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A monthly publication dedicated to communicating the latest local & regional dressage news & information to enrich Oklahoma dressage riders' equestrian experience.

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Letter From The President

Hello Friends,

Hopefully the little respite from the extreme heat has helped you all have the will to get through the rest of August! Maybe July was the worst of summer... wouldn't that be nice! The occasional early mornings of temps in the 60's have sure been a delight.

I have to share something nice that happened a couple of weeks ago. I received a phone call (nice in itself, personal touch, not text-touch!) from a decades-long ODS member saying she had just read my 'greetings' letter. She went on to say how much she appreciated all that ODS was doing, she loved all the activities, and said she couldn't imagine how I was keeping up with it all. I assured her it wasn't just me, that there are so many people working together to put things on and pull events off. It was so gratifying to hear from her because what the Board and all the volunteers behind the scenes feed off of is just that ~ getting the positive feedback from you members. Many of the Board members put in hours each month keeping up with the tasks they have taken an interest in and volunteered to do. Beyond the 'visible' Board members, there are several other volunteers who persistently and consistently work at their particular favorite event, working behind the scenes to provide activities for our members. If you have liked what ODS has done for you so far this year, please let one of us know ~ that's what keeps our fires burning to bring things to you!

This tireless bunch continue to have things to be doing. GCC just completed their second evening Schooling Show on Aug. 4, and they are ready to take entries for the next show on **September 11**, to be held at Riverbend. Check inside for more information.

Speaking of the tireless bunch who do things, we are happy to announce the **Fourth Annual Free Volunteers Clinic!** Set aside **September 17** and come join us for a clinic with **Bay Greenhill**, all FREE to any of you volunteers who ride, either Traditional or Western Dressage, all levels welcome. Look for the flyer inside!

Regional Championships are coming up, Schooling Show Championships, National Finals, the final "L" Session C, the USDF Convention ~ there isn't a month coming that doesn't have something to do! I hope you can pick at least one to attend, whether you are riding or not. For certain, the riding venues can always use volunteers, and the Convention is amazing to attend without the worries of having your horse along.

Keep riding and smiling my friends, and feel the gratitude for all our good fortune at being involved with our amazing equine partners.

~ Kay



Danny & Kay

USDF Region 9 Omnibus Advertising Deadline: Aug 25

Ads start as low at \$30! Why advertise in the Region 9 Omnibus? You get benefits like: printed copies that stay in the hands of potential customers for years, online viewing of your ad by hundreds each month, reaching people who are new to the area and are looking for services and products like yours, budget-friendly rates!

Who should advertise? Competitions, instructors, breeders, show & boarding facilities, retail shops, professional services, veterinarians, health services.

Visit www.usdfregion9.org for details and to complete an advertising form.

USDF Region 9 Volunteer Incentive Program

The USDF Group Member Organizations Volunteer Incentive Program is a fabulous opportunity for recognition of its members that isn't very well known! The Group Member Organization (GMO) Volunteer Incentive Program is a way for current USDF Group Members to earn recognition by volunteering with their GMO(s). Track your volunteer hours using the GMO Volunteer Incentive Program Hour Log and have a current GMO officer or official of record with USDF (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, webmaster, roster contact) validate your hours with their signature. Once a milestone has been achieved, submit the form to USDF. Hours can be carried over to the following year(s), allowing you to earn recognition as time allows you to volunteer. Contact USDF to request the log chart.

Region 9 GMOs

Here are the latest numbers (as of July 2022) for Region 9 GMO memberships. Region 9 offers a special prize for the GMO showing the most growth!

