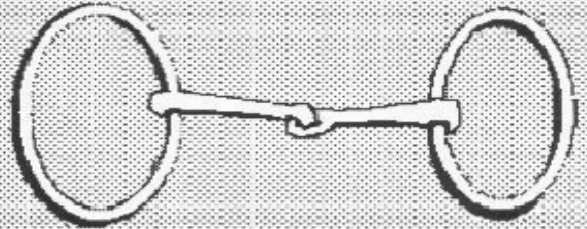


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TVDCTA Spring Schooling Show Coming Up In April

Please remember that our first TVDCTA show of the season on Saturday, April 11th at Cotton Meadows Farm in Elkmont with judge **Kerstin Moltmann, "L"**.

The prizelist and entry form were in the February newsletter and are on the web at the indicated links.

Please remember that the CT events will be contested in the afternoon, rather than in the morning. We are doing this so that we can use the jumping area for dressage warmups.

Unfortunately, we are **not** going to be doing concessions at this show, as originally reported last month.

If you would like to help out with the show, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Sonja Rich at (256) 350-3482 or email danceebottoms@yahoo.com.



Kerstin Moltmann will be the judge at the first TVDCTA show of the year. (See biography on page 3).



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April Meeting Notice

The April TVDCTA meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23rd at 7pm at Surin of Thailand restaurant in Madison.

The restaurant is located on the north side of US 72W in north Madison, next to the Ruby Tuesday restaurant. (7840 Highway 72 W)

For more information, directions, and the menu, see www.surinofthailand.com.

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March Meeting Minutes

Virginia Moon called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm on March 19th at **Terranova's Italian Restaurant** in Huntsville. Nine members and one husband were present.

Treasurer (Paulette Harrell):

Beginning Balance:	\$6,451.98
USDF GMO Dues	-270.00
Dressage Arena + Letters	-2243.95
Memberships	+27.00
Arena Donations	+70.00
Ending Balance:	\$4,035.03

Three members have made donations to go toward the arena: **Judith Fiorentino, Karen Boates, and Virginia Moon**. The club will continue to accept donations to go toward the arena and plans to set up a donation box at the April 11 schooling show.

Membership (Paulette Harrell): There was one new member: **Maria Musante (Jr.)**.

Newsletter (Bob Duncan): **Bob Duncan** ran into some formatting issues with the printer when trying to publish the last newsletter and ended up having to have the newsletter printed from a hard copy. He is currently trying to work out these problems with the printer before the next newsletter comes out.

Shows/Clinics: Three entries have been received so far for the April 11 schooling show to be held at Cotton Meadows Farm. **Paulette Harrell** mentioned that the Pony Club Wolf Gap show to be held the weekend before the schooling show may reduce the number of entries for the TVDCTA April 11 schooling show.

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TVDCTA to Purchase Portable Dressage Arena

TVDCTA has found it necessary to purchase a portable dressage arena. We have located one that is safe and easy to transport and assemble. Unfortunately, we are a small club with a tight budget. Therefore, we are asking our membership to send in donations to help with the expense of the new arena.

Your checks for \$5, \$10, \$15 or \$20 would be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to TVDCTA and send them to our treasurer, **Paulette Harrell** at the address below:

Paulette Harrell
3113 Hale Drive
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March Meeting Minutes (from page 2)

The dressage events will be held in the morning, and the arena will be converted from a large arena to a small arena in the afternoon for the Introductory level and CT dressage tests. The CT jumping will immediately follow the dressage. **Sonja Rich** discussed volunteers for the show. She is still in need of many volunteers. The arena setup is planned for the Thursday before the show. We also need volunteers to act as a jump crew, and we need a jump judge. **Debbie Crowley** will be contacted to see if she or someone she knows can act as a jump judge for the show.

Lindsay Waite has installed the Fox Village software on her computer to help with show planning and scheduling. She plans to use the software to schedule and organize the entries for the April 11 schooling show. However, it seems that the software is geared more toward running recognized shows, so we will determine at some point in the future if it is cost-effective for the club to continue to pay the license fees for the software in order to run schooling shows.

Judith Fiorentino has been in contact with **Jeanne McDonald**, who judged the TVDCTA 2008 September schooling show. However, Jeanne McDonald does not have an openings to judge a show in 2009.

