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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

Greetings friends,

Happy Valentine's Day, or at least, close to it! I hope you are in some kind of space where you can send out and receive some love, be that to a person, a beloved animal, or just out into the World! We all can use some of that, for sure.

For some reason I am aware of many things changing right now ~ how about you? The weather, big surprise, can't seem to settle on being Winter or Spring, rolling from 20 degrees to 60 and back again. It's hard to keep up with ~ blankets on? Blankets off? And meanwhile, are your horses starting to change their coats? Mine are just beginning to let loose of their winter hair, not enough to actually be shedding, but there are lots of loose hairs. I clipped my Danny last week, and THAT was a big change! He has a nice looking, even slick winter coat, but wow, what a change when I started to peel that hair off and found my elegant athlete underneath it all.

I also notice the changes in the woods and flower beds, and I love seeing the first sign of the baby Spring flowers. It is a very joyful season, I think. I hope you can all look around and

see joyful things coming in your lives ~ there's a whole busy year about to open up!

Here is wishing you well in your world, and I can't wait to start seeing you all this year!

Warm hugs and blessings.

~Kay



Danny & Kay



NEWS

ODS 'Levels Up' The GCDC Shows in 2023

This year, ODS takes over operating the GCDC Shows, which were canceled in '23, as a commitment to GCC and all the great work they have done in the past. ODS is proud to report that these are now higher caliber Level 3 Shows, offering specialty classes not available in lower ranked shows. This is a big draw for bringing a great variety of riders from other states, including Texas, providing a wide range of competitors!

Late Summer Show Rescheduling Pending

ODS had originally planned an August Show to be held at Riverbend Arena in Inola, however due to unforeseen circumstances of not being able to hold competitions there, the ODS Show Committee is working hard to find another location and reconsidering possibly having it at a later date, considering weather, heat and safety. Stay tuned to this newsletter and the ODS Facebook page for further announcements!

Reminder for ODS Year-End Awards Qualifying Requirements

- +minimum for 5 scores from 3 different judges
- +National tests must have two scores from ODS Recognized Shows
- +At least one score must be from highest test of level (Except for Introductory Level)
- +FEI tests must have one score from ODS Shows with a minimum of 4 total scores

>>Remember your horse must be registered with ODS at the time of competition!!<<

>Horse registration forms are available on the ODS Website:

<https://www.dressageoklahoma.org>

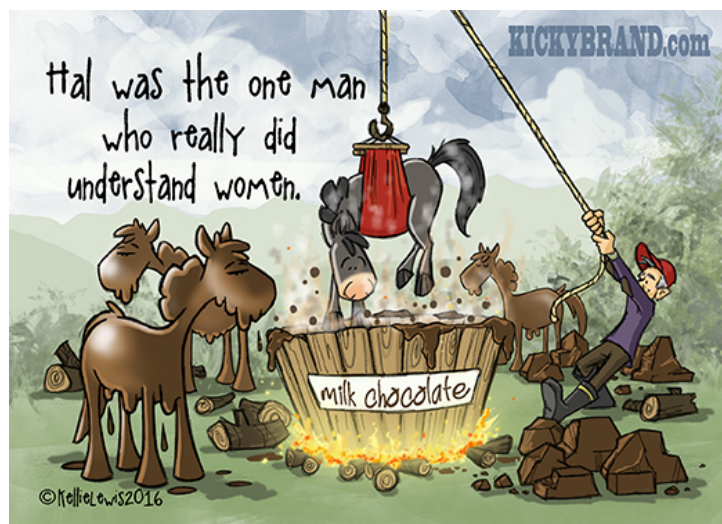
ODS Benefits From Spotlight Show Competitors

ODS is once again happy to be collaborating with Gail Matheus and her Spotlight Show Series, a collection of virtual shows where you can set up your own ride time, get to "do over" if you don't like your ride, and submit your best video on Gail's website. Your ride will be judged by a Nationally rated "S" judge, so you know you will be getting great feedback. As an additional benefit to ODS, the club receives \$10.00 for every ride (regardless of whether they are ODS members or not) in the two shows ODS sponsors! This money will go toward ODS Year-End awards for Schooling Shows. ODS members who compete in this series may choose to submit one virtual score to count towards the Year-End Awards (members are responsible for submitting that score to ODS).

Additionally, Spotlight Shows are now being accepted as qualifiers for the WDAA.

ODS Spring Symposium

Janet Foy has sent us a proposed schedule for the **Updated Tests Symposium** on **April 22-23, 2023**. Saturday will address the adjustments in the National tests, Training through Fourth Level, with coaching on how to prepare and execute the movements specific to each level. On Sunday she will be looking at FEI rides as well as Freestyles, so put on your dancing shoes and give musical rides a whirl! These do not necessarily need to be polished, show-worthy rides, so if you are thinking about venturing into this realm of riding, come play and show her your ideas. Watch for emails from ODS Education Chair, Pamela Byers or email her at pbyers.ods@gmail.com for more details!





NEWS

ODS Annual General Meeting Report

What a very fun time everyone had this year at ODS' annual gathering, business meeting, banquet and awards ceremony! **Nancy Trait-Lira** got this organized and set up and the Cattleman's Restaurant Event Center in Stockyard City, OKC. It was a super location, easy to find, close to highways, and the staff could not have been more pleasant.

Business rolled through the meeting smoothly, with good inquiries on some points of the finances, as well as the club Bylaws. The Bylaws were approved by the members present, with a couple of minor adjustments to remove some redundancy. Copies of the new Membership Directory (thanks to the hard work of **Melissa Hollifield**) were handed out to all who attended, and the proposed revisions of the Bylaws, now approved, may be found there.

The Business Meeting concluded with elections to the Board of Directors. Three members had fulfilled their three year term: **Lindsey Greco**, **Kay Kamish**, and **Erin Nelson**. Lindsey did choose to rotate off the Board, and promised to continue to be the highly valued Webmaster and Tech Guru. ODS is so grateful for Lindsey's continued dedication to the organization. Kay and Erin offered to run for another three year term, and **Joanne Baum** from Ada agreed to run for the Board. Since there were no other nominations, the three candidates were voted on by acclamation. The new ODS Executive Board is:

President	Kay Kamish
Vice President	Joanne Baum
Secretary	Erin Nelson
Treasurer	Teresa Brewer

At the AGM, there were two tables resplendent with a display of the Year-End Awards, and five (!) long tables of Silent Auction items, ably arrayed and managed by **Laura Custer**! People were generous not only with their donations of items, but with their bidding. The Silent Auction generated over \$900! Thanks goes to ALL who opened their pocketbooks and checkbooks, as this money goes into the ODS Scholarship Fund ~ a direct 'give back' to members who apply!

