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Newsletter of the Dallas Dressage Club ☘ July 2010

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Please send articles, advertisements, or ideas to improve the newsletter to newsletter@dallasdressage.org
Thank you, BAC



Hot Button:

Each month we will feature your opinions on another "Hot Button" topic.

This Month's Hot-Button is (again): Rollkur vs. LDR

Send your opinion to newsletter@dallasdressage.org. Each month two opposing views will be featured

Dallas Dressage Club is a USDF GMO, and all members are automatically USDF Group Members.
For USDF Participating Membership, members must apply directly to USDF.

From The Editor:

Okay, I'll admit it: I am still on a steep learning curve with this newsletter thing. I didn't double check the postage on the June newsletter & some of you (but not all) had to pay 61¢ for your newsletter. I am SO SORRY. I hope it was worth it and I pledge to do a better job this time.

For those that know me, you know my husband is also a part of this whole sport as my #1 fan—from building an arena sound system to repairing fences. He also has a very stressful job at a telecommunications company which involves lots of travel & round-the-clock conference calls. This past week my husband spent a week of his well-earned holidays doing some volunteer work with the Audubon Society in Mississippi. He has seen firsthand some of the repercussions of this environmental and financial disaster from the oil spill in the Gulf. Why would he volunteer instead of taking a much needed holiday? Well, because that's part of who we are. He & I volunteer to help when/if we can. Just like the DDC volunteers! I tend to forget that the DDC is essentially run, organized & managed by volunteers. The newsletter? The financial accounts? The awards? The educational events? Yes. All volunteers. All of us on the DDC board are volunteers with day jobs, spouses, children, and even horses. Why on earth would I choose to take on the responsibility of the newsletter in addition to all the other stuff I have going on in my life? For the Sport. To help. And that's the same reason my husband used a week of his annual holiday time to help out on the Gulf Coast. I hope you will consider that and maybe volunteer with the club because we can't do it without you. It's for the Sport of Dressage!



Vet Corner:

This Month's Focus is on the HEAT.

Veterinary Contributor by Dr Amy Rippy, Riverbend Equine—www.riverbendequine.com

With another Texas summer upon us, we need to take precautions to keep our horses safe, comfortable & cool. In this heat, a horse can easily become over-heated, leading to heat stroke, which is potentially fatal. The risk of heat stroke increases when he becomes dehydrated & loses electrolytes sweating.

Some signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke to watch out for are:

- Stumbling & weakness
- Depression or disorientated behavior
- Collapse
- Resting heart rate over 60 beats per minute
- Body Temperature over 104F

If you notice your horse experiencing any of the above, immediately move your horse to a cool, shaded area with a fan. Begin hosing your horse with cool water, aiming for the jugular veins, located in the groove in the lower part of his or her neck & front legs. Offer small amounts of water & electrolytes frequently, if they are willing to drink. Keep monitoring your horse's vital signs until they return to normal. Normal vital signs are: a resting heart rate is between 30-40 beats per minute, a normal respiratory rate between 12-16 breaths per minute, & a temperature less than 101.0F. If your horse seems severely affected or does not seem to recover, call your veterinarian immediately for further treatment.

To prevent heat stress, which can easily lead to heat stroke, be sure your horse has access to plenty of clean water & an ample amount of shade. Schedule your rides for the coolest times of the days & try to avoid riding in extreme heat. Take care to keep both you and your horse cool this summer!



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Dear Charlie:



Advice for Dallas Dressage Club Equine & Humans

Dear Charlie: I hate fly spray. I know it helps but the whole sound and spray thing just—well—BUGS me (and scares me a little too.) Regards, Fly-Spray Frank

Dear Fly-Spray Frank: I would phone the SPCA. But, if your owner isn't hitting you with the fly spray bottle maybe it's not exactly abuse. So since it's part of "the season" I would suggest your owner divert your attention with feed or treats while they're spraying you. Then maybe you'll start to associate good things with the spraying and you won't be such a pansy and be afraid of it. Good luck! Love, Charlie

Dear Charlie: How do I know if my saddle fits me? My back hurts and then I do naughty things when the saddle is on me—can the saddle really be the problem? Or am I just a jerk? Regards, Saddle sore Sam

Dear Saddle-sore Sam: You MIGHT be a jerk but maybe you're just in pain. There are plenty of people who can check to see if your saddle fits you—start with your trainer and/or your local tack store owner for a referral. If you do need a new saddle it's quite possible to find good saddles that can also be adjusted as your work load increases or decreases (and therefore you body shape changes.) Good luck! Love, Charlie

Did You Know.... The Dallas Dressage Club can help you go to a symposium/clinic or to a National Championship? Check our website under "Education" tab on our home page.

