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WORLD RENOWNED BUDWEISER CLYDESDALES TO APPEAR AT TOPSFIELD FAIR

TOPSFIELD, MASS. (September 22, 2023) – The world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales, the symbol of quality and tradition for Anheuser-Busch since 1933, are scheduled to make several appearances at the 2023 Topsfield Fair.

The eight-horse hitch will be harnessed and hitched to the famous red beer wagon at the Topsfield Fair on October 5-8, 2023. The “Gentle Giants,” as they are often referred to, will make their way around the fairgrounds starting at 4:30pm on Thursday and Friday and 5:30pm on Saturday. About 20 minutes into the procession the hitch will stop at the Topsfield Fair’s Beer Garden to deliver a case of beer. The horses will also be in the Arena at 5:00pm on Thursday and 6:00pm on Saturday for a brief program with their announcer. When not on the grounds or in the Arena, the Clydesdales will be in a tent next to the Horse Barn adjacent to the Cattle Gate for attendees to visit.

The Clydesdales’ appearance at the Topsfield Fair is one of hundreds made annually by the traveling hitches. Canadians of Scottish descent brought the first Clydesdales to America in the mid-1800’s. Today, the giant draft horses are primarily used for breeding and show.

Horses chosen for the Budweiser Clydesdale hitch must be at least three years of age, stand approximately 18 hands – or six feet – at the shoulder, weigh an average of 2,000 pounds, must be bay in color, have four white legs, and a blaze of white on the face and black mane and tail. A gentle temperament is very important as hitch horses meet millions of people each year.

A single Clydesdale hitch horse will consume as much as 20-25 quarts of feed, 40-50 pounds of hay and 30 gallons of water per day.

Each hitch travels with a Dalmatian. In the early days of brewing, Dalmatians were bred and trained to protect the horses and guard the wagon when the driver went inside to make deliveries.

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