



WALKING HORSE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

A Statement from the President of the Walking Horse Owners Association ...

The Walking Horse Owners' Association (WHOA) would like to reaffirm our support of the National Horse Show Commission (NHSC), its staff, licensed officials and affiliated shows. This is an important time for our industry and we want to assure our members that we will proceed with diligence.

The current discourse is discouraging however; I applaud the Walking Horse Trainers' Association for what I'm sure was a difficult decision. The details of any proposed change are vague at this point, therefore in the coming days and weeks I will be meeting with industry leaders to gather information and learn more specific details. It would be irresponsible of our organization to act without complete information on how our owner members will be affected. Furthermore, our commitment to the NHSC will not change without the consent of our board of directors.

As we work toward the betterment of our industry, please be assured that the NHSC will continue to operate and serve our industry and its affiliated shows.

Our board of directors will consider the WHTA's proposal at our meeting on March 20th. In the meantime, we welcome the input of our members. Please feel free to send your comments to joinwhoa@aol.com or Post Office Box 4007, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

We offer our gratitude and support to shows that are already underway this year. Please rest assured that WHOA and the NHSC appreciate your efforts and support your endeavor. This is a crucial time for our industry and the time and attention we give all recommendations will reflect our commitment to proceed in the most responsible way.

Sincerely,

Frank Neal, president

Walking Horse Owners' Association