

TV DCTA Bits

Newsletter of the Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association

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April 2011

Learn about waterproofing your horse blankets and washing your horse trailer at the April meeting

Elaine McCutchan, of Crossrails Farm in Hartselle, while being involved with an RV service center, has discovered many products that are commonly used in the RV world that apply to the horse world. One product is Bio-Kleen H2O Repel. It is a multi-purpose fabric protectant that is great for outerwear, carpet, boots, tents, canvas, leather, awnings, gore-tex products and of course horse blankets. This 32 oz spray is \$20 will re-waterproof about 3 horse blankets. She will also talk about products for cleaning your aluminum trailer, trailer wash products as well as sealants and awning cleaners. She will have all of the products available for purchase at the members meeting on April 26 at deciBel Research (325 Bob Heath Dr in Research Park in Huntsville). Dinner will start at 6:15 with the Elaine presenting at 6:30 and the business meeting at 7:15. All members and guests are welcome.

So Now It's Time to Move up to a USDF/USEF Recognized Show.....

By Debi Gilbert

Important Dates

- April 9, 2011 TVDCTA Show at Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL
- April 10, 2011 TVDCTA Clinic by Joan Humphrey at Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL. See Page 2.
- April 26, 2011 (moved from April 19) Meeting with speaker Elaine McCutchan on "Waterproofing your Blankets with Bio-Kleen H2O Repel." See Page 1.
- May 17, 2011 Meeting with speaker Debi Gilbert on "What you need to know to make the leap to a Recognized Show." See Page 1.
- May 28, 2011 Closing Date for June 11 TVDCTA Schooling Show
- June 11, 2011 TVDCTA Show at Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL (See Page 2)

I'm sure all of us, at one time or another had thought that moving up to a USDF/USEF recognized Dressage show was going to be a big and scary jump. We have questions like: What are the benefits of showing at a recognized show vs a schooling show? What awards can I win or qualify for? Am I ready? Is my horse ready? What forms and membership cards will be needed? What are the rules to show? How do I get the forms and enter? The biggest question: How much will it cost?



Debi riding her homebred Anglo Arab gelding Prince Bashir +/- at his third recognized show in 2004 at 1st level (which they won).

We all started with going schooling shows. Remember the excitement of that very first one, filling out your entry and sending it to the show secretary with much anticipation for the coming show? Cleaning your tack and grooming your horse to perfection for the

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Mission Statement

TVDCTA is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging a high standard of horsemanship through the use of classical dressage techniques. The TVDCTA will disseminate educational material, sponsor and promote activities (such as clinics, seminars and competitions), and cooperate with other local and national organizations in developing and promoting better horsemanship.

2011 TVDCTA Schooling Show

Information

April 9, 2011

Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL.

Judge: Joan Humphrey "S"

Closing Date March 26, 2011

****Joan Humphrey will also be teaching a clinic on Sunday April 10 at Steel Prize Stables. Please contact Judith Fiorentino at steelprize@knology.net or 256-837-5474 for more information.****

June 11, 2011

Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL.

Judge: Leslie O'Neal-Olsen (R)

Closing Date May 28, 2011

Sept 10, 2011

Red Horse Ridge, Gurley, AL.

Judge: Mary Fowler (R)

Closing Date August 27, 2011

Oct 22, 2011

Flint Ridge Farm, Huntsville, AL

Judge: Dolly Hannon (S)

Closing Date October 8, 2011

****Date moved from Oct 29**

TVDCTA Member Meeting Schedule

- April 26 (*moved from April 19*) — Elaine McCutchan on Water-proofing your Blankets with Bio-Kleen H2O Repel
- May 17 — Debi Gilbert on "How to move up to a USDF/USEF recognized competition"
- June 21 — Speaker and Topic To Be Determined

All Meetings will be held at deciBel Research. 325 Bob Heath Dr in Research Park in Huntsville. Dinner will start at 6:15 with the speaker beginning at 6:30 and the Business Meeting at 7:15. All members and guests are welcome to attend.

Please contact Meetings and Programs committee members if you would like more information.

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Tennessee Valley Dressage & Combined Training Association
Member's Meeting
15 February 2011

The business meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM.

Twenty-two people attended the presentation prior to the meeting. Thank you to Tina Hicks for a wonderful presentation on Pilates.

