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Mars Essex Horse Trials Adds Advanced Division ***Event Returns to Moorland Farm, June 21-23***

Far Hills, New Jersey - February 26, 2019 - The Mars Essex Horse Trials celebrates its third running with the exciting addition of an Advanced division. Set to take place June 21-23, 2019 at the beautiful, historic Moorland Farm in Far Hills, NJ, the popular event will also feature Beginner Novice through Preliminary divisions as well as a variety of family friendly events.

"Following the success of our first two years back, we've had many requests to add an advanced division," said Ralph Jones, President of Mars Essex Horse Trials. "This event has attracted some of the sport's top horses and riders in the Beginner Novice through Preliminary divisions and adding this elite division is another step forward in returning the event to its glorious past."

For three decades, the Essex Horse Trials featured top U.S. and international riders as well as thousands of spectators. When last held in 1998, the event was run at Hamilton Farm, home of the USET's Gladstone headquarters, just a few miles away from where the event had been launched in 1968 at the Haller family's Hoopstick Farm on Lamington Road.

Moorland Farm, a picturesque 230-acre property, provides the breathtaking setting for the event's current edition. It is the home of the annual Far Hills Race Meeting, a nationally prestigious steeplechase race meeting held each October.



Ryan Wood and Ruby

Eventing, often referred to as an "equestrian triathlon," combines the elegance of Dressage, the thrill of Cross-Country and the precision of Show Jumping. Eventing provides a rare opportunity for spectators of all ages and interests to witness a discipline that highlights the unique trust and bond between horse and rider.

The Mars Essex Horse Trials is more than just an eventing competition. Spectators have the opportunity to enjoy other activities such as a classic car show, a farm stand offering fresh farm-to-table food from local markets, and specialties from

artisan vendors. The Essex Market features a wide range of shopping from saddles and riding boots to jewelry and artwork. The Children's Activity Center, sponsored by The Willow School, will offer younger spectators and their parents a fun and creative way to spend the day.

The addition of the advanced division to the revived Essex Horse Trials is sure to bring some of the nation's top riders back to Essex assuring a thrilling weekend for all who attend.

About Essex Horse Trials

For three decades, the Essex Horse Trials was one of the highlights of the equestrian calendar, attracting top American and international competitors as well as thousands of fans who enjoyed its

social aspects as well. The event was originally conceived in 1968 by the Haller Family at Hoopstick Farm. Proceeds from the event benefit the Greater Newark LifeCamp in nearby Pottersville, which provides an enriching day camp experience for approximately 300 Newark-area youths per day for six weeks during July and August.

Mars, Inc., the original sponsor of the Essex Horse Trials, returned in 2017 and continues as the event's title sponsor. Presenting sponsors include Open Road Auto Group, Peapack-Gladstone Bank, RWJ Barnabas Health, Running 'S' Equine Veterinary Services and AIG.

For additional information, please visit www.essexhorsetrials.org.