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# DAN MAR RANCH

**2278 State Route 436**

**Nunda, New York**

**Dan Mar Ranch** was designed and built by the owner/operator and Master Builder, **Dan Hurlburt**. The ranch is located 40 miles south of Rochester, close to interstate 390, and 12 minutes from the airstrip in Dansville, NY. Dan's love of architecture shows as he has incorporated many unique features in both the house and the equestrian facility. The new gambrel roof barn, styled in the fashion of the Genesee Valley barns of yesteryear, is a prime example of his creative style.

The roadside **Dan Mar Ranch** sign featuring two hand split granite rock stone pillars, surrounded by a fieldstone flower bed. You are welcomed onto the property on the recently re-paved, main driveway, by two rearing stallion on the magnificently lighted stone entry pillars, a landscape pond with fountain and two waterwheel fed return stone-laid creeks. The working waterwheel spills into a catch basin structure with a stainless steel liner. This structure houses the filtration system for the landscape pond. An automatic makeup water system has been installed to replace any water lost naturally or due to evaporation. The driveway center features timer activated, low voltage lighting within the circle and on the pole lights along the outside radius of the driveway. These pole lights are beneficial in the winter for locating the driveway in a heavy snowstorm. This low voltage lighting also illuminates the overhang of the house and each side of the 16' wide garage doors on the four car heated garage. Hand split granite rock adorns the front of the garage as well as areas along the front of the house. New stamped concrete steps and sidewalks have been recently installed. The sidewalks and garage aprons have "Pex" heat tubing installed for snow melt. This can be run from a manual start switch.

This **Garage** has a floor drain to remove any water that melts off the vehicles overnight and both doors have automatic openers installed for convenience. A 16' x 24' (under the round roof) storage area is accessible through a pass door on the south side of the garage. A motion detector light switch is installed by the entry to the house to activate the garage lights as you back into the garage to supply lighting for safety and security. The garage also has a set of stairs that leads to the 32' x 40' underground workshop.

The **Workshop** has many features. It houses the wood/oil boiler that supplies the heat for the 10 heating zones within the house. Locating the boiler in the workshop accomplishes many functions; locating it here keeps the workshop area at about 65 degrees. As heat rises, it also warms the four car garage above the workshop to above 32 degrees which melts the ice and snow from the vehicles. At the bottom of the stairway from the garage, is a door leading to a storage area housing a washer and dryer for work clothes or entry rugs. Ample shelving is within this storage area. Within any woodworking shop, dust is a problem, so by having a storage area outside and isolated from the main workshop, less dust gets on the stored items. In going to the right or continuing down the stairs you will be in the main underground workshop. You will notice in the center is a 2 ton overhead bridge crane. This supports the concrete floor above and also can be used in the repair of equipment and vehicles. Along each sidewall are lumber storage/drying racks. These are especially handy, as they are high on the walls and don't take up any of the floor space. The shop is very well lit with 2400 watts of florescent lights, and switches at each entry. It also has a dust collector system piped to every shop tool. Each tool has a blast gate of butterfly valve installed in the dust collection system, for isolation. This dust collection system can be turned on from three conveniently located switches. Along the full length of the east wall are metal base cabinets. In the center of the run of cabinets is an area for a radial arm saw. Both 220 and 110 volt power is run through out the shop. The first 4' up from the floor is plywood and the area from the top of the plywood to the rack above is peg board for hanging up many different types of tools and equipment. Some of the major pieces of equipment currently in the shop include: 15" 3 HP wood plainer, 12" 2 HP wood plainer with 6" joiner attached, panel saw, drill press, Delta radial arm saw, 10" Table saw with Biesemeyer fence and 2 HP motor, belt / disc sander, 16" band saw, 3 HP dust collector, and a 2 HP piped in air compressor.

On the south end on the shop is an insulated 10' wide x 9' high overhead door, which accesses the **Outside Entryway** to the shop. This entryway is large enough to accommodate vehicles or equipment and includes lumber storage racking along each side. During the winter months, if firewood is burned in the boiler system, wagon loads of firewood can be stored and used from the approach area. If access to the workshop is required by a vehicle, then the wagon can be removed quickly to provide this access. Another non-

insulated overhead door has been installed to keep the birds out of the workshop approach. Trench drains were installed in both the entry way and the main shop floor. The workshop could be converted to a car wash bay if preferred.

