

NEWSLETTER

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Great Competition, Wonderful Horses, Good Times!

Huge thanks to Alicia Davis, the show committee, and all the members who helped out to make the show a success. And a special thanks goes to all our generous sponsors.





Something for everyone trophies, ribbons, tee shirts, hats, , and of course food!









FROM SHOW CHAIRMAN, ALICIA DAVIS

Thank you to everyone who supported the 49th annual Citrus Cup! Citrus Cup is a vacation within a horse show. People enjoy coming to the World Equestrian Center – and showing their horses just makes it better! The show continues to grow entries were up! We drew top quality horses from across the country as well as our long-time exhibitors who brought more horses this year. If you weren't there you missed some very competitive classes with current World and Reserve World Champions showing in every division.

I especially want to thank all our trainers, grooms and exhibitors for presenting their horses in top form and getting to the ring on time despite all the challenges presented by the physical layout of the World Equestrian Center. It was great to showcase our beautiful Morgans to spectators who were either showing at other WEC shows or just there for a visit One gentleman (non-horse person) told me he and his wife come every couple of months to WEC for a weekend get a way. He thanked me for allowing them to come watch – they had never been to a Morgan show and were very impressed with the show.

Next year is our 50th Anniversary! The show committee is planning many special events during the show. You will not want to miss next year – it will be a very special show!

See you April 22-25, 2026!



SMILING FACES AT CITRUS CUP 2025

































Thanks to our photographer extrodinaire Martha Stein for all these wonderful candids!

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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Now that the Florida season is upon us, here are some common sense reminders fron UF:

Animal Identification

*Take a picture of your horse with a family member in the photo as well. Then staple a copy of your current Coggins test to the picture with any other information such as tattoos, microchip ID, special scars and any other permanent identification, your local vet's name and number and any medications your horse may need. Place all these items in a zip-lock bag, and keep them in a safe place where you can get to them after a hurricane.

- Purchase fetlock ID bands and place them on both front feet before a hurricane hits.
- •Put a leather halter on your horse with a luggage tag attached showing the horse's address, phone number and owner's name and any medication information. Write any special needs on an index card; place this inside a small zip-lock bag, and wrap it around the side of the halter with tape.
- Neck ID bands with the same information can also be used. Check with your local tack store.
- •Using small animal clippers, body clip the same phone number your horse's neck.

Evacuation

If you plan to evacuate in the event of a storm, have a destination and routes thought out well in advance. January, February and March would be good months to do this. Plan to leave 48 hours before the arrival of the storm. The worst thing that can happen to you is to get stuck in traffic with a trailer full of horses and a hurricane approaching. As a Hurricane approaches:

Regardless of whether you stay or evacuate, start early to clean up your property and remove all debris that may be tossed around by hurricane winds. If you plan to weather the storm at home, here are some guidelines:

- •The choice of keeping your horse in a barn or an open field is entirely up to you. Use common sense, taking into consideration barn structure, trees, power lines, and the condition of surrounding properties.
- Remove all items from the barn aisles and walls, and store them in a safe place.
- Have two weeks supply of hay (wrapped in plastic or waterproof tarp) and feed (stored in plastic water-tight containers). Place these supplies in the highest and driest area possible.
- Fill clean plastic garbage cans with water, secure the tops, and place them in the barn.
- Prepare an emergency animal care kit (waterproof) with all the items you normally use: medications, salves, ointments, vetwraps, bandages, tape, etc. Place the kit in a safe place where you can get to it after a storm.
- Have an emergency barn kit containing a chain saw and fuel, hammers, a saw, nails, screws and fencing materials. Place this kit in a secure area before the storm hits.
- Have an ample supply of flashlights and batteries, and at least one battery-operated radio.
- •Using camper tie-downs, secure all vehicles, trailers and maintenance equipment.
- Notify neighbors where you will be during the storm.
- Before leaving the barn, attach identification to all horses.
- •Turn off circuit breakers to the barn before leaving. A power surge could cause sparks and fire.
- Do not stay in the barn with your horse during the storm.
- Place a supply of water and hay with each horse.

Remember, trees could be down blocking roads, and you may not be able to return to the barn immediately following the storm. Leave two buckets of water in your horse's stall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*September 4-7, Summers End Show......World Equestrian Center, Ocala check out the FMHA website and Facebook page for prize list and other information