

# Maryland Horse Industry Board's



# Horse Discovery Centers 2022 Year in Review

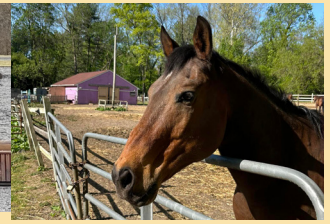
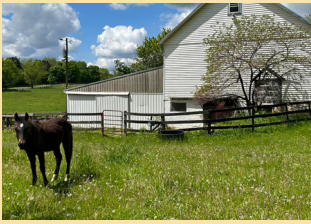
The 42 Horse Discovery Centers (HDCs) are part of a volunteer, certified program of stables licensed by the Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB). These centers welcome the general public of all ages and experience levels to learn about horses in a knowledgeable and friendly environment. In 2022, almost all of the HDCs participated in public outreach and reported continued growth and interest in horses. MHIB's HDCs are located in 18 counties and in all regions of the state. Horses bring folks closer to nature, and a healthy more active lifestyle.

## Who are our 2022 HDCs?

- A Moment In Time Farm
- Camp Puh'tok's Top Bar Stables
- Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding
- Clark's Elioak Farm
- Coexist Stables
- Days End Farm Horse Rescue
- Dun-Pikin Farm
- En-Tice-Ment Stables at Obligation Farm
- Fairwinds Farm and Stables
- Foxie G Foundation
- Freedom Hill Horse Rescue
- Full Moon Farm
- Good Intentions Farm
- Graham Equestrian Center
- Great and Small
- High Ridge Farm
- Holly Ridge Farm Equestrian Center
- Linden Farm
- Maryland Therapeutic Riding
- Mexico Farms Equestrian Center
- Molly Hill Farm
- Paradise Stables

- Peaceable Pastures
- Promise Landing Farm
- PLF Melwood Recreation Center
- River Valley Ranch
- Rolling Hills Ranch and Freedom Hill  
Therapeutic Riding Program
- Rose of Sharon Equestrian School
- Silverado - Frederick County 4H Therapeutic  
Riding Program
- STAR Equestrian Center
- Sweet Rock Stables
- Taking the Lead
- Talbot Run Equestrian Center
- Talisman Therapeutic Riding
- The Big Purple Barn
- The Greenwell Foundation
- The Retreat at Beckleysville
- Vandermere Farm & Stables
- vR Growth and Learning Center
- Wellspring of Life Farm
- Windy Way Horses
- Worthmore Equestrian Center





**HDCs welcomed folks at events on their farms and in their surrounding communities. Overall, they reached more than 300,000 people with horses**

**Horse Discovery Center Events held over 466 events and introduced over 250,000 adults and children to horses in 2022.**

These events included Open Barns, Trail Rides, Horsemanship Lessons, Yoga, Holiday Events, Women's Retreats, Career Days, Camps, Private Farm Visits, Clinics, Introductory Lessons, Pony Rides, Pony Parties, Field Trips, Scouts and many more. Each HDC hosts and holds what events work best for their Stable and community.

