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Equine Owner Education Workshop Mare/Foal Management Workshop

COLLEGE STATION -- Mare owners seeking information on broodmare management and raising foals will have an opportunity to attend a one-day program focusing on just that at the 12th Annual Mare/Foal Workshop on Wednesday, February 24th, 2010 at Texas A&M University.

The workshop will be held at the Louis Pearce Pavilion. This location will allow for a hands-on approach to some of the workshop topics. Mare owners will be able to obtain information regarding broodmare and foal nutrition, the estrous cycle, foaling predictors and basic Equine genetics. Basic reproductive function, detection of estrus and signs of foaling will be discussed or demonstrated. Health care and restraint of mares, as well as some foal handling and neonatal care will be addressed.

This one-day workshop is designed for mare owners. It is not intended to be a breeders school and will focus much more on mare management than on breeding procedures. The information should be useful for the mare owner, regardless of the number of mares they own or manage.

Instruction will be provided by equine faculty from both the Equine Science Section of the Animal Science Department and the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

You must pre-register to attend the workshop. Registration includes printed materials, light breakfast and noon meal. Program begins at 8:00 a.m. with registration. The cost for this Equine Owner Education Workshop is \$ 50.00 and online registration will be accepted through February 15, 2010. Late online registration is \$ 60.00 and will be accepted from February 16 through February 19, 2010. Registration at the door is \$ 70.00. A light breakfast, lunch and printed materials will be provided. For more information, contact Dr. Brett D. Scott at (979) 845-1562, or email him at bdscott@ag.tamu.edu.

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