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**FOSH Announces Financial Support for Equine Expos  
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Friends of Sound Horses (FOSH) has announced that in 2007 a stipend of \$200 will be available to sound, gaited horse groups or individuals that make appearances as exhibitors/vendors at equine expositions in 2007 provided they are members of FOSH. FOSH is providing the funds to help its members defray the costs of participating in the expos. The funds are available on a first come, first serve basis for local and regional sound, gaited horse groups that agree to promote the sound, gaited horse and FOSH. There will be one stipend per expo available.

If you have not been involved with an equine expo, you might be interested in knowing that FOSH had great success in 2006 in Missouri, Illinois, Virginia and Colorado. All groups had positive feedback about sharing information on the natural, sound gaited horse. Sometimes this information was shared via breed demonstrations and other times (when the breed demonstration was already with TWHBEA) through individual stallion demos. Interestingly, some participants spent considerable time showing their horse's feet to spectators following the demonstration. Why? Individuals that have only known heavy shod horses wanted to verify that a flat shod horse could move so well!

How does the program work? Participating parties must sign an agreement that they are FOSH members, will display and distribute FOSH literature and promote sound, natural horses and FOSH. (The agreement has been uploaded to the "Files" section on the left side of the screen.) In addition, a short report providing expo information must be submitted for possible publication in the *Sound Advocate* following the expo. After the report is received, FOSH will send a check for the stipend.

FOSH has created new literature and materials for 2007 so there are different pieces available from past years. There are also several FOSH vinyl banners, which are quite attractive. These are rotating their way around the country to the various expos so these are loaned out on a first come basis.

Please contact Teresa Bippen, ([teresa@fosh.info](mailto:teresa@fosh.info)) as soon as possible if you plan to participate in an expo or fair so that FOSH has as much advance notice as possible for shipping literature and rotating banners around the U.S. If you or your local group are new to expos, there are several experienced individuals that can answer your questions and provide some pointers.

FOSH hopes you consider joining the Expo crowd!