**62,500 attendees found a connection to horses at public events thanks to our Horse Discovery Centers!**

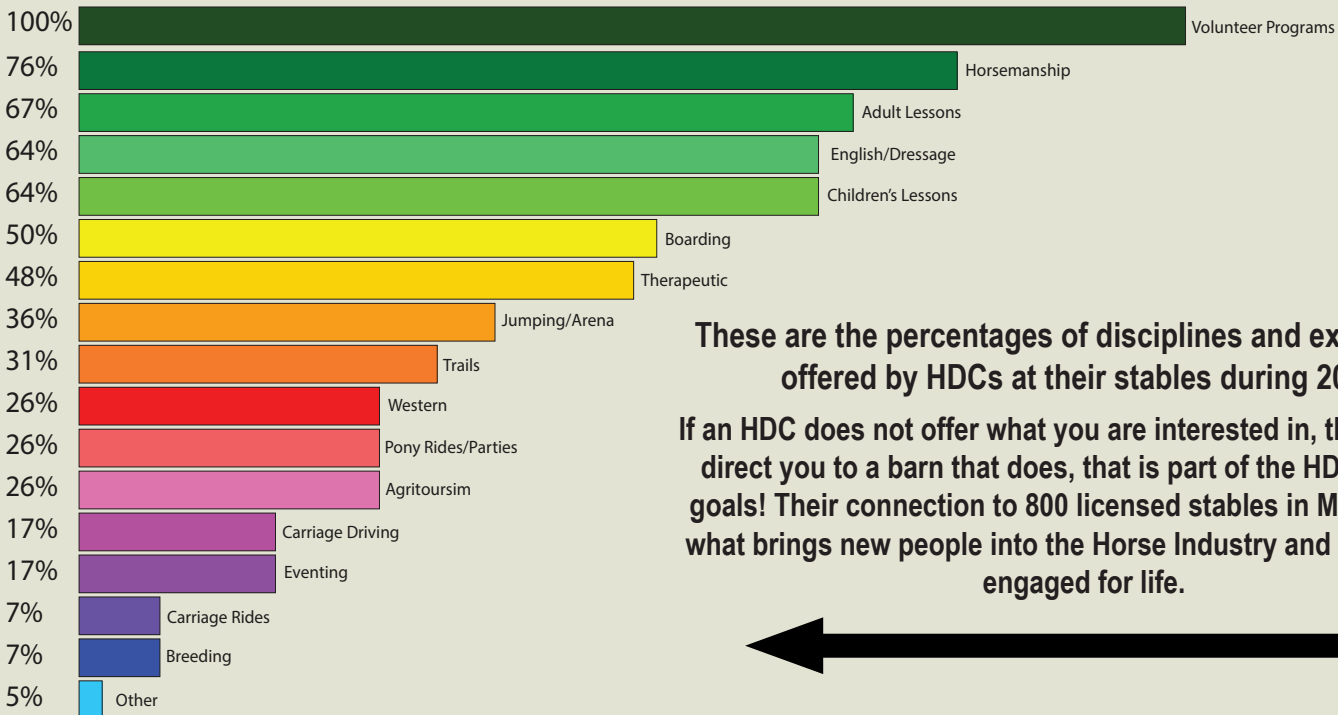


2022 Fairs, Events, and Festivals including Horselands at the Maryland State Fair, Maryland 5 Star, Anne Arundel Co. Fair, Carroll Co. Fair, Cecil Co. Fair, Manchester Fair, Frederick Co. Fair, St. Mary's Fair, PA Horse Expo, Montgomery Co. Fair, Howard Co. Fair, and more local fairs. Events include Unicorn Festival, Atkins Arboretum Fairy Festival, SMADC Buy Local Challenge, Steeplechase Races, MD Horse Library Events, Maryland Million, Centreville Christmas Parade, Lisbon Horse Parade, Kent. Co. High-Mental Health Resource Fair, Fall and Spring Equine Festivals. And more!

**Horse Discovery Centers offer something wonderful for everyone at an introductory level.**

English, Jumping, Dressage, Western, Volunteer Programs, Pony Rides, Pony Parties, Trails, Carriage Rides, Carriage Driving Instruction, Eventing, Jumping/Arena, Eventing, Jousting, Children and Adult lesson, Horsemanship, Boarding, Agritourism, Therapeutic Riding and Therapeutic Horsemanship, plus more!

Your life with horses starts at a Horse Discovery Center!



**These are the percentages of disciplines and experiences offered by HDCs at their stables during 2022.**

**If an HDC does not offer what you are interested in, they will help direct you to a barn that does, that is part of the HDC network goals! Their connection to 800 licensed stables in Maryland are what brings new people into the Horse Industry and keeps them engaged for life.**