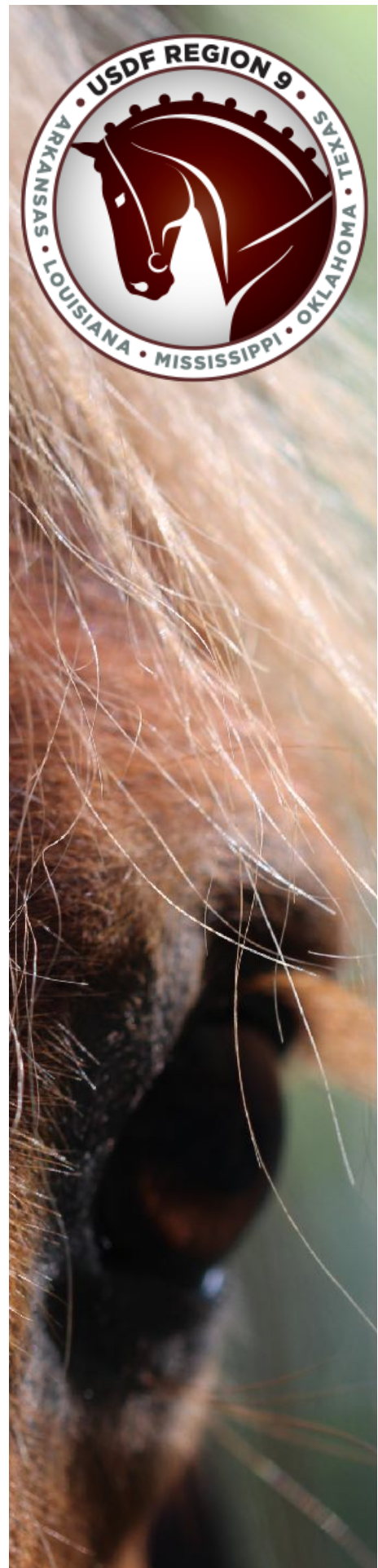
(Beginning tally in parentheses)

Alamo Dressage Association: 78 (70)
 Arkansas Dressage Society: 55 (46)
 Austin Dressage Unlimited: 27 (26)
 Brazos Association For Classical Horsemanship - BACH: 10 (10)
 Central Plains Dressage Society, Inc.: 114 (73)
 Central Texas Dressage Society: 93 (85)
 Dallas Dressage Club: 121 (83)
 Fort Worth Dressage Club: 56 (50)
 Houston Dressage Society: 232 (154)
 Northeast Texas Dressage Club: 36 (27)
Oklahoma Dressage Society: 129 (87)
 Southern Eventing & Dressage Association: 150 (120)
 Tri-State Dressage Society: 70 (35)

USDF 'L' Program - Session C

Through the groundbreaking combined efforts of three area GMOs, this highly valued and educational program is being presented in 2022! The program is open for those interested in participating as "L" Candidates seeking to test for their designation as "L" Graduates and available for judging Schooling Shows. Those not wishing to test are welcome and encouraged to attend as Auditors. **The final session, Session C, will be held in Wichita, KS in October.**

For questions, please contact the Program Coordinator: Sherry
 Guess guessdrsg@aol.com or see the flyer on the next page of this issue.



Events

EDUCATION PROGRAM

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SAVE THESE DATES

Session A ★ May 21 – 22 Rocking C Ranch/Mounted, Inola, Oklahoma
 Hosted by Oklahoma Dressage Society
 Introduction to judging and biomechanics Joan Darnell

Session B ★ July 30 – 31 Valley View Equestrian Center, Stillwater, Oklahoma
 Hosted by Central Plains Dressage Society
 Judging Criteria for gaits, paces, movements, and figures Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez

Session C October 15 – 16 Capall Stables, Wichita, Kansas
 Hosted by Kansas Dressage and Eventing Association
 Collective Marks, equitation, rider biomechanics and basics Kathy Rowse

For further information or applications please contact the Program Coordinator:
 Sherry Guess guessdrsg@aol.com 918.640.1204



Rhiehl-Rodriguez and Dolly Hannon



*****IMPORTANT!*****
The deadline to sign up for Session C is October 5th.



Hosts for B Session: CPDS members
 Kyriana Beard, Chris Cashel, Mimi Bennett, Robin Hessel,
 Sherry Guess, Nancy Eytcheson, Kim Beard, Kathy Maxwell
 and Nancy Litsch