After you leave the workshop entryway you can walk around back to the exterior of the house, taking note of the clear heart, copper lined, **Redwood Planters** on the side hill and multi level decks. The lower deck is made of 3" thick clear heart redwood. Under the pressure treated joist is installed a 6 mil black plastic sheet with pea stone installed on top of the sheeting to keep grass from growing between the boards. The stone on the exterior wall is hand picked local fieldstone. All the windows in the house are **Anderson Permashield**. They are a wood wrapped in HD vinyl and have argon gas filled insulated glass.

The redwood stairway leads to the upper deck which is also accessible from 3 locations inside the house. This redwood deck is very private with bench type seating overlooking the **Nunda Valley and Letchworth State Park** gorges. Hot air balloons can be seen from this deck at many times during the year. Enjoy music from the outdoor speakers run from the stereo system in the sunken living room. This deck allows access to various locations within the house including the breezeway/breakfast room, family room and indoor pool.

Located on the lower deck is a **15 KW automatic back up generator** that supplies both the house and barn if power fails. This unit is propane fired by the same tank that supplies the gas fireplaces inside the house. The gray round structure behind the generator is the 4" thick insulation of the indoor swimming pool and is surrounded by more clear heart redwood decking. The mechanical room for the indoor pool is accessed from the opposite side of the pool structure. The mechanical room houses the main unit that performs the dehumidification of the pool room, the pool water heating, some of the room heat and air conditioning plus the filtration system and automatic purification system for the pool along with additional storage.

The north side of the house overlooks a lighted, tree-lined waterway. These tree lights are on an adjustable timer located in the mechanical room for the pool.

The siding on the house is ship-lapped cedar, treated with CWF, a wood preservative. The sidewalks and steps are stamped concrete, installed in 2008 by T. J. Masonry. The driveway was re-paved in 2007 by Babcock Enterprises.

The water on the ranch is supplied by a 90 gallon-a-minute encased well. A new pump was installed 4 years ago with the removed pump remaining on hand as a spare after it was refurbished. The ranch also has a water softener installed to provide ultra soft water.

The home is on a **Peak Metering** system that lowers energy usage and provides electricity at a reduced rate. Additionally, timers are utilized to take advantage of reduced rates as much as possible.

The **Septic System** for the home was specifically designed to ensure optimal operation. There are two 1000 gallon tanks; one 1000 gallon for “grey water” from sinks, dishwashers, clothes washer and showers and another 1000 gallon “black water” tank for sewage. This ensures that organisms needed for the correct operation of a septic system are not destroyed by detergents or other food by-products.

Upon entering the house from the garage, you’ll enter the **Breezeway/Breakfast Room**. This room has cypress trim and paneling. It also has an isolation door that allows for warming only the breezeway for morning coffee vs. heating up the entire house. The two extra large coat closets have shelving and lighting installed for your convenience. A 6’ patio door gives access to the outside walkway to the upper deck, also convenient for washing windows.

Access to the **Kitchen** is from this breezeway. A set of double doors on the right house a custom built oak pantry. This pantry has a hinged interior section that allows access to storage shelving in behind it. The kitchen has off white raised panel cabinets, with solid surface counter tops, and a Kohler kitchen sink with disposal, drain board and cutting board. A hot water dispenser supplies tea kettle hot water upon demand. Mirrors have been used on the backsplash to add to the lighting and openness. Other features include a Kitchen Aid trash compactor, microwave, Magic Chef self-cleaning oven, new Frigidaire side by side refrigerator, Kitchen Aid dishwasher, and a Corning cook top.

The **Dining Room** is trimmed in local black walnut. A built-in glass shelving china cabinet runs along the wall. A table cloth drawer is housed behind one of the lower doors. The dining room has wall washer lighting to accent the contemporary bookcase and a black walnut plate rail has been installed around the perimeter of the room.

The dining room is open to the sunken hexagonal **Living Room**. A breathtaking view can be seen from the large windows on three sides of the hexagon. Access to the upper deck is provided by a 12’ wide patio door.

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The interior hand split stone fireplace, houses a Vermont Casting gas log insert and 3” thick oak mantel running the full length of the fireplace. This room features multi dimmers, red oak bookcases, three stereo systems including built in the wall speaker jacks. The openness of the area of the kitchen, dining room, and living room makes it easy to cool by the Sanyo split air conditioning unit with wall mounted wireless remote controller.

On the back side of the fireplace is the main entry **Foyer** with its parquet floor. A small cleaning supplies closet is accessible from this foyer, as is the stairway to the lower level.

