

# Wild Wild West Pro Rodeo

Silver City, New Mexico – June 1 through June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Southwest Horseman's Association Rodeo Committee - Rodeo Chairman, Pat Bearup 575-534-5030



The Wild Wild West Pro Rodeo will continue on as scheduled despite the recent Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) outbreak in the western states. We want to do everything we can to prevent the EHV-1 infection of any horse that attends our rodeo. As a precaution the Committee will be instituting a protocol for all horses on rodeo grounds during the rodeo week and will remain in contact with the state veterinarian and local veterinarian services to ensure safety standards are being met.

As of this date and time there are no EHV-1 cases in Grant County or any Southwest New Mexico counties. Presently in New Mexico, three premises are under quarantine as a result of active cases of EHV-1. All three premises have had cases of the neurological form of EHV-1. One horse has died, two horses are clinically ill and one horse has recovered. The last case in New Mexico was reported on May 20, 2011. All other horses on these quarantined premises are under close observation and are being monitored by their farm veterinarians. All of these locations are more than 250 miles from Grant County.

All contestants, contractors, volunteers and other participants in the Wild Wild West Pro Rodeo are strongly encouraged to do everything they can to insure that no infected horse is brought to the rodeo grounds the week of the rodeo. They are further strongly encouraged to do everything in their power to insure the highest practicable level of safety possible at our rodeo grounds the week of the rodeo.

## Our Protocol:

- 1. Make a very conscientious effort to avoid high horse concentration. Horses need to be tied away from the arena; don't congregate in the entry way. Please keep your horses tied to your trailers when not competing or preparing to compete.*
- 2. All horse owners are required to provide their own bucket for watering. No shared buckets will be allowed. Do not use any bucket left at faucet.*
- 3. No sharing feed tubs, bridles, blankets, saddles and any other tack between horses.*
- 4. The pens, corrals and water tanks behind the chutes will be only for Classic Pro Rodeo stock. No other horses will be allowed in this area without prior approval by Classic Pro Rodeo personnel. It will be particularly important that no one else water their horses at those water tanks or dip their buckets into those water tanks.*
- 5. On check in with rodeo secretary all contestants will receive a hard copy of this protocol. Also, at that time contestants need give contact information and declare how many horses they are hauling.*
- 6. A veterinarian will be available for emergencies. A quarantine area has been established in the event a horse exhibits symptoms of the EHV-1. Any individual horse with fever or clinical signs consistent with neurological EHV-1 infection should be removed immediately from the area and placed in our designated quarantine area.*

We welcome all contestants, companions, families and other rodeo lovers to our event! Join us for a great week of rodeo and help us prevent the further spread of the EHV-1 virus!

Thank you for your participation,

The Southwest Horseman's Association and the Wild Wild West Pro Rodeo Committee