Classroom seating at the OSU Sciretan Wellness Center in Stillwater, OK



A Successful USDF Session B of the “L” Program



The second session of the USDF “L” Program was another rousing success! Weather gave us all a break on the weekend of **July 30-31** and cooled off into the 80's, wonderful for the participants and demo horse/rider pairs during the arena portion on Sunday. **Debbie Rhie-Rodriguez**, well known by many who frequently shows at **Valley View**, was an ideal presenter for the weekend, with clear instructions about what the prospective graduates should be looking for, how to work their way towards a valid score, and encouraging them as they had to put their judgements out there via flash cards showing their scores.

Debbie was joined by her good friend, **Dolly Hannon**, who is apprenticing to become an “L” Faculty member. Between the two of them, we all received a weekend full of great information via videos on Saturday and the generosity of the 10 horses and riders who rode for us on Sunday. Many thanks for the great hospitality shown by the members of **CPDS** who hosted this session. Many more thanks to the kind and brave demo riders and their trusty steeds as they subjected themselves to the scrutiny of 20+ ‘judges’! And of course, thank you to **Robin Hessel** for the use of her beautiful facility.


Once again attendance numbers hit a record of 17 participants and 30 auditors. This combined effort of the three GMOs is a landmark event, one never seen by USDF, and a fine example of what cooperation between individuals and groups can accomplish.

Be sure to make a plan to trek to Wichita for the final **Session C** on **October 15-16**, held at **Marie Malone’s Capall Stables**. This session will focus on those elusive Collective Marks, rider equitation and rider biomechanics. **Kathy Rowse** will be the instructor for the weekend. As ever, contact **Sherry Guess** for more information: guessdrsg@aol.com.



Virtual Show News

Gail Matheus, who runs Spotlight Horse Shows, a virtual show series, approached ODS last year with the offer that if we put our name on one of her shows, she would organize the entire virtual competition experience, complete with “S” level judges, we would garner \$10 for every ride. It was a success last year, and we offered to ‘sponsor’ two shows this year. The second show is now complete, and thanks to Gail’s offer and hard work, ODS received \$250 for the 25 rides in the latest show. A special shout-out goes to **Laura Taylor** and **Lionheart** who joined in the virtual fun! See you next year, Gail!!



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Thank You Volunteers

IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR GENEROUS COMMITMENT TO ODS
WE INVITE YOU TO OUR FOURTH ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS
FREE CLINIC!!

You all were everywhere this year! The Lilo Fore Spring Symposium, the Spring Recognized Show, the GCC Schooling shows, the "L" Program Session A. You helped register events, you rode, you scribed, set up and tore down arenas, ran the gate, helped with silent auctions, tallied scores, ran errands, hosted judges, did so many behind the scenes things we can't even count them!

This club couldn't do or be what it does and is without you! ❤️❤️

As a thank you to those of you who ride, we offer a free clinic with one of our local professionals. This year **Bay Greenhill** of Siloam Springs has offered her services. You've seen Bay many times, riding in Symposiums and going down centerline at shows, at both local and at Regional Finals.

Bay is a Bronze and Silver Medalist, and currently working two horses at FEI Level.

WHO: Anyone of any age who has helped us out!
Traditional or WD riders are welcome
DATE: **September 17, 2022**
LOCATION: Kay Kamish has offered to host this event at **Rivendell Farm**
25395 South 4130 Road, Claremore, OK. (In Verdigris)
CONTACT: Kay Kamish KKamishODS@aol.com
918.808.6128

Rider _____ Age (if Junior) _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Horse _____ Level _____ Traditional _____ WD _____
Parent/Guardian Signature for Juniors _____

Send Application to Kay Kamish



Application deadline ~ September 14, 2022



SAVE THE DATE!