**LURENA BELL
BELLE TERRE
in Willis, Texas**
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Lurena Bell teaches individual lessons, clinics, and camps for all levels of riders on all breeds of horses. Clinics are also held in North Texas at BrandyWine Farm (just north of Dallas). Lurena has ridden with Charles de Kunffy, Carol Lavell, Steffen Peters, and George Theodorescu. Her accomplishments include the following:

- Long listed 5 times with USET on 3 different horses.
- Short listed with USET and rode for the USA in Montreal, Canada.
- Qualified and competed in 3 U. S. Olympic Festivals --- Team Gold and Bronze medalist, Individual Silver medalist
- Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medalist
- Numerous Region 9 Championships on all different breeds, Training level thru Grand Prix.

**Upcoming clinic at BrandyWine Farm
Aug 7-8, Oct 2-3**

Email Chris Nicoloff @ cnicoloff@hughes.net for info.

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STEFFEN PETERS

October 16-17, 2010

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SYMPOSIUM

LTR Dressage is proud to welcome Steffen Peters for a symposium. This is Steffens only 2010 Texas appearance and he will be hot off the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky! Steffen is highly sought after as a trainer and teacher and we are excited to be able to offer an event that will benefit riders and auditors alike.

Steffen's Highlights include being named to three US Olympic teams; Bronze medals at the Olympics and World Equestrian Games (Individual placings of fourth at the Olympics and fifth at the WEG); FEI World Cup Champion; Champion of Dressage at Aachen, Germany; Two time USEF Equestrian of the Year.

We welcome you to take part in this great event as a rider, auditor, vendor, or sponsor! We will also host a reception with Steffen on Saturday night that will be open for all to attend.

Please contact us for details.

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date

10/16-17/10

location

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Barbara's Blurb:

This Month: In the Wrong Business.



I'm in the wrong business. So firstly, what IS my business & why am I not suited for it? Basically, I own & manage a small boarding stable in north Texas. Additionally I am a Dressage level 1 certified instructor who has taught adult beginners, young kids, Girl Scouts, handicapped riders & even my husband. I am therefore technically considered **by the USEF as a "professional". There isn't a USEF Open "lite" for "lower level" professionals nor separate distinction for "higher level" professionals.** So in the dressage ring in an "Open" class, I am right there with my instructor, & other people who have brought various horses to Grand Prix. Just doesn't seem fair does it?

Hard work is fifty percent of what you need in this business - which I have in spades. I can go to a party late at the neighbors & still be down at the barn for the breakfast feed. There are no holidays – my Christmas is the same as my Monday as is my Saturday.

The 2nd half of the boarding & training business success formula is Self Promotion. When managing a boarding stable one **needs the ability to tout or "talk up" their skills in equine care. They need to advertise their facility & program of horse care** as the best for the demographic they are trying to attract. Similarly, as an instructor or trainer, you need to tell people that YOU are the one from whom they need to take lessons, you are the one who will help them to be better riders. In both of these self promoting facets of my business I fail miserably. Here's what happens.