Sixteen members stayed for the business meeting: Judith Fiorentino, Paulette Harrell, Sally Coloch, Meris Greges, Sonja Rich, Debi Gilbert, Donna Barnes, Jean Coshaw, Jane Dougert, Jean Stuart, Marsha Laitinen, Penelope Lee, Bob Duncan, Sabrina Byrum, Maria, Andrea Poppano.

Minutes of the December Meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report (Paulette Harrell):

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 6,047.72 |
| Membership | \$ 764.00 |
| Advertising | \$ 270.00 |
| Banquet Guests | \$ 296.53 |
| Nov, Dec, Jan Newsletters | \$ (562.98) |
| December Meeting | \$ (80.00) |
| GMO Dues | \$ (570.00) |
| Award | \$ (1,098.73) |
| Banquet | \$ (838.21) |
| Ending Balance | \$ 4,228.33 |

Newsletter and Website (Meris and Bob): It was suggested that we add an email address to the advertising information in the newsletter to facilitate the introduction of new advertisers.

A suggestion was made to update the front page of the website to advertise the benefits of membership and encourage new members to join during the show season when non-members would be visiting the site to download the entry forms.

Shows and Clinics (Judith Fiorentino): Joan Humphrey's has confirmed for the April show. Her airfare will be \$422.80 and her fee will be \$500/day.

The entry form has been submitted for the website and newsletter. Meris will work to condense it to a single page and wording to clarify the Test of Choice on the form.

A motion was made and passed to raise the nonmember fee per show from \$10 to \$15.

A motion was made and passed to set the prices for the clinic: clinic fees will be \$50 for members and \$60 for non members; auditing fees will be \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

The shows and clinics committee will provide a write-up describing the clinic and the judge's biography to the website and newsletter committee.

The treasurer will look into the possibility for a discounted rate for contracting for port-a-lets for all 4 shows.

Publicity (Sally Coloch): The publicity committee will create and distribute show flyers for display in feed stores and barns.

Library (Judith Fiorentino for Cynthia Moore): The library currently has no assets. A startup budget is being requested for this year. The materials being considered are the 2011 On the Levels DVD set, Training with Jane Volumes I and II, Leslie Webb's three volume series, and Conrad Schumacher's Training System DVD set. The library committee will come back with a recommendation for library checkout policies.

Meetings (Sonja Rich and Sally Coloch): A \$60/meeting request was submitted to the Budget committee for consideration.

The next meeting will be held at deciBel Research on March 15. The speaker that evening will be Cathy Zappe who will talk about progressing through the dressage levels. Our April speaker, Elaine McCutchen will present several recommended products for blanket and trailer care.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Next Meetings 15 March 2011 26 April 2011

Cathy Zappe: Moving Up the Levels

By Sabrina Byrum

If you weren't able to attend the March 2011 meeting, you missed out on a wonderful discussion by local dressage trainer and USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist Cathy Zappe. Cathy resides at Pinelands Farm in Harvest, AL, and her extensive experience made for an informative and engaging discussion about moving up the competitive levels of dressage.

Cathy started by reviewing the dressage training scale, the progressive phases of which include rhythm, relaxation/suppleness, contact/connection, impulsion, straightness, and collection.

Next, she detailed the primary training achievements a horse and rider team should demonstrate at each level of competitive dressage. The following is a brief summary of each level's requirements:

Intro: Should be able to perform an accurate circle, proceed in a straight line, maintain rhythm, show some balance, and maintain some bend.

Training: Should accept contact and demonstrate an established connection, maintain a level topline and balance without leaning on the forehand, perform smooth transitions, and demonstrate proper bend.

First: Should show impulsion (e.g., thrust/push) at trot/canter, move reliably on the aids, further perfect the connection, show balance while still maintaining a level topline, and remain supple through all gaits and transitions.

Second: Should begin to demonstrate collection, push and engage from behind, show proper straightness, travel uphill, and remain light on the forehand through self-carriage.

Third/Fourth: Starting at third level, Cathy said [joked] that you should demonstrate a "greater everything!" of all of the above.

Cathy recommended that anxious riders might benefit from reading Jane Savoie's book *That Winning Feeling*, and she concluded by offering some words of her own wisdom. First, she reminded us that it takes time for the rider AND the horse to learn a movement and to develop the necessary strength. As riders, we need to set long term, realistic goals (such as 6 months) for ourselves before we expect to see reliable results. Cathy also highlighted the importance of finding good instruction, and making sure that your dressage instructor is well suited to your needs and learning style. Finally, she suggested that we should train at home one level above that at which we show.