JANET FOY SYMPOSIUM 2023 DRESSAGE TESTS APRIL 22/23, 2023



Janet Foy is not only a USEF "S" dressage judge, but a FEI 5* (Level 4) International Judge as well. In addition to judging at all the major shows in the United States and Canada, she has been on the Jury for the 2019 Pan American Games (Peru), the 2018 World Cup Finals (Paris) and the 2019 European Championships (Rotterdam). She has been honored to judge many top CDI-@ and CDI 5* shows world wide, including at the famous Aachen 5*. A crowning achievement was judging at the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games! 2022 will be keeping her traveling as she will be the FEI Technical Delegate for the World Dressage Championships in Denmark, as well as for the Central American Games and the Bolivian Games in South American, and finally the World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in the Netherlands.

OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY

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All this ~yet she will be generous enough to come to Oklahoma and present the New Tests for 2023!

Somehow in her "spare time", Janet has managed to write a most excellent and encouraging book titled Dressage for the Not So Perfect Horse. Encouraging because don't we all have those not quite so perfect horses, who we dearly love in spite of the fact they aren't likely to be cantering down any Olympic centerline? Janet has that rare quality of being able to judge the horses that is in front of her while not unfairly comparing it to those world class equines.



News From The USDF Region 9 Summer Meeting

*ODS is in the running for the GMO Challenge ~ which GMO has the largest % increase in members. We currently have 129 members, well up from where we started the year. Welcome and thank you to all our returning and new members, so happy to have you in the family!

* SWDC chairperson Sarah Jane Martin asked us to remind competitors to *check the SWDC website* for your scores if you believe you have qualified, just to be certain they are recorded! She touted SWDC as a perfect entry level experience before taking on the Region 9 Championships; a little smaller and less intense. And also, you do not need to be a member of USDF or USEF for this competition, a little financial incentive!

*Region 9 sent 3 riders to the NYAC Championships this past weekend ~ how exciting for those young people!

*Time to be thinking of who you might nominate for the Region 9 Horseperson of the Year!

*A reminder that The Dressage Foundation has two Grants that are specific to our Region:

>Teaching Excellence Award

>The Evie Tumlin Award.

USDF Convention - ODS Delegate

The **USDF Convention** will be held in the gorgeous 'horse capitol' of the US, Lexington, Ky this year from November 30 to December 3. **ODS needs to send a Delegate to attend the General Meetings, and cast our vote!**

If you have never been to Lexington, or never attended a USDF Convention, here's your chance to check off two items on your bucket list! Lexington and the Kentucky Horse Park are nothing short of breathtaking for horse lovers. The Convention experience is something any of us should take advantage of at least once in life. It is non-stop activity, meetings, education, seminars, socializing, and all with like-minded people who know what you really mean when you say you ride dressage!



If you are planning to attend the Convention, please let the Board know so we can submit your name as our Delegate! Deadline is August 31!



Announcements

HELP WANTED

ODS Treasurer Position Open

If you have ever wanted to be a dynamic part of the leadership of ODS, here is your opportunity! Have your finger on the pulse of the club, know about what's going on in the planning stages, help direct the future of our club and dressage in Oklahoma.

Lyn Francik has requested to step aside as **Treasurer** due to personal reasons, and ODS wants to thank her for her year of work on club finances. **Marta Koenig** generously stepped up to take the books back under her care in the interim until an official Treasurer Board member is secured. However, Marta is currently the Membership position and will continue with that role.

So this is a shout out to all members....HELP!!!!.... We need someone to step forward and take over as Treasurer! Time is of the essence, as the bulk of membership renewals that start in November, so a new Treasurer must be in place by October 31.

Marta will coach and guide the new Treasurer, and will be a fantastic resource as a jump-start to this important position. The ODS books have been kept on QuickBooks up to now. ODS owns and will provide the QB Software for the new Treasurer, and again, Marta help the new Treasurer become familiar with this.

