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**An update for Hunt Horse Complex patrons and the equine community**

On Saturday, July 17, at the Hunt Horse Complex, an electrical problem occurred in Barn A that appears to have contributed to the death of a horse. We immediately shut off power to Barn A, and brought in an independent, licensed electrical contractor to begin a meticulous investigation into the cause of the electrical problem in the barn.

The electrician has determined the cause of the low-voltage shock that agitated the horse, and the problem will be corrected before we put Barn A back into service.

In addition, the electrician is conducting a comprehensive inspection of all barns at the Hunt Horse Complex. These inspections involve all aspects of the electrical system, including the receptacles, light fixtures, wiring, ballasts and circuit panels. The electrician is being extremely methodical and thorough.

In the wake of this accident, we know members of the equine community have concerns about the safety of housing their animals in the barns. Please know that we will not use a barn unless we are completely confident it is safe for horses and humans.

Thank you for your patronage of the Hunt Horse Complex.

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