A horse came to my barn a little crazy – prone to breaking cross ties, running away, & crazy antics on the longe. Within days of coming here he was calm, stands in cross ties, easy to bridle, no running away. I even taught his owner how to bridle him so he **LIKES** to be bridled. Another horse was in training with another trainer & positively terrified the owner. The horse was ridden **VERY SLOW** at all times in case he spooked – which he did often. He had never been cantered by owner or trainer. The first few times I cantered him after they hired me to ride him it was like riding Bambi on ice. Not pretty. But within six months his canter become balanced, uphill & almost his best gait. Another horse had a similar canter problem but rushed downhill like a runaway speed train. Within about two to three weeks his canter too became balanced, less rushed, more cadenced, more uphill. One of my horses was lean & lacking muscle tone when I bought him. He couldn't even do 20 minutes under saddle without puffing from exertion. With tweaks to his diet, turnout & more regular riding his musculature developed, he is fit aerobically & people remarked after not seeing him for some six months that it "didn't look like the same horse". All of these things logically tell me that I am a good rider, trainer & provide good horse care. However, if you ask me I will tell you it was something else – never my skills. Sad but true. I simply can't take credit for it even when I KNOW it was me.

The question is: Can I change? Being parents of six children ages 18 to 38, my husband & I have observed that children's personalities generally do not change from birth. My son for instance is always a little high strung & anxious with a tinge of laziness. Always was – from the day he was born & remains so now at 22. My daughter generally quieter & more docile but harder working still remains more "chill" at age 20. Me? I am humble & basically insecure. Always have been, always will be. I doubt I'll ever change.

And then there's the paradox: the more lessons you take, the less you know. In fact, the more knowledge & skills I gain, I would almost say the LESS confident I am in my own knowledge base. It's a weird conundrum. And when you're like me you convey that to people – you "aw shucks" your skills as "the horse is a great horse" or "he's got some great foundation" because I honestly believe, knowing what I don't know, that it can't possibly be me. To expand my boarding business in this economy I would need to advertise & highlight all the plusses & benefits of me & my facility. Oh gosh. That is going to be hard to do!

I marvel at the people who can fill their barns with die-hard fans of their horse care & instruction. I have heard an instructor claim to practically invent natural horsemanship. I have heard an instructor claim that their place was "the best place & no one would find better". I have heard another instructor tout their outrageous global awards. And they have the students & the boarders that I do not. What is it? "It" is simply **SELF PROMOTION.** And that is the very "Something" I do not have. Which is why – I am in the wrong business!

DDC Free Scribe Clinic

17-July-2010

8:00am-approx 12:30pm

Torre Vista Farm, Celina, TX

With Sue Casey, USEF "S" judge

- **Learn how to scribe for judges at both Schooling & Recognized shows.**
- **Hone your scribe writing skills**
- **Learn what the judges see.**
- **Will include (demo rider pending) scribing for FEI tests and Freestyles.**
- **FREE to all DDC members (\$20 others)**
- **BYO Lunch (drinks provided)**
- **Scoring Clinic immediately following Scribe Clinic**

Reservations/Registration to

Barbara Clarke at secretary@dallasdressage.org or
Doreen Cutts at vicepresident@dallasdressage.org.

DEMO RIDERS NEEDED:

Please contact Barbara Clarke at secretary@dallasdressage.org or Doreen Cutts at vicepresident@dallasdressage.org for more info & forms.

DDC Lemonade Daze

31July-1Aug 2010

Las Colinas Equestrian Centre

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Dallas Dressage Club Scribe Clinic *Attendee OR Demo Rider Registration Form*

Torre Vista Farm
4120 Rigsby Lane
Celina, TX 75009

Clinic Leader & **Judge: Sue Casey, USEF 'S'**

Clinic Secretaries: *Barbara Clarke (secretary@dallasdressage.org) or Doreen Cutts (vicepresident@dallasdressage.org)*

To be considered as a Demo Rider: Mail registration form with copy of Coggins w/in 12 months of clinic date to Barbara at: 4120 Rigsby Lane, Celina, TX 75009 or email entries accepted. Doreen or Barbara will contact you if you are accepted with your ride time(s) for the Scribe Clinic. Day stalls are provided free for demo riders, not all riders will be accepted depending on number of riders at each level, for purposes of instruction. Non-DDC members may attend the Scribe Clinic for \$20.

Questions? Telephone 214.585.3945, or email secretary@dallasdressage.org.