Duties include:

- * Monthly reconciliation of two checking accounts and the savings account
- * Deposits and payments throughout the year and during any events (shows, symposiums, meetings)
- * Profit/Loss statements for events
- * Quarterly Financial Statements presented to the Board
- * Detailed club P&L and Balance Sheet presented bi-annually at the January AGM and Summer meetings
- * Help develop the Annual Budget (with committee)

The position of Treasurer is typically a Board position. However, if you would prefer not to actually serve on the Board, you can still perform the Treasurers' duties and submit reports to the Board.

*****Please help!***** If this is not in your skill set, think about someone you might know who could do it! If we do not get a member to take this on, our only recourse will be to go outside of our group and actually hire an accountant, which of course means an added expense for the club.

Contact Kay Kamish if interested or with questions: kkamishods@aol.com



GCC Summer Evening Schooling Shows

GCC has had their second evening schooling show on August 4 at YOLy. Happy to say, their numbers of entries keep climbing ~ riding at night seems to be a "cool" idea! Their next show venture will be September 11 at Riverbend arena.

For entries, contact
GCC.ShowServices@gmail.com

The DEADLINE for September 11th show is
Wednesday, September 7.



ODS's Green Country Chapter 2022 Schooling Shows Series

Sept 11th - Riverbend
 October 15th - Yoly
 Championships Nov 5th - Riverbend

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ODS Vision Committee Summer Survey - Your Input Is Valuable

1. What do you see ODS doing in 2023?

In two years? (2024)

In five years? (2027)

In ten years? (2032)



2. What would you like ODS to focus on in the next 5 years?

3. What would you like ODS to do for you?

4. How can ODS increase its membership numbers?

5. How can ODS increase its participation and assistance basis for all its shows and planned activities?

Every member's suggestions & answers are important to the ODS Vision Committee. Your answers will help to guide the future plans for ODS.

Please send your answers to Nancy Trait-Lira at ntraitlira19@gmail.com or 18601 Hickory Hollow Drive, Harrah, OK 73045



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- Lameness Exams
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- Microchipping
- Pre-Purchase Exams
- Radiology
- Regenerative Therapies
 - Stem Cell, PRP, IRAP
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- Surgeries
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Announcements

Congratulations

Stillwater member **Nancy Burba** of Noble Road Equestrian Center had a super fun and super successful time up in Augusta, KS on July 21 with her young foal Stibb's Just a Gentleman ("Justin"). He is out of her newly accredited Westphalen mare, Just a London Lady, by the pony stallion Stibby-Me. Young Justin not only behaved himself well for being just 1 month old, but walked away with a Premium rating, the only one awarded that day!



There are a LOT of upcoming grant deadlines! It's exciting to think that in the next few months there are several grants for high-performance, adult amateurs, youth, instructors, and para-dressage equestrians!

Deadlines:

Monday, August 15: [\\$25,000 Anne L. Barlow Ramsay Grant for U.S. Bred Horses](#)

Wednesday, August 31: [\\$25,000 Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize](#)

Thursday, September 1: [Cynthia Aspden Youth and Young Adult Development Fund](#)

Saturday, September 10: [Verne Batchelder Instructor Fund](#)

Thursday, September 15: [Gifted Memorial Fund for Adult Amateurs](#)

Friday, September 30: [Major Lindgren Instructor Education Grants](#)

Friday, October 7: [Young Rider Dream Program: Wellington 2023](#)

Saturday, October 15: [Amanda Johnson Freestyle Fund](#)

Tuesday, November 1: [Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund](#)

Visit the TDF website and click on the
Grants and Programs menu tab for more details.
www.dressagefoundation.org

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

August

15: [\\$25,000 Anne Barlow Ramsay Grant for U.S. Bred Horses](#)

31: [\\$25,000 Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize](#)

September

1: [\\$1,000 Cynthia Aspden Youth & Young Adult Development Fund](#)

10: [\\$2,500 Verne Batchelder Instructor Fund](#)

15: [\\$1,500 Gifted Fund for Adult Amateurs](#)

30: [\\$4,000 Major Lindgren Instructor Grants](#)



Photo by Susan J. Sizemore

90 days before the event -- Many grants are available for dressage clubs/groups to host educational events.



