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

FEBRUARY

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Green Country Dressage Classic I & II - March 12 & 13 **Entries Close February 24!**See pg 4 for details.



Letter From The President

Hello folks~

Oh boy, I guess we all had a big taste of winter at the beginning of this month! Like those of us who do the total care of our horses, I am a bit weary, and very grateful I live here and not back in Connecticut, where I spent 5 long, very cold and very snowy winters. No thanks!

I am reflecting these days on a program I just listened to on NPR with Trabian Shorters, on the topic of "Asset Framing" as opposed to "Deficit Framing". In a nutshell, he was referring to the tendency to describe something ~ a person, a culture, an ethnic group, ~ casting either a positive feeling or a negative feeling. The first words we use in thinking about or describing something are very powerful in setting a mood or tone about that subject. So how does that apply to us? Think about how you describe your horse, a lesson, a show ride. Do you pick out what was wrong about it, or do you say something good about it? I often ask my students to describe how their horse feels, especially at the beginning of the ride. Those who have been with me a while know this trick, and they say something like, "I like how relaxed she feels; he feels like he is taking forward, free strides." But too often that question is answered with, "she's stiff, he's sluggish, he's not paying attention", or if describing a movement, say shoulder-in, "the angle wasn't enough, she lost cadence," and so on. Framed another way, that same movement could be described, "he was nicely responsive, tried to keep the angle and come through with the hind leg. I know he needs more bend." Can you get a sense of the mood the two descriptions create? Starting with Asset Framing puts a positive shine on things, and from that position you can then realistically assess what can be improved. Starting with a positive statement is not bragging, nor is it an unrealistic Pollyanna view that ignores what needs to change. Rather it sets an encouraging tone for

us riders, and that will certainly be sensed by the horses. And for sure, we all know they must be encouraged to join in partnership with

us to make Dressage a dance, and not a drudgery for them. Check out Trabian's YouTube videos ~ I think you'll find them enlightening!

Meanwhile, there is a lot of content in this month's newsletter! Check out the report and photos from the fun and well attended AGM, news about the upcoming Recognized and Schooling shows, the Symposium with Lilo, and finalized plans for Session A of the "L" Program! Find something you can attend, lend us a hand as a volunteer, and come play with us!!!

Stay safe and well, my friends, enjoy your rides, and I hope to see you soon!



Danny & Kay

~ Kay

New ODS Registered Horses

2538 - Gordy - Sarah Alexander

2539 - Seppe Van't Molenhuis - Sheila Reynolds

2540 - Legendario XLVI - Sheila Reynolds

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The ODS Summer Shows I & II brought us new sponsors along with a continued relationship with some of our long-term advertisers. This month marks the ODS community's introduction to our second new sponsor, Brown & Brown, Inc.

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ODS Spring Events + Available Scholarship Funds

ODS has two wonderful programs on the Spring 2022 calendar: the **ODS Education Seminar** with Lilo Fore in April and Section A of the USDF Judges Training (L Program) in May. More information can be found on both events in ththis newsletter or on the ODS website.

We also have **scholarship funds available** (up to a total of \$400). ODS needs members to **complete applications** for scholarships and **send the forms** to the Scholarship Committee via ntraitlira19@gmail.com or mail: ODS Scholarship Committee, c/o Nancy Trait-Lira, 18601 Hickory Hollow Drive, Harrah, OK 73045.

FINAL DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MARCH 1st

You can complete an application for BOTH programs at this time.

Don't leave that scholarship money buried.

Don't leave that scholarship money unused.

Don't wait until the last minute.

Complete the form and apply for the scholarship today!



GCDC is Coming Up! Entries Close Feb 24!

Please make plans today to support, sponsor, enter or volunteer at the Green Country Dressage Classic I & II. Mark your calendars: March 12 & 13 in Claremore. For details or to register, go to www.showsecretary.com. Want to sponsor or donate items for the silent auction: Contact Jeanie Korver 918-740-3953. To volunteer, contact Sherry Guess: 918-640-1204 or guessdrsg@aol.com.

USDF "L" Program Updates

Session A of the USDF "L" Program will be hosted by ODS on May 21-22: "Introduction to Judging & Biomechanics" by Joan Darnell. See the flyer inside this issue for more information. ODS scholarship money is eligible to be used for this educational event. More information on the scholarships and an application are also available inside this newsletter issue.