(DEMO RIDERS AND/OR ATTENDEES)

Pls Circle one: DEMO RIDER CLINIC ATTENDEE			
Name			
Home Phone		Other Phone	
Address			
Email Address			
Rider's Name (if diff't)			
Horse's Name		DDC Member??	YES NO (Pls include \$20 fee)

(DEMO RIDERS ONLY)

Test To Be Ridden <i>(pls circle)</i>	
Introductory Level	Test A Test B (ONE TEST AT THIS LEVEL WILL BE TAUGHT)
Training	1 2 3 4 (ONE TEST AT THIS LEVEL WILL BE TAUGHT)
Second	1 2 3 4 (ONE TEST AT THIS LEVEL WILL BE TAUGHT)
Third	1 2 3 (ONE TEST AT THIS LEVEL WILL BE TAUGHT)
Fourth	1 2 3 (ONE TEST AT THIS LEVEL WILL BE TAUGHT)
Prix St Georges	(ONE TEST AT THIS LEVEL WILL BE TAUGHT)
Intermediare I / II	(ONE TEST AT THIS LEVEL WILL BE TAUGHT)
Freestyle	Indicate Freestyle test Ridden.
Stall Needed	YES NO (stalls are provided at no charge for demo riders)

LIABILITY RELEASE:

I hereby release and hold harmless Dallas Dressage Club, Barbara Clarke, Torre Vista Farm, their officers, members, employees and agents from any liability and from claims of any kind (including costs, expenses and/or attorney fees) that might result from damages, injuries and losses to person or property during or in connection with this event whether or not such damages, injuries and losses result directly from the negligent act or omissions of the officers, members, employees or agents of Dallas Dressage Club and/or Torre Vista Farm.

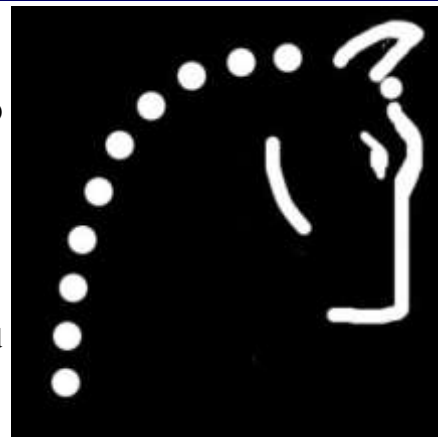
Attendee OR Rider's Signature (if under 18, signature of parent or guardian)

Horse Owner's Signature

Medical ARMBANDS for All

by Lauren R Donahoo

A few weeks ago I went to the HDS Summer Show to provide braiding & grooming services for extra “horse money”. After my braiding signs were posted, I found a comfortable seat in the show ring to watch “warm-up day” festivities and fight the heat. A while later, I heard a commotion from Ring 2 and I looked up in time to watch a horse spooking. He spun and gave a buck that sent his rider to the ground. Riders in the ring dismounted, the horse was collected, but the rider lay still. I yelled down to ask if she needed an ambulance. A moment later, someone said yes and I phoned 911.



The rider was conscious with severe back pain but had her legs & neck stabilized until the ambulance could arrive. I introduced myself and was able to get the rider's name; Sarah. As she struggled with the back pain, Sarah rattled off information; where her keys, truck, and purse were, her medical allergies, and where to find her phone. At this point, I realize that no one had “claimed” Sarah because she had traveled to the show alone and did not have a trainer or family member present. Since she was talking to me, I was now *her person* (for all the Grey's Anatomy fans). Per Sarah's instructions, I sprinted across the show grounds to get her purse from the car and left voice-mails on her husband's cell and work numbers. The ambulance arrived and bundled Sarah off to the hospital.

Arriving at the hospital, I asked the ER staff where I could find Sarah. “Sarah who?” they asked. Oh hell. I didn't even know her last name! Rummaging through her purse, I found a Daytimer with her USEF membership card. I told the hospital staff the situation and handed them the card with her last name on it.

When I was finally reconnected with Sarah, I listened to her explain the rest of her medical history to the attending nurses, some of which prompted more tests and scans. Over the next few hours, she was wheeled away intermittently for X-rays and CT Scans. Sarah's husband on his way, I took up my post near a wall plug and prayed for good news for this stranger I'd just met. I started to wonder how many people go to a show alone like this? I'd only done it once and I certainly never will again, but I remember believing that it was a way to “prove myself” at the time, despite the truth that my friends were just busy that weekend. Making the long haul solo, warming up, showing, getting through a test, relying on your horse for companionship, it was all a rare one-on-one bonding experience away from home.