To make things even sweeter, ODS announced that the Scholarship Fund will be increased to \$2000 for 2023 as an effort to make education as available as possible to members. The Scholarship Committee suggested that \$500 of these funds be set aside for an ODS Representative to carry the club vote to the USDF Annual Convention. This will help defray the cost of the Convention and also offset travel & accommodation expenses.

One last fun, new item, the Board created some new "merch" — Merchandise with ODS badging on it in the form of sweatpants. The brainchild for the design came from **Bay Greenhill** who has similar sweatpants she received at a show years ago. On the left outside leg is an Oklahoma Dressage Society emblem, and on the right thigh is an outline of a dressage arena! You can cover up your whites and trace your test at the same time. They will be available at all upcoming ODS functions ~ \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

The AGM ended on a high with the Year-End Awards! **Pam DeVore** took on the unenviable task of gathering and tabulating scores and determining this year's winners. Pam and **Diane Smith** provided a nice array of prizes, jackets, vests, saddle pads and lovely ribbons! There was the announcement of the ODS Horse of the Year Award, who now graces the cover of our Directory: **Pfirefly**, owned and ridden by **Kristin Knutson**.

And finally, the AGM wrapped up with the Volunteer of the Year Award, hard earned by **Roberta Clark**!

It was such a fun afternoon, with several folks mentioning that this was one of the most fun AGMs they had been to! MEMBERS make it so! Thanks so much to you all.

USDF Volunteer Incentive Program: Start '23 Counting Hours

The USDF Group Member Organizations Volunteer Incentive Program is a fabulous opportunity for recognition of our 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 (visit www.usdf.org) 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.

USDF Awards Resource: List & Descriptions

For your information, the USDF Awards Committee has created a USDF Awards Resource Guide. This guide provides a brief explanation of all of the different awards that USDF offers in a user-friendly format. There are awards descriptions, guidelines, forms and more for these awards. Visit USDF online for more: <https://www.usdf.org/awards/awards-resource-guide.asp>

USDF Dressage4Kids TEAM Information

Applications: Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. There is no deadline. Clinics tend to fill quickly, so it is recommended to apply as soon as possible, but there is no deadline. Acceptance to the TEAM Program does not guarantee acceptance to a particular clinic.

The selection process for TEAM clinics will begin approximately 6 weeks prior to a stated clinic from those who have indicated interest (both current TEAM members and new applicants). After that time, riders will be considered as space is available. Dressage4Kids reserves the right to make all final decisions.

APPLY TO THE DRESSAGE4KIDS TEAM PROGRAM

- <https://dressage4kids.org>

There are 4 components to the D4K TEAM Program Application:

- 1) Application form (fillable fields below)
- 2) YouTube video link (may be typed into fillable form, further details below)
- 3) Letter of recommendation should be sent via email to d4k.org@gmail.com.
- 4) \$25 non-refundable application fee (clinic fees are separate)

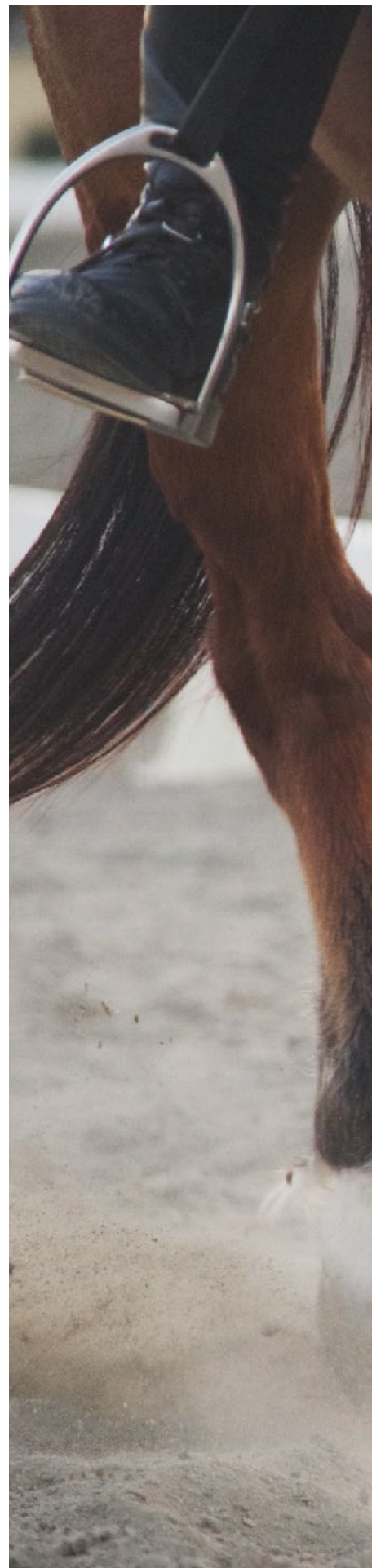
D4K TEAM CLINIC DATES

February 4-5, 2023

Twinwood Equest. Center: Simonton, TX

May 20- 21, 2023

Mills Farm: Opelousas, LA



JANET FOY ODS SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY—2023 DRESSAGE TESTS

SUNDAY—CREATING A MUSICAL FREE STYLE

APRIL 22/23, 2023

**SOUTHERN HILLS RIDING ACADEMY AT DYER RANCH,
105074 N 3770 ROAD, OKEMAH, OK**

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.



Somewhat 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. All this ~yet she is generous enough to come to Oklahoma and present the New Tests for 2023!

Rider Fees: \$250 for ODS Members for two days \$150 for one day
\$300 for non-ODS members for two days \$200 for one day

Contact Pamela Byers @ 405-990-8963 (text) or pamela@galleryfarm.us for rider application

Rider Application Deadline: March 15th

Auditor Fees: One Day Rate
\$50 for ODS Members
\$65 for Non-ODS Members

Weekend Rate
\$80 for ODS Members
\$95 for Non-ODS Members

Auditor Registration Deadline:

Postmarked or Sign Up on ODS Website by April 15th—must include payment

See Auditor Registration Form for more details

Inquire with Pamela about Housing Options

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ODS Education Chairperson
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Noble, OK 73068

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JANET FOY ODS SYMPOSIUM**SATURDAY—2023 DRESSAGE TESTS****SUNDAY—CREATING A MUSICAL FREE STYLE****APRIL 22/23, 2023****SOUTHERN HILLS RIDING ACADEMY AT DYER RANCH,
105074 N 3770 ROAD, OKEMAH, OK****Auditor Registration Form****Auditor Fees:**

One Day Rate

\$50 for ODS Members

\$65 for Non-ODS Members

Weekend Rate

\$80 for ODS Members

\$95 for Non-ODS Members

**Auditor Registration Deadline:****Postmarked or ODS Website by April 15th—Must include Payment****Lodging Options**

Days Inn in Okemah—approx. \$65 plus tax/night, 918.623.2200

For the following Accommodations, please contact Pamela

-AirBnB Options—list will be available soon

-Bunkhouse at Dyer Ranch, sleeps 8 people \$35/person for weekend

-RV Hookups at Dyer Ranch—30/50 Amp Electrical Hookup \$35 weekend

Lunch provided for those registered by April 15th. Auditor registration available on both days of symposium but lunch not guaranteed for those registering after the April 15th deadline. FYI—Eating places in Okemah are limited and located 5 miles away.

