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2013 SCOTTISH HORSE SHOW

The Scottish Horse Show committee today (15 November) announced that the 2013 show is returning to the Ingliston Equestrian Centre near Glasgow but on new dates. The show takes place next year on Tuesday and Wednesday 16 to 17 July.

The committee took the difficult decision to change the traditional August dates after listening to competitors and supporters who found the end of August dates just too late in the year for the home exhibitors. The committee is also delighted to announce that Grandstand Media confirmed that the show retains nearly all its Horse of the Year Show qualifying classes with the exception of the Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Pony qualifiers. The committee understands that with the planned changes to these qualifiers for next year the number of qualifiers is reducing to accommodate the additional height section.

Speaking today show Chairman, Tweetie Nimmo said; "Unfortunately, the Scottish Horse Show is one of the shows losing out next year but the committee will continue working to hopefully reinstate the full range of qualifiers for both horse and ponies. We do need the support of everyone during these tough times and the increasing costs in staging this event are unsustainable in the future without increased revenues."

The 2013 show will retain much of its existing format with horse, in-hand classes, Veteran classes and Coloureds on the first day with day two dedicated to ridden and working pony classes.

Concluding the show's President, Rose Kelbie added; "We are very grateful to Grandstand Media for allocating us these qualifiers for the 2013 Horse of the Year Show but are naturally disappointed at losing our native working pony classes. The committee and I are determined to maintain and build upon the long and proud heritage our show has within the equestrian community both in Scotland and across the country."

The committee is in the process of finalising its 2013 judges list and hopes to make a further announcement shortly.