

Exciting Enhancements for 2025 at the Virginia Horse Center

New Upgrades to Elevate Your Experience

As we enter 2025, the Virginia Horse Center is excited to share the latest improvements at our world-class facility, all designed to enhance the experience for our competitors, exhibitors, and visitors. From top-tier footing made possible through private philanthropy, to upgraded amenities, these enhancements ensure the best possible environment for you and your horses.

State-of-the-Art Footing Installation

The biggest update? Seven of our arenas now feature [premium footing from Attwood Equestrian Surfaces](#), a leader in high-performance arena surfaces. This upgrade brings consistency, safety, and superior rideability to:

- Reel Arena & Big Lonely Warm-Up Arena
- Wiley Arena & Wiley Warm-Up Arena
- Tardy Arena
- Northern Arena & Northern Warm-Up Arena



Building on the success of the Dee Dee Arena, this transformation raises the standard at the Virginia Horse Center. As Nick Attwood, founder of Attwood Equestrian Surfaces, explains:

"With the success of the Dee Dee Arena, we knew that upgrading additional arenas would further elevate the Virginia Horse Center's ability to host world-class events. They are truly one of the best show facilities on the East Coast, and working with them has been fantastic. We're grateful for this partnership!"

This project was made even better with support from [GGT Footing](#), which supplemented additional materials to complete the upgrade. Together, these two companies ensured that the new footing meets the high standards for performance and safety. Cynthia Keating, Manger at GGT Footing, adds:

“GGT Footing® is proud to contribute to this major improvement. Under Attwood Equestrian’s expert guidance, the Virginia Horse Center now has meticulously engineered footing designed to meet the demands of a high-performance equestrian facility. This upgrade will be a game-changer for competitors and attendees alike.”



More Upgrades to Enhance Your Visit

New Golf Carts

Getting around just got easier! We’ve added new electric and gas-powered golf carts—with lower rental fees—to help you navigate the grounds more affordably and efficiently. With the safety of horses and

riders always at the forefront, the electric golf carts create minimal noise for our exhibitors.

Barn & Grounds Improvements

- **Big Ass Fans** Installed in the East Complex – Improved ventilation for better comfort and air quality for horses and riders.
- Freshly Painted Barn Roofs – A durable, long-lasting finish ensures a polished, well-maintained look.
- New Safety Fence at Mead Hill – A dedicated barrier for the cross-country course enhances safety for both horses and riders.
- Parking Expansion – Plans for upgraded and expanded parking in front of the Coliseum adds more convenience for exhibitors and visitors.



Virginia Horse Center CEO Steve Shank, shared his commitment to raising the level of competition at the Virginia Horse Show and enhancing the experience for every exhibitor.

"These latest improvements—especially the upgraded footing, enhanced barns, and expanded amenities—reflect our dedication to ensuring the best possible experience for everyone who comes through our gates. We're excited about these upgrades and look forward to welcoming riders and spectators to an even better Virginia Horse Center."

At the Virginia Horse Center, we have a renewed focus on improving our facilities to provide a world-class experience. Stay tuned for more

updates and join us for our 2025 competitions to experience the upgrades for yourself!