It was confirmed after X-rays that she fractured her L1 vertebrae and would go in for more tests to determine if and how bad the surrounding compression damage was. Her helmet visor saved her a broken nose. She finally got an IV and morphine, but it seemed that the wheels never stopped turning as much as I tried to distract Sarah with conversation. There was one concern after another as to how she'd cope with this, rearrange that, or postpone plans. The prognosis and stress was debilitating, her spinal fracture aside, especially being out of town.

Knowing that Sarah would be hospitalized for some time, I offered to drive her truck, trailer, and horse back to Austin the following day. Since I wasn't showing, hadn't had many calls for braiding, and my normal customers for grooming had scratched, it just made sense. So on Saturday morning, I loaded up Shimmer, her Dutch Warmblood, and headed out for the two hour drive west.

Sarah had been transferred to a larger hospital overnight, but on Sunday morning when I called to check in, the verdict was that she would not need surgery. They molded a brace for her back and would be waiting a few days for it to be made – a “turtle shell” to prevent any further damage while she recuperates.

After five days in the hospital, Sarah is home now, on the road to recovery. She'll face 2-3 months of bed rest and downtime before she begins therapy. She's doing quite well considering the scope of her accident – we are all thankful, knowing it could have been far worse.

The accident has prompted me to share information I believe every rider and competitor needs to be aware of.

1. When you step onto the show grounds, your emergency and contact information should be written on your stall immediately. Your equipment, tack, and feed should be clearly labeled. A complete stranger should be able to care for your horse as if nothing changed. This includes feeding instructions, spray bottles, meds, supplements, tack, first aid supplies, and your veterinarian and farrier's information. This doesn't just go for when you're on the road, either. Your home barn needs just as much, if not more, organization in case someone has to step in to care for them in your absence.

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Medical Armbands for All (cont'd from page 7) by Lauren R Donahoo

2. Having researched emergency response, I feel a strong need for clarification in the Accident Preparedness Plan as dictated by USEF, which currently states that “Exhibitors are asked to not make 911 calls using their cell phones.” This is so that instead, Show Management may call from a landline and direct the ambulance to hold sirens and find the best and fastest entrance. But there are several things wrong here. Most riders school at their own risk before competition starts, therefore the Plan needs to be amended to include the action steps for when medical personnel are not (yet) on the show grounds.
3. It is understandable that spectators don't need to call 911 if an EMT is on the facility, which is a requirement during competition. During a show, the ring steward will radio the office to report an accident and the EMT would respond in minutes. HOWEVER, in Sarah's case, an EMT wasn't on the grounds yet. A walk to the show office to place an emergency call will delay medical assistance, especially if the office is empty or closed for the night. In this case, when Show management finally got wind of Sarah's accident, they arrived at the scene on a *cell phone* long after I'd confirmed an ambulance was on the way (also via cell phone). That delay could have been crucial had we relied on connecting to 911 through the show office, and proves that a landline may be inconvenient or inaccessible for relaying information regarding the victim & location. Definitely an amendment needed here!
4. Emergency Response protocol needs to be visible ALL over the show grounds not just near the show office. Emergencies create panic, and panic makes you forgetful. Someone who isn't versed in dealing with emergency response needs to be able to follow clear instructions to get help. Even when I called 911, I had to sprint around the block to find the address, and everyone I passed on the way didn't know it either. The address, directions, and protocol need to be posted on signs everywhere so that if a spectator or competitor does have to call, they are able to give accurate information. Making this information a requirement on the show grounds is in the drafted amendment proposal. I've also started the process of approaching USEF to make sure that education on this important issue is addressed by all affiliates of the Federation as well.

This is about coping with emergencies effectively and protecting our equestrian athletes from preventable mistakes in medical assistance. Protect yourself.