If you would like to know more about Cathy's training philosophies and/or to setup a lesson (she is willing to travel to area farms to teach!), you can phone her at 256-721-3946 or 256-604-9400 or email her at czappe@mcchsi.com.

Tips for Your First Outing of the Season

By Meris Greges

It has felt like spring time for a few weeks many of us are getting excited about getting out to our first show or clinic of 2011. TVDCTA is having our first of four schooling shows along with a clinic in a few weeks. This is many members first outing for the year. Here are a few reminders and tips as you venture out for your shows, lessons, or clinics this season.

Always have good directions. Many horse venues are "off the beaten path." This means that many typical GPS or phone apps do not find the correct address. Always bring a copy of the directions along with a telephone number of the contact person at the venue.

Bring a copy of your Coggins. Nearly every place you go will require a Coggins test. To be current in Alabama the test needs to be taken within 12 months of the event. Even if you mailed a copy with your entry; have a copy in your tack trunk, trailer, or truck. Many places require you to show it before you enter the property or pick up your show packet.

Allow plenty of time. This is always important. You have to factor in checking in, unloading, tacking up, warming up and then add at least 1 hour. I learned the hard way that ride times can change and are not always official until they are posted at the show grounds. This is especially true at large two day shows on the second day. Being in a hurry is no fun for anyone, especially your horse. It always takes longer to drive a truck and trailer than a car. This added stress can be easily avoided.

Check the trailer. Trailer maintenance is important. Many things can happen over when a trailer has sat for a long period of time. Have a thorough check and hire a professional if necessary.

Test load your horse. Many experienced travelers have no problems getting back in the trailer after a long break, but do not assume this. Even if there has never been a problem, finding out the day of the event is no

fun. You want to make the entire experience good for your horse, including the travel.

Have a copy of your test. If you are going to a show, do not assume anyone will have a copy of your test. There are many good phone apps that now have the current tests. This may be a better alternative to paper for you if you have a smart phone.

Have an extra halter and lead rope. Just buy an inexpensive one and leave it in your trailer. How would you unload your horse if s/he broke the halter in the trailer and you did not have an extra one?

Bring snacks and drinks. Many shows or clinics do not have concessions. You do not want to be there all day without anything to eat or drink. It is often impractical to leave the grounds for a quick trip either. You will not perform your best without nutrition and, in the heat of the summer, it can be dangerous to be without fluids. Even when going for a quick lesson, always bring at least a bottle of water.

Bring Extra Clothes. Often times, when working with horses, by the end of the day you are very dirty. Water buckets can be spilled and green slobber can be everywhere. It is nice to drive home in dry clothes. Remember, when you get home you will have to unpack, or at the very least unload your horse.

Bring a flash light. If you are going for just the day you may not need this. But how many times do you arrive late in the evening or need to be up before the sun? There may be lights in the stable, going to and from the trailer or to the wash rack may be dark. Headlamps are handy as you can keep your hands free.

Always say "Thank You." At a show say thank you to the show organizer and volunteers and even the judge if appropriate. Make it a habit to never leave a clinic or lesson without thanking the instructor and host.

On the drive home reflect on how the days events went. Is your horse better off for going?



TVDCTA

Dressage Schooling Show & Clinic

April 9-10, 2011 • Closing date March 26 • www.tvdcta.org

Enjoy the Show!

Date

April 9 Show

April 10 Clinic

Start Time

8:00AM

Location

Steel Prize Stables
125 Christopher Dr
Madison, AL

Join Us! Join us for this event sponsored by Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association (TVDCTA). The clinic is open to show participants. A schooling show is a great opportunity for riders and horses to gain experience, practice test riding and get the feel of competition.

Become a member of TVDCTA and ride at reduced fees! Show entry and membership forms are available at www.tvdcta.org

Come and watch Spectators are welcome to watch the Saturday show free of charge. There is a \$15 fee (\$10 members) for auditing the Sunday clinic.

Steel Prize Stables is located at the end of Christopher Drive, which is just west of Jeff Road from Highway 72.

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For those of you who like to send text messages, here are a few horse related abbreviations to add to your messages to your horsey friends.