April 2-3, 2022

Being held at the Tulsa State Fairgrounds, Tulsa, OK

Originally from Germany, outside Dusseldorf, Liselotte (Lilo) Fore is the former owner of "Sporthorse America" in Santa Rosa, California for which she has been honored for her major role in raising the quality dressage training and horses to an international level. She served as an FEI 5 Star judge; in that capacity she has been a member of the Ground Jury for numerous international competitions such as the Word Cup final in Las Vegas, Olympics, Pan American Games, and World Equestrian Games including WEG in Normandy. She is among the founders and served as chair of the USDF Instructor-Trainer Certification Program. She is continuously involved in many educational programs for Dressage trainers, teachers and judges throughout the United States. Among countless accolades and awards, in 2017, Lilo was inducted into the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame for her contribution to the sport of dressage in the United States. Though now FEI 5*retired, she had the privilege to serve on the Olympics in Tokyo on the JSP Panel, (Judges Supervising Panel).

Further details will be sent out soon.
Contact Pamela Byers at pamela@galleryfarm.us or 405-990-8963 (text) to be put on the mailing list.



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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 Amat	eur 🏻 Open
Do you compete in dressage? No Yes If Yes, Please check all applicable below. Schooling Shows Recognized Shows Locally Regionally National	ly
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 the second s	nding this event?

Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Information & Application

The ODS Education Scholarship provides financial assistance to Oklahoma Dressage 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:

- 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 <u>prior</u> 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:

- 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 <u>validation of the attendance</u>; and, the <u>submission to ODS of the required post report</u>. 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.





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Call for OSU Research Participation

Free Fecal Egg Count Reduction Tests

Researchers at OSU are interested in determining the incidence of anthelmintic resistance in Oklahoma horses and what management practices may influence resistance. If you wish to take part, please read below and contact us for more information.

What you need to do:

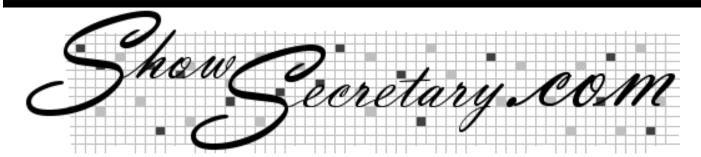
- 1. Collect a fresh manure sample from your horse.
- 2. Label and store manure sample in a plastic bag in your refrigerator.
- 3. Deworm your horse with a dewormer of your choice.
- 4. Collect an additional sample 10-14 days later. Label and store in your refrigerator.
- 5. Complete a survey on your current practices.
- 6. Label your samples and send them in.

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- Adequan FEI North American Youth
- USEF Children Dressage Championship
- USEF Pony Rider Dressage Championship
- USEF JR/YR Dressage Championship
- USEF Young Adult 'Brentina Cup' Championship
- Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Championship
- GAIG Regional Championship
- Southwest Dressage Championship

Breed Awards:

Appaloosa Sport Horse

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Belgian

FHANA

Friesian Horse Society

Georgian Grand/IGGHR

Hanoverian/Verband or NA

dALHA

Oldenburg German OHBS/GOV

Oldenburg IRS/NA

KWPN - NA

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Announcements

ODS Year-End Awards Results

Schooling Shows - Classical Dressage

Intro Level - Amateur

Champion: Kaitlyn Parham
Reserve Champ: Francis Walthammer

Third Place: Linda Whitley

Intro Level - Vintage Francis Walthammer

Training Level - Amateur

Champion: Angela French
Reserve Champ: Susan Muller
Training Level - Vintage Angela French

First Level - Amateur

Champion: Laura Taylor
First Level - Vintage Laura Taylor

Schooling Shows - Western Dressage

Open/Amateur

Champion: Cathy Orban

Recognized Shows

Training Level - Jr./Young Rider

Champion: Alexandra Arie Reserve Champ: Anna Drogemuller

Training Level - Amateur

Champion: Cheryl Swanson Reserve Champ: Christina Harmon

First Level - Amateur

Champion: Amanda Edwards

Third Level - Amateur

Champion: Lisa Miller
Reserve Champ: Pam DeVore

Third Level - Vintage

Champion: Pam DeVore

Fourth Level - Amateur

Champion: Pam DeVore

Fourth Level - Vintage

Champion: Pam DeVore

Prix St. George - Amateur

Champion: Erin Nelson Intermediate-2/Grand Prix - Open

Champion: Kristin Knutson Reserve Champ: Roberta Clark

Intermediate-2/Grand Prix - Vintage

Champion: Roberta Clark

Freestyle FEI

Champion: Kristin Knutson

Congratulations!