Learn more and apply today at

www.dressagefoundation.org



Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Information & Application

The ODS Education Scholarship provides financial assistance to Oklahoma Dressage Society members to further their dressage education.

Criteria for Eligibility:

1. This ODS Education Scholarship is open to all Oklahoma Dressage Society Members: juniors, adults, or vintage riders, amateurs or professionals, including ODS member volunteers and committee members.
2. The candidate must be a current member in good standing of Oklahoma Dressage Society (ODS). In addition, the applicant must have been an ODS member for at least the 2 previous years.
3. The candidate must have a background of attending previous ODS dressage educational events. The more ODS event attendance, the stronger the candidate for the ODS scholarship. Attendance at non-ODS dressage educational events will be considered as additional input.
4. The candidate must have a background of volunteerism for ODS. This includes volunteering on at least one (1) ODS committee or have accumulated five (5) hours of volunteering at ODS events. The more ODS volunteerism, the stronger the candidate for the ODS scholarship. Volunteerism for non-ODS dressage related events will be considered as additional input.

Criteria for Use:

Scholarships may be used toward the registration/entry fees for the following types of dressage educational events:

1. Acceptable activities will include ODS and its affiliated chapters educational events, USDF Region 9 and USDF educational events. Additionally, any educational event or clinic given by a USDF/USEF judge, USDF/USEF technical delegate, USDF Certified Instructor, USDF "L" Program graduate, or USDF Medalist.
2. Scholarship candidates must receive ODS Scholarship Committee approval for the use of this scholarship at a specific dressage educational event prior to the event occurring.

The ODS Scholarship Committee will review applications for funds and make recommendations to the Board for their vote. The Governing Board will select members to sit on this committee for a period of one year.

Application Deadline:

The ODS Education Scholarship committee will meet a minimum of two times per year. Each scholarship application must be received by the following schedule:

January 1 – May 15 Scholarship(s) to be awarded by June 15.

Presented at the ODS Summer Meeting.

May 16 - November 15 Scholarship(s) to be awarded by Dec. 15.

Presented at the ODS Annual General Meeting.

Please note: Your application must indicate an educational event that is after the award date.

Volunteer Hours: Volunteer hours counting towards ODS Education Scholarships include:

1. Volunteering at ODS, its affiliated chapters and Region 9 sponsored shows, clinics, educational events, fundraisers, etc. Volunteer hours must be recorded and itemized on the ODS Education Scholarship Application Form. Validation of hours will be confirmed by the ODS Volunteer Coordinator from each event.
2. Write an article in the ODS newsletter.
3. Consideration will also be given for attendance at ODS, its affiliated chapters and Region 9 sponsored activities or functions. (ex: Summer Meeting, AGM or auditing the ODS Educational events).

Scholarship monies will not be awarded until after successful completion of attendance at the

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Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Information & Application

approved dressage educational event with validation of the attendance; and, the submission to ODS of the required post report. An amount of \$200 will be awarded. Scholarship winners must write a post report article about their educational experience for which the scholarship was used and submit it to the ODS Scholarship Committee within 30 days of the event. This report / article will then be published in the newsletter.

The ODS Educational Scholarship is non-transferable and may only be used for the candidate's education. (ex. It may not be used for someone else riding your horse in a clinic.) Scholarships must be used within 1 year of the time it is awarded. No extensions will be granted.