Submitted by Jane Dougart

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| OOH - out of hay | LAS - lost a shoe | FOMHL - fell off my horse laughing |
| FTC - forgot the carrots | MIHA - mare's in heat again | MSMBO - mud sucked my boot off |
| HSIH - horse slobber in hair | HAO - hay all over | MHTS - more horses than sense |
| HUMS - hay under my shirt | UD - unplanned dismount | PIHH - poop induced half halt |
| OOM - out of money | GFBF-got farrier bill, fainted | MMM - master manure mucker |
| SLH - smell like horse | HGBBF - husband got board bill, fainted | |

(Recognized Show Continued from page 1)

show is now a labor of love. The day finally gets here and you're off to show the judge and your friends all that you have learned. All the while hoping and praying that you can remember your test and that your horse will cooperate with you. You're extremely pleased when at the end of your class you check the scores and say to yourself "Hmmm, we did it!"

After a few more of these schooling shows you start to think that now is the time to move up to a USDF/USEF recognized show. Your consistent rides have put you in the ribbons and you have all the confidence needed to go to a USDF/USEF recognized show. But now you ask yourself how to begin?

Come to the May meeting and get answers to these questions and any others you may have. The discussion will be on horse ID numbers, rider membership numbers, costs, supplies, etiquette, rules, and dress. Hope to see you there and maybe give you a reason to join many TVDCTA members at a USDF/USEF Dressage show in our region.

Debi has been a long time member of TVDCTA. She has experience showing in Hunter/Jumper, Eventing, Endurance Riding, Arabian and Dressage shows. She started out showing in schooling shows and showed in her first Recognized Dressage show 1996. She had the opportunity enjoying of experiencing showing and dressage while living in Flensburg Germany. After returning to the US she purchased her first horse; Princess Nicole; who is the dam of Prince Bashir (pictured). She also had an Arabian named Royal Jabask that she showed in pure Arabian and Dressage shows. Thanks to her friend Karen Yates, she also rode an Akhal-Teke cross named Zarov. After the sudden loss of Royal Jabask in 2004 she started showing Prince Bashir in recognized Dressage shows. Last year she purchased BSA Ruby Tuesday, a grey Arabian mare. She currently owns 4 horses. Debi will be speaking and answering questions about making the leap from schooling shows to USDF/USEF recognized shows at the May 17, 2011; meeting at deciBel research; 325 Bob Heath Dr in Research Park in Huntsville starting at 6:30. All members and guests are welcome.