Part 2 will be included in the next newsletter outlining further changes that are being approached regarding preventative measures for equestrian athletes. Please visit www.TexanEquestrian.blogspot.com for the full article, further information and continuous updates on these issues. Comments, feedback, suggestions, and support can be directed to Lauren Donahoo at LRDonahoo@owls.williamwoods.edu

DDC Summer General Membership Meeting

Sat 21 August 2010

2:00pm—4:00pm

Las Colinas Equestrian Centre
School of Horsemanship Lounge

Educational topics will include a talk on Grains & Diet from Blue Bonnet Feeds
Lameness Detection & Treatment from Riverbend Equine

Refreshments will be provided

***Two attendees will be awarded a VIP auditor pass to the
Steffen Peters Symposium in October.***

(must be present to win, names will be drawn from those attending.)

Events Calendar

JULY

- 9-11 Blues City Dressage
Memphis, TN
Sandy Donovan at sandydonovan@gmail.com
- 10 **Torre Vista Farm "Sizzlin' Summer" Ride-A-Test Series**
Torre Vista Farm / Celina, TX
Barbara Clarke at torrevistafarm@hotmail.com
- 10 Blackstar Sporthorses Schooling Show
Blackstar Sporthorses, Rockwall, TX
Charlene Lynch at 214.403.0460 or clynch@leonardonline.net
- 10-11 Sherry Guess Clinic
Lime Ridge Farm / Fairview, TX
Alecia Daniel at agd727@msn.com
- 17-18 Windy Knoll Farm Summer Dressage Show
Windy Knoll Farm / Celina, TX
Fran Dearing at franwkf@earthlink.net
- 24 **Torre Vista Farm "Sizzlin' Summer" Ride-A-Test Series**
Torre Vista Farm / Celina, TX
Barbara Clarke at torrevistafarm@hotmail.com
- 24-25 BlackStar Sporthorses Breeding Shows I/II.
USEF/USDF recognized. Judges: Carter Bass, Marijane Malouin.
Secretary Jan Colley at 512.565.1134 or jtcolley@aol.com
- 31-
Aug 1 **DDC Lemonade Daze I & II**
Las Colinas Equestrian Center / Irving, TX
Barbara Lewis at Lewis_16881@msn.com

AUGUST

- 7-8 Trena Atkins Freestyle Seminar
Rice University Bio Science / Houston, TX
Susan Howard at reiterhof@googlemail.com
- 14 **Torre Vista Farm "Sizzlin' Summer" Ride-A-Test Series**
Torre Vista Farm / Celina, TX
Barbara Clarke at torrevistafarm@hotmail.com
- 15 USDF Region 9 Summer Meeting
New Orleans, LA
Bess Reineman at reinman.b.@gmail.com
- 21 DDC Summer General Membership Meeting
Las Colinas Equestrian Centre School of horsemanship lounge,
Email secretary@dallasdressage.org or vicepresident@dallasdressage.org for more info.
- Alamo Dressage Association Fall Dressage Shows I & II
Boerne, TX
- 28 Jan Colley at jtcolley@aol.com
- Torre Vista Farm "Sizzlin' Summer" Ride-A-Test Series**
Torre Vista Farm / Celina, TX
- 28 Barbara Clarke at torrevistafarm@hotmail.com

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- 4-5 HDS Laborious Days Shows I & II
Lone Star Expo Center / Conroe, TX
Kathy Jones at kkj3156@sbcglobal.net
- 11-12 Reiterhof Dressage at Silver Hills III & IV
Austin, TX
Susan Howard at reiterhof@gmail.com
- 11 Torre Vista Farm Ride-A-Test with Emilee Reed
Torre Vista Farm / Celina, TX
Barbara Clarke at torrevistafarm@hotmail.com

SEPTEMBER

- 18-19 **DDC Yellow Rose I & II**
Las Colinas Equestrian Center / Irving, TX
Barbara Lewis at Lewis_16881@msn.com
- 19 Topsider Farm Dressage Two
College Station, TX
Ginni Cifelli at ginni@flash.net
- 24-26 Texas Dressage Fall Classic I & II
Texas Rose Horse Park / Tyler, TX
Susan Peacock at susan@showsecretary.com
- 25-26 Windy Knoll Farm Dressage Show
Windy Knoll Farm / Magnolia, TX
Fran Dearing at franwkf@earthlink.net

