



VERDA March Meltdown 25 Mile RIDE and Drive and 15 mile CDR/CDD

March 20, 2021

JEANNIE BOY FARM Hartland, VT

(Formally Connie Tessier's)

ENTRY DEADLINE March 13th

**ALL RIDES/DRIVES WILL BE RUN AS PASS/FAIL
EVENT WILL BE CAPPED AT 18 COMPETITORS. ANY MORE, AND A
WAITING LIST WILL BE STARTED**

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Secretary: Sara Lareau, 825 Mad Tom Road, East Dorset, VT 05253 802-779-7270,
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Judges: TBD

Time: Saturday morning vetting begins at 6:30 AM sharp **Trail:** The trail will be dirt roads, probably some mud.

Farrier: no Farrier available. Bring an easy boot(s).

Food: No food. Please bring any snacks or 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 is required with entry.

Refunds: All refunds will be made to any competitor if request is made earlier than March 13th. 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. There may be parking in neighbor's field please read all signs! Please read pre-ride email concerning parking.

COVID REQUIREMENTS: Please be sure to follow VT State Requirements, travel restrictions can be found at <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>

Directions: Directions to Jeannie Boy's farm at 18 Mace Hill Road.

From Woodstock: Rt. 4: Head East on Rt. 4 for four miles and turn right onto Route 12 South. Travel approximately 6.3 miles and turn left onto Mace Hill Road. Go 0.2 miles on Mace Hill Road. Farm is on the right.

From I-91: Take exit 9 and turn west onto Rt. 5 (right if coming from the north and left if coming from the south) approximately 1 mile. At the 3 corners, turn left onto Rt. 12 South for 1.7 miles and turn right onto Mace Hill Road. Farm is 0.2 miles on right.

From Rt. 44 in Brownsville: Take the Brownsville Hartland Road for 7 Miles to the stop sign, go straight across intersection onto Mace Hill Road, farm is 0.2 miles on the right.

COVID: You will be emailed a pre-ride briefing with our COVID plan. **ALL entries must be mailed in and prepaid with negative coggins and proof of rabies.** Wear a mask when unmounted, social distance and wash or sanitize your hands.



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Entry Fee:

Member	25 mile \$70.00 _____	15 mile \$40.00 _____
Non Member	25 mile \$80.00 _____	15 mile \$50.00 _____
	Junior 25 mile \$30.00 _____	15 mile \$15.00 _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

VERDA Membership is only \$25 ::: application on 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 March Meltdown 25 Mile Competitive Trail Ride/Drive and 15 Mile Conditioning Distance Ride/Drive VERDA & ECTRA Sanctioned Saturday March 20th, 2021
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 March Meltdown 25 Mile Competitive Trail Ride/Drive and 15 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)