

DELAWARE VALLEY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION



**2010
DRESSAGE AT
DVHA**

**DVHA SHOWGROUNDS
ROUTE 604, SERGEANTSVILLE, NJ**

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DVHA 2010 DRESSAGE SHOW SCHEDULE

~ A Great Place To Show ~

Saturday, May 8	ESDCTA Dressage
Thursday, May 20	TND
Thursday, June 3	TND
Thursday, June 17	TND
Thursday, July 8	TND
Thursday, July 22	TND
Thursday, August 5	TND
Thursday, August 19	TND
Thursday, August 26	TND Championship Show
Saturday, September 25	ESDCTA Dressage
Saturday, October 23	ESDCTA Dressage

2010 DVHA DRESSAGE COMMITTEE

Judith Stratton, Co-Chair

Lori Kelly, Co-Chair

Peggy Vurgason, TND Volunteer Coordinator

Pamela Benfield	Liz Hoffman
Lisa Bergstrom	Christy Pellegrino
Patricia Constance	Janice Pellegrino
	Kim Tassinaro

DRESSAGE AT DVHA 2010 SPONSORS

<i>Starter Rider</i>	<i>Skylands Tack</i>
<i>Starter Horse</i>	<i>Prestige Saddlery</i>
<i>Training Level Tests 1-2</i>	<i>Judith Stratton Interior & Garden Designs</i>
<i>Training Level Tests 3-4</i>	<i>John Smisek and Joanne Smisek</i>
<i>First Level</i>	<i>High Hopes Stables</i>
<i>Second Level</i>	<i>Waldhausen</i>
<i>Musical Freestyle</i>	<i>Elite Expressions Dressage</i>
<i>Rider Certificates and Medals</i>	<i>Skylands Tack</i>

OPENING/CLOSING DATES

Some show list an "Opening Date" and "Closing Date" for entries at the top of the page. As there is often confusion about these dates, the rules are as follows:

OPENING DATE – Entries must be **POSTMARKED on or after this date.**

CLOSING DATE – Entries must be **RECEIVED by this date.**

VOLUNTEERS

Any and all volunteers who are not DVHA members are welcome at our dressage shows. If you are interested, please complete a DVHA volunteer form or contact Judith Stratton at dvhadresage@verizon.net.

For any information on all shows listed in this omnibus, please visit our website: www.dvha.org or contact Judith Stratton at dvhadresage@verizon.net

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR DVHA DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

Some of the most common rule questions are briefly answered here:

1. A simple snaffle, regular cavesson, flash, figure eight or drop noseband is permitted. Twisted wire bits, bits of two or more different metals (e.g. copper and steel) and bit guards of any type are NOT permitted.
2. Bandages, boots, blinders, martingales, draw reins, side reins, running reins, earplugs, or artificial devices are NOT permitted. (However, lunging with side reins and riding and lunging with boots, bandages or running martingales are permitted only in the warm-up area.) Seat covers, nose covers, and ear covers are allowed.
3. Whips may be carried during a test, but may not exceed 43" in length.
4. Spurs capable of injuring a horse are forbidden.
5. Riders may have a reader, however: it is the rider's responsibility to know the test. Movements may be read only once. Coaching from the sidelines of the ring is not permitted during a test and may result in the rider's elimination by the judge.
6. Talking or clucking to your horse is not permitted during the test.
7. Committing three (3) course errors, leaving the arena during the test, or marked lameness may result in elimination.
8. Riders may not show under a judge from whom they have received instruction within thirty (30) days. Should riders choose to show, they will then be riding "Hors Concours" (HC), and the scores will not count towards awards.
9. Horses may not be entered in classes differing by more than one level at one show.
10. A rider must enter the arena within 45 seconds of the judge's signal (usually a whistle or bell).
11. The following exceptions to USEF rules are permitted at DVHA dressage schooling shows: Jackets are optional; smooth leather half-chaps may be worn if combined with matching paddock boots; protective headgear is encouraged at all levels, including FEI. If riding jackets are removed, a conservative top with sleeves and collar must be worn. Dressage tests up to (and including) First Level/Test 1 and Test 2 may be held in the small arena at the discretion of the show organizer.

DRESSAGE AT DVHA MEDALS

DVHA Dressage Medals are designed to recognize **riders** who have achieved a consistent 58% scoring regardless of class placements or size of competition. Scores need not be earned in 1 year and are cumulative from Jan.1, 1999. **You must be or have been a member of DVHA at the time when scores were earned.** You must also be a member in good standing when applying for a medal. You must have your Volunteer Hours as for a Year-end award. Only DVHA shows will count toward a medal.