Auditor Registration**Current ODS Member**☐ Yes ☐ No

Name _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

I plan to eat the provided lunch. YES NO If yes, please select one option ☐ Salad Bar ☐ Grill Options

I am interested in purchasing a shirt w/ODS logo Cost—\$30-35 This is not a commitment to purchase.

Used for planning purposes only. Your Size _____ Color Preference _____

Mail with payment (checks made to Oklahoma Dressage Society) to: Pamela Byers, ODS Education Chairperson, PO Box 915, Noble, OK 73068 or pay via credit card by visiting the ODS website.— www.dressageoklahoma.org





Janet Foy Symposium

Improving your Performance Using the 2023 Tests Plus Creating a Musical Freestyle

SOUTHERN HILLS RIDING ACADEMY AT DYER RANCH,
105074 N 3770 ROAD, OKEMAH, OK

April 22 and 23, 2022

USDF University Pending

Rider Application Deadlines

Opening Date-January 15, 2023

Closing Date-March 15th

**Don't miss your opportunity to ride with an "S" judge to prepare for the
ODS Spring Show being held the following weekend-April 29-30, 2023.**

CRITERIA FOR DEMO RIDERS

The focus of the symposium on the first day will be with the auditors and maximizing their educational experience of learning the ins and outs of performing the new 2023 dressage tests. On the second day, the symposium emphasis will be split with the morning focus on creating musical freestyles and in the afternoon riding FEI dressage tests or if time allows, additional 2023 dressage tests. Demo Rider selection will be based on information concerning the achievements and history of the horse and rider combination. A combination of junior, adult amateur, and professional riders may be selected. Levels Training through Fourth are needed for the 2023 tests demonstrations. All levels will be considered for the musical freestyles demo rides. Preference for the Sunday rides will be given to those selected to ride on Saturday plus those riding FEI tests. Demo Riders are required to wear safety helmets and boots. Horses are to be braided for the Symposium rides. All tests are to be memorized.

RIDER INFORMATION *(please print)*

Name _____ ODS Member YES NO

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

(Check One) Professional _____ Adult Amateur _____ Junior _____

HORSE INFORMATION

Horse's Name _____ Breed _____

Age _____ Height _____ Color _____ Sex (Mare, Gelding, Stallion) _____

Owner's Name _____

Level of Training: Schooling _____ Showing _____

What is the highest level you've worked with other horses? _____

What are your short and long term goals for this horse? (Required)

If not selected to ride as a demo rider, I am willing to be an alternate – Yes No (Circle One).
The latest I could be notified and still participate is _____ (date).

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

A waiver of liability will be signed by all riders before mounting. By signing this form, I agree to abide by all rules and fulfill all financial commitments related to this Symposium. The rider is ultimately responsible for paying the rider and stabling fees to ODS.

USDF accreditation is pending for this program for its educational content. USDF is not responsible for the date, location, organization, or presentation of this program or for any other circumstances relevant to this program. The organization of this program is the sole responsibility of the organizer of the program.

Rider's Signature

Date

Horse Owner's Signature

Date

Cancellation Policy: A full refund will be issued to riders that cancel only if their spot can be filled from the waiting list or have extenuating circumstances and the cancellation is approved by the symposium committee.

Make checks payable to ODS

Riders must send at least a 50% deposit with application.

If Selected - Balance due by April 15th

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

_____ Demo rider **Both days:** _____ ODS Member \$250 _____ Non-ODS member \$300
Sunday Preference: _____ Musical Freestyle (Level) _____ or _____ New Test
(Two Day Rider Fee includes Stall for two nights w/2 bags shavings, symposium shirt, auditing, and lunch)
_____ Demo Rider Saturday Only: _____ ODS Member \$150 _____ Non-ODS Member \$200
_____ Demo Rider Sunday Only: ODS Member \$150 – Musical Freestyle or New Tests (circle one)
_____ Demo Rider Sunday Only: Non-ODS Member \$200 – Musical freestyle or a New Test (circle one)
(One Day Rider Fee includes Stall for one night w/2 bags shavings, symposium shirt, auditing, and lunch)
\$ _____ Sub-Total _____ Tack Stall - \$30 if available - share with another rider
\$ _____ **Total Amount** **Rider Deposit** \$ _____ **Balance Due 4/1/2023** \$ _____
Shirt Size _____

A negative Coggins (within 1 year) must be sent or shown upon arrival.

Please return this completed 2 page form along with payment along and a copy of the Horse's Current Negative Coggins (within one year of April 24) to the address below by the postmarked deadline of March 15th.

Please send your Application, Current Coggins and Payment (made payable to ODS) to:

Pamela Byers, ODS 2022 Symposium, PO Box 915, Noble, OK 73068
405-990-8963 (cell) Email: pamela@galleryfarm.us

Please contact Pamela for additional information and/or lodging options.
Faxed applications cannot be accepted.

GUIDELINES FOR DEMO RIDER SELECTION

Janet Foy Symposium

April 22-23, 2023

1. Any rider may apply, however; preference will be given to Oklahoma Dressage Society (ODS) members. Must be USDF members.
2. Horses do not need to be registered with ODS in order to participate. All breeds will be considered.
3. Juniors, Amateurs, and Professionals will be considered on an equal basis.
4. Riders of all levels are encouraged to apply. Riders must be able to canter and sit the trot. Those riding young horses may rise the trot as appropriate.
5. The focus will be with the auditors and maximizing their educational experience.
6. Demo riders must submit proof of ability to perform at or above the level demonstrated on the same horse in the application. If wanting to ride in a musical freestyle session, submit a proof of freestyle work. Proof can be submitted in **one or more** of the following ways:
 - a. Include scores of 60% or higher at the demonstrated level or above on the horse they will be riding. Please submit copies of the dressage tests.
 - b. A written statement from the rider's instructor.
 - c. A video demonstrating the rider and horse executing the required movements of the level.
 (The more information you send the selection committee, the better will be their ability to evaluate you and make a selection. Thank you!)
7. Demo riders must be open and willing to learn and to make adjustments as suggested by the clinician. Riders must also be able to take criticism and not be offended by their riding being discussed in front of an audience.
8. The selection committee will be looking to fill riding slots for each national dressage level – Training thru Fourth to demonstrate the new 2023 tests. The best candidate of each level will be selected. Riders will memorize a pre-assigned 2023 dressage test. If you are willing to be a demo rider at alternate levels please indicate that on your application.

