

# The University of Connecticut Department of Animal Science

## HORSE PRACTICUM – FALL 2006

The Horse Practicum is a professional improvement non-credit program. It is designed to provide practical experience in the handling, riding, and care of horses for those majors who may have careers directly or indirectly associated with the horse world.

### I. General Meetings:

General meetings are on a Monday, 7:00 – 8:00 PM. These meetings are for everyone and ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IS MANDATORY for Team Members. One meeting per month will include selected movies, guest speakers, and demonstrations dealing with various aspects of the horse industry. Regular meetings will be held in the W.B. Young Bldg., Room 100. Meetings that include demonstrations will be held in the Horsebarn Hill Arena.

September 5, 2006	7:00 P.M.	Horse Practicum Meeting W.B. Young Bldg., Room 100
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### II. Other Events:

October 28, 2006	Little International
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### III. Horsemanship Practicum:

Each student in the riding practicum will be required to pay \$300 for one section (two sections - \$550; three sections - \$800). Vaulting \$150 and Drill Team \$250. Each riding section will meet one hour per week. If you cannot make your lesson, please call your Instructor at 486-3377.

a. Huntseat	To include beginner, intermediate and advanced groups. Meg Dinger, Instructor
b. Polo	Dr. James Dinger, Instructor
c. Western	Karen Manuel
d. Dressage	Intermediate level and above.
e. Drill Team	Includes intermediate level and above. Kathy Pelletier

### IV. Equestrian Team –

The team is selected from the Horse Practicum and includes beginner to advanced riding levels – Flat as well as Fences. Members pay their own entry fees to show, but transportation of students provided.

#### **IHSA Shows:**

##### **Fall 2006:**

September 30 or October 1 (Rain Date)	URI (Faith Hill Farm, Exeter, RI)
October 14	Post U. (Rivers Edge Farm, Bethany, CT)
October 21	UConn
October 29	
November 11	Wesleyan (Wincrest Farms)
November 18	Conn College

##### **Spring 2007:**

February 3	Trinity, Simsbury, CT
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February 17  
February 24  
March 17  
March 24  
March 31  
April 7

UConn  
Wesleyan, Hebron, CT  
J&W, Mass  
Gales Ferry, CT  
Regionals TBA  
Zones TBA

**Dressage Shows:** (Tentative Shows)

V. Polo Practicum – Dinger (\$300/semester)

Students must be able to ride at an intermediate level or above.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings; there will be several sections with nine students in each section.

The Polo Practicum offers the student interested in horses an opportunity to:

- a. Have appreciable work in the saddle;
- b. Become knowledgeable about the different theories and methods in selecting, training, conditioning, feeding and the first aid treatment and managing of polo horses.
- c. Be better prepared for many careers where an understanding of the polo horse and program may be important to one degree or another.
- d. Become familiar with the game of polo and its rules.
- e. Gain “hands-on experience” with horses.

**OUTSIDE LESSONS AND POLO PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO PAY A HIGHER COST!**

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**\*\*\*MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT\*\*\***

**PAYMENT FOR ALL LESSONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO your Instructor during the first week of lessons. Otherwise, you will NOT be allowed to ride until payment is received. Please write the days you ride on the check.**

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