

## **GVHS Drug Testing Policy – Show Manager Q&A**

**Provided by the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society**

### **Q: What is my role in the GVHS drug testing program?**

A: Show managers are responsible for collecting fees, facilitating sampling, completing forms, and submitting documents on time.

### **Q: When will my show be selected for testing?**

A: Shows are chosen randomly, with no advance notice. The GVHS National Championship Show is always tested. Selection considers prior-year volume and attendance.

### **Q: What do I do if my show is selected?**

- Collect the \$20 fee per horse entered in GVHS-sanctioned classes.
- Provide a full show roster and back numbers.
- Ensure horses selected for testing do not enter another class until sampling is complete.
- Give the GVHS Drug Testing Form to the vet.
- Make sure all responsible parties sign the form.
- Submit the completed form to [gvhsawsc@gmail.com](mailto:gvhsawsc@gmail.com) within 14 days of show completion.
- Include forfeiture language in your prize list.

### **Q: Who performs the testing?**

A: A state-licensed veterinarian and licensed sample collection official. You must facilitate their access and support their process.

### **Q: Where do I get the TUE forms and testing forms?**

A: GVHS or the AWSCC committee (email: [gvhsawsc@gmail.com](mailto:gvhsawsc@gmail.com)) can provide you with the necessary documents.

### **Q: Who do I contact if I have questions during the show?**

A: You should email: [gvhsawsc@gmail.com](mailto:gvhsawsc@gmail.com) — the GVHS Animal Welfare and Sportsmanlike Conduct Committee will assist you directly.

**Q: What if I forget to collect the drug testing fee or don't submit it in time?**

**A:** You are required to:

- Collect \$20 per horse entered in GVHS-sanctioned Gypsy Vanner classes
- Submit those fees to GVHS **within 14 days** after the show

**Failure to do so may result in:**

- Loss of GVHS accreditation for your show
- Loss of GVHS points for **all** participants

**Q: What do I do if an exhibitor refuses to pay the fee or submit to testing?**

**A:** Per GVHS policy:

- Refusal to pay or test = **immediate removal from the show**
- No refunds are provided
- You must report the refusal to **gvhsawsc@gmail.com** for documentation and possible sanctions

**Q: Do I need to provide anything to the veterinarian or drug testers?**

**A:** Yes. You must:

- Provide the **GVHS Drug Testing Form** to the veterinarian
- Ensure all responsible parties sign it at the time of testing
- Submit the completed form to the AWSCC within **14 days** of the show's completion

**Q: What if an exhibitor submits a TUE form — do I approve it?**

**A:** No. Your role is to:

- **Receive** the TUE form (at least 24 hours before the horse's first class)
- **Forward** it to the GVHS Animal Welfare and Sportsmanlike Conduct Committee (email: [gvhsawsc@gmail.com](mailto:gvhsawsc@gmail.com))
- Do not make medication or eligibility decisions yourself

**Q: What happens if a horse wins classes or awards and later tests positive?**

**A:** If test results come back positive (which may take up to 30 days), the horse must forfeit all placings, GVHS points, ribbons, prizes, and awards from that show — even if the show has already concluded.

- Exhibitors are responsible for **returning all awards at their own expense**.
- This applies to **any level of violation**, including first-time controlled substance offenses.

**Note for Show Managers:**

Prize lists must clearly state this policy. Including forfeiture language is **mandatory** and part of show compliance. Suggested language:

“All awards, prizes, and placings are subject to drug testing results. If a horse tests positive, all associated awards must be returned at the exhibitor’s expense, and points will be forfeited.”

**Q: What happens if I don’t comply with this policy?**

**A:** Your show may lose GVHS accreditation. All exhibitors may lose points from that event.

**Q: How are the funds used?**

**A:** Collected fees go into a restricted GVHS fund to support long-term testing. GVHS covers full lab costs during the pilot phase. Drug testing is expensive — each test costs **\$400–\$500** to perform which is why only a percentage of horses in attendance are tested.

**A Note of Gratitude to Our Show Managers**

GVHS extends our heartfelt thanks to each of our show managers for your support and partnership as we roll out this important new program. We recognize that introducing drug testing mid-season comes with a learning curve, and we deeply appreciate your flexibility, communication, and commitment to doing things the right way. Your role is critical to the success of this initiative — and more importantly, to the integrity of our breed and our shows. Thank you for working with us, for adapting to change with professionalism and care, and for helping us build a stronger, fairer future for the Gypsy Vanner community.