Breaking News: USDF L' Program Returns to ODS

****Breaking news!!!** Sherry Guess** has literally just received word from USDF that ODS is *approved* to run Part 2 of the USDF 'L' Program!! Sherry has worked hard to secure dates and cooperation of show management at three shows to allow this to happen. USDF will announce this on their site soon, if not already. Dates for the testing days will be:

April 1-2	San Antonio, Tx
June 17-18	Moffat, Iowa
August 26-27	Katy, Tx

Because of the great collaboration between ODS, CPDS, and KDEA, collectively called OKs, the three GMOs we were able to run an efficient and profitable Part 1 of the "L", leaving just over \$10,000 to help fund Part 2. Because all three GMOs agreed and were committed to this excellent educational program, that money will help offset some of the enormous expenses coming up. This will make it somewhat of a less financial strain for the 10 Participants who will be selected to continue into Part 2.

Sherry has notified all of the 19 participants of Part 1. Several ODS members have submitted their applications! USDF will ultimately decide who is accepted into this program.



How Horses Perceive And Respond To Human Emotion

A study shows, for the very first time, that horses respond to human emotional cues by integrating the emotional value of the voice they hear with that of the facial expressions they see.

A study by: Nakamura, K., Takimoto-Inose, A. & Hasegawa, T. Cross-modal perception of human emotion in domestic horses (Equus caballus). Sci Rep 8, 8660 (2018). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-018-26892-6>

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Pet owners have always felt that they bond with their dog or cat and that their pet understands, communicates with, and loves them.

Recently, science has been backing up the pet owners' feelings.

For instance, we now know that both dogs and cats secrete the attachment hormone oxytocin when we stroke them or look into their eyes.

Similarly, other studies have shown that the kind of "baby talk" that humans use with their infants and sometimes with their pets also makes dogs bond with them and prefer them to other people.

Dogs can also recognize a smile, and the secretion of oxytocin makes them prefer the smiling faces of humans over danger cues.

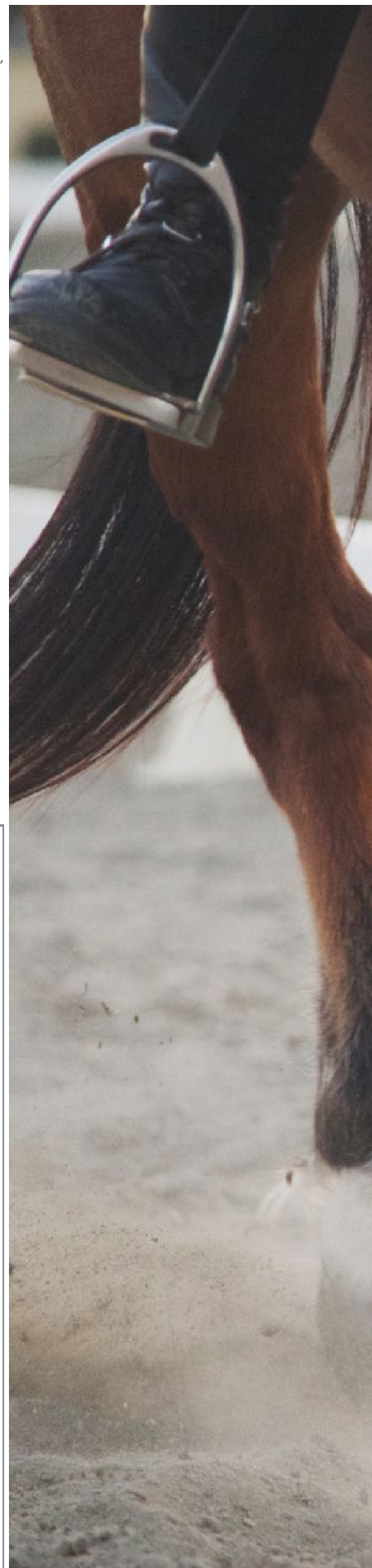
Many people have similar warm feelings toward domestic horses. But do horses possess the same ability to recognize and respond to human emotional cues? This question prompted three Japanese-based researchers to investigate.

Associate professor Ayaka Takimoto, of Hokkaido University, graduate student Kosuke Nakamura, of the University of Tokyo, and former professor Toshikazu Hasegawa, of the University of Tokyo collaborated on the new study which was just published in the journal Scientific Reports.

The expectancy violation method

To find out whether horses respond to human emotions by integrating facial cues with the tone of voice, the researchers used the so-called expectancy violation method,

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How Horses Perceive & Respond To Human Emotion

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which is a method commonly used to assess cognitive development in infants.

In this study, horses were shown pictures of happy or angry human facial expressions on a screen. Then, they heard gentle or scolding voices behind the screen.

The emotional value of the voices and pictures sometimes matched, in the so-called congruent condition, and sometimes they didn't, in the incongruent condition.

The researchers also accounted for the familiarity between the horses and the humans by alternating the voices of their caretaker with those of strangers.

How horses respond to human faces, voices

The study revealed that in the incongruent condition, the horses responded to voices 1.6 to 2 times more quickly than in the congruent one.

The horses also looked at the speaker for significantly longer in the incongruent condition than the congruent one, when the voice was that of their caretaker, but not when it was that of the stranger.

These findings suggest that, when the horses heard a voice whose emotion did not match the facial expression, their expectancy was violated. Therefore, the authors conclude, horses normally respond to human facial expressions and voices in an integrated way.

"To the best of our knowledge," conclude the researchers, "this is the first study to show that horses cross-modally recognized the emotional states of their caretakers and strangers."

In addition, these results indicate that interactions involving emotional information, such as facial or voice expression, have played important roles in the social signals of horses throughout the history of their cooperative relationship with humans. Future studies should examine whether this cross-modal perception of emotion in horses is innate or learned to understand the effects of genetics and environment on the development of this ability.

Winter Water Drinking Temperature

Source: www.thehorse.com

By Clair Thunes, PhD | Jan 23, 2023

Horses' overall water consumption decreases as its temperature drops.

