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**The National Walking Horse Association co-hosts its annual Designated  
Qualified Person Training Clinic with the United States Department of  
Agriculture**

Goodlettsville, TN 2/6/11 –The National Walking Horse Association hosted its annual Designated Qualified Person (DQP) Training Clinic on February 5-6, 2011 to train new DQP applicants and recertify existing NWAHA DQPs. The clinic was also open to auditors interested in learning more about the National Walking Horse Association and enforcement of the Horse Protection Act.

The two day clinic was led by NWAHA's Director of Animal Welfare and Designated Qualified Persons, Dr. Martha M. Day, and USDA Veterinary Medical Officer, Dr. Kurt Hammel.

Day one of the training included sessions on the history of sorring, the Horse Protection Act of 1970 and National Walking Horse Association rules and regulations, Standard Operating Procedures for NWAHA DQPs, anatomy and physiology of the horse, physical examination techniques, interpretation of the Scar Rule, DQP professionalism and conduct, and NWAHA reporting procedures.

Clinic attendees practiced ticket writing simulations and statement sort exercises from case studies that included descriptive scenarios. "Since we have such a strong presence of sound horses at NWAHA affiliated events, DQPs in our program need the benefit of training simulations to develop and maintain a high level of proficiency with DQP reporting procedures", said Martha Day.

Day two of the DQP clinic convened at Montgomery Farms owned by Hal and Martha Bowden of Goodlettsville, Tennessee. NWA DQPs and DQP applicants practiced clinical examination techniques on live horses. Attendees were observed and critiqued by both the DQP Coordinator and the USDA VMO on their inspection techniques. At the conclusion of the clinic, the Bowden's hosted a luncheon for clinic attendees at Long Hollow Jamboree.

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