



## VERDA Mud Ride 25 Mile RIDE and DRIVE and 15 and 10 mile CDR/CDD

**April 13, 2024**

**HeyDay Morgan Farm**

**1065 Eureka Road Springfield VT 05156**

**ENTRY DEADLINE April 5th**

**EVENT WILL BE CAPPED AT 25 COMPETITORS. ANY MORE, AND A  
WAITING LIST WILL BE STARTED**

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**Judge:** Joan Hiltz, DVM     **Lay Judge:** Linda Glock

**Time:** Saturday morning vetting begins at 7:00 AM sharp

**Trail:** The trail will be dirt roads, probably some mud.

**Farrier:** No Farrier available. Bring an easy boot(s).

**Food:** A light breakfast will be available. Please bring any meals you feel you will need.

**Rules:** **Dogs must be on leash at all times.** NO Dogs preferred. Hay, shavings and manure must be picked up. All ECTRA rules and regulations apply. ECTRA rules require that all riders wear an ASTM-SEI approved helmet.

**Entry Requirements:** Negative coggins test and proof of rabies vaccine within last **12 months** required with entry.

**Refunds:** All refunds will be made to any competitor if request is made earlier than April 5<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to **VERDA** and send entry to: Sara Lareau, 825 Mad Tom Road, East Dorset VT 05253

**Parking:** Limited parking! It will be tight. Someone will be watching the driveway but please follow any signs posted.

The ride site does not have camping or stalls available. Camping may be available with folks in the surrounding area-please email Sara if you are looking for camping.

**PLEASE-abide by the entry deadline. Plan ahead for your spring vaccinations and coggins.**

**ALL entries must be mailed in complete with a CURRENT negative coggins and proof of rabies, signed waiver, payment, and proof of ECTRA Membership if applicable.**

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## Entry Fee:

Member 25 mile \$80.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 15 mile \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 mile \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Non Member 25 mile \$90.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 15 mile \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 mile \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior 25 mile \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 15 mile \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 mile \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Pass/Fail \_\_\_\_\_ Full Judging \_\_\_\_\_

ECTRA MEMBER? (Provide copy of 2024 membership card) DISCOUNT: -\$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**VERDA Membership is only \$25 ::: application on [www.verda.org](http://www.verda.org)**

**Make checks payable to VERDA and send entry to:**

**Sara Lareau 825 Mad Tom Road East Dorset VT 05253**

*Check one:* Rider \_\_\_ Driver \_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Horse \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Reg# \_\_\_\_\_

ECTRA Rider # \_\_\_\_\_ Horse # \_\_\_\_\_

I want to ride with \_\_\_\_\_

**VERDA Mud Ride 25 Mile Competitive Trail Ride/Drive and 15 or 10 Mile Conditioning Distance Ride/Drive VERDA & ECTRA Sanctioned Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, Indemnity Agreement**

All official ECTRA rules will apply. This may include random drug testing. Horses must be four (4) years of age or older and have a negative Coggin's test, as per Vermont law. Junior riders under the age of ten (10) must be accompanied by an adult at all times, and must be under that person's supervision and care. This release must be signed and returned with your ride entry. No crossouts or additions are permitted. And this is a legal document, please take the time to read it. We all enjoy this sport and want everyone to be safe riders, horses and those people contributing to its organization and management. In consideration for permission to enter and participate in the VERDA Mud Ride 25 Mile Competitive Trail Ride/Drive and 15 or 10 Mile Conditioning Distance Ride/Drive, I do hereby for myself, my heirs and assigns, release and hold harmless ride management, ride personnel, all property owners over whose land the ride crossed, Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association (ECTRA), their agents, officers, servants, employees and officials, from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any kind, for injury or death sustained by me or my horse, and damage to my property, incurred during this ride, arising from negligence or any other fault. "Ride" includes from the time I and my horse arrive at base camp until the time that we leave the premises, as well as the actual event. "Horse" means the animal(s) that I am riding, driving or have entered. I understand that horseback riding is an inherently dangerous activity and am aware that 1. the ride involves being in areas for extended periods of time far from communications, transportation, medical and veterinary assistance; 2. that these areas have many natural and manmade hazards, which ride management cannot anticipate, modify or eliminate; 3. that both my own horse and those of other contestants can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable, and can panic, bite, rear, kick, strike, stumble or fall; 4. that as a result of participating in the ride I or my horse may be injured, die, or my property damaged. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and my horse; I recognize that the ride is a strenuous activity and I represent that I and my horse are in adequate physical and mental condition to participate. I recognize that my participation in the ride is voluntary. I consent to a drug test to be performed on my horse. WARNING Under Vermont law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. Check out the Law, it is good to know. Also, please be aware that equines do not have a 'right of way' on the roads in Vermont. Please ride with caution and thoughtfulness. I have read and understand the above liability release, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any ECTRA or VERDA Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the control of the ECTRA or VERDA Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the ECTRA or VERDA Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any ECTRA or VERDA Events. In conjunction with my participation in any ECTRA or VERDA Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: ECTRA and VERDA as well as any of the Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, Landowners and Volunteers involved with this ride. I further agree to hold free and harmless from any liability, claims, suits or damages of whatsoever kind or nature that may be occasioned by the horse(s) used by me or the negligence of the person(s) in charge of such horse(s) and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless this organization and individuals against all liability claims, suits, and expenses including attorney fees incurred arising out of any injury to any person or damage to any property caused by me, my horse(s) or attendants. I agree that if any harm occurs to me or my horse or to any equipment that I may use or intend to use, with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the ECTRA or VERDA Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(required if rider is under 18 years of age)