Q: Should I give my horses warm drinking water in the cold weather? What are the pros and cons of warm drinking water versus cold during the winter?

A: Drinking water is one of the most important aspects of horse care in any season, but during the winter, providing fresh water can be particularly challenging due to freezing temperatures. Horses do not seem to mind drinking cold water: however, research shows that overall consumption decreases as water temperature drops. Researchers have also noted that if given the choice of cold and warm water, horses will preferentially drink the cold water. This becomes a problem if, through their choice, they are drinking less than they would have if only warm water been available. The ideal temperature for drinking water is 45-65 degrees Fahrenheit, but it can be made warmer if consumption remains low.

Decreased water consumption increases the risk of impaction colic, which is a major health

concern and a leading cause of death. Therefore, take steps to maximize water consumption throughout the year. If you live in a cold climate where water freezes, having the ability to offer warm water is a good idea. This could be in the form of heated water buckets, insulated regular buckets, or adding boiling water to cold water to raise the temperature even for a short period.



If it is not possible to offer warmed water around the clock,

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Announcements

OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY

2023

Upcoming Shows

LEVEL 3 SHOWS

APRIL 29 & 30 | **Spring I & II***
 Tulsa Expo Square
 Janet (Dolly) Hannon - "S" judge
 Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez - "S" judge

JUNE 10 & 11 | **Green Country Dressage Classic I & II**
 Claremore Expo Center
 Judy Downer - "S" judge
 Charlotte Trentelman - "S" judge

* Applied for developing program qualifiers: Jr/YR/YA, YH & DH
 Qualifiers for 2023 Great American/USDF Regional Championships, SW Dressage Championship, OK Dressage Society Year-End Awards Program

ENTRY INFORMATION:
WWW.SHOWSECRETARY.COM



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Spotlight Virtual Shows Approved for World!

Gail Matheus' Spotlight Shows which are Virtual shows held via video submissions are now approved as qualifying for the Western Dressage World show!

Go to <https://wdaaworldshow.org> for details on the WDA World Championship show being held in September 2023 in Guthrie, OK. Learn about how to qualify, compete, sponsor and more.



Winter Water Drinking

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consider making it available for a period of the day, such as overnight if horses are brought into stalls. Remember that if cold water is also available, your horse might choose to drink that rather than take advantage of your efforts to provide warmer water.

Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania have shown that heating water continuously versus providing ambient near-freezing water increases horses' water consumption by 41%. They noted similar results (38% increase in consumption) when warmed water was provided twice a day versus continuously. Video footage showed the studied horses consumed most of the water within three hours of feeding. Consuming forage typically creates a drive to drink. Therefore, this might be the most opportune window in which to provide warmed water. Other important thirst stimulants that can help encourage water consumption include adding salt to feed rather than relying solely on salt blocks.

As to whether drinking cold water is dangerous, this is a myth that should be cast out. Allowing horses to drink cold water will not have negative health implications. Another winter water myth is that horses will gain the water they need by eating snow. This is very unlikely, as the water content of snow can be quite low, and it is just not feasible for it to meet horses' need to consume 30 to 50 plus liters a day.

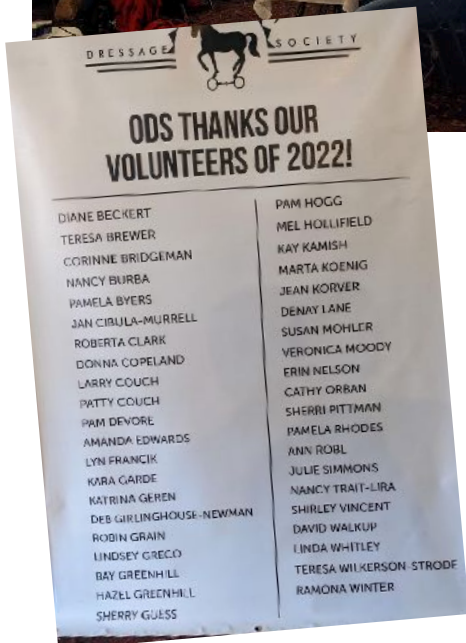
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*Cattleman's
Steak House*

*Sherry Guess
& Pamela
Byers
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Schooling Shows



*Kim Popp / Tequila
Training AA Champion*



*Joanne Baum / Levi
1st Level AA Champion*



*Laura Taylor / Lionheart
1st Level AA Reserve*



*Tiffany George / Condor
1st Level Open Champion*

2022 Awards List - Schooling Shows

Level	Category	Rider/Horse	Place
Intro	AA	Susan Stoker / Too Sauced To Leap	1st
	Vintage	Susan Stoker / Too Sauced To Leap	1st
Training	AA	Kym Popp / Tequila	1st
	Vintage	Kym Popp / Tequila	1st
1st	AA	Joanne Baum / Levi	1st
1st	AA	Laura Taylor / Lionheart	2nd
1st	Open	Tiffany George / Condor	1st
1st	Vintage	Joanne Baum / Levi	1st
Western	AA	Susan Mohler / Baldomero	1st

Recognized Shows



*Payton Wilson / Juliet
Training Jr/YR Champion*



*Kirstin Knutson / Pfirefly
1st Level Open Champion
(accepted by Dede Wassemuller)*



*Molly Ralston / Wretro Grayed WF
3rd Level AA Champion*



*Kay Kamish / Double Agent WF
3rd Level Open Champion*

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Recognized Shows (cont'd)



Nicole Riff / Sun Dreamer
3rd Level AA 3rd Place
3rd Level AA 4th Pl (WH Libra)



Kirstin Knutson / Pfirefly
Freestyle T-4 Open Champ

(accepted by Dede Wassemuller)



Payton Wilson / Juliet
Pony Champion



Kirstin Knutson / Pfirefly
ODS Horse Of The Year

(accepted by Dede Wassemuller)



Roberta Clark
ODS Volunteer Of The Year

(accepted by Kay Kamish & Pamela DeVore)

