



Centerline

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

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Letter From The President

Hello, Friends.

Spring is here for sure now, and we are off and running! I know several of our members have already gone down centerline at some early shows, both recognized and schooling. There is nothing quite like trying to make your shaggy pasture horse into a smooth show horse this time of year! That is, unless you decided to clip early, then you have a head start. I clipped one of mine, and left one in full winter coat, so I'm dealing with all that hair. No wonder people a couple centuries ago used horsethair to stuff mattresses! They sure generate a lot of it; may as well make use of it.

We have two major events to offer this month, first being the Spring Symposium with Janet Foy on April 22-23. That will be a perfect preparation for the riders and preview for the auditors for the Spring Recognized Shows the following weekend on April 29-30. For most members, these events are presented as a 'done deal' ~ just sign up, show up, have a good time, and go home. I want to acknowledge the few hard working souls who make these events happen.

Pamela Byers has put in hours organizing the Symposium, making out forms, sending countless emails, securing a grant from USDF, juggling personalities and schedules, and putting

it all together. **Roberta Clark** is the hard worker on the Spring Shows, lining up judges a year or more in advance, getting the TD, securing a facility, not to mention all the fund raising/ sponsorships she collects. She is well supported by the ever-present **Sherry Guess**, who has the unenviable task of rounding up enough volunteers for the myriad of jobs required by a show of this size. **Anne Kuhns** helps us from Kentucky, keeping us on the path with all the management details. Granted, they all have help in the background, but for the most part, these volunteers are the driving force behind the events ODS bring to YOU, our beloved membership. We all put in hours to help make this club successful ~ why? Because we want ODS to continue to succeed, and we all love the sport/art of Dressage and want it to continue to flourish in our home state. Time is coming when other members will need to think about stepping up to help out ~ ask yourselves.....others have been doing this for me, can I think about helping out? Give it a try ~ I promise you will find it rewarding!

Hugs and blessings to you all
~ Kay



Danny & Kay showing at the World Equestrian Center



NEWS

ODS New Horse Registrations

2559 - As A Matter Of Fact - Revery Equine/Tiffany George
 2560 - Shirley Temple - Revery Equine/Tiffany George
 2561 - Pioneerofan Empire - Anna Krupka
 2562 - Nebaeh Kay El Tareef - Frances Rothammer
 2563 - Albur Mor - Yoly Ranch/Laurie Hedlund

Reminder: Register Your Horse With ODS For Year-End Awards

Show season is about to get underway, for both Recognized and Schooling shows! Remember that if you want to be sure to be eligible for Year-End Awards, your horse **must** be registered with ODS! This can be either for one year, or for greater value, select the Lifetime registration. Check out the ODS website at dressageoklahoma.org for further information.

ODS Members Continue USDF "L" Program

The first session of the USDF L Program, Part 2 was held at the Texas Rose Fairgrounds in San Antonio on April 1-2. Three ODS members were accepted into Part 2 of the program: **Nancy Burba, Richal Flannery, and Dallas Sweat.**

These three riders deserve a round of applause! This is a daunting undertaking and all three held up well under the pressure.

Kathy Rowse was the presenting instructor, and was so helpful and encouraging for the whole group all weekend. It was great to see Kathy at work, as she will be coming to Oklahoma for ODS's Level 1 September show and clinic. She will be a good one to ride for!

Thanks again and again to **Sherry Guess** for her outstanding organizational skills that kept the weekend rolling smoothly. Iowa is the next stop on this "L" Program journey, and we are grateful to **KDEA, Marie Maloney, and Susan Lang** for offering to give assistance for that session.

Update: ODS Spring Symposium With Janet Foy

Special note! How many of you realize that **Janet Foy** was the Judge at C for the World Cup that just happened in Omaha?!? Yes, and we are so happy to have her coming to Oklahoma! You will be treated to a rare opportunity to audit and watch Janet in action as she coaches riders and explains the details and fine points of the new National tests.

There are two full days of rides, including all the tests at National levels, as well as a few FEI rides. Sunday Janet will discuss putting together Musical Freestyles, and we have a couple of brave musical souls who will be dancing down centerline for our edification and enjoyment. There will also be many riders reviewing or advancing to their National tests to fill the rest of Sunday.