Many thanks to Diane Smith for ordering the awards and the lovely embroidery work.





Ruthie Korver's Dream-Catcher Award went to Cathy Orban (shown: Jean Korver displaying award).



Rec. Show I-2/GP Champ. Kristin Knutson with Kay Kamish (accepted by Dede Wasemiller).



Many thanks to Pam DeVore for organizing the awards.



Marta Koenig recognized Sherry Guess for her outstanding contribution to ODS.



Horse Of The Year went to Jessanna, ridden by Amanda Edwards with Kay Kamish.



Rec. Show Pony Champion Marta Koenig with Kay Kamish.

Announcements

ODS Year-End Awards



chooling Show: Intro/Amateur Champion -Caitlun Parham (with Kay Kamish).



Schooling Show: Training/Amateur Champ & Vintage - Angela French (with Kay Kamish).



Schooling Show: Intro/Amateur 3rd Place - Linda Whitley (with Kay Kamish).



Schooling Show: First/Amateur Champ. & Vintag Champ. - **Laura Taylor** (with Kay Kamish).



Recognized Show: Training Jr./YR Champion -Alexandra Arie (with Kay Kamish).



Recognized Show: Training/Amateur Res. Champ.
- Christina Harmon (with Kay Kamish).



Recognized Show: First/Amateur Champ. -Amanda Edwards (with Kay Kamish).



Rec. Show: 3rd/Am Res. Ch. & Vint Ch & 4th/Am Ch & Vintage Ch **Pam DeVore** (w K. Kamish).



Rec. Show: I-2/GP Res. Champion & Vintage Champion Roberta Clark (w K. Kamish).

Annual General Meeting Report

The AGM, held at the beautiful Tulsa Country Club, was very well attended, with approximately 30-35 members and families coming to share camaraderie, great food, and the fun of seeing the beautiful Awards given out. It was fun to get a bit dressed up and to be served so well by the staff at TCC.

The Business Meeting went smoothly, and your new Board members will be **Sherri Pittman** and **Bay Greenhill**. Sherri has recently and finally made her move up from Houston, and graciously agreed to stay on the Board now that she is in the area and can become more involved but needs little introduction, as we have seen her and the beautiful horse, Leo, at many of our events and shows. We are excited and happy to have Bay on Board to give us a fresh voice, and one that brings lots of experience. Thanks to both for being willing to step forward and lend a valuable hand in the operation of ODS!

There was a Silent Auction that had items spread over several tables, and thanks to those who offered not only the items, but to those who placed bids and bought them! Speaking of covering tables, check out the photos of the awards tables and awards winners! Through the dedicated and diligent efforts of **Pam DeVore** and the embroidery expertise of **Diane Smith** we had a beautiful display.

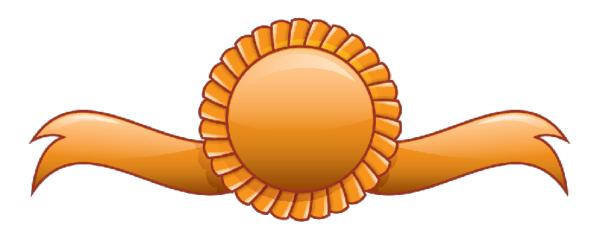
In regards to the awards, we were disappointed to discover there were a couple of members who lost out on being eligible for an award because of missing certain requirements. Please review the awards rules available at www.dressageoklahoma.org (click on the "Shows & Awards" tab). You can also check that out in your new Member Directory.

A new Award was presented for the first time this year ~ the **Dreamcatcher Award** presented by **Ruthie Korver** in honor of her very special horse of the same name. The idea is that it will go to a horse who has gone above and beyond facing some challenge and excelling anyway. Good character and a loving owner are a must. This year it went to **Cathy Orban** and her beloved **Batman My Buddy**.

My list of "thank yous" is, as always, long and full of names. We honored the volunteers with lovely canvas carry bags. If you DID volunteer in 2021 and were unable to attend the AGM, please let me know and we will figure a way to get one to you. We will have them available for distribution to 2021 volunteers, so keep a look out for them!

Thanks, as ever, to all of you who love and support this organization! It sounds trite, but oh so true~ we couldn't do it without you~!