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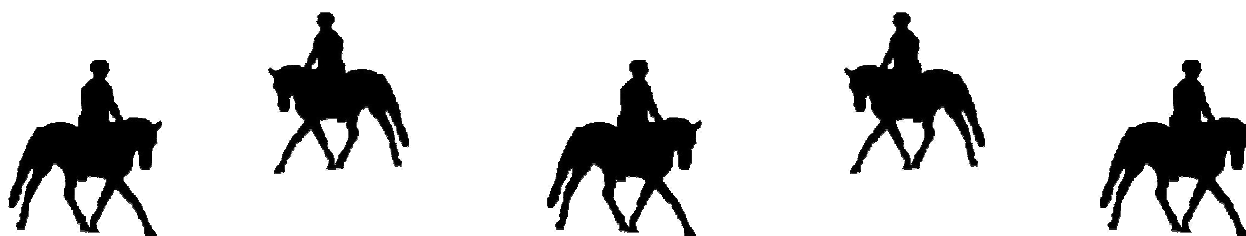
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| April 1-3 | Brian MacMahon Clinic. Teaching in the Huntsville and Gurley area at various farms. Please contact Sonja for more information. sonjahinds57@msn.com; 256-217-0740 or 256-682-6913 (cell) |
| April 2 | Spring Fling Dressage Show at Windwood Equestrian Center, Pelham, AL. with judge Leslie O'Neal Olsen "R" hosted by Birmingham CTDA. Entries open now and close March 19th. See www.BDCTA.com |
| April 5 | "Hoof Care. Dealing with Common Hoof Issues" by Mike Barker of Life Data Labs and Glenn Reese of the Alabama Farriers Association. Presented by the AL Co-op Extension office and held at the TN Valley Research and Extension Center-Belle Mina; 9494 Experimental Loop; Madison, AL. 6:30 PM. \$5 charge per person and pre-registration is required. Please contact Gerry Thompson at 256-353-8720 ex 25 or thomppl@aces.edu |
| April 2 | Spring Fling Dressage Show at Windwood Equestrian Center, Pelham, AL. with judge Leslie O'Neal Olsen "R" hosted by Birmingham CTDA. Entries open now and close March 19th. See www.BDCTA.com |
| April 9-10 | Greater Atlanta Dressage Southern. Conyers, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.gdcta.org |
| April 9 | TVDCTA Schooling Show at Steel Prize Stables. Madison, AL. Judge: Joan Humphrey "S". See www.tvdcta.org. Prize List and Entry to be in March 2011 BITS Newsletter. Closing Date March 26. |
| April 10 | TVDCTA sponsored clinic by Joan Humphrey at Steel Prize Stables. Please contact Judith Fiorentino at steelprize@knology.net or 256-837-5474 for more information. |
| April 15-17 | Tennessean Express Dressage and Tennessean Express Dressage. Murfreesboro, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See www.tndressage.com |
| April 16-17 | Poplar Place Farm April Dressage Show. Hamilton, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.poplarplacefarm.com |
| April 23-24 | Dressage at Greystone Farms. Lynnville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com |
| April 23 | Chiropractor Dr. Elizabeth Schrader and masseuse Cherry Baldrige at Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL. See http://steelprizestables.blogspot.com/ for updates and more information or contact Judith Fiorentino. 256-837-5474 steelprize@knology.net |
| April 30-May 1 | GHF/Collecting Gaits Farm Dressage at the Horse Park. Conyers, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.goodhorseman.org |
| April 30-May 1 | Dressage at the Ridge. Tuskegee, AL. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.sucaroridge.com |
| May 14-15 | Memphis in the Springtime 1 and 2. Germantown, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See www.deltadressage.com |
| May 21-22 | Dressage at Greystone Farms. Lynnville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com |
| May 21-22 | Poplar Place Farm May Dressage Show. Hamilton, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.poplarplacefarm.com |
| May 21-22 | Debbie Rodriguez Dressage Clinic at Steel Prize Stables. Please contact Judith Fiorentino for more information. 256-837-5474 steelprize@knology.net |
| May 27-29 | Brian MacMahon Clinic. Teaching in the Huntsville and Gurley area at various farms. Please contact Sonja for more information. sonjahinds57@msn.com; 256-217-0740 or 256-682-6913 (cell) |
| June 11 | TVDCTA Schooling Show at Steel Prize Stables. Madison, AL. Judge: Leslie O'Neal-Olsen (R). See www.tvdcta.org. Closing Date May 28. |

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS (continued)

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| June 11-12 | The Good Horseman/Collecting Gaits Farm Annual Dressage Show 1st and 2nd Edition. Conyers, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.goodhorseman.org |
| June 18-19 | Poplar Place Farm June Dressage Show. Hamilton, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.poplarplacefarm.com |
| July 16-17 | Dressage at Greystone Farms. Lynnville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.greystoneequestriancentershows.com |
| Aug 20-21 | Dressage at Greystone Farms. Lynnville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.greystoneequestriancentershows.com |
| Aug 26-28 | Ole South Prelude and Breed Show and Dressage Classic. Murfreesboro, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See www.tndressage.com |
| Sept 10 | TVDCTA Schooling Show at Red Horse Ridge. Gurley, AL. Judge: Mary Fowler (R). See www.tvdcta.org |
| Sept 10-11 | Dressage at Greystone Farms. Lynnville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.greystoneequestriancentershows.com |
| Sept 10-11 | Poplar Place Farm September Dressage Show. Hamilton, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.poplarplacefarm.com |
| Sept 10-11 | Southern Hospitality Dressage Breeders Classic 1 and 2. Conyers, GA. See www.gdcta.org |
| Sept 17-18 | The Good Horseman/Collecting Gaits Farm Fall Dressage Show. Conyers, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.goodhorseman.org |
| Sept 18 | GHF Fall Dressage Sport Horse Breed Show #2. Conyers, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.goodhorseman.org |
| Oct 1-2 | Blues City Dressage. Germantown, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See www.deltadressage.com |
| Oct 22 | TVDCTA Schooling Show at Flint Ridge Farm. Huntsville, AL. Judge: Dolly Hannon (S). See www.tvdcta.org |
| Oct 29-30 | TN State Championships and Harvest Classic Dressage. Shelbyville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See www.tndressage.com |