Members **must submit a photocopy of the dressage tests so keep a copy of all your tests.** Copies of both sides must be submitted. All tests must clearly indicate the name and full date of the show, the judge's name, along with the score and rider's name. A rider need not have ridden the same horse in each test. Musical Freestyles do not count toward medals.

QUALIFIED RIDER CERTIFICATE - Will be awarded to a rider who has achieved six (6) scores from four (4) different judges of 58% at Starter Rider or Starter Horse, USDF Test A or Test B.

BRONZE MEDAL - Will be awarded to a rider who has achieved six (6) scores from four (4) different judges of 58% at Training Level. Two (2) scores must be Training Level Test 4.

SILVER MEDAL - Will be awarded to a rider who has achieved six (6) scores from four (4) different judges of 58% at First Level. Two (2) scores must be at First Level Test 4.

GOLD MEDAL - Will be awarded to a rider who has achieved six (6) scores from four (4) different judges of 58% at Second Level. Two (2) scores must be at Second Level Test 4.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Will be awarded to a rider who has achieved four (4) scores from four (4) different judges of 58% at THIRD Level or above. Two (2) scores must be from the highest test of that level.

Medal applications must be received no later than November 30th in order to be awarded at the ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET in January.

Send a photocopy of score tests (both sides) to: Judith Stratton, DVHA Dressage Medals, 186 E. Ashland Street, Doylestown, PA 18901.

DRESSAGE AT DVHA YEAR-END AWARDS

To be eligible for DVHA year-end awards, the following specifications must be met:

1. You must register your horse BEFORE the first show in which you compete.
2. You must fulfill all DVHA membership requirements or all scores accumulated are forfeited.
3. Starter Division Rider (classes 1-2) and Starter Horse (classes 3-4) can exhibit for only two (2) years in these divisions. Once you have moved up to the Open Training Level Tests, you may not drop back to Starter Level. Any scores accumulated up to that point will be consolidated for awards.
4. In all levels, the same horse/rider combination must compete in at least six (6) tests at each level in which they compete and under at least two (2) different judges.
5. All Musical Kur and Pas de Deux horse/rider combinations must compete in at least four (4) shows.
6. The scores from all shows recognized by DVHA, including Thursday Night Dressage, may be used. However, two scores for all year-end awards (except Quadrille, see #7) must come from one of the DVHA ESDCTA registered schooling shows.
7. Quadrille will be pointed for DVHA. The team must attend at least two (2) shows and compete under the same "team name." All team members must be members in good standing to qualify for a year-end award. Quadrille teams can consist of five (5) different members/riders.
8. Year-end points will be awarded under the following criteria:
 - Musical Kur and Pas de Deux (minimum 4 scores required):** Scores will be tabulated by dropping the highest and lowest scores and average the two remaining scores.
 - Quadrille (minimum of two scores required):** Scores will be tabulated by averaging the two highest scores.
 - Starter through FEI (minimum of six scores required):** Scores will be tabulated by dropping the highest and lowest scores and average the four remaining scores.
9. Competitors can compete in as many classes as desired and accumulate more than the required minimum scores. Only the highest required number of scores referenced above in paragraph #8 will be used when computing the year-end score.

THURSDAY NIGHT SHOW VOLUNTEERS: Any and all volunteers who are not DVHA members are welcome at our Thursday Night dressage shows. If you are interested, please contact Peggy Vurgason at the contact information listed above.

Other Information:

A) Pre-entries are required by email or phone as listed above. No entries will be accepted without the complete name of rider, horse and tests to be ridden. **Walk-in entries: Call show grounds after 1 pm at 609-397-8080 before arriving.** Ride times for walk-in entries, if available, will be given at time of entry on a first come-first serve basis.

B) It is recommended that all participants wear approved protective headgear while mounted.

C) All exhibitors must complete the TND show entry form either in advance or at the secretary's window.

D) Photocopy of negative coggins within 12 months must accompany entry.

E) Completed test ribbon will be given to all exhibitors. E) All horses must have an exhibitor bridle number visible while schooling.

F) Any person wishing to use the grounds during this show for schooling purposes only, must register and pay a \$15 schooling fee before mounting.

G) All Thursday Night Competitors are eligible to compete in the Thursday Night Championship Show on August 26. See separate entry page for complete information.