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****USDF "L" PROGRAM 2022****

Through the groundbreaking combined efforts of three area GMOs, this highly valued and educational program will be 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.

S&VE THESE DATES

Session A May 21 - 22 Rocking C Ranch/Mounted, Inola, Oklahoma

RSU Claremore/Classroom sessions

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

October 15 – 16 **Session C** Capall Stables, Wichita, Kansas

Hosted by Kansas Dressage and Eventing Association Collective Marks, equitation, rider biomechanics and basics

Kathy Rowse

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Grant Monies Available

TDF has announced a new grant for <u>Adult Amateurs in honor of Jane Savoie</u>. TDF is honored to be able to remember and celebrate Jane's long and impactful career in dressage. The application for this Fund is due April 10.

Another TDF activity is offered by former TDF grant recipients, Ali Perkins and Scnobia Stewart. Ali & Scnobia are hosting a Virtual Dressage Show to benefit TDF. Tests will be scored by Alexis Martin-Vegue. Ribbons and test sheets will be mailed out after judging. Full proceeds will go to TDF. You can sign up here.

Upcoming Grant Deadlines:

February 10: Carolyn Van Cise Fund for Michigan Youth and Young Adults

February 15: Karen Skvarla Fund for Young Professionals

March 1: Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund for Region 9 Adult Amateurs

March 1: Lloyd Landkamer Show Management Development Fund

March 1: Veronica Holt Dressage Technical Delegate Fund

March 15: Shannon Foundation Fund for Judges Licensing

March 25: Trip Harting Fund for Pony Club Members

Over \$22,000 Awarded to Adult Amateur Riders

Recipients of the Carol Lavell Gifted Memorial Fund for Adult Amateurs have been announced! Each will receive a \$1,500 grant to enable them to set aside quality time in concentrated training with their horse.

"We received a record number of Gifted Fund applications from adult amateurs and are happy to 'answer the call' by awarding a record number of grants," said Jenny Johnson, TDF's Executive Director. "Thanks to generous donors, additional grants were awarded in Regions 5 and 7 in memory of Sue Curry, then our Board approved two more wild card grants for any Region, also in Sue's memory. We are honored to remember Sue in this special way and are grateful to the donors."

Gifted Fund Grant Recipients:

Region 1 - Jessie Ginsburg (VA)

Region 1 - Jessica Barreto (NJ)

Region 2 - Carol Mundschenk (IL)

Region 2 - Kelly Steele (IN)

Region 3 - Yun Amy Zhan (FL)

Region 4 - Beth Dinoff (IA)

Region 4 - Leah Strid (MO)

Region 5 - Debi Stevens (CO)

Region 5 - Stacy Adams (CO)

Region 6 - Robin Cummins (WA)

Region 7 - Katrina Lotti (CA) Region 7 - Lynda Palmer (CA)

Region 8 - Cynthia Spear (ME)

Region 9 - Naima Lowe (OK)

Region 9 - Kerry Evans (AR)





Thanks to grants made possible by TDF donors, many instructors, judges, and breeders participated in training to help them improve as professionals this year. Adult Amateur riders from across the country spent dedicated training time with their horses, which renewed their commitment to our sport. FEI-Level riders realized their dreams of competing successfully on the international stage and received training from some of the best instructors in the world. With the help of TDF grants, dressage clubs in 20 states organized events for riders in their areas, making high-quality education more affordable. Youth riders learned the importance of the basics, how to teach their horses correctly, and how to grow into the future leaders of U.S. dressage. Senior riders and their horses were recognized through the ever-popular Century Club program, inspiring others to continue (or begin!) riding.

Please consider a gift to The Dressage Foundation to help even more riders experience the beauty that dressage offers. Thank you!

www.dressagefoundation.org/support/donate.html



Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund for Region 9 Adult Amateurs

DUE MARCH 1

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Apply for the Evie Tumlin Memorial Award here: https://bit.ly/3ggSDC0



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!



How Are Cats Like Horses?

Here I am, once again, making my purrrr-losophies known to the world of humans. Get ready. I'm going to ROCK YOUR WORLD!

A couple months ago, I received an inquiry from an interested reader asking me to explain how cats are like horses. WHAAAT ??? My cat brain immediately turned into the predator that it is & started following my little secret trail through the bushes......