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- 2 **DDC Schooling Show**
Las Colinas Equestrian Center / Irving, TX
Michelann Tachibana at schoolingshows@dallasdressage.org
- 15-17 Steffen Peters Symposium
Valhalla Stables / Aubrey, TX
Julie Madriguera at jmadriguera@aol.com
- 16-17 Lazy E Dressage Classic I & II
Great Plains Championships
Guthrie, OK
Stacia Wert-Gray at gtgray@aol.com

- 23-24 **Sherry Guess Clinic**
Lime Ridge Farm / Fairview, TX
Alecia Daniel at agd727@msn.com

NOVEMBER

- 4-7 GAIG/USDF Region 9 Championships & SWDC, HDS Dressage Show
Great Southwest Eq Ctr / Katy, TX
Kathy Jones at kkj3156@sbcglobal.net
- 13-14 **Sherry Guess Clinic**
Lime Ridge Farm / Fairview, TX
Alecia Daniel at agd727@msn.com

DECEMBER

- 11 **DDC Schooling Show**
Las Colinas Equestrian Center / Irving, TX
Michelann Tachibana at schoolingshows@dallasdressage.org

Classified Ads

Boarding

Equiscape has a few openings for full-care boarding in Celina. 12x12 stalls available with attached pipe runs. Improved footing paddocks for safe turnout during the wet season. Individual paddock and pasture turnout. Lighted, covered arena with windscreens, full-sized outdoor dressage arena. Lesson and training packages available, beginners welcome. Small, private facility with on site trainer that personally cares for your horse. Rates start at \$500 month. www.equiscapestables.com. Contact Patti Porter at 214.455.7713 or equiscape@dfwair.net. (15)

Lime Ridge Farm in Fairview, TX (Just minutes N.E. of Plano, near I-75 and Stacy Rd). Full care large Box Stalls available with day &/or night turn-out on Coastal grass (30 acres). Sand arena and 3 Dressage areas on grass are part of the lovely facility. New covered arena with mirrors. Full care board is \$650.00/month and packages are available which include once/week dressage lessons from Kathy Knappitsch, BHSAI and "L". Contact kknappit@hotmail.com or (972) 542-7161. www.limeridgefarm.com. (2)

LTR Dressage offers full care board at an active show barn in Pilot Point. Convenient to 380, Dallas N. Tollway and 377. Airy stalls with rubber mats, fly spray system, grooming stalls, large lounge, & more. Covered arena with new base and footing, plenty of room to ride out, daily turn out on grass with sandy soil. Premium feeds 3 x per day, hay 4 x. Instruction & training available from FEI trainers/competitors Lyndon Rife & Julie Madriguera. Host to top quality clinicians and events. Rates start at \$550. Contact Julie or Lyndon at (281) 221-0544. More information can be found at <http://www.lyndonrifiedressage.com>. (6)

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Boarding (cont'd)

White Oaks Equestrian Center is a gorgeous, professionally operated full care facility that offers an indoor arena w/screens, lights, mirrors & sound system. Outside full size dressage arena, round pen, 12x12 stalls w/windows, hot & cold water wash rack, heated/cooled tack room & office w/viewing area as well as shower & refrigerator, plentiful pastures & access to trails. The facility holds dressage schooling shows several times a year. \$450/month. Contact Clare Morrow at (972) 489-1097. (5)

Horses for Sale

Reducing Numbers! Several Special Horses Now available. 3 y.o. **Lipizzaner Stallion, phenomenal mover, excel't temperament, wonderful addition to breeding program, show possibility!** \$9000 obo. Registered Lusitano 4 y.o. gelding started under saddle. Great attitude & movement. \$15,500. Classically trained Lipizzaner gelding, 1st Level, schooling 2nd, wonderful personality & ground manners, 9 y.o., \$18,500 obo. Contact Mimi Burch at 903-391-6400 or e-mail mimi7@valornet.com

Azteca gelding: 8 y.o., 16.1h, veryfriendly. Started in Dressage but needs more schooling shows. Need to sell \$4000. Polish-Arab gelding, 19 y.o., real sweetheart, great for child or older rider. All horses are sound, no vices, current shots/Coggins. Phone Linda Walker at 972-351-3994 or pointstar21@yahoo.com