The north bookcase wall also has the entry door to the **Master Bathroom**. This bathroom has a three arched wall that houses the water closet, sunken bathtub and separate shower stall. There are two large mirrored door closets opposite each other allowing for a 360 degree view while dressing. The east wall is solid red oak cabinetry that has two Kohler vanity sinks, a linen chute to the basement, and a make-up area. The openness of this area makes it a very useable and spacious room. Many different lights have been installed for ambiance. Pocket doors were used to create openness and yet provide privacy.

The master bath leads to the knotty pine trimmed **Master Bedroom** which has a breathtaking view of the waterway with its tree lighting. Split switched receptacles have been installed to control individual lamps.

A 6’ patio door leads out to the **Indoor Swimming Pool Room**. It has its own stereo system and media cabinetry. A double headed shower is useful when sunbathing to wash off any sun block prior to using the pool. This room’s environment is controlled by the dehumidifier unit mentioned previously. The room is paneled in clear heart redwood with a urethane finish. Under the indoor/outdoor carpet is a solid rubber sheeting that returns any splashed water back into the pool. The area just south of the stair landing has been reinforced to except a small Hot Springs spa. Hot and cold faucets are accessible behind a small hinged door in the east wall. Many extra lighting circuits were added for ambiance and the room also has a 110 volt smoke alarm. Pool care is minimal, as with the pool inside, no vacuuming is required, and the automatic chlorinator adds the required chemicals. The pool also has a pool water level sensor that maintains the pool water level to within about a ¼ “. Please note that this pool was in use for many years and that there are no signs of water damage. That’s how well the system works.

From the foyer is the stairway to the **Finished Walkout Basement**. This level stays cool in the summer months and easy to heat during the winter months as it is basically underground. A perimeter drainage system removes water from the roof conductors and any ground water along the outside of the walls.

The cedar lined closet at the bottom of the stairway is ideal for sweater storage. To the right is the second bedroom (currently used as an office) featuring butternut trim on the doors and window. The room currently has an overhead florescent light, but if the room is to be used as a bedroom, switched receptacles for lamps were installed also. The room also has a very large closet with vented louver bi-parting doors.

From the hallway is the entry to the solid cherry **Laundry Room**. It has many extras, as built in freezer, built in ironing board, built in sewing machine, ample counter top for clothes folding, and lots of storage in the solid cherry cabinets.

The hallway also leads to the **Family Room**. This room is paneled with very rare wormy chestnut. These trees died in the 1920's. This lovely room has a built in wet bar with an antique stained glass backlit lighting, solid brass sink, wine rack and lazy suzan in the lower cabinetry. The cabinetry has been built out of the wormy chestnut. As this room maintains coolness, a propane Vermont Castings fireplace- type stove is installed to bring the room to the desired temperature. This stove is controlled by an automatic programmable set back thermostat. The stove has also been placed on a vermont slate floor apron and is in front of a hand split granite rock wall. This wall provides thermal storage for the stove. This room also has many lighting extras: Switched receptacles, wall washers accenting the stone work and wet bar. The patio door leads out onto the lower solid 3" thick redwood multi level deck. The northern wall has a built in home theater system with a 50" wide screen TV, VCR, DVD and CD players. The special built drawers with the 100% drawer glides gives full access to the stored tapes.

Behind the stone wall is the **Utility Room**. This multipurpose room houses an 80 gallon electric hot water tank, the 10 zone valves for the hot water heating system, a green sand filter and water softener and the main 220 amp electrical service panel. The hot water tank is supplied by water running through the boiler in the workshop and in winter the water is preheated prior to entering the hot water heater. As with many systems in this house, timers can be used to do additional heating during the off peak rate hours. Automatic, programmable setback type thermostats throughout the home allow for individualized heating control. The main electrical panel is supplied by the underground, main service wiring run. Additional features include a

red brick tile floor with drain, raised marble thresholds and a unique clothes drying rack built under the stairway.

On the right side of the home theater system center, in the family room, is a pocket door leading to the **Guest Wing** or 3<sup>rd</sup> bedroom/ bath area. The **Guest Bedroom** is trimmed with clear fir and has switched receptacles and its own programmable thermostat. This room is extremely quiet for the light sleeper. The guest bath has black Kohler fixtures, clear glass shower with redwood walls, a large sauna with stereo speakers located next to the raised built in whirlpool spa. Roped brass poles set off the entry to the spa. Grid lighting above the spa has both fluorescent lights for general use and incandescent lights for mood lighting, controlled by an adjustable dimmer. Black twin Kohler sinks are built into a solid surface Corian top. All faucets and hardware are polished brass. A make-up area is stationed between these sink and mirrored closets run the full length of this bath.