The board decided not to have a concession stand for the April 11 schooling show. Water will be provided for the judge and volunteers only. Competitors should be their own drinks and snacks. The members also described the problem of many leftover carrots that were bought for previous shows. Many competitors don't know they can take them, so we will put a "Please Take One" sign by the carrots at the upcoming show. As previously mentioned, a donation box for contributions toward the purchase of the arena will be set up at the scoring table at the April 11 show.

Old Business: The new dressage arena has arrived and will be available to use at the April 11 schooling show. **Paulette Harrell** acquired a debit card for the club to aid in ordering the arena.

Paulette Harrell has attempted to contact **Becky Manteuffel** in regards to TVDCTA's tax ID number, but she has not yet heard back from her. The board discussed the possibility that the bank where TVDCTA has an account may have the number, but we are not sure if the bank will be able to disclose the number to us or not. **Paulette** has also sent off about the club's liability insurance, but she has not heard back about this yet either.

Sonja Hinds left word that she has almost completed the questionnaires she is preparing for judges. Also, she plans to purchase new adding machines next week (week of March 23).

New Business: The board approved to allow **Judith Fiorentino** to borrow the club's new dressage arena on August 8 for a schooling show at Steel Prize Stables.

Next Meeting: Dinner at **Surin of Thailand (Madison)** on Highway 72 in Madison at 7:00 pm on April 23, 2009 (Note: This is the fourth Thursday in April.)

Adjourn: 8:50 pm

Kerstin Moltmann, "L"

Kerstin Moltmann started riding competitive dressage in Germany at age 18 with her first horse Solo. She brought Solo from being a jumper through the levels of dressage and successfully competed him up to Prix St. George.

1994-96 she trained with "S" judge **Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez** in Denver, CO. After a short corporate career, she was able to devote her live to horses and dressage. She spent a year working and training with two time Olympic Gold Medallist **Martin Schaudt** in Germany. While attending Vanderbilt Business School, she started her barn "Old Hillsboro Manor" in Franklin, TN. She has trained several horses from "green" to FEI PSG/Intermediare level and has worked with many correction horses.

Kerstin is a USDF Bronze and Silver Medallist and a USDF L-Judges Graduate with distinction, and has ridden in many top trainer symposiums and clinics such as **Steffen Peter**, **Jan Ebling**, **Walter Zettl**, **Dennis Callin**, **Thomas Poulin**, etc. Kerstin is currently enrolled in the USEF "R" application program, and was the CTDA 2005 Champion at 3rd Level and FEI.

God created the Horse....

On the first day of creation, God created the Horse.

On the second day, God created Man to serve the Horse.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to spook the Horse when Man was upon his back.

On the fourth day, God created an honest day's work so that Man could labor to pay for the keeping of the Horse.

On the fifth day, God created the grasses in the field so that the horse could eat and Man could toil and clean-up after the Horse.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the Horse healthy and Man broke.

On the seventh day, God rested and said this is good. This will teach Man humility; it will tire him out and keep him striving ever forward to meet the needs of the Horse.

U.S. Paralympic Equestrian Team

You know how difficult it can be to put a horse on the bit or do a flying lead change. Imagine doing it without the use of your hands or without the use of your legs.

These jaw-dropping feats of horsemanship are routine for the members of the U.S. Paralympics Equestrian Team. Many of these riders go from wheelchair to horseback, competing against able-bodied equestrians in upper level dressage tests.

"It's hard to believe the level of skill these riders have. As an able-bodied rider, it's almost impossible to imagine how these riders do it. You have to see it to believe it," says **Alexandra Philpin**, stable manager for the five-rider team that competed recently at the Paralympic Games in Hong Kong.

An ardent advocate of the para-equestrian program, Philpin is hoping to rally the support of the able-bodied equestrian community. There's much work to be done to prepare for the World Equestrian Games in 2010 at the Kentucky Horse Park, she says. Here's what you can do to help:

- Follow the lead of Olympic eventing gold medalist and President of the U.S. Equestrian Foundation **David O'Connor**. He loaned his 11-year-old thoroughbred gelding, Walk on the Moon, to the team for the 2008 Paralympics. In other countries, there's much greater financial support for para-equestrian teams. The U.S. team needs top-notch horses to be competitive, Philpin says. If you have an upper level dressage horse that can be donated or loaned to the team, you can give para-athletes an important leg up.
- Help build a pipeline of future para-equestrians by referring disabled athletes who can ride independently to the program. For more information, contact Philpin, who is Equestrian Director, YMCA Camp Minikani, 262-628-9163, aphilpin@ymcamke.org.
- Become a financial supporter. You already know how expensive it is to maintain horses and ride competitively. Add to that the additional caregivers and support staff needed by many disabled riders, and you get a really big number. Contributions to support the team can be made to the USET Foundation, PO Box 355, Gladstone, NJ 07934. You can also call 908-234-1251 or go online to www.uset.org. Please be sure to specify Para-Equestrian when making a contribution.

