



# American Horse Council Press Release

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## AHC Issues Forum is One Week Away!

September 18, 2006, Washington, D.C. – The American Horse Council will be holding an Issues Forum next Monday, September 25th in Austin, Texas to discuss important current issues facing the horse industry.

In the morning an equine health forum will take place to address Equine Viral Arteritis, African Horse Sickness and Piroplasmiasis. There will also be morning presentations on new developments in taxes for horse owners and breeders, the Unwanted Horse Coalition, and access to trails and Right to Ride. The afternoon will be spent discussing the National Animal Identification System, and how it might affect horse owners. There will be several presentations on the issue followed by an “Ask the Experts” panel, a great opportunity to have your questions answered.

“The AHC believes it is critical for horse owners to know about the national issues that are impacting our industry at this time. This meeting will allow for the sharing of information on issues that have been making the news,” said Jay Hickey, AHC President. “We feel that this is an excellent opportunity for horse owners to hear experts in each field and ask questions on the topics that are unique and significant to our industry.”

This informative meeting will be held on Monday, September 25, 2006 at the Marriott Austin Airport South, 4415 South IH-35 Austin, TX from 8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Make your hotel reservation for this important industry meeting now before rooms run out! Rooms at the Marriott Austin Airport South will be held for the nights of Sunday, September 24 –Monday, September 25th at a rate of \$129 per night. To make your reservation simply call 888-758-0895 and make sure to indicate that you are reserving a room within the American Horse Council’s room block.

Also, if you have not already done so, make sure to register for the meeting ASAP! Meeting information and registration can be found at [www.horsecouncil.org](http://www.horsecouncil.org), or by calling the American Horse Council at 202-296-4031.

As the national trade association representing the horse industry in Washington, D.C., the American Horse Council works daily to represent equine interests and investments. Organized in 1969, the AHC promotes and protects the industry by communicating with Congress, federal agencies, the media and the industry on behalf of all horse related interests each and every day.

The AHC is member supported by individuals and organizations representing virtually every facet of the horse world from owners, breeders, veterinarians, farriers, breed registries and horsemen's associations to horse shows, race tracks, rodeos, commercial suppliers and state horse councils.