**Preparing for a Show Recap - By Sarah Kreuz - 05-09-2020**

**Why Do We Show?**

* Peggy Brown: “Putting Yourself on the Line – Why or Why Not to Compete”
* Accountability for Training
* Fresh Perspective – Rider Experience and Judge Feedback
* Learning to Perform under Pressure
* Select shows that fit your level of competition

**What to Prepare**

* Preparing for a show starts long before the week of the show
* Membership fees, show entries, training, show clothes, hotels
* Vaccinations, grooming (hooves, clipping, mane care)
* Cleaning (tack, brushes, clothes, and horse)
* Use a check-list to make sure you have everything

**Volunteering**

* In addition to competing, volunteering is instrumental in growing as a rider and competitor
* New perspective – understanding how a show is run shows new angles on the experience
* Learning – time to watch more rides, closer look at how other competitors approach the experience, opportunity to scribe for the judge
* Involvement – meet other wonderful volunteers!