Not to be confused with the Special Olympics, the Paralympic games grew out of a desire to help World War II veterans with spinal cord injuries. Olympic-style games

for athletes with disabilities were organized for the first time in Rome in 1988. Since then, the link to the able-bodied Olympic Games has grown. Today, the Olympic and Paralympic Games are held in the same years and at the same venues. U.S. Paralympics was founded as a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee in 2001.

As thousands of troops wounded during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan return, they are adding to the more than 21 million Americans with physical disabilities. Research shows that daily physical activity enhances self esteem and promotes better health and higher quality of life. Yet opportunities to participate in regular sports activities are not available to most individuals with physical disabilities.

Through its Paralympic Military Program, the U.S. Paralympic Committee continues the tradition of providing rehabilitation support and mentoring to American troops with disabling physical injuries and connects them to ongoing Paralympic sports programs.

U.S. Paralympics also manages an extensive outreach network to increase the availability of Paralympic sport programming across the country. Its Paralympic Academy recognizes individuals for promoting physical activity in their own communities. Finally, through its Elite Athlete and Team Support program, the U.S. Paralympics oversees the preparation and selection of national Paralympic teams in 24 sports to represent the U.S. in international competitions.



Paralympian Keith Newerla, 25, of King of Prussia, PA, riding David O'Connor's 11-year-old Thoroughbred gelding, Walk on the Moon in Hong Kong, 2008.
(John Steveson photo)

U.S. Paralympic Equestrian Team (from page 4)

Assuring the U.S. Para Equestrian Team meets the exacting international standards falls to two coaches who are able-bodied international competitors. Coach Missy Ranshausen is an international event rider, while assistant coach Sharon Schneiderman is a grand prix level dressage rider.

In 2008, the U.S. Paralympic Equestrian Team competing at the games in Hong Kong included:

- **Robin Brueckmann**, 50, of Summerfield, NC, riding her 7-year-old Trakehner gelding, Radetzky,
- **Barbara Grassmyer**, 36, of Placerville, CA, riding her 14-year-old Royal Dutch Warmblood mare, Mibis,
- **Rebecca Hart**, 24, of Erie, PA, riding her 16-year-old Hanoverian gelding, Norteassa,
- **Keith Newerla**, 25, of King of Prussia, PA, riding David O'Connor's 11-year-old Thoroughbred gelding, Walk on the Moon,
- **Lynn Seidemann**, 44, of Coppell, TX, riding a 10-year-old KWPN Dutch Warmblood, Rolex Toltien, owned by Kathryn Groves.

"We had a very talented team, and everyone trained really hard," says Paralympian Seidemann who has no feeling or function from her belly button down following a 1983 skiing accident. At the World Equestrian Games (WEG) in 2007, the U.S. Paralympic Team finished in 4th place.

"Between the WEG and the Paralympics in Hong Kong, the quality of other countries' horses went through the roof," Seidemann adds. "We had no idea so many of the riders had gotten new horses."

For more information, contact Patrice Peltier, 262-623-6660, patpeltier@charter.net.

Madness

contributed by Jackie Dannenberg

Why do I like horses?
I reckon I must be mad.
My mother wasn't horsey
And neither was my dad.

But the madness hit me early
And it hit me like a curse.
And I've never gotten better
In fact I've gotten worse.

My stables are immaculate.
My house is like a hovel.
Last year for my birthday
I got a brand new shovel.

I hardly read a paper
But I know who's sold their horse
And I wouldn't watch the news
If Mr. Ed was on, of course.

One eye's always on the heavens
But my washing waves in vain
As I rush to get the horses in
In case it's gonna rain.

And though they're wearing 15 rugs,
The best that you can get,
I bring them in to keep them dry
While I get soaking wet.

I spend up every cent I've got
On horsey stuff for sure.
I buy fancy rugs and fancy rugs,
And then I buy some more.

