

Rappahannock Hunt, Inc.



November 29, 2025

Dear Members,

Earlier this week, hunts in Virginia received a communication from the Masters of Foxhounds Association of North America (MFHA) warning of an outbreak of the highly contagious Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) in the Midwest and South. The virus has now spread to the East Coast and has resulted in the euthanasia of at least one horse in Pennsylvania.

MFHA has advised member hunts to monitor their activities with extreme caution and limit horse-to-horse contact. The health and safety of our members and horses being of paramount importance, the masters of the Rappahannock Hunt, in consultation with and on the advice of our veterinarian, have determined it advisable to withdraw from participation in the Little Washington Annual Christmas Parade next weekend, as well as implement a few other restrictions.

We will forgo our participation in the shared meet with Warrenton Hunt next Wednesday and will close hunting to any outside guests, suspending capping until further notice. In addition, we are also prohibiting anyone from hunting on a horse that has traveled out of state or has been around other horses who have traveled out of state. The expectation remains that all horses hunting with Rappahannock Hunt remain fully vaccinated and in good health when brought to meets. It is always recommended that you do not engage in the socializing of horses from different barns, refraining from sharing water buckets and allowing horses to touch noses.

Understandably, this news is disappointing during our most festive and social season, but we are grateful for your cooperation and acceptance, which will allow us to continue hunting in a safe and responsible manner. Please use this link for information about the virus, full of great information and guidelines.

<https://thehorse.com/features/everything-you-need-to-know-about-ehv-1/>

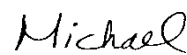
Sincerely,



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