

# Sunflower Classic Information

Endurance riding is a timed athletic event for both horse and rider. The event is open to all equidae (horse, mule, pony) at least 48 months old (15 and 30 mile rides) or 60 months old (55 and 75 mile rides). The first goal: follow the marked trail in the proper direction without missing any trail as described by ride management. The second goal: complete the trail as quickly as the condition of the horse allows by successfully passing all vet checks and finishing with a healthy, sound horse. Maximum completion times: 30 miler = 7 hours 15 minutes, 55 miler = 13 hours 15 minutes, 75 miler = 18 hours. These times include mandatory hold times to be announced at the ride meeting. There will **not** be a maximum completion time for the intro ride.

**LOCATIONS: Hospital/Shopping** –Super Wal-Mart, hospital, fast foods, CJ feed store, Family Center (similar to Tractor Supply Company) all located in Paola, KS. Go South/right on Harmony to 255<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn East/left through Hillsdale to US 169 South/right. Continue South on US169 past KS 68 to Paola. Everything found off of the Baptiste Drive Exit. **Turn East/left for hospital**; all other locations turn West/right on Baptiste until you find what you need. CJ Feed Store: turn West /right on Baptiste to stop light at a “T” intersection. Turn South/left onto Silver Street. Travel South past small town square. Continue a few blocks. CJ Feed Store will be on your right/West just north of a Casey’s General Store. Travel time to Paola: 15 minutes.

**Second Hospital:** Olathe Medical Center (larger facility in Kansas City with more services). Go South/right on Harmony to 255<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn East/left through Hillsdale to US 169. Turn North/left on US 169 to the I-35 interchange. This is simply a complicated intersection. I-35, US 169, US 56, and 151<sup>st</sup> Street all meet here. The hospital complex is on the Northwest side of this intersection. Follow I-35 South signs. Just before entering South on I-35 turn West/right onto 151<sup>st</sup> Street West (where hospital is). Do NOT follow I-35 North / US 56 East. Home Depot / Target are on the Southwest corner of this intersection. Travel time: 20-30 minutes.

**Veterinary Services- Please remember it is your responsibility to reimburse the ride veterinarians for any specific treatments your horse may require.** If you need additional care once your horse is stabilized, please contact either:

**Wilhite and Frees Veterinary Hospital:** 816.779.0100 (this number will provide ER number if they are not in the building). Dr. Karl Frees is a board-certified surgeon; Dr. Chris Wilhite, Dr. Jill Clark; Dr. Aaron Brisbane. State-of-the-art new facility providing 24 hour emergency care and hospitalization. Directions: Harmony Rd South/right to 255<sup>th</sup> Street. East/left on 255<sup>th</sup> to US 169. South/right US 169 to KS 68. East/left KS 68 through town of Louisburg, KS. US 68 will turn into Missouri Hwy 2. Follow MO Hwy 2 signs (one jog in road around West Line which is well-marked) through Freeman. East of Freeman turn North/left on MO Hwy C (at large Conoco gas station). Follow Hwy C into town of Peculiar. **\*\*Branch to the left (Northwest) onto MO Hwy YY off of Hwy C\*\*** If you follow on C you will go over Hwy 71 which is too far (turn around). Once on MO Hwy YY just on the north side of Peculiar, you will have the option to follow YY as it takes a normal left turn heading back West. **Do NOT follow YY back West.** Stay going straight (north) on what has turned into Peculiar Drive. Go one mile to 21215 South Peculiar Drive. Large, new hospital is on the East/right side of the road. Travel time: 40-45 minutes.

**Town & Country Equine Hospital:** 913.837.4707 Dr. Jeff Thompson. Directions: Harmony Rd South/right to 255<sup>th</sup> Street. East/left on 255<sup>th</sup> to US 169. South/right US 169 to KS 68. East/left KS 68 to 27965 Beaver Creek Road. Beaver Creek Road is approximately 8-9 miles East of US 169. The clinic is on the Southeast corner of US 68 and Beaver Creek Road (very visible from US 68). Clinic is 3 miles West of Louisburg / US 69. Travel time: 20-25 minutes.