I should have had that hair cut
Or bought that nice blue shirt
At least it wouldn't be now
Ripped to shreds and in the dirt.

I can't make a bloody sponge cake
I don't even try
But I can back a truck and trailer
In the twinkling of an eye.

It's pants and R.M. boots
That I live in night and day
And that smell of sweaty horses
Just doesn't wash away.

Once in every now and then
I can dress up for a ball.
Make up and a hairdo
With high heel shoes and all.

I ache from long forgotten falls.
My knees have got no skin.
My toes have gone a funny shape.
From being squashed again.

But late at night, when all is still
And I've gone to give them hay,
I touch their velvet softness
And my worries float away.

They give a gentle nicker
And they nuzzle through my hair
And I know it's where my heart is
More than anywhere.

Author Unknown

33 Truths about Horses

contributed by Jackie Dannenberg

1. People who don't take care of their own horses will be the first ones to tell you how to care for yours.
2. You should never buy a cheap girth!
3. A handsome horse who's badly behaved will become a lot less attractive in about 15 min.
4. People who think they have nothing more to learn about riding, hit the ground the hardest.
5. Children and ponies are natural allies and often have identical dispositions.
6. The richest horse people often look the poorest.
7. The closeness of a horse is one of the sweetest smells in the world.
8. A solitary ride through the woods is more beneficial than six months with the best psychiatrist.
9. The worse a person rides the more likely they are going to blame it on the horse.
10. The best thing about going to the barn first thing in the morning is that horses don't care how you look.
11. If a dealer insists a horse is worth twice what he's asking he's usually worth half that much.
12. The best way to appreciate how another person rides is to get on their horse.
13. I can recognize another horse person no matter what town, city, state, county or country I visit.
14. You can never have too many hoof picks.
15. It is not always wise to argue with something that outweighs you by 1,000 pounds.
16. I'd rather have a horse with a perfect mind than a perfect head.
17. Eight hours is not too long to be in the saddle!
18. If you think you have left the water on in the barn you have, if you think you have closed the pasture gate you haven't.
19. When someone asks you if you like their horse always say yes.
20. The happiest people I know own horses, dogs, cats and at least one deranged goat.
21. If you're looking for the perfect horse you will never own one.
22. Owning a horse can either make a marriage or break it.
23. I'd rather lose my Chap Stick than my curb chain.
24. You shouldn't talk about your first place ribbon to someone that came in second.
25. If someone says that horse has a little buck, it has a BIG buck.
26. If we need rain, schedule a show.
27. I've never warmed up to someone that didn't want to walk down to the stables.
28. A clean stable and a sparkling horse are among life's great pleasures.
29. A FREE horse is not a cheap horse.
30. No matter how badly behaved you are, your horse always gives you a second chance.
31. A expensive horse doesn't make a better horse.

32. I can't stand to have an empty stable.
33. Losing a horse can break your heart, but it will have been worth it.

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Buck Brannaman and Judith Fiorentino at the Buck Brannaman Clinic at Steel Prize Stables in October, 2008. (Bill Fiorentino photo)

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Calendar of Events

See the web at www.tvda.org/calendar.htm for a more extensive list of events and recent updates. Links are also available to many of the area equestrian clubs.

Abbreviations and websites for clubs:

BDCTA - Birmingham Dressage and Combined Training Association www.bdcta.org

CDCTA - Chattanooga Dressage and Combined Training Association www.chattdcta.freesevers.com