**DRESSAGE AT DVHA THURSDAY EVENING CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW
SERGEANTSVILLE, NJ**

Phone Day of Show Only: 609-397-8080

SHOW DATE
August 26, 2010

OPENING DATE
August 2, 2010

CLOSING DATE
August 19, 2010

Organizer: Lori Kelly 908-281-9103 ltkelly1@comcast.net
Co-Organizer: Peggy Vurgason 609-737-1114 snuby777@verizon.net
Secretary: Judith Stratton 215-348-4443 dvhadressage@verizon.net
186 E. Ashland Street, Doylestown, PA 18901
Judge: TBA

CLASSES

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| 1. Starter Rider USDF Test A (Walk/Trot) | 7. Training Level Test 3 |
| 2. Starter Rider USDF Test B (Walk/Trot) | 8. Training Level Test 4 |
| 3. Starter Horse USDF Test A (Walk/Trot) | 9. First Level * |
| 4. Starter Horse USDF Test B (Walk/Trot) | 10. Second Level* |
| 5. Training Level Test 1 | 11. Third Level and above* |
| 6. Training Level Test 2 | 12. Musical Freestyles * |
| | 13. USEA Tests* |

* Please state level and/or test of choice

1. ENTRIES: OPEN TO ALL THURSDAY NIGHT COMPETITORS ONLY

\$15.00 per class plus office fee: \$5.00 per entry
Make checks payable to DVHA. No Refunds after closing date.
Proof of negative Coggins must accompany entry.

2. STARTING TIMES: Rides will be scheduled by class. Exhibitors wishing to ride HC will be accepted and will be scheduled at the discretion of management. Ride times will be available no later than **Tuesday** before the show via email or phone from the show secretary.

3. AWARDS: Trophy and six ribbons will be awarded in each class. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded for each level. Management reserves the right to separate or combine any classes.

4. ARENAS: All classes will be held in 20 x 60 meter outdoor arena with sand or stone dust footing. Warm-up arena will be with sand or stone dust footing. Lunging is only permitted in the small upper warm-up arena during competition hours.

5. OTHER INFORMATION:

a) **Starter Horse:** For Horses in their first or second year of showing dressage. Starter horses may not enter classes 5-13. **Starter Rider:** For riders who have not competed above Training Level Test 2. Starter riders may not enter classes 5-13.

b) All dogs must be leashed.

c) ***It is recommended that all participants wear approved protective headgear while mounted.***

d) Food will be available on grounds during the show.

e) All horses must have an exhibitor bridle number visible while schooling. Any person wishing to use the grounds for schooling purposes only, must register and pay a \$15.00 schooling fee before mounting.

DRESSAGE AT DVHA
ESDCTA Registered Schooling Dressage Shows
SERGEANTSVILLE, NJ

SHOW DATES

Saturday, May 8, 2010
Saturday, September 25, 2010
Saturday, October 23, 2010

OPENING DATES

April 16, 2010
September 7, 2010
September 30, 2010

CLOSING DATES

April 28, 2010
September 17, 2010
October 13, 2010

ORGANIZERS:

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SECRETARY – May 8 and October 23

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215-348-4443 (leave message)
dvhadressage@verizon.net

SECRETARY – September 25

Peggy Vurgason
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JUDGES

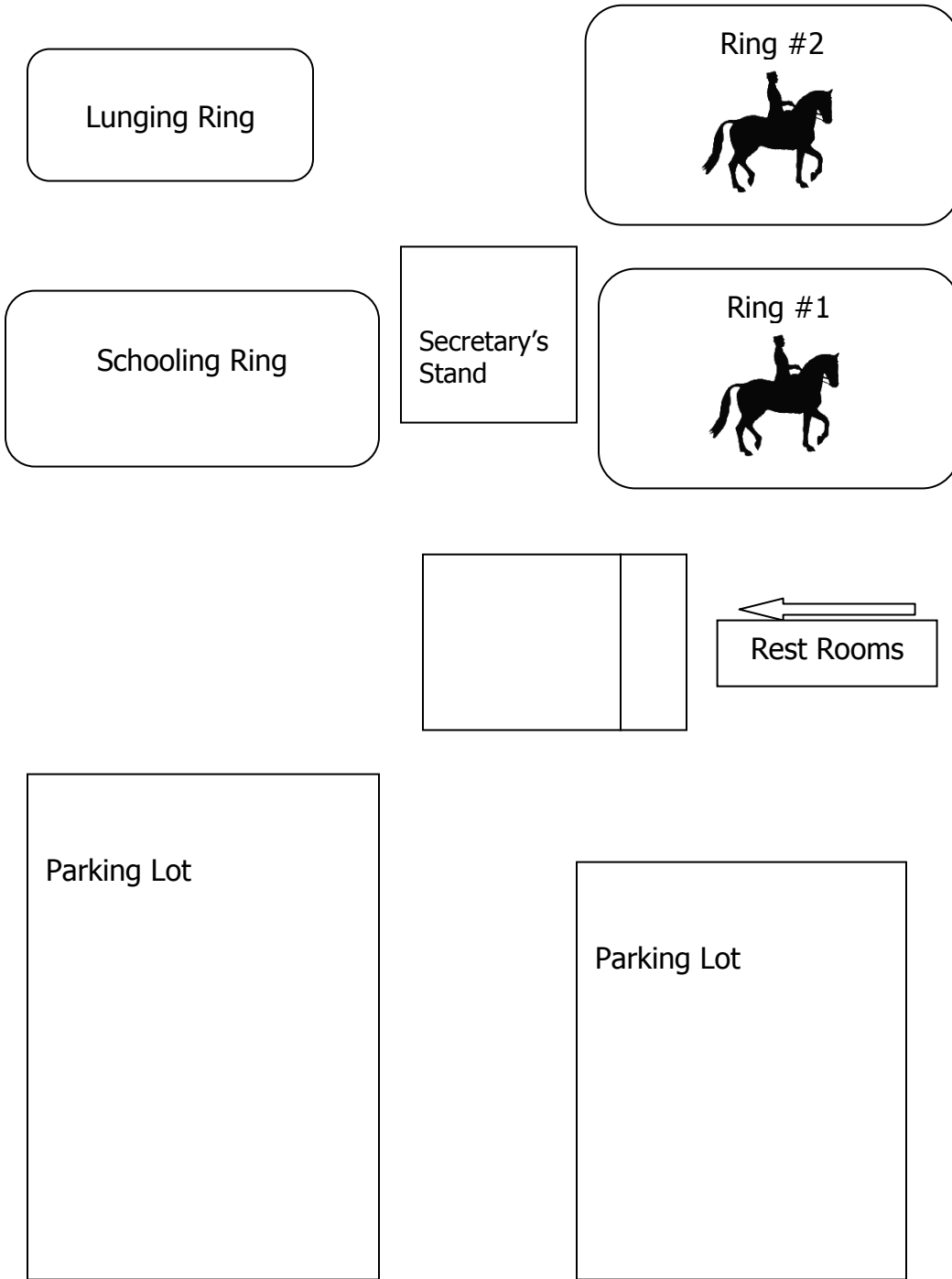
May 8	Kem Barbosa (S-NJ)
September 25	Pam Wooding (R-NJ)
October 23	Barbara Ebner (S-NJ)

