis. Here is the final outcome of the bills MHC has been following:





# Maryland Horse Council Horse Health Blog

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

#### A Primer on Strangles (Strep Equi)

This is a bacterial disease of horses and other equines. The incidence has been low but may be increasing. Traditionally young horses are at greatest risk but with less chance of exposure over the last generations, older horses may not have had the opportunity to develop immunity. After a natural infection that runs its course, there is a long lasting but not lifetime immunity. Horses may be chronic carriers. It is a difficult and expensive procedure to prove that an individual horse is not a carrier.

Prevention: Vaccination may help reduce the frequency and severity of the disease but does not provide a solid immunity in some horses. There are two



#### Maryland Horse Council Farm Stewardship

To learn more about the Maryland Horse Council's Farm Stewardship Committee, visi http://www.mdhorsecouncil.org/farm\_stewardship.htm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013

#### WATER QUALITY TRADING IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY: PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUCCESS

Posted by Ann Mills, Acting Under Secretary for Natural Resources & Environment, on June 11, 2013 at 10:25 AM





We believe that the whole horse industry in Maryland benefits by having a vibrant racing industry, and we believe that the racing industry benefits by having the support of the whole horse industry. The Maryland Horse Council acts inside of the political and legislative arenas at the county and the state level. The future of racing in Maryland depends in part on the decisions of our elected officials and a failure by our organization to act in racing's best interests would be a failure of the Horse Council to fulfill its mission.

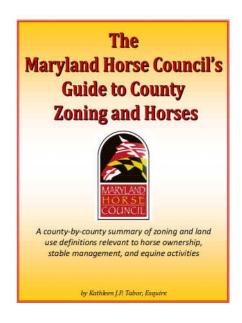
#### A Day at the Races

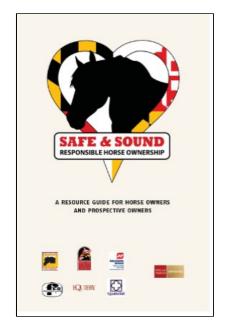
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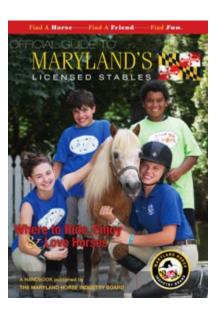




#### **Recent Publications**







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- \*\*\* Published by the Maryland Horse Industry Board

#### How Do We Do It?

- Memberships
- Sponsorships
- Industry Partnerships
- Grants
- Annual BBQ Fundraiser
- Annual Silent Auction





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