CTDA - Central Tennessee Dressage Association www.tndressage.com

DDA - Delta Dressage Association www.deltadressage.com

MADAE - Montgomery Area Dressage and Eventing www.madae.org

MGSHA - Middle Georgia Sport Horse Association www.mgsha.org

MsEDA - Mississippi Eventing and Dressage Association www.ms-eda.org/

TVAHA - Tennessee Valley Arabian Horse Association

April

4	Huntsville Pony Club 2009 Combined Training Show, Wolf Gap Farm, Elkton, TN. See www.huntsvilleponyclub.org for more information.. Contact: Barbara Fisk at (256) 830-5770 or bmfisk@bellsouth.net .
4-5	MsEDA Sherry Levin Memorial Dressage Show, Midsouth Dressage Academy, Hernando, MS. See www.ms-eda.org for more information. Contact: Sherry Pride at sp4horses@united.net .
4-5	North American Thoroughbred Society (NATBS) Thoroughbred Classic, a weekend dedicated to clinics, a show, and a tack sale, with proceeds to benefit Adapting Gaits Farm , a Thoroughbred adoption and rescue organization in Lynnville, TN. Clearview Horse Farm , Shelbyville, TN. See www.hellohorse.com/prize_list.htm for more information.
7-9	Bill Fields Clinic, Flint Ridge Farm , Huntsville, AL. Contact: Mimi Barnes at b_mimi@bellsouth.net for more information.
11	TVDCTA Dressage and Combined Training Schooling Show, Cotton Meadows Farm, Elkmont, AL. Judge: Kirsten Moltmann, "L". Closing date: March 28th. See prizelist and entry form on the web and in the February newsletter.
11-12	Greater Atlanta Dressage Southern, GIHP, Conyers, GA Judges: Ida Anderson, (S) William Solyntjes (S) Lisette V. de Purcell (I) Beverly Rogers (S). Contact: Jennifer Ward at info@dressageconsultingservices.com or 678-431-5166
18	Conditioning Clinic with Jennifer Ohmes, sponsored by the Huntsville Pony Club, Barbara Fisk's barn on Capshaw Road, just west of Wall-Triana Road in Madison, AL. Free for HPC members, \$20 otherwise. Eventing, Dressage and Show Jumping will be covered. For more information see www.jenniferohmes.com or contact Alisa Cole at amcole@hiwaay.net .
18	CTDA Schooling Show, Chasing the Muse Farm, Arrington, TN. Judge: Lori Hoos. See www.tndressage.com for more information. Contact: Sherry Pride at sp4horses@united.net .
18-19	Poplar Place Farm USDF/USEF Recognized Dressage Show, Hamilton, GA. See www.poplarplacefarm.com for more information. Contact: Donna Stegman at donna@poplarplacefarm.com or 706-888-8421.
18-19	River Glen HT, New Market, TN. See www.river-glen.com for more information. Contact: Deborah Lovett at 615-377-0570 or dekaloc@comcast.net .
23	TVDCTA Monthly Meeting, 7pm at Surin of Thailand in Madison on US 72W, near the Hughes Road intersection. See www.surinofthailand.com for menu and more information. Contact: Virginia Moon at 256-859-0659 or GinnyMoon@aol.com.
25	Cherry Baldridge - masseuse and Dr. Elizabeth Schrader - chiropractor, Steel Prize Stables , Madison, AL. Contact: Judith Fiorentino at steelprize@knology.net or (256) 837-5474.

May

1	Dressage At Tri State Prelude - USEF/USDF #325067 Tri State Exhibition Center, McDonald, TN. Download the prizelist at www.chattdcta.freesevers.com or e-mail Susan Helton at Susanhelton@hotmail.com or call at 706.935.6992
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Calendar of Events (continued)

May (continued)

