



# 2018

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## CALENDAR



Richard Clay Photography

# January 10

Governor Terry McAuliffe and his wife Dorothy present the Virginia Gold Cup Trophy to the connections of Ebanour (IRE).

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The Virginia Gold Cup is a combination of both steeplechase and flat racing and is one of the Commonwealth's largest sporting events, with over 75,000 in attendance.  
(The Virginia Gold Cup Association)

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Betty Brand Photography

Delegate Nicholas J. Freitas looks  
relaxed and happy in the saddle on  
the 2017 Virginia Horse Council  
Legislative Trail Ride.

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The economic impact of Virginia's horse industry will largely be determined by the continued popularity of horse ownership, and the strength and tourism drawing power of recreational pursuits such as horse racing, showing and other equine activities.

(2011 Weldon Cooper Study)

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Virginia Horse Council Youth Day at  
the 2017 General Assembly.



Horse-related activities such as 4-H, pony clubs, and therapeutic riding can help build children's self-confidence and physical agility, and teach responsibility and better citizenship.

(2011 Weldon Cooper Study)

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Betty Brand Photography

# 04 april

Senator Frank M. Ruff, Jr. looks very  
confident on horseback on the 2017  
Virginia Horse Council Legislative Trail  
Ride.

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The economic impact of racehorses in training is 80 jobs per every 100 horses.  
(2012 Innovation Group Study for the New York Racing and Agriculture Industry Alliance)

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An estimated 938,871 people attended Virginia horse shows and competitions in 2010. Out-of-state participants spent an average of \$3,100 per event.  
(2011 Weldon Cooper Study)

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Betty Brand Photography

Delegate James A. Leftwich  
 appreciates a quiet ride through  
 the country on the 2017 Virginia  
 Horse Council Legislative Trail Ride.

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Judy Robichaux Photography

Virginia's horse industry is a significant source of the Commonwealth's economic activity, supporting more than 12,600 jobs and almost 350 million dollars in wages.  
(2011 Weldon Cooper Study)

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Photo by Joseph Murphy

Delegate Sam Rasoul and daughters  
smile for the camera at the 2017  
Virginia Horse Council Legislative  
Trail Ride.

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Virginia's horse owners spend an estimated \$4,060 per horse per year; there are approximately 215,000 horses in the Commonwealth.  
(2011 Weldon Cooper Economic Study)

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Delegate Mark Keam is adept at  
riding and taking photos on the  
2017 Virginia Horse Council  
Legislative Trail Ride.

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According to the 2011 Weldon Cooper Economic Study, there were approximately 41,000 horse operations in Virginia and these operations had over \$780 million in horse-related expenditures.

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Virginia's horse industry is an integral part of the state's heritage and provides significant benefits to the Commonwealth's economy.

Furthermore, there is an immeasurable quality of life provided to the state's residents that is directly attributable to

Virginia's horse industry.  
(2011 Weldon Cooper Study)

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Delegate and Mrs. R. Lee Ware, Jr.  
smile for the camera at the 2017  
Virginia Horse Council  
Legislative Trail Ride.

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october

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The Virginia Equine Alliance has spent over \$1,000,000 to renovate the Shenandoah County Fair Grounds race track in order to bring Standardbred racing back to Woodstock.

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Betty Brand Photography

Delegate Kenneth R. Plum, and family enjoy each other's company at the 2017 Virginia Horse Council Legislative Trail Ride.

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Money wagered in Virginia's satellite wagering facilities support incentive programs that help grow the horse industry in Virginia. On this day, those monies helped to raise approximately \$3,000 for Richmond's mounted police.

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Delegate R. Steven Landes, and  
family pose for a portrait at the  
2017 Virginia Horse Council Legist-  
lative Trail Ride.

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Virginia's horse industry is an important buttress for Virginia's rural economy and helps preserve open spaces and maintain the State's rural character and historical heritage.

(2011 Weldon Cooper Economic Study)

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