2022 Awards List - Recognized Shows

Level	Category	Rider/Horse	Place
Training	Jr/YR	Payton Wilson / Juliet	1st
Training	AA	Sabrina Reed / Just My Dream	1st
Training	Vintage	Sabrina Reed / Just My Dream	1st
1st	Open	Kristin Knutson / Pfirefly	1st
3rd	AA	Molly Ralstin / Wretro Grayed WF	1st
3rd	AA	Amanda Edwards / Jessanna RS	2nd
3rd	AA	Nichole Riff / Sun Dreamer	3rd
3rd	AA	Nichole Riff / WH Libra	4th
3rd	Open	Kay Kamish / Double Agent WF	1st
3rd	Open	Roberta Clark / Indygo	2nd
3rd	Vintage	Kay Kamish / Double Agent WF	1st
3rd	Vintage	Roberta Clark / Indygo	2nd
Training	Jr/YR	Payton Wilson / Juliet	1st
Training	AA	Sabrina Reed / Just My Dream	1st
Training	Vintage	Sabrina Reed / Just My Dream	1st
1st	Open	Kristin Knutson / Pfirefly	1st
HOY		Kristin Knutson / Pfirefly	

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The Dressage Foundation: Upcoming Grants

March 1 - Evie Tumlin Fund for Region 9 Adult Amateurs

March 1 - Lloyd Landkamer Fund for Show Management

March 1 - Veronica Holt Fund for Dressage Technical Delegates

Visit TDF online for more info and to apply:

<https://www.dressagefoundation.org/newsroom/grant-calendar.html>

Evie Tumlin Fund Details:

Deadline is March 1 E

For: Region 9 Adult Amateurs

The goal of the Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund is to provide financial assistance to Adult Amateur riders who currently reside in USDF Region 9, to aid in their development in dressage. Grants will typically range in the amount of \$500-\$1,000, to be used for educational experiences that will further the applicant's knowledge of dressage and **are in addition to the applicant's typical training plan**. These events may include camps, clinics, riding lessons, etc. Additional consideration will be given to riders who also participate in eventing, as well as to those who have a history of volunteer work related to dressage and/or eventing.

Learn more and apply at <https://bit.ly/3jLNabz>



Your Input Is Needed For TDF'S Plans In 2023 & Beyond

The Dressage Foundation is conducting a brief survey to help their planning for 2023 and beyond. You are highly encouraged to complete a short survey. Your valuable feedback will be instrumental in future programming, grants, events and more. Thank you!

> Link to survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N3DL8X7>

TDF Upcoming Grant Deadline



Application Due:
MARCH 1

EVIE TUMLIN FUND FOR REGION 9 ADULT AMATEURS

A grant of up to \$1,000 is available to Adult Amateurs in Region 9 to aid in their development in dressage





On April 29th and April 30th, the Oklahoma Dressage Society will again host its United States Dressage Federation Annual Horse Show at Expo Square **in the Ford Arena** in Tulsa, OK.

This show is recognized as a premier equestrian event and draws exhibitors from around the region including Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, and Texas. Last year's horse show drew over one hundred horse and rider combinations, twenty sponsors and several hundred spectators who came together to support, compete and socialize. We are working to exceed that number this year.

The Oklahoma Dressage Society is a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization, ODS, promotes and encourages men, women, girls and boys from the age of eight through senior citizens to participate in the equestrian sport of "Dressage" (French for "training.") Some people describe Dressage as "ballet" on horseback and also associate it with the famous Lipizzaner Stallions. This Olympic sport originally incorporated the Greek's methods of training of their warhorses. It has evolved into a complex, demanding, and extremely rewarding sport that teaches the young and old responsibility and sportsmanship. Additionally, Dressage is also one of the only sports where men and women compete as equals. Today, dressage encompasses training that is used with various other equine activities including, but not limited to, jumping, driving and pleasure riding. There are many therapeutic benefits when incorporating horses with children (handicapped to autistic) and veterans (injured to PTSD). This show has Para classes where competitors can compete against other para riders and potential earn an "emerging USDF Para" classification. With the recent addition of "Western" Dressage, the influence of dressage has seen great growth.

The Oklahoma Dressage Society extends to you an invitation to be part of this equestrian experience. Due to the financial limitations of our organization, we seek sponsorships and support from businesses, restaurants, and the community to ensure a successful event. Sponsorship is available at many levels. Donations accepted in the form of funding, gift certificates, silent auction items, etc.

In return for your generosity, we will provide you or your business with a tax-deductible donation receipt along with the sponsorship benefits (see attached information) that apply. All donations are greatly appreciated and insure the finances for future shows!

Sincerely,

Roberta Clark

Make all checks payable to: "ODS" ♦ PLEASE note in the memo line: "2023 Spring Show"

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Phone: (918) 605-3263 ♦ E-mail: 55rclark@gmail.com



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- Saturday awards celebration/Exhibitors' – VIP table included.
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- Banners (with grommets) placement around the show rings. *(Provided by the Sponsor)*
- 6 months' advertisement on the ODS website and in the ODS newsletter

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For your tax-deductible cash contribution of \$300 you will receive:

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- Saturday awards celebration/Exhibitors' – VIP table included.
- Your name will be announced as a Silver Sponsor and listed in the Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program as such.
- Banners (with grommets) placement around the show rings. *(Provided by the Sponsor)*
- 3 months' advertisement on the ODS website and in the ODS newsletter

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BRONZE SPONSOR

For your tax-deductible cash contribution of \$150 you will receive:

- A quarter-page color advertisement in the 2023 Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program.
- Your name will be announced as a Bronze Sponsor and listed in the Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program as such.
- 1 month advertisement on the ODS website and in the ODS newsletter

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

VIP Sponsor: For a \$300 sponsorship, you or your company's name will appear in this special area along with your VIP table. Our VIP Tables will be located on the promenade above the show rings. Your name or your company's name will be displayed at the entrance.

VIP Tables: For a \$100 you may purchase a VIP table for 6.

Saturday Exhibitors' and Awards Celebration– Wine Sponsor: with a \$250 sponsorship, you or your company can sponsor the wine for our exhibitors' party. A personalized sign with your name will be prominently displayed on the service table and will also be included in the 2023 Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program.

Champion Award Sponsor: For a tax-deductible contribution of \$150, you can be the sponsor of any Champion Award (highest percentage across both shows at any level – no minimum score). Your name will be announced as a sponsor and listed in the Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program. Three awards are available: Junior/Young Rider, Adult Amateur Rider, and Open (Professional) Rider.

High Score Level Sponsor: For a tax-deductible contribution of \$100, you can sponsor a High Point Award for one of the following:

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| • Introductory Level: | Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Rider, Open |
| • Training Level: | Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Rider, Open |
| • First Level: | Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Rider, Open |
| • Second Level: | Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Rider, Open |
| • Third Level: | Combined division |
| • Fourth Level: | Combined division |
| • PSG, I-I, I-A & I-B | Combined division |
| • Intermediate II & Grand Prix: | Combined division |

Class Sponsorship: For a tax-deductible contribution of \$50, you can sponsor a class of your choosing. Ribbons to sixth place and a prize for first place to be awarded.