Cats are commonly employed in stables & barns as rodent patrol. It seems these working residents can develop close relationships with the horses they live next door to. Could this be the reason they are so alike? Maybe cats & horses are a little too close? They both have "ine" ending their common scientific names: equine & feline. Unlike bats, where "DNA analysis suggests that **only cats** and dogs are more closely related to horses than bats are." (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, DOI: 10.1073/pnas. 0603797103. Jun 25, 2006.) WHAAAAT? Nowhere do I see a bat in the belfry. And, a dog? Let's be honest. Cats are much more important & wonderful than dogs.

Being a barn cat still strikes me as being a risky occupation. There are no health plans, lots of exposure to the elements, and the possibility of getting chased by larger predators. Not a whole lot of benefits, except with the horses. Interestingly, cats & horses can develop a little twisted predator/prey relationship. This relationship can easily turn into friendship, especially since one definitely maintains a body too large to provide easy pickings for any feline's dinner. Or maybe those cat & horse friendships are just waiting for the right moment.....remember, cats can't live on mice alone. My main thought is why wouldn't any cat purr-furr to live indoors with humans to wait on them rather than outside where there are no full-time servants?

Horses & cats are both 4-legged beings that move gracefully across the pastures. They are both very athletic. What about those horses jumping those tall fences or over water? I'd jump waaayyy over those wet puddles, too. I sure don't want to get my pretty little paws wet. And have you ever seen those videos on the internet that show a cat twisting their jumps in the air? I could sit in front of the screen & watch cat videos all day. I'm positive some of you humans feel the same way. That's when I like to have treats, too. It's usually really warm & snugly on the couch by the warmth of the fire.

Cats & horses both are startled by a lot of things & spook at "nothing." I can tell you that it's not nothing....we see what humans can't & we're just warning you. Take it as an early warning system. Horses & cats play with toys. We both go on walks around the NEIGHborhood! Horses & cats are all-in on fun adventures and know how to have a good time. We both love playing in the snow. Hey! Who slipped that one in? Was that from that dog at the barn? Brrrrr..... NOT cats! Horses & cats can have the same personality, too. Some days, we like humans & some days we don't! Simple as that. Be prepared when we have an off day.....remember that early warning system?

At least humans **don't** try to ride or train us felines.

√, Ms R*****cket



Virtual Spotlight Horse Shows Return in 2022

ODS will once again work with Gail Mathues and Spotlight Horse Shows to offer not one, but *two* opportunities to participate in virtual shows! You can sign up for a show, then have a week to video a ride to submit for judging.

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Why is ODS doing this? First, for the fun and convenience of its membership, and second, because for every entry (it's not necessary to be an ODS member) ODS will receive \$10.00 that will go towards Schooling Show Year-End Awards! It is a winwin, all the way around! So brush off your horses, braid them up pretty and trot down your own centerline! Stay tuned for more details on how you can participate.

Cabin Fever Link: https://www.spotlighthorseshows.com/events-2/oklahoma-dressage-society-cabin-fever-show

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Beat The Heat Virtual Show

Entries Open Dates: May 23 – June 13, 2022 Video Submission: through July 1, 2022 Judging Dates: July 2 - 11, 2022

ODS's Green Country Chapter 2022 Schooling Shows Announced

April 23 - Riverbend arena

May 15 - Riverbend

June 25 - Riverfield Stables

July 16 - evening show at YOLy

Sept 11 - Riverfield Stables

Oct 15 - YOLy

Nov 5 - Schooling Show Championships/ Riverbend Arena



March 26-27 April 23-24 June 4-5 June 25-26 Sept 3-4

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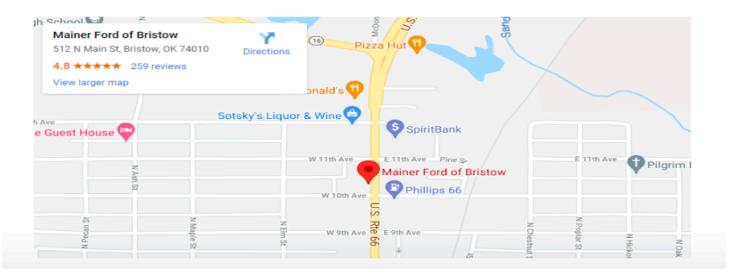
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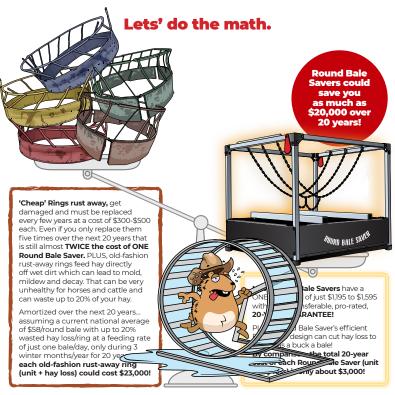
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Inexpensive Pain Drug Gets a Boost for Treating Horses

Researchers found acetaminophen is readily and rapidly absorbed, and most of the horses appeared to feel and move better.

