



## **THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA'S LEATHERDALE EQUINE CENTER**

The University of Minnesota's Equine Center is home to both the University's College of Veterinary Medicine and the Leatherdale Equine Center, where Region X will host the AVA's 2012 Annual Convention.

The Leatherdale Center is a new 60,000 square foot facility that supports the growing University of Minnesota equine program. It houses the indoor (and heated in the 60s) Barendscheer Arena, and the Nutrena Conference Hall, which the AVA will both be using.

This beautiful building was designed specifically for horses and includes 33 box stalls; a 100 ft. by 200 ft. indoor arena and a lungeing arena; conference room; custom-designed clinical space for lameness evaluation and diagnosis; a wing for reproductive medicine programs and a rehabilitation therapy area with an aqua treadmill. A wide range of new technology, including digital x-rays and a high-speed treadmill are available to horses at the Center. The facility also features a specially designed loading and exercise area. Advanced services include a powerful MRI.

The Leatherdale Equine Center is also the metropolitan site for the *We Can Ride* program that offers therapeutic riding and driving to children and adults living with disabilities.

The Center was constructed because Minnesota is home to nearly 500 state and local horse clubs, and has more than 155,000 horses--the ninth largest horse population in the United States. The number of horses treated at the Veterinary College in Minnesota has also grown exponentially, and there was a strong need to build new facilities for the state's burgeoning horse population. The University of Minnesota answered this need by constructing the Leatherdale Equine Center on the St. Paul Campus in 2007.

Tours of the facility are welcomed, and available by appointment. If you'd like to arrange a tour before, during or after the convention, contact Beth Whillock at [ewhillock@msn.com](mailto:ewhillock@msn.com).

For a map and directions to the Leatherdale Equine Center:  
[www.cvm.umn.edu/umec/facility/Map\\_and\\_Directions/](http://www.cvm.umn.edu/umec/facility/Map_and_Directions/)