The ODS Educational Scholarship Funds to administer the program should be held in a separate, interest-bearing account or with its own sub-account in ODS general funds. The ODS Educational Scholarship Fund must maintain a balance to fund this venture and a minimum of \$200 must remain in this account at all times. The funds generated by the silent auction at any AGM will be placed in the ODS Education Scholarship fund. Any sponsorship donations to this account will also be welcome.

Additional Information:

Scholarships may be applied for at any time of year by the corresponding deadline.

The ODS Educational Scholarship Committee will meet a minimum of two (2) times per year (June & December) to review all applications received up to that point and make the decisions about its awards. The ODS Educational Scholarship Committee may award zero (0) scholarships, or may award more than two (2) scholarships at each of these meetings as they deem fit. A maximum of four (4) Scholarships may be awarded each year. Not all allotted scholarships must be awarded in a single year. Determination of eligibility is at the sole discretion of the ODS Education Scholarship Committee.

An ODS member may only be awarded a scholarship once per twelve (12) months period. Once awarded a scholarship in a given twelve (12) months, a candidate may not apply again within that same twelve (12) months period. However, priority for subsequent years will be given to eligible candidates who have not received an education scholarship previously.

The ODS Education Scholarship Committee will include at least one (1) current ODS Board Member. The committee must consist of a total of three (3) to five (5) ODS members in good standing. The committee shall not exceed five (5) members.

Just For Fun: Random Horse Trivia

Source: equinehelper.com

Question: The tallest horse on record, Sampson, was how many hands high?

Answer: Sampson was 21.2 hands high.

Question: How many pounds did Sampson, the largest horse on record, weigh?

Answer: 3,360 pounds

Question: How tall was Thumbelina, the smallest horse on record?

Answer: Thumbelina was only 17.5 inches tall.

Question: The highest jump on record made by a horse consisted of how many feet?

Answer: The record for the highest jump a horse has made was 8 feet.

Question: How tall was Eohippus, the earliest known ancestor to the modern horse?

Answer: Eohippus only stood around 13 inches tall.

Question: What is the fastest recorded sprinting speed of a horse?

Answer: 55 mph.

Question: To what age did Old Billy, the oldest horse on record, live?

Answer: 62 years old

Question: For how much money was Fusaichi Pegasus, a Kentucky Derby winner, sold for at auction in 2001?

Answer: \$70 million





Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Fund Application Form

Please review the ODS Education Scholarship information before filling out this application form.

Be as specific as you can.

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (Cell): _____

Email: _____

Are you an ODS Member in good standing? ☐ Yes ☐ No Status: ☐ Junior ☐ Amateur ☐ Open

Do you compete in dressage? ☐ No ☐ Yes If Yes, Please check all applicable below.

☐ Schooling Shows ☐ Recognized Shows ☐ Locally ☐ Regionally ☐ Nationally

Who is your current riding instructor? _____

Name and date of anticipated educational event or training you would like to attend:

Tell us about the instructor and / or educational event you would like to attend.

(Please attach any printed material / flyer and a copy of your completed application to event).

How do you intend to benefit from attending this educational event? What are your goals for attending this event?



Meet Ms. Rocket: ODS's New Editorial Staff Member

Please welcome Ms. Rocket, the new ODS Newsletter columnist who is ready to answer any of your burning questions (horse and farm -or mouse- related of course!). Ms. Rocket will answer your questions here in the ODS newsletters, so be on the lookout for them! If she doesn't know the answer, she will creatively make one up. This might be "interesting!" Send her your comments or questions you'd like her to answer...who knows...you could end up hearing more of her cat "paw-losophies!" 🐾

Please send your questions to Ms. Rocket at: **ntraitlira19@gmail.com**. She's looking forward to hearing from you!



"Philosofurrs" – 4-Legged Deep Thinkers Of Our Time

Ms. Rocket here for August. WOW! It sure has been hot, but I think it's cooling off a bit.....at least in the mornings. It's great that I don't have to stay out in the heat like my best horse buddy does. Well, he does have a great shady place that has the wind blowing through all the time and LOTS of water. I still prefer the sunny spots inside in the air conditioning. Windows with inside ledges or bookcases were made for hot days like these.