Morning Breakfast Sponsor: For a tax-deductible contribution of \$200, you can be a Breakfast sponsor at the Hospitality area for both mornings of the show. Your name will be prominently displayed on the service table.

Friends of ODS Sponsorship: For a tax-deductible contribution of \$25 your name will be included on our sponsor's page in the Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program.



SHOW PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT
Advertising Deadline: Monday, April 11, 2023

	<u>ODS Member Rate</u>	<u>Non-Member Rate</u>
Full Page Color (7.5" x 10")	\$175	\$200
Full Page Black & White (7.5" x 10")	\$80	\$100
½ Page Black & White	\$65	\$75
¼ Page Black & White	\$35	\$40
1/8 Page Black & White	\$20	\$25

Camera-ready ads are accepted and appreciated. We also accept high-resolution PDF, TIF, and EPS files.

Vendor Space

All vendor spaces include 1 table, 2 chairs, and table cloth. Electric is available.

If additional services are needed, such as a fork lift, that expense will be the responsibility of the vendor.

- 10' x 10' Space: \$100
- 10' x 20' Space: \$200
- Trailer Parking Space: \$200

Vendor set up is as early as Friday 12:00 noon. Please check in with the show office upon arrival.

SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING PLEDGE FORM

I/We wish to support the 2023 Oklahoma Dressage Society Spring Show with a tax-deductible cash sponsorship indicated below.

☐ **GOLD SPONSOR (\$500)**

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☐ **BRONZE SPONSOR (\$150)**

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY SPONSORSHIPS

- ☐ VIP Lounge.....\$300
- ☐ Saturday Exhibitors' & Awards Celebration.....\$250
- ☐ Kentucky Derby Party Sponsor.....\$300
- ☐ Champion Award Sponsor (circle one: AA, JR/YR, O).....\$150
- ☐ VIP Table.....\$100
- ☐ High Score Level Sponsor (mark level & circle division below).....\$100
 - o Introductory Level: No division
 - o Training Level: AA, JR/YR, O
 - o First Level: AA, JR/YR, O
 - o Second Level: AA, JR/YR, O
 - o Third Level: Combined division
 - o Fourth Level: Combined division
 - o PSG, I-I, I-A, & I-B: Combined division
 - o Intermediate II & Grand Prix: Combined division
- ☐ Class Sponsor- (specify class and division below).....\$50

Class name _____ Division _____

- ☐ Morning Breakfast Sponsor both mornings.....\$200
- ☐ Friends of ODS Sponsor.....\$25

SHOW PROGRAM ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

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<input type="checkbox"/> ½ Page Black & White.....	\$65	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> ¼ Page Black & White.....	\$35	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> 1/8 Page Black & White.....	\$20	\$25

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Sponsor Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

I agree to the above pledge and / or advertising commitment of the Oklahoma Dressage Society.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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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!



Cats Perceive Their Own World

Ppuuuurrrrrrrrrfect day today. Time to stay inside & enjoy the warmth. I'm not so sure I want to venture out yet. It's sunny outside, but that sun can really fool you sometimes. It sucks you into believing that it's warm when it's NOT! Kinda like life itself. Oops,... see?

That sun has disappeared again & it's started to rain. I'm staying warm inside while I watch my crazy little cat sister in her silly little antics. She's out in the rain right now and has jumped up into one of the bird feeders. What's going through that insane little head now? TC is the one that thinks she's a dog now, lives outside & in the garage snuggled in with the dog pack. I believe she's no longer a true cat. What should she be called? A "cog"? A "dat"? How about a "ditty"? "Domesticus felis-nis"? Makes my little head spin.

It's interesting to watch TC try to hunt birds. I think that's what she's doing. This hiding in the bird feeder is her standard placement every time she's outside. Is she hunting by staying still so the birds will believe she is a statue & will try to land on her? Kind of difficult with her entire body under the feeder roofing & no space for a bird. Is she fishing for the birds to grab her tail as they fly by? Are her tail hairs sticky enough to ensnare them? My favorite is seeing her lie inside the bird feeder with her mouth open hoping that the birds will fly directly into her mouth for an afternoon snack. I can't see it, but I wonder if she's wriggling her tongue to tease the birds in for the worm.



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CLASSIFIED ADS

Sell your horse, trailer, tack, property or other equine related items here in the ODS newsletter classified ads.

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Ads will run one month unless owner re-submits.

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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.

Cats Perceive Their Own World

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This brings me to the chats our 4-legged group has been having lately. We've continued talking about the different senses that we use for finding food or any other information we need about the environment around us; like our 2-legged coming out to the pasture that day. (ODS newsletter, January 2023). Thinking of those 5 senses: smell, taste, sight, sound & touch, makes me question what the heck is TC trying to use in her bird stalking? According to Ed Yong in his book, *An Immense World*, every living thing exists in its own sensory bubble—**Umwelt**. (She's definitely got her very own world...) This term comes from the German word for "environment." It's no simple reference to a living being's surroundings, but was defined by the Baltic-German zoologist Jakob von Uexküll as "specifically the part of those surroundings that an animal can sense and experience—its **perceptual** world". He put these thoughts out in 1909. (Wow! That's a LOT older than I am.) This is where it really gets crazy: "... a multitude of creatures could be standing in the same physical space and have completely different **Umwelten**." Kind of like horses, humans & cats.

Do any of you 2-leggeds still wonder about those snorts, starts, galloping horses, more than half-halt stops & unscheduled dismounts that you've experienced while riding your favored 4-legged? Wonder no longer.....

Here's another thought: Did you know that both horses & cats curl up their upper lip? Stay tuned.....

♡,
Ms Rocket



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?

