



## SPECIAL NOTICE for OUR VENDORS

*“Plastic Free by ‘23”*

Upperville’s unique setting “Under the Oaks” remains a big attraction for exhibitors, spectators, and vendors. We have been working diligently to remove dead and unsafe trees and replace them with young trees which we care for in the hope that they will one day grace our beautiful show grounds like their forebearers. We have also made a big effort to implement environmentally sound practices throughout our horse show, composting, recycling, and reducing waste wherever we can.

We invite you, our valued vendors, to help us with this effort going forward. Specifically, we can recycle your cardboard, plastic bags, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans at the Fauquier County recycling center. You will see receptacles for plastic bottles and aluminum cans throughout the show grounds, and we will have drop-off points or offer collection of your recyclable cardboard. You only need to flatten it and keep it clean and dry. We will do the rest!

For the 2023 show, we aim to be “plastic free” during the show, as it pertains to single use plastic and styrofoam. We are confident that the groundswell in consumer support for reusable or compostable containers, utensils and packaging will offset any increase incurred to phase in environmentally sound plastic-substitutes for your customers.

We believe we will encourage conscientious shoppers to support UCHS vendors by marketing our collective milestones toward environmental stewardship and eco-friendly initiatives. To this end, we will supply individual “Plastic-Free Vendor” signage for ALL of our vendors who meet the “plastic free” parameters in 2023. Just let us know before May 15 if you will be in compliance with “Plastic Free by ‘23” milestone on schedule and we will get signage made to use in your vendor spot to let shoppers know they are supporting an eco-friendly business. Of course, we will continue to advertise our united “green’ efforts in 2023 and beyond, to the benefit of all.

Making strides in environmental stewardship is a focus for us at Upperville Colt & Horse Show. We thank you all for your support and leadership in these efforts. If you have any ideas of ways by which we could reduce our “footprint” or improve our impact, PLEASE LET US KNOW!