Behind one of these mirrored bi-fold doors is the hamper for the master bathroom linen chute from the. Many lighting extras and a 110 volt smoke alarm have been incorporated in this room. The paneling and trim is made of clear heart redwood with a polyurethane finish.

## **The Equestrian Facility**

The **Barn's Driveways** are multi functional. For the boarders and general visitors, the lower driveway accommodates diagonal type parking along the upper pasture's fence. This lower drive is also utilized for bringing in the hay wagons. The hay is delivered to the two lofts by the hay elevator. The upper driveway is used for truck and horse trailers. It allows access to the large parking area and also the rear of the indoor arena. Deliveries of horses and equipment are easier from this driveway.

The upper driveway is also used for access to the **Equipment Shed**. This shed is 20' x 100' and has a 30 amp electrical service for lighting and convenience receptacles. It was designed high enough to allow for parking hay wagons or major pieces of equipment. It also has a horse run-in shed built on the north end. On the south end is a slab for the salt brine storage tank. Both driveways converge and allowing access the parking area behind the indoor arena or can continue on to the back fields and pastures. It also has an exit onto Nunda- Barkertown Rd. for hay wagons and trail riding.

Two glass french doors access the **Entry Foyer** to the Equestrian Facility. This entry serves as a passage way from the gambrel roof barn to the indoor arena . It has red brick pattern stamped concrete flooring and bulletin boards on the walls. The wagon wheel light is on a programmable timer along with the “OPEN” sign outside and above the french doors.

Going straight ahead through a sliding door, you’ll enter a **Storage Room** utilized for wood shavings, extra bags of grain, and overage hay. It has two large sliding doors plus a passage walk-thru door. Three way switches for convince have been installed.

Going from the entry foyer to the north (Right) will lead into the **Gambrel Roof Barn**. This barn has five 10’ x 10’, rubber matted stalls each with access to a Nelson automatic waterer. Hay cutes from the hay loft above drop hay directly into the hay mangers located in each stall. The stalls incorporate all steel edging to discourage wood chewing by the horses. The wide sliding raised panel doors are made of local maple, oak and redwood. They have steel doors which can be raised and locked in the closed position. These stalls have view windows for ventilation and Plexiglas storm panel for the winter months. An area for the manure spreader is near the bottom of the stairway to the loft above.

The **Hay Loft** has extra storage capacity, and is utilized for supplying most of the hay required in the outside paddocks along with the stalls below. Large doors on each end of this barn are used for both receiving the hay and supplying the paddocks. Hay storage shelving, running the full length of the barn has been installed, to layout hay, next to the drop feeders. Ventilation is achieved through the large copper roofed cupola.

Two circuits of lighting has been utilized (florescent and metal hyoid), plus convenience receptacles. This barn also has a knotty pine heated tack room with a built in desk. This room could also be a main office for a barn manager. Telephone jack have already been installed. Next to the tack room/office is the feed room with its steel barrels for grain storage, wire shelving, refrigerator and pegboard walls. The 100 amp electric service panel for the equestrian facility is located in this room. Telephone jacks are installed in many places in this barn. A slop type sink and non-freeze hydrant has been installed in the extra wide alley. The large back doors are used to gain access to the 4 paddocks behind that barn, the 66’ diameter training round pen, two of the five pastures, outside stainless steel wash bay and the outdoor grass/ pasture arena. Nelson automatic Waterers supply fresh water to all paddocks and pastures.

The 3 board fencing is made of pressure treated materials and painted with darkening oils and also has electric fence wires. All paddocks have run-in shelters for the horse. The round pen is treated with salt brine for dust control. Control gates are used to isolate horses in various areas.

You can also access the **10 Stall Barn** and indoor arena, from the entry foyer. This barn also has 10' x 10' stalls, all with access to Nelson automatic waterers, and hay chutes. The rubber mats were installed over a crushed limestone base. This limestone having a PH of basic vs. acidic helps eliminate urine odor. Six of the stalls have windows with removable panels for ventilation. Two of the stalls are used to quarantine sick horses. The main alley is extra wide and well lit. Many cross ties have been incorporated for use in the alley. The ornate steel stall fronts are paneled with local butternut tongue and groove material. The walls between stalls are removable for extra room required for birthing.

