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UNH Spring Horse Trials May 4-5

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire Spring Horse Trials will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5. More than 100 competitors of all ages and abilities will compete at the novice, training and preliminary levels.

Among these competitors are UNH students enrolled in the instructor's class or the advanced horsemanship class who compete on university-owned horses.

The UNH Horse Trials are run by approximately 80 students in the horsemanship program, under the direction of Janet Briggs, assistant professor of animal and nutritional sciences. Students work the two days of the trials in a variety of positions to assure the nationally recognized event runs smoothly and efficiently. Prior to the trials, they also work on such jobs as gaining publicity, organizing the dressage phase, building cross country fences, setting up a stadium course, and coordinating stabling arrangements.

The UNH Horse Trials has been a recognized event by the U.S. Eventing Association (USEA) and USA Equestrian (USAE) for the past 32 years. The first trials was organized by Briggs, who oversees the event each semester.

The UNH Horse Trials are held at the UNH Light Horse Center on Mast Road in Durham. Competition begins each day at 8 a.m. and runs through the afternoon. Refreshments will be available, as well as parking. Admission is free.

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