So, I've been scratching through my human's many things she has collected over the years: books, notepads, quotes, bookmarkers, etc. She's got some pretty tempting items. Lots of the things can be wadded up into wonderful lightweight balls that make great cat toys. I love to do that. My human is pretty good about laughing with what I do.....sometimes not so much. When it's something she really wanted to keep in pristine condition, she sprays me with water or takes the toy away from me with no apology. Not fun! I say she shouldn't leave those items out for an active cat to roll on or scrunch up. I loooovvvve the feel of scrunching paper and material. Makes the best toys or places to roll over or curl up in to have a wonderful nap. Don't you agree?

One of these items that I found this week was a metal bookmark that had a saying written in the metal:

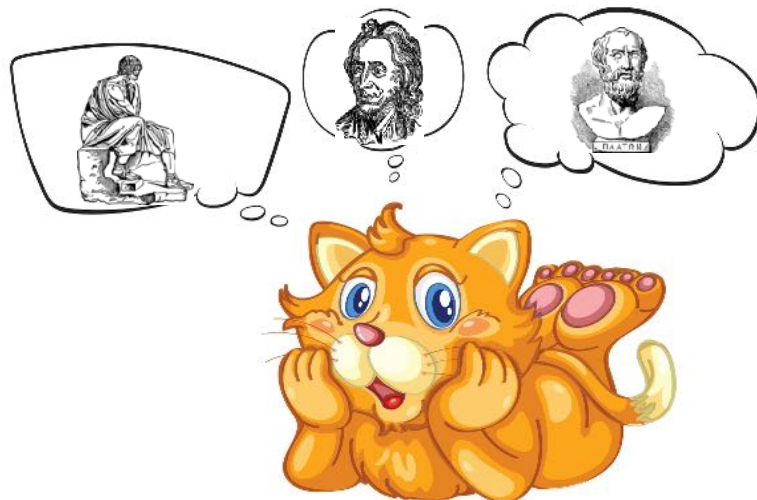
"I have studied many philosophers and many cats. The wisdom of cats is infinitely superior."
---Hippolyte Taine

This Hippo guy definitely had it right. Have you ever seen a hippo up close? Those guys have spiky hair on their backs and heads (A great punk look.) and are BIG and WET! They have a really funny grin, too. They do have a really wide back that might be nice to sleep on in the sun, but I'm not so sure they could be trusted to keep me out of the water! And I'm not a fan of getting wet..... Anyway, filosofurrs don't have anything on the musings of cats. I can sit in my favorite window and let my mind wander about what my cat brain tells me the true meanings are. I've got it right every time. And I'm not the only one. Every cat I know is a filosofurr! I've got a better saying:

Why study any philosopher. Just study cats.
They're the best filosofurrs and you'll learn all
you need to know about Life."
-----Ms. Rocket

Then again, my mind can take a real twist and propel me down a fuzzy tunnel. Do I see a light at the end of the tunnel? Not always....

♡,
Ms Rocket



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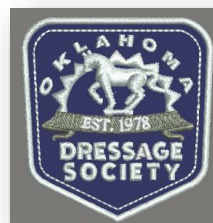
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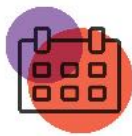
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- Sept 8-11** Region 4 Championships (St. Louis, MO)
- Sept 17** ODS Free Clinic for Club Volunteers w/Bay Greenhill (Rivendell Farm, Claremore)
- Oct 6-9** Region 9 Championships (Katy, TX)
- Oct 15-16** USDF "L" Program, Session C (Wichita, KS)
- Nov 10-13** USDF National Finals (Kentucky Horse Park)
- Nov 30-Dec 3** USDF Annual Convention (Lexington, KY)
- April 22-23 (2023)** Spring Symposium with Janet Foy (Location TBD)

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