

1. AQHA Steward Seminar in Europe

The first AQHA Steward Seminar in Europe takes place on Wednesday, the 16th of March, 2011 in the course of the Equitana in Essen. It will start at 10 o'clock. The seminar will be conducted by *Ward A. Stutz, Senior Director of Breed Integrity and Animal Welfare of the AQHA.*

At the end of the seminar a test has to be written. Thereby the participant acquires a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the Executive Committee according to procedures formulated by it, to individuals whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honor.

An AQHA Steward's responsibilities include amongst others to monitor show grounds for inhumane treatment of horses and unsportsmanlike conduct. Besides the steward has to work together with the show management und help to organize the show as well as respond questions of the participants.



437.5 of the AQHA handbook:

437.5 AQHA Stewards

Designation as an AQHA Steward is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the Executive Committee according to procedures formulated by it, to individuals whose equine expertise and personal character merit the honor. An individual's conduct as an AQHA Steward must be exemplary and is subject to continual Executive Committee review, with an automatic review after three (3) years of becoming an AQHA Steward. Designation as an AQHA Steward is revocable by the Executive Committee at any time with or without cause and with or without notice and formal hearing. An AQHA Steward's responsibilities are as follows:

- (a) Monitor show grounds for inhumane treatment of horses and unsportsmanlike conduct;
- (b) Answer exhibitors' questions about rules;
- (c) Assist show officials with proper set up of practice jumps and courses;
- (d) Investigate complaints of class filling;
- (e) Evaluate potentially unsafe conditions related to the show, e.g. poor footing in the warm-up area, and bring to attention of show management to correct;
- (f) Issue warning or removal cards from show ground as warranted according to AQHA rules and/or guidelines;

- (g) Timely file an AQHA Steward's report and evaluation with AQHA; and
 - (h) Adhere to the AQHA Stewards Code of Ethics.
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Attached please find the registration form.

This form need to be sent directly to the AQHA to Amarillo, Texas.

Room on Equitana will be published soon.