2-3	Dressage At Tri State - USEF/USDF #322026 Tri State Exhibition Center, McDonald, Tennessee . Judges: Tom Poulin "S" and Christine Hastings "S". Download the prizelist at www.chattdcta.freesevers.com or e-mail Susan Helton at Susanhelton@hotmail.com or call at 706.935.6992
2-3	Poplar Place Farm HT (I, P, T, N, BN), Hamilton, GA. See www.poplarplacefarm.com for more information. Contact: Donna Stegman at donna@poplarplacefarm.com or 706-888-8421.
5-9	Region 12 Arabian Championships, Perry, GA. Contact: Matthew S Kwapich at cpeay@comcast.net .
9	CDCTS Spring Schooling Show, Penrose Farm, Knoxville, TN, Judge Laura Wolfe "L". Contact Diane Carlson, 865-922-3614, or chasdiane@tds.net or Susan Hill at LURAHILL@aol.com .
9	CTDA Schooling Show, Old Hillsboro Manor, Franklin, TN. Judge: TBA. See www.tndressage.com for more information. Contact: Sherry Pride at sp4horses@united.net .
9-10	Dressage Show, Flint Ridge Farm , Huntsville, AL. Judge: Dolly Hannon, "R". Contact:
15-17	Chattanooga Hills HT, Fairburn, GA. See www.evententries.com for more information. Contact: Rick Dunkerton at (601) 498-3330 or rdunkerton@evententries.com .
16-17	Debbie Rodriguez Clinic, Steel Prize Stables , Madison, AL. Contact: Judith Fiorentino at steelprize@knology.net or (256) 837-5474.
16-17	Poplar Place Farm USDF/USEF Recognized Dressage Show, Hamilton, GA. See www.poplarplacefarm.com for more information. Contact: Donna Stegman at donna@poplarplacefarm.com or 706-888-8421.
20-21	KDA Breeders Classic I & II, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY. See www.kentuckydressageassociation.org for more information. Contact Shiela T. Woerth at (859) 272-1470 or swoerth@insightbb.com .
22	KDA Spring Warm Up Show, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY. See www.kentuckydressageassociation.org for more information. Contact Shiela T. Woerth at (859) 272-1470 or swoerth@insightbb.com .
23-24	KDA 23rd Annual Dressage Show, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY. See www.kentuckydressageassociation.org for more information. Contact Shiela T. Woerth at (859) 272-1470 or swoerth@insightbb.com .
26-28	Bill Fields Clinic, Flint Ridge Farm , Huntsville, AL. Contact: Mimi Barnes at b_mimi@bellsouth.net for more information.
29	Tennessean Express Dressage, Miller Coliseum, Murfreesboro, TN. See www.tndressage.com for more information.
30-31	GHF/Collecting Gaits Farm Dressage at the Horse Park, GIHP, Conyers, GA. See www.goodhorseman.org for more information. Contact: Ann Genovese at goodhorseman@att.net .
30-31	Tennessean Dressage, Miller Coliseum, Murfreesboro, TN. See www.tndressage.com for more information.
31 - June 1	Eventing clinic (stadium and cross-country) with Internationally renowned trainer and former Olympian Jim Wofford , Pine Top Farm , Thomson, Georgia. Contact Vanessa Morgan for registration and information at vanessa@compfxnet.com or 423-744-9071.

June

5-7	Poplar Place Farm HT (P, PT, T, N, BN), Hamilton, GA. See www.poplarplacefarm.com for more information. Contact: Donna Stegman at donna@poplarplacefarm.com or 706-888-8421.
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13	TVDCTA Dressage Show, Steel Prize Stables , Madison, AL. Judge: Ann Genovese, "r".
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Classified Ads

Member's (free) classified ads will also appear on the TVDCTA web site, www.tvda.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.



Portraits in pastel by Virginia Moon. Starting at \$250.00 depending on travel. I will take photos of your horse. Call 859-0659 or email ginnymoon@aol.com.

Portraits by Cathy. Horses, dogs cats and children. Your favorite photo or I can take them for you. \$150 for a head only, \$200 and up for the whole animal, depending on the amount of background, rider etc. Call 721-3946 or email me at czappe@mchsi.com.



Two Pair Used Riding Breeches For Sale. One pair white, size 28R, Equestrian Riding Apparel, Front zipper, a few stains but excellent condition. Second pair olive green size 26R, Devon-Aire, front zipper, excellent condition. Asking \$10 each. Contact Merry Schmidt at 256-497-7793.

15.3 HH Registered Grey Arab available for half lease at my home, he has done very well in Arabian shows and I will be getting him started with Dressage this season. I would love to lease him to someone that would like to show also. \$250.00 per month for half lease. Please contact Judi at: 256-423-5469.

This could be *your* card ad!

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See advertising rates on page 12.

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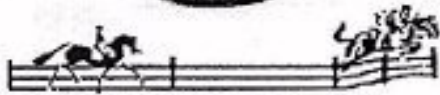


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Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association Membership Application

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

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

____ Individual Adult Membership (\$37) (USDF Dues \$17, Club Dues \$20)

____ Individual Junior (under 21) Membership (\$27) (USDF Dues \$17, Club Dues \$10)

____ Family Membership (\$45; covers two riders) (USDF Dues \$25, Club Dues \$20)

Secondary Family Member Name: _____

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Additional Family Membership Riders (\$10 each) (USDF Dues \$8, Club Dues \$2)

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____ **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.

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**Next TVDCTA Meeting on Thursday, April 23rd at 7pm at
Surin of Thailand in Madison (see inside)**



Tennessee Valley Dressage &
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Contributions may be mailed or submitted via e-mail to bduncan@hiwaay.net. If you would like your mailed material returned, please include a SASE. Mail contributions to **Karen Duncan**, 169 Spano Road, Madison, AL 35757.

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