Dressage Partner Offered for Sale. Show off the gaits of a warm-blood with the simplicity of a Quarter Horse. Blue in the Face (Annie) is a 10 year old AQHA registered mare sired by the prestigious Sky's Blue Boy. Annie is in training with Jody Wilson at the Las Colinas Equestrian Center. Contact Terri Sue Wensinger at (214) 763-9353 or terrisue@snapprod.com. (2)

Sir Chance a Lot. A 13 y.o., 15.3H Chestnut Thoroughbred. Chance has been to numerous schooling dressage shows & couple of rated shows. Shown for several years by teenaged daughter & more recently by an adult amateur. Shown mostly at training level scoring 57 to 65 & recently 1st level scoring a 63. (Never been in training only ridden in lessons 1 x week. He would score much higher with help from a trainer!) Sales price: \$5000 to approved home. Contact Delinda Ruffino at (214) 543-3057 or delinda2557@gmail.com. (1)

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Grand Prix Schoolmaster for Lease. For details, call Lisa Blackmon at (940) 367-7499. (2)

9 yr old 1st/2nd level Friesian gelding for long-term lease at Normandy Farms. Competitive, sensitive and powerful 16.3h horse with fairy-tale looks needs confident rider. Lease rate and terms extremely reasonable. Owner currently out of state. Contact Bre Dorsett at (903) 714-5800. (1)

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150 gal. water spray pull along cart with gas engine. (good for arenas) \$750. Contact Kathy Knappitsch at (972) 841-8183or kknappit@hotmail.com. (2)

FEI Schoolmaster available for lessons. For information, call Lisa Blackmon at (940) 367-7499. (2)

Truck and Trailer: 2005 Ford F350 Lariat Super Duty, 4x4, fully loaded, long bed w/hideaway gooseneck hitch.55K mi, \$24,900. 2002 Elite 3-horse slant w/mangers, 10' wall in DR, custom boot box, A/C, extra hooks, Elite screens, \$14,000. Phone Linda Walker at 972-351-3994 or linda.walker@kw.com

McKinney Mounted Police are looking for one great horse. Must be a gelding between the ages of 5-12 years. At least 16.2hh, sound and in good health. Warmbloods, drafts and draft crosses are preferred. Call for information about donation of a horse. Contact John Wiltsie at (214) 533-5243 or (940) 686-2716 or jwdressage@live.com. (2)

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Tack

Black Country black 17.5 MW dressage saddle. Brown wool serge. Recently reflocked. Very good condition. \$1000. Email for photos. Contact Christine Hutmacher at c_hutmacher@yahoo.com. (2)

Collegiate black dressage saddle 17.5 MW. Pre-Bates model. Wool flocked. Very nice condition. \$350. Email for photos. Contact Christine Hutmacher at c_hutmacher@yahoo.com. (2)

Michael Stokes Centaur Dressage Saddle, medium-wide, 17.5 seat, black, wool flocked, in very good to excellent condition. \$1200. Contact Debra Knapp at (214) 531-3446 (2)

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17.5 Black Lauriche saddle, stirrups and non-chafing girth go with it \$1,000. Call if you would like pictures. Breeches, size 32, 34 (Sigma, On course, Vequi and EX), 2 pair of Kerrits, lined fleece pairs. Wht cotton blouse, size 40R w/tie. Tall dress riding boots never worn, tan Ariat Competitor riding boots, size 8, never worn. New black riding helmet, horse cooler, saddle pads, buckets, bridles, leather reins never used, etc. Very reasonable. Contact Linda Walker at (972) 351-3994 or linda.walker@kw.com. (1)

Tack (cont'd)

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Windsor Elite dressage saddle 17" Number 4 tree (med-wide). This saddle is in very good condition. Cleaned regularly. \$900. Contact Delinda Ruffino at (214) 543-3057 or delinda2257@gmail.com. (1)

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Dressage saddles: 17.5 Kieffer Grand Prix, good condition, brown, MW, \$295.00. 16.5 Collegiate Jessica, good condition, black, MW, \$225.00. Contact Sarah Hester at 214-585-2209 or texas.hesters@sbcglobal.net.

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