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Annual Breeding Clinic to Visit Top Farms in Central Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky. – The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association’s annual Breeding Clinic is scheduled for May 15-17 in Lexington, Ky. The three-day clinic, sponsored by Blood-Horse, will feature trips to Stonestreet Farm, Darley, Valkyre Stud and Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. The clinic will feature lectures on reproduction, conformation, pedigree theories, breeding procedures, neonatal medicine, barren mares, nutrition and more.

“We’re excited about the impressive list of speakers and farms for this year’s Breeding Clinic, as well as our visit to one of the world’s leading veterinary clinics,” said Carrie Vaught, TOBA Director of Membership & Marketing. “The clinic attracts a wide range of people from prospective breeders seeking a foundation of education to longtime breeders and farm owners who want to expand on the education they have acquired from their first-hand experience.”

Dr. Dorothee Kieckhefer, who attended last year’s Breeding Clinic, explained the benefits of the weekend, “First we learned directly from leaders in the industry and their best practices; then we saw them applied when we visited some absolutely outstanding farms,” she said. “The clinic was a great balance between classroom study and real-world application.”

Speakers include Dr. Alex Esteller-Vico of Gluck Equine Research Center, Drs. Tom Riddle and Scott Pierce of Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, Louis Logan and Jennifer DeLaittre of Stonestreet Farm, Nicole Hammond of December Farm, Drs. Nathan Slovis, Dwayne Rodgerson and Karen Wolfsdorf of Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, Catherine Park of Valkyre Stud, Joe Pagan of Kentucky Equine Research, Krista Lea of University of Kentucky, Ian Tapp of The Blood-Horse MarketWatch, as well as Susan Martin and Andrew Chesser of The Jockey Club.

The 2015 schedule and registration are available at www.toba.org. TOBA members receive a discounted rate for each clinic and non-members can [join TOBA today](#) to take advantage of the discount.

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred breeders and owners. TOBA’s mission is to improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and breeders. Projects managed by TOBA include the American Graded Stakes Committee, TOBA Owners Concierge, Claiming Crown, Ownership Seminars, Breeding, Conformation & Pedigree Clinics and the Sales Integrity Program. TOBA, in collaboration with The Jockey Club, has also created a free information resource called OwnerView to provide pertinent information to new, prospective and current Thoroughbred owners. TOBA provides international representation for U.S. owners and breeders on the International Grading and Race Planning Advisory Committee, International Cataloguing Standards Committee and International Breeders Federation. Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) is the charitable arm of TOBA. TOBA Media Properties, a subsidiary of TOBA, owns The Horse magazine, Eclipse Press and is co-owner of The Blood-Horse LLC in a partnership with The Jockey Club Information Systems. TOBA is represented on the board of directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium as founding members.

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