AUDITORS! It is never too late to come join in the fun! Walk-ins are welcome on either day of the Symposium if your plans keep you guessing to the last minute. Don't pass up this amazing opportunity!!

If you would like a preview of Janet's quiet and helpful approach to teaching, check out this YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/V1ZOqkBRwkw>. Or search YouTube for Janet Foy 2023 tests symposium.

Watching it may make you eager to watch her in action, live and in person! She is kind and encouraging, so the volunteer test riders will feel supported as they receive invaluable information and coaching from one of the best! What a great opportunity to get ready for the ODS show just one week later!!

Pamela Byers is the contact person, so get in touch with her! (pbyers.ods@gmail.com)



OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY
• PRESENTS •

THE GREEN COUNTRY DRESSAGE CLASSIC I & II

JUNE 10 & 11

A LEVEL 3 SHOW

CLAREMORE EXPO CENTER
JUDY DOWNER - "S" JUDGE
CHARLOTTE TRENTMAN - "S" JUDGE

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QUALIFIERS FOR 2023 GREAT AMERICAN/USDF REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, SW DRESSAGE
CHAMPIONSHIP, OK DRESSAGE SOCIETY YEAR-END AWARDS PROGRAM

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Spring I & II*

APRIL 29 & 30

2023

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The horses you have given your heart to.*

It is the little girl who fell in love with a pony
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of a true sport where companionship is
the key to success and fear is not an option.



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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**

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.



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

OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY

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Events



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Spring I & II*

APRIL 29&30

Tulsa Expo Square
 Janet (Dolly) Hannon - "S" judge
 Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez - "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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ODS Spring Show I & II: Special Events

Stall Crawl: June 28th @ 6:00pm

Awards party: June 29 after the last Freestyle

Virtual Starlight Shows: Convenient & Count For Awards

Gail Matheus, of Starlight Horse Shows, the Virtual Show organization, recently announced that the entries for the first of two shows that ODS is sponsoring, the Cabin Fever Show, has 30 entries just prior to the closing date! As you might recall, for every entry, regardless of membership, ODS will receive \$10.00 which we put towards our Year End Schooling Shows Awards! If you ride in either of our two sponsored shows, you may count **one score** toward your year end collection of scores. **REMEMBER:** if you choose to use a virtual score **YOU** are responsible for submitting it to Pamela DeVore for it to count. She has no way to capture scores from the Virtual shows, so be sure to turn one in if you want it to count! Virtual tests are a great way to ride before an "S" rated National judge from the comfort of your own home barn! It is an easy way to get great feedback on the quality of your ride without the struggle and effort of hauling to a show. It is available for all levels. Give it a try!

'Eggstra' Festive Schooling Show Success

The new ODS Committee for Schooling Shows put on their first show of the season on Saturday, April 8. We are happy to say, riders turned out in great numbers, with nearly 50 tests ridden!

The show was held at Revery Equestrian in Mounds, and as an "Eggstra" bit of fun, they held an Easter Parade!

Stay tuned as they confirm and announce dates for future shows this season.

Entries for their future shows may be made through: GCC.ShowServices@gmail.com

For more information, please contact Laura Taylor: lktaylor@gmail.com

Announcements

ODS Show Organizer Retiring: Position Available

Roberta Clark, our ever-present, untiring Recognized Show Organizer, has just announced that she will be stepping away from that job after the shows of 2024! We have all become so accustomed to Bert running the Spring Show for these many past years, that no doubt there is very little thought about how they even get done. We all just wait for the announcement, go to the Showsecretary.com website, enter and show up to ride. But there is oh so much work that goes on behind the scenes! Things have become very busy for Bert, with now two grand babies to help take care of, and plans to start spending more time in Florida. Did I say 'untiring' before? Well, perhaps that's not quite true, and this year the demands have actually tripled, with ODS taking over the management of the GCDC show, formerly run by the Green Country Chapter, as well as the new Level 1 Show in September. With so much on her plate, Bert is, in fact, tired.