NOTE: If entries warrant, a second judge will be hired for these shows. Please check with organizer before each show for additional information.

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| 1. Starter Rider USDF Test A (Walk/Trot) | 10. First Level Test 1 |
| 2. Starter Rider USDF Test B (Walk/Trot) | 11. First Level Test 2 |
| 3. Starter Horse USDF Test A (Walk/Trot) | 12. First Level Test 3 |
| 4. Starter Horse USDF Test B (Walk/Trot) | 13. First Level Test 4 |
| 5. Training Level Test 1. | 14. Second Test 1-4* |
| 6. Training Level Test 2 | 15. Third Level Test 1-3* |
| 7. Training Level Test 3 | 16. Fourth Level Test 1-3* |
| 8. Training Level Test 4 | 17. FEI Tests* |
| 9. Dressage Seat Equitation | 18. Musical Freestyle* |
| | 19. Quadrille/Pas de Deux* |

* Please state level and/or test of choice

1. **DRESSAGE ENTRIES:**
Nonmembers: \$25.00 per class for classes 1-18
DVHA members: \$15.00 per class for classes 1-18
Pas De Deux and Quadrille, Class #19: \$15.00 per rider (member or nonmember)
Office fee: \$5.00 per person
2. Make checks payable to DVHA. No Refunds after closing date.
3. Proof of negative Coggins required with each entry.
6. **Post Entry Policy:** Call secretary. Entries accepted at the discretion of the secretary. All late entries and post entries will incur a \$15.00 per entry fee.
7. **DRESSAGE STARTING TIMES:** Available no later than **Wednesday** before the show by accessing the DVHA website at www.dvha.org
8. **AWARDS:** Trophy and six ribbons will be awarded in each class. The trophy will only be awarded in classes with 3 or more entrants. Clear round ribbons presented for original jumping test.
9. **DRESSAGE ARENAS:** All dressage classes will be held in 20 x 60 or 20 x 40 meter outdoor arena with sand or stone dust footing. Warm-up arena will be with sand or stone dust footing. Lunging is only permitted in the small upper warm-up arena during competition hours.
10. **OTHER INFORMATION:**
 - a) **Starter Horse:** For Horses in their first or second year of showing dressage. Starter horses may not enter open dressage classes. **Starter Rider:** For riders who have not competed above Training Level Test 2. Starter riders may not enter open dressage classes.
 - b) All dogs must be leashed.
 - c) ***It is recommended that all participants wear approved protective headgear while mounted.***
 - d) Food will be available on grounds during the show.
 - e) All horses must have an exhibitor bridle number visible while schooling. **Any person wishing to use the grounds during this show for schooling purposes only, must register (current coggins required) and pay a \$15.00 schooling fee before mounting.**



Map of DVHA Show Grounds