Straight ahead looking south will be the large sliding door to the **Indoor Arena** featuring a 50 year steel roof. White oak cabinets with a sink and freeze proof hydrant are adorned above by lighted display cases. The lights within these cases are controlled by a timer located above the cabinets on the south wall. A thermostat is located on that same wall. This thermostat controls lights built inside the cabinets. The light keeps items stored within this insulated cabinet from freezing.

Between the two lighted display cases is a wide sliding door leading to different **Outside Paddocks**. (13 Total) Seven additional paddocks are accessible from this door all with access to Nelson waterers, hay feeders and run-in sheds. The roof over this part of this barn is asphalt shingles. The asphalt roof was utilized to prevent snow from sliding off the roof in front of the door. Snow guards have been installed on the steel roof, on the west side of the arena to reduce the avalanche effect of snow. Numerous gates have been installed to control the flow of horses. All paddocks and run-in sheds have access to lighting for winter use paddock clean up and hay feeding.

The main alley of the 10 stall barn has access to the heated **Viewing Room**, inside heated wash bay, restroom, and large heated tack room. . The viewing room has a stamped concrete floor with thematically controlled hot water in floor heating. The viewing room door is in the center of the south wall of the alley. The room overlooks the indoor arena through 18' of insulated glass panels. The room also includes a kitchenette with microwave, sink, and "tea kettle" hot water dispenser. Dish TV, DSL VCR, CD, DVD and with a public address system has been installed throughout all barns. The room is paneled with knotty pine

and has two ceiling fans. This alleyway has a drywall fire rated ceiling that helps with the control of cobwebs.

A white sliding door on the east end off the alley, gives access to the inside heated **Horse Wash Bay**. Hot and cold water can be mixed to provide the appropriate water temperature. The floor of the wash bay was sunken to allow for flooding of the area. This allows for soaking of a lame horses feet if required.

Inside the wash bay is also the door to the heated **Restroom**. This restroom has a people shower stall, toilet, vanity sink and a vertical full size washer/dryer. Storage shelves have been installed above the toilet. The hot water tank is a multi- function tank that has a heating coil built in. It provides heating to the four heating zones and also all the domestic hot water in the barn. This room is also paneled in knotty pine.

Next to the wash bay is the large heated tack room. This room has built in saddle storage, built-in horse blanket racks, bridle racks, cinch strap hooks, helmet shelving and miscellaneous storage cabinets above. The thematically controlled heating is in the stamped concrete floor. Knotty pine paneling lines the walls.

The stairway in the alley, leads up to the **Hay Loft/ Spectator Viewing Area**. This hay loft has a hay chutes to each manger in the stalls and overlooks the indoor arena. This area can accommodate approximately 66 people on multi-level chair seating for shows or clinics. It has speakers for the public address system or music. On the north side are the two access doors for bringing in hay to the loft or ventilation.

The **80' x 168' Indoor Arena** has a compacted sub base with washed sand and crumb rubber installed over it. Dust control agents of many types have been tried, but natural salt brine has been the best solution. The walls are sloped away from the rider for safety. Fourteen 400-watt metal hydoid light fixtures illuminate this arena way above the standards and are controlled by 3 way switches at each end of the arena. Five 200-watt incandescent lights were installed for immediate lighting. Many 110 volt receptacles are installed around the outside walls of the arena. Mirrors have been placed along the rider's path for their observance of their posture. Storage for training equipment has been built on the north wall. The 13 windows along the east wall are operational for ventilation. Along the west and south wall, diffuser panels were utilized to allow for light, without allowing sunlight to cast sunlight spots on to the arena floor. This helps prevents the horses from spooking. The doors at the rear are large enough to bring in hay wagons. These can be stored overnight inside in the case of fowl weather. This has also been a starting point for  
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many trail rides. The whole building was wrapped with a re-enforced poly sheeting to stop the air infiltration and wind noise. The siding is hemlock board and batten with a CWF finish. All the rain water from the roof is diverted to a separate drainage system. It's piped to one of the gully's in back.

We hope you've enjoyed your tour of Dan Mar Ranch and it truly is a horse haven on earth.