Folks, it is time for others to start stepping up to help out with this work and take advantage of a generous amount of time to let Bert mentor new people on the organization of shows. This wonderful club is only as strong as the members who will do the work. So come on!! Give us all a hand and learn how YOU can help YOUR club!

Contact Kay Kamish to find out how you can help serve ODS:
president@dressageoklahoma.org

USDF Annual Convention Delegate Needed For Region 9: ODS Offering Stipend

Bess Bruton, Region 9 Director, has announced that nominations are open for delegates from our Region to represent us at the USDF Annual Convention. This will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on Nov 29-Dec 2. Region 9 is allowed to elect 6 delegates this year. We currently have only 1 nominee, Arlene Gaitan. If you plan on attending the USDF convention in Omaha, please run for PM (Participating Member) delegate. You must be a participating member, and write a very short bio. You can nominate yourself. **Go to the USDF website to find the nomination form.**

Please contact Bess at iamhorsey2@icloud.com with questions.

>>>As an added incentive, ODS is offering a \$500 stipend to an ODS member willing to carry the vote as a Delegate! What a great opportunity to experience the Convention, participate in the voting procedure, see your National Board at work, and share a few days with hundreds of like-minded riders from across the country! <<<

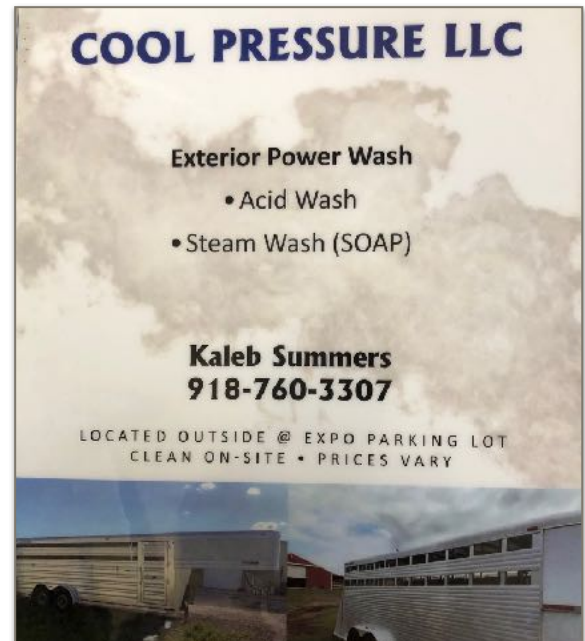
New Level I Fall Show & Clinic Confirmed

Roberta Clark has worked her magic and confirmed dates, judge and venue for a Fall Show for **Sept 9-10, 2023!** **Kathy Rowse** will judge with Susan Lang TD. There will be an indoor warmup and outdoor competition ring.

Mark your calendars: **Sept. 8th** move-in
Sept. 9th Level One Recognized Show
Sept 10th Clinic with Kathy Rowse

Location: **Staab Equestrian** in Claremore, Oklahoma (Formerly Woodridge Farm)

Watch for details coming soon. First preference for clinic rides will be given to those who show on Saturday.



Events

The Oklahoma Dressage Society Presents



SUMMER

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Level 1 **SHOW & CLINIC**
SEPT 9 **SEPT 10**

KATHY ROWSE
JUDGE & CLINICIAN

Last date to qualify for Region 9 Championships!

Qualifier for 2023 Great American USDF Regional Championships, SW Dressage Championship
& Oklahoma Dressage Society Year-End Awards Program



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www.showsecretary.com

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It's Not Too Late To Be A Show Sponsor: Many Levels Available

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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GOLD SPONSOR

For your tax-deductible cash contribution of \$500 you will receive:

- A full-page color advertisement in the 2023 Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program.
- Saturday awards celebration/Exhibitors' – VIP table included.
- Your name will be announced as a Gold Sponsor and listed in the Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program as such.
- Banners (with grommets) placement around the show rings. *(Provided by the Sponsor)*
- 6 months' advertisement on the ODS website and in the ODS newsletter

SILVER SPONSOR

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

- A half-page color advertisement in the 2023 Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program.
- 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

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)**

☐ **SILVER SPONSOR (\$300)**

☐ **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

	<u>ODS Member Rate</u>	<u>Non-Member Rate</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Color (7.5" x 10").....	\$175	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Black & White (7.5" x 10").....	\$80	\$100
<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!