Did we miss something? Are you hosting an event you would like to list? Please email meris@mcn.net or bduncan@hiway.net to add things to the calendar. A complete year's listing can be found at tvdcta.org

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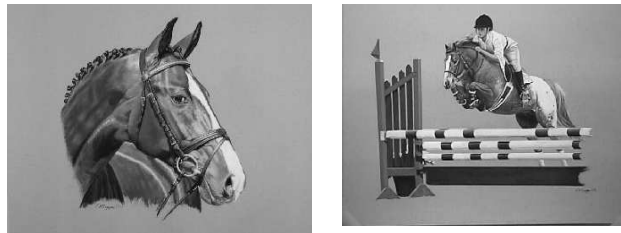
Classified Ads

Member's (free) classified ads will also appear on the TVDCTA web site, www.tvdcta.org. Note that the pictures will be **in color** and **larger** if you look on the web! You may also submit pictures for inclusion in your ad. Please contact the editors to renew after three months.

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This is a rule change that was approved. It does not become effective until December 1, 2011. It will not change scoring for shows in 2011. For more about this please see

<http://www.usef.org/documents/rules/ruleChanges/2011/ECapproved03212011.pdf>

USEF DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **020-11, effective 12/1/11:**

8. The scale of marks is as follows:

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|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| 10 Excellent | 8 Good | 6 Satisfactory | 4 Insufficient | 2 Bad | |
| 9 Very Good | 7 Fairly Good | 5 Marginal | 3 Fairly Bad | 1 Very Bad | 0 Not executed |

All half marks from 0.5-9.5 may also be used both for movements and collective marks, at the discretion of the judge.

Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association Membership Application

Primary Member Name: _____ Birth Date (for Juniors): _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Membership Type: Please select either Individual Adult, Individual Junior, or Family Membership and enter appropriate fee.

____ Individual Adult Membership (\$40) (USDF Dues \$20, Club Dues \$20)

____ Individual Junior (under 21) Membership (\$30) (USDF Dues \$20, Club Dues \$10)

____ Family Membership (\$50; covers two riders) (USDF Dues \$30, Club Dues \$20)

Secondary Family Member Name: _____

Birth Date (for Juniors): _____

Additional Family Membership Riders (\$12 each) (USDF Dues \$10, Club Dues \$2)

____ Additional Family Rider 1 Name: _____

Birth Date (for Juniors): _____

____ Additional Family Rider 2 Name: _____

Birth Date (for Juniors): _____

____ Additional Family Rider 3 Name: _____

Birth Date (for Juniors): _____

____ Additional Family Rider 4 Name: _____

Birth Date (for Juniors): _____

____ **Total Membership Fee** - *A portion of your dues will be sent to USDF*

If a new member, how did you find out about TVDCTA? (Which TVDCTA member should get the credit?)

Are you interested in helping out with:

Awards - Budgets - Clinics - Shows - Combined Training - Librarian

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Please make checks payable to TVDCTA. - Please submit renewals prior to **November 30th**.

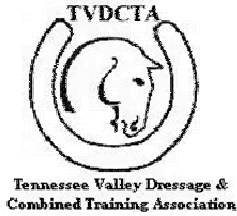
Mail to: **Paulette Harrell**, 3113 Hale Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805

For more information, contact Paulette at (256) 652-4007

This organization is a USDF Group Member Organization and members are automatically USDF Group Members and are eligible for all USDF rider awards.

Meris Greges
29938 Thach Rd
Athens, AL 35613

Next Meeting. Tuesday April 26 6:15 PM. Presentation by Elaine McCutchen on waterproofing blankets. All Members Welcome. See Page 1.



April show ride times will be available at www.TVDCTA.org by April 5. Spectators are welcome

Do you have a horse keeping, fitness, training, or time saving tip you would like to share? How about a question or a neat photo? Contributions for the newsletter are encouraged!! Please have submissions in by the 25th of the month prior to the issue. Items are subject to change at the editor's discretion. Contributions my be mailed or submitted via email to meris@mcn.net. If you would like your mailed material returned, please include a SASE. Mail contributions to Meris Greges; 29938 Thach Rd; Athens, AL 35613

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