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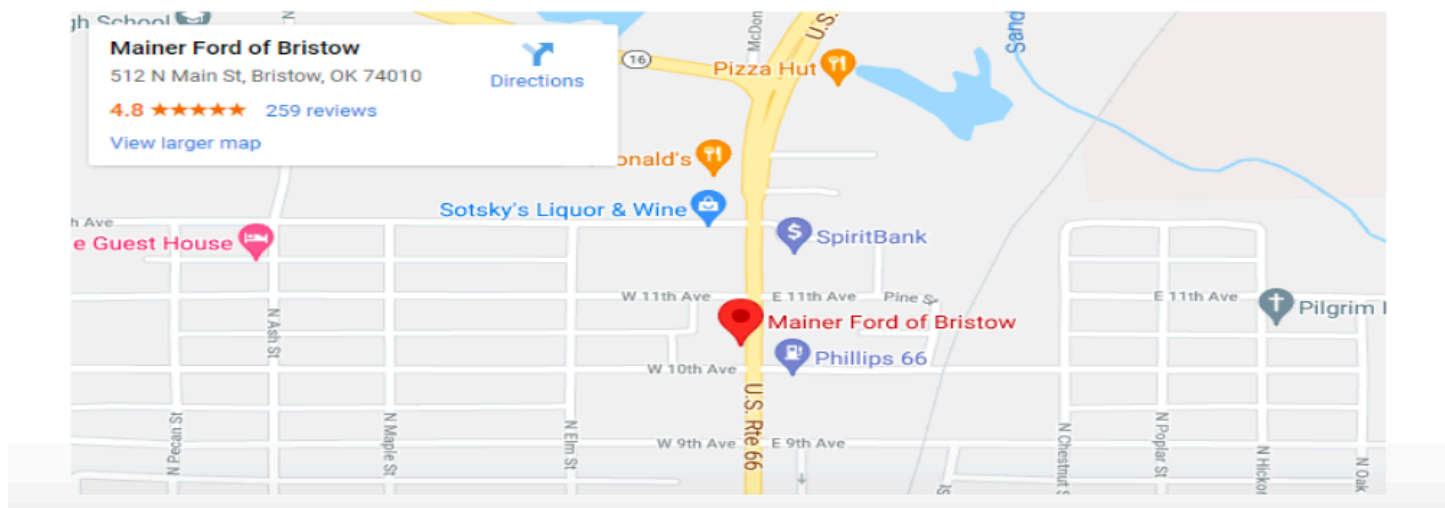
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OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

ODS is a Group member organization (GMO) of Region 9 of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF).

New Membership _____ Renewing Membership _____ Information Change only _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ USDF ID# _____

Address _____ City/State Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Birth date: Mth ____ / Yr ____

USDF membership year is Dec 1st - Nov 30th . Membership dues are late after November 30th .

ODS Membership – Select One Category. For family memberships consisting of more than two family members, please check both boxes for that section (Family and Add third family member).

\$54 Adult: Please check which applies: Open ☐ Amateur ☐ Vintage (50+) ☐ \$ _____

\$20 Charter / Life (for ODS founding members and those members who have lifetime memberships) \$ _____

\$44 Junior, under 18 as of Dec 1 of the current membership year \$ _____
(For example, must be under 18 Dec. 1 of 2015 for 2015 membership)

\$64 Family (for two family members)

Name of second family member _____ Birth Day Mth ____ / Yr ____ \$ _____

\$10 Add third family member

Name of third family member _____ Birth Day Mth ____ / Yr ____ \$ _____

Chapter Membership – Check which chapter you would like to join. Chapter membership is not required, but is required to participate in the Chapter awards programs. Chapter membership cost is the same for an individual or a family.

\$10 Green Country Chapter (GCC) \$ _____

DONATION to ODS. (ODS is a tax exempt 501.c. organization) OPTIONAL \$ _____

\$5 DISCOUNT for memberships received before November 30th . - (\$ _____)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please tell us about your USDF/USEF accomplishments by checking any of the following boxes that apply. We plan to publish a list of member accomplishments on the website and in the directory.

☐ Gold Medal ☐ Silver Medal ☐ Bronze Medal ☐ USDF Rider Performance (Training, 1st, 2nd) ☐ "L" Judge

☐ USDF Instructor Certification - Level _____

ODS membership is an opportunity to promote Dressage in your community. The club is ONLY as good as it's most ACTIVE members. We need your help! What are your skill sets? Please circle all that apply.

Scribing ☐ Scoring ☐ Organization/Management ☐ Accounting ☐ Spreadsheets ☐ Arena Set-Up/Tear-D own ☐

Photography ☐ Fund Raising ☐ Other _____

I hereby release the Oklahoma Dressage Society, it's officers, members, employees and agents from any liability and all claims of every kind, including costs, expenses, or attorney fees that might result from damages, injuries, or losses resulting directly or indirectly from the negligent act or omissions of the officers, members, employees or agents of the Oklahoma Dressage Society Club. I agree and sign below:

Signature: _____ Dated _____ (Parent or Guardian Signs for Jr. Rider)

Mail this form, with check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society – Membership" to: Marta Koenig, PO Box 1101, Kellyville, OK 74039.

Email Marta Koenig at martakoe@yahoo.com Phone: 918-232-0675

Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.

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Ladies Polo's & Hat Order Form



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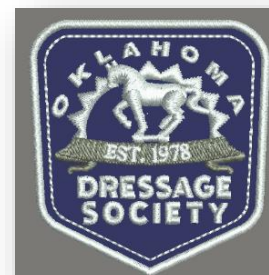


Sun Hat w/ Concealable Sun Flap
UPF30+ Navy

\$35.00



\$25.00



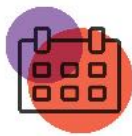
Ladies & Men's Contrast Stitch Micropique Sport-Wick Polo \$35.00

Royal	Ladies / Men's	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Navy	Ladies / Men's	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Pink Raspberry	Ladies / Men's	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL

Sun Hat w/ Concealable Sun Flap – Navy \$35.00

Adjustable Ripped and Distressed Cap -Navy \$25.00

Please contact Pamela DeVore with any questions (303) 902-6181
or email pamelad68@aol.com



Events Calendar

Go to the Events Calendar tab on dressageoklahoma.org for more details about the events listed below. Registration information and forms are available through the Event Calendar tab. To get your event listed on the website, contact the ODS webmaster Lindsey Greco at webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org. To get your event listed in the Centerline newsletter, contact the newsletter editor Melissa Furman at newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org. The most current, up-to-date event listings and information are posted online.

April 4-8	FEI Jumping, Dressage & Vaulting World Cup™ Finals (Omaha, Nebraska)
April 22-23	Spring Symposium with Janet Foy (Southern Hills Riding Academy, Okemah)
April 29 & 30	ODS Spring I & II Shows (Level 3) (Tulsa Expo Square)
June 10 & 11	Green Country Dressage Classic I & II (Level 3) (Claremore Expo Center)
August	ODS Summer Oasis (Level 1) (Location & Date TBA)
Sept 26-30	2023 WDAA World Championship Show (Lazy E Arena - Guthrie, OK)

Show Secretary.com

Monthly ODS Meetings Open To All Members

Every Oklahoma Dressage Society member is welcome to attend via phone the monthly Board of Directors meeting, usually held on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00pm.

You may call in to attend virtually by dialing 712-432-3900 (conference code #535614).

Next ODS Board Meeting:
March 8
@ 7:00 pm.



**New Interim
Mailing
Address**



ODS Board Members

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Claremore, OK 74019