Editor's note: Always consult your veterinarian before giving your horse any pharmaceuticals, including over-the-counter drugs.

If a little bit of acetaminophen makes your horse feel better, a little bit more might make him feel a little bit better for a little bit longer. This is welcome news for owners who are managing horses with chronic aches and pains.

Acetaminophen is a cheap and effective over-the-counter pain reliever that provides an alternative to non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS) with undesirable side effects such as gastric ulcers and kidney damage. Researchers confirmed that acetaminophen is safe for horses at a higher dose than tested previously, even when administered for weeks at a time.

The study, led by Melissa Mercer, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM- LA, a resident who is working toward a PhD in veterinary clinical pharmacology at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, in Blacksburg, Virginia, concluded that 30 milligrams per kilogram of

body weight of acetaminophen twice daily for 21 days produced no ill effects. In practical terms, this is approximately 15,000 milligrams for an 1,100-pound horse (30 500-milligram tabs) given at 12-hour intervals. The research builds on an earlier study that showed acetaminophen was safe for horses at 20 milligrams per kilogram of body weight twice daily for two weeks. Mercer reported these findings at the 2021 American Association of Equine Practitioners Convention, held Dec. 4-8 in Nashville, Tennessee.

The latest trial included 12 therapy and lesson horses, ages 13-23, from the Ride-A-Rescue/Winterfrost Farm program. All were healthy but exhibited mild, chronic lameness, for which most had routinely receive NSAIDS to remain comfortable. They were withdrawn from any medications prior to beginning the study. Each horse was scored for lameness using body-mounted electronic sensors and human evaluators as they trotted in a straight line on pavement. Six horses were scoped for gastric ulcers, and six horses had their livers biopsied pre- and post-treatment to check for evidence of toxicity.

One positive the researchers reconfirmed is that acetaminophen is readily and rapidly absorbed in the horse. In less than an hour, its pain-relieving properties are already at work. How exactly it works is still not yet fully understood, but it's believed to impact the endocannabinoid, opioid, and serotonergic systems, in some of the same ways scientists believe cannibidiol (CBD) works, Mercer said. And while its anti-inflammatory effects are not on par with, say, phenylbutazone (bute), it's more benign in the digestive tract. In fact, several horses in the study with gastric ulcers showed marked improvements after 21 days on acetaminophen. The break from NSAIDs gave their preexisting ulcers time to heal, Mercer explained.

Another plus is that acetaminophen does not accumulate in the horse's body even after three weeks of twice-daily dosing. Because it clears the system rapidly, researchers believe a higher dose might maintain a therapeutic level until the next dose is given. Peak concentration is typically an hour after ingesting the drug, and most of the horses appeared to feel and move better. They also maintained their riding schedules throughout the study.

Preliminary results also showed "transient improvement" in lameness scores at 21 days, but researchers are still analyzing the data, Mercer said. She concluded that although acetaminophen might not be the best stand-alone treatment for managing chronic lameness, it's proving to be a safe and effective option for reducing our horses' everyday aches and pains.

Source: thehorse.com; Betsy Lynch, Feb 2, 2022

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Feb 24	GCDC entries close
Mar 12-13	Green Country Dressage Classic Horse Show I & II (Claremore)
Apr 2-3	ODS Spring Symposium w/Lilo Fore (Tulsa)
Apr 3-24	Cabin Fever Virtual Show (Entries Open; Video Submissions
	through May 13)
Apr 30-May 1	ODS Spring I & II Recognized Shows (Tulsa)
May 14-22	Cabin Fever Virtual Show (Judging)
May 21-22	USDF "L" Program, Session A (Inola, Claremore)
May 23-June 13	Beat The Heat Virtual Show (Entries Open; Video Submissions
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July 2-11	Beat The Heat Virtual Show (Judging)
July 30-31	USDF "L" Program, Session B (Stillwater)
Octo 15-16	USDF "L" Program, Session C (Wichita, KS)

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

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