## **Features of Dan Mar Ranch**

### *The Exquisite Equestrian Facility*

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

This perfectly designed, 15 stall, horse facility in western New York was designed and built by a master craftsman, with the equine professional in mind. This exquisite facility has so many exceptional features that are far beyond any horse enthusiasts dream, that it will be hard for anyone not to be drawn to the ranch. Some of the features are:

#### **1. BARNES**

- a. 80 x 168 dust free sand and crumb rubber footing, extremely well lit, indoor arena, with attached, 36 x 80 stall barn w/10 stalls, fire rated drywall ceiling over stalls, heated viewing room w/kitchen, heated wash bay w/hot water, bath w/shower, heated tack room, extra wide allies, extremely well lit, Nelson automatic waterers, washer/dryer, built in lighted trophy display cases, hay storage above w/hay chutes dropping into each stall manager, spectator loft above holds 66 people. Public address system, DSL computer, DVD/Video, Stereo.
- b. 36 x 60 gambrel roof barn w/5 stalls, heated tack room, feed room, outside wash bay, Nelson automatic waterers, hay storage above w/hay chutes dropping into stall managers below. Slop sink.
- c. 20 x 100 equipment shed, 30 amp electric service for lights and convenience receptacles.
- d. 20 x 36 hay wagon storage barn

#### **2. OTHER FEATURES**

- a. 66 permanent round pen w/ lighting
- b. 10 separate paddocks w/ Nelson waterers
- c. 5 pastures w/Nelson waterers
- d. 13 run in sheds
- e. Horse truck and trailer parking lot
- f. Spectator parking area
- g. Outdoor grass arena
- h. Superior outdoor lighting of all areas
- i. All stalls 10 x 10
- j. Separate driveways
- k. Porch lounge area

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- l.** 3 board fences w/ electric fence
- m.** Shavings storage room
- n.** Snow guards on arena roof
- o.** Show warm up area and holding area
- p.** Emergency automatic, 15 KW backup generator
- q.** Excellent well water @ 90 gal per minute
- r.** Sick horse quarantine area
- s.** Manure spreading area
- t.** Hay fields
- u.** Situated on 49 scenic acres overlooking Letchworth State Park
- v.** Close to the NY State Green way & Rattlesnake Hill recreation area
- w.** Located on a paved state highway, Route 436, in Nunda, NY
- x.** Horse training equipment (Jumps, Barrels, Bridge, Gate, Mailbox, etc)
- y.** Trails and rural gravel roads

### **HORSE FARMS BECOME CERTIFIED**

**Dan Mar Ranch, located at 2278 State Route 436, Nunda recently became the first equine operation in Livingston county to be certified under the New York State Horse Health Assurance Program.**

**The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Animal Industry and Dr. Lyda Denney, NYSHHAP coordinator, wish to congratulate Dan and Marcia Hurlburt on this accomplishment which is a tribute to their commitment to continuing education and excellence in equine husbandry. This facility is only the second in the state to have received certifications from both the Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) & the NYSHHAP. The CHA, which promotes excellence in safety and education for the benefit of individuals and riding programs, publishes industry standards for riding programs and accredits riding program facilities; currently there are only thirteen (13) CHA accredited sites in the state. To have been awarded approvals by both programs is quite an accomplishment for a facility.**

**Dan Mar Ranch, located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, provides boarding, training, lessons, as well as other amenities. To learn more visit the website: [www.danmarranch.com](http://www.danmarranch.com).**

**NYSHHAP is designed to promote and to teach a pro-active approach to equine health, care and welfare and to recognize exceptionally managed equine farms and through the education provided, ensures healthier horses and equine environments.**

**The New York State Horse Health Assurance Program is voluntary and open to any equine operation in the state, from boarding and training facilities to breeding facilities. Privately owned horse farms, such as people who keep one or two of their own horses, are also encouraged to participate.**

**A set of best management practices for disease prevention and good husbandry are identified and must be met in order to become certified. Certification is valid for one year.**

**Additional benefits include a free supply of microchips to uniquely identify horses and a scanner to read the chips, a NYSHHAP “Welcome Package” with equine care products, and educational materials.**

**There is no cost for the program materials or the certification visit made by the state representatives. The only expense comes from making any improvements to the facility in order to meet the certification standards.**

**For more information on how to become involved in the NYSHHAP, horse owners can contact Dr. Lyda Denney with the State Department of Agriculture and Markets at 315-829-4282 or by email at [lyda.denney@agmkt.state.ny.us](mailto:lyda.denney@agmkt.state.ny.us).**