

## Prez Sez, June 2023

While the grounds still remain open to members, this Vesticular Stomatitis Virus has plundered our shows the past month. We are taking it on a case by case and show by show basis for the duration of the outbreak.

There were 8 new premises in San Diego with Vesicular Stomatitis outbreaks last week. This virus is endemic to Mexico, but when the right atmospheric conditions present themselves, the disease creeps north into the USA spread by black flies and gnats. The flies infect new horses after direct contact to an infected animal. It has spread to San Diego, Riverside and San Bernadino County.

While almost all cases are Equine, cows, sheep, and even llamas and Alpacas are known to catch it. Humans catch it with Flu like symptoms so if your horse gets infected, make sure you are using biohazard security precautions, including quarantine, gloves and do not share water buckets and feed tubs.

Here is a really good webinar from the USEF.. Educate yourself and protect yourself and your horses <https://www.usef.org/media/webinars?id=eldPJwS1uRc>

Even without shows, we still have a lot of grounds work that can be done for Work Hours. There is still weed whacking, mowing, raking and the big wood pile that needs tackling. There is always raking, both in front under the pine trees, and over by the Warmup Arena, or in the area between Ring 1 and Ring 2.

Don't forget to log your hours in the notebook over by the Entry Booth. Make sure to write your full name, the number of hours, job performed and signature that you actually performed the work. Be sure if you are donating hours to another individual that you enter them at the time you work them. Also clearly document who performed the hours and to who they will be donated. Remember, someone has to read your writing and log those hours into the computer so legibility counts!

If you are riding on the grounds, be sure and fly spray your horse before and after.

I hope you all will attend the June General Meeting Held at the PVRA Grounds at 7 pm on Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

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