Smell & Taste: The Meaning of Senses According To A Feline

Whoppeeee.....! Doesn't this chilling weather put a little spark under your tail? My little sis-kit & I have been rocketing around our homestead chasing each other. It's been really fun after all that new warmth has brought the bulbs into flower. My favorite wild pansies have been making an appearance in the woods' pathways, too. They're such soft & cushiony places to take a nice little roll. The butterflies are also flitting around making me jump & somersault in the air. I know I'm the highest jumper in our 4-legged family. I jump up into my 2-legged's arms really easily from a sitting position.

After all, I am a **ROCKET**! Spring is a purrrrr-fect time to think about senses that everyone uses in this big, baaaadddd world: smell & taste.

Sometimes we get those 2 types of senses mixed up in the words. We use a lot of tasty words to describe smell & a LOT of smelly words to describe taste. There's a lot of talk about the difference between smell & taste in Ed Yong's book, An Immense World. (Yep, still finding thinking material in that book.)

Smell works at a distance, while taste works through contact. Great, except how does that explain how ants & other insects only smell by contact using their antennae to pick up smells that are too heavy to go airborne? And, how does that explain how fish smell even though everything they're smelling is dissolved in water?? What a messed up world out there. How can a cute little kitty like me make any sense of it all? LOL. Did you catch that one?

Realize that odors don't carry any meaning until they are associated with an experience. For example, as a kitten, I had a black & white spotted 4-legged being come walking up to me one day. It smelled like what I knew as Horse. I also knew it was way too short-legged to be Horse & wasn't as pretty as Horse. What was it? As it got closer, I could see that it was covered with some greenish-brown slimy stuff. I used my lip-lifting extra special smelling organ & smelled the heavy, underlying wet new scent. By that time, I definitely knew the beast was not Horse. I now knew it for what it actually was: DOG! It surely had not rolled in those wonderful smelling wild pansies..... THAT particular smell helped me to decide on a quick POA*. I took off in the opposite direction. What a learning experience that was!

Here's the kicker: the smell definitely informed me that I surely did NOT want to taste it!

*POA: Plan Of Action, not Pony of America.

♥,
Ms Rocket

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

Non-commercial ads are FREE for ODS members and only \$5 for non-member!

Ads will run one month unless owner re-submits.

To advertise, email the editor: newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org.



NEW! Advertise Your Items For Sale Via ODS Membership E-Blast & Facebook!

Now, you can sell your horse-related items by way of an advertisement emailed to all members of ODS, PLUS an ad on the ODS Facebook page all for a \$50 donation to ODS! To secure your ad space, send \$50 to martakoe@yahoo.com and copy-ready artwork to newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org.



Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Information & Application

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

Criteria for Eligibility:

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

Criteria for Use:

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

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

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

Application Deadline:

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

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

Presented at the ODS Summer Meeting.

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

Presented at the ODS Annual General Meeting.

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

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

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

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

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Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Information & Application

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

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

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

Additional Information:

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

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

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

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





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

****As an ODS Member you automatically become a GMO Member of USDF****

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 2023 for 2023 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 _____ \$ _____

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 74029
.Email: membership@dressageoklahoma.org. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.

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Oklahoma Dressage Society

Ladies Polo's & Hat Order Form



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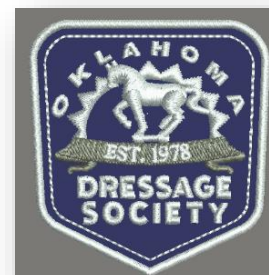


Sun Hat w/ Concealable Sun Flap
UPF30+ Navy

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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

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Adjustable Ripped and Distressed Cap -Navy \$25.00

Please contact Pamela DeVore with any questions (303) 902-6181
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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 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)
Sept 9, 10 ODS Level I Show (9th) & Clinic (10th) (Staab Equestrian, Claremore)
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:

**May 10
@ 7:00 pm.**



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