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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

Greeting folks ~

I think it is safe to say, summer is here! It came as a surprise to me last week after riding three horses and wondering why I was so *tired*.....then for the first time this season I heard the heat index number: 107! Well that explains it! With the combined heat and humidity, we all need to start being a little more careful, plan activities, drink water *and electrolytes*, and especially ~ watch out for our beloved horses who sometimes are in situations they cannot control. Look in the newsletter for an excellent article outlining the **Heat Index for Horses**, giving an easy way to calculate whether it is safe to be riding.

May was a month for opening up activities, and many of us got out to make video rides for the first ever **Virtual Show put on by GCC**. There were 34 rides total, judged by two "L" Grads, **Sherry Guess** and yours truly. GCC plans a live show on **June 28 at Joyful Noise**, so check out their web page for details. Because of the success of the Virtual Show, GCC plans to hold two more, one for July and one for August, so we can all plan to video rides during the part of the day when it is 'cooler'!

Our **ZOOM** educational meetings continue to be a success. The last one on June 3rd featured the excellent and knowledgeable **Sarah Martin**. There were rave reviews and requests to have her again. We are working on securing another speaker for the next meeting, date TBA.

Clean out your trailers and tack rooms of all those bits, breeches, and girths you have acquired over the years, shine them up and plan to bring them to the **Used Tack Sale** at the **Summer Meeting on July 18 in Tulsa**. Look for details in the newsletter. We had planned to have **Florence Wetzel**, certified bit fitter come. However...

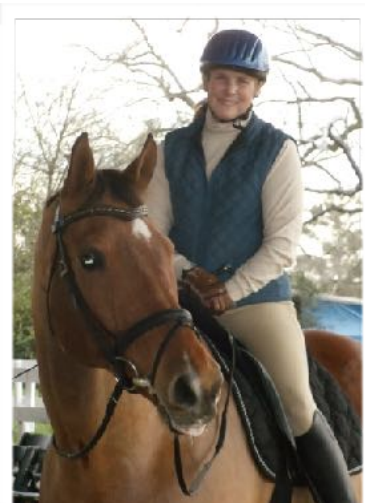
***We need more appointments for fitting for her to be able to come

*** **Last Call! is June 16!**

If we do not get enough appointments, we will need to reschedule her visit.

And last, you get this because you have a *nurse* for President, and I feel it is important to remind you all that COVID has sadly, not magically,

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New TDF Grant for Young Professionals

The Amanda Johnson Freestyle Fund has been established at TDF in memory of her dedication to the sport of dressage.

This Fund will provide an annual grant of up to \$2,000 to a young professional between the ages of 20 and 30 to create a professionally prepared musical freestyle for competition. Applicants must be current residents of USDF Region 2 or 4.

Beth Baumert, TDF's President and CEO, said, "We are honored to be able to remember Amanda in a way that will spread joy year after year. Thank you to all of Amanda's family and friends who have donated to make this Fund a reality." For more information, visit www.dressagefoundation.org.



Feeling Creative? Region 9 T-Shirt Contest

Have you had time to get those creative juices flowing? Send in a design for the Region 9 T-shirt. All designs should be sent to Sherry Guess (guessdrsg@aol.com) by July 1. The winner will be chosen at the Region 9 Summer Meeting.

Advertise in the Region 9 Omnibus at a Discount!

Region 9 is offering a 10% discount for anyone who commits to running an ad by June 30th. Payment will be due 8/30/20.

Below is a list of the advertising opportunities. Please contact Arlene Gsitan at arlenegaitan@att.net or 210-386-9576 for full details or if you have any questions.

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\$30 per category

Late fee – After August 15: \$35

Edit or Adjust Ad: \$35

Advertise by clicking this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FHD9F5H>

USDF Youth Volunteer Of The Year Award & Youth Convention Scholarships

Nominations for **USDF Youth Volunteer Of The Year** are due by August 31. For details, check out USDF's website or click [here](#).

Applications for the **Youth Convention Scholarship** are due by August 31. For details, check out USDF's website or click [here](#).

USDF Arts Contest

Showcase your creativity for your chance to win in the USDF Arts Contest. Two divisions (Photography & Art), 3 age categories, deadline July 1. Open to all USDF members. Details, visit www.usdf.org or click [here](#).



A Fond “See Ya Later!” & A Big “Thank You, ODS!”

Hi, ODS Friends!

As some of you may know, I am moving to Sugar Land, TX (just south of Houston) in July. It is an exciting adventure for my family in a new season (empty nesting, new city, new job for husband, new barn for Picasso). But the move is bitter-sweet. I feel so blessed when I think of the friends I have made while living in Tulsa and especially for the like-minded horse-crazy friends who I have had the privilege to meet through OK Dressage Society. Each of you has impacted my life for the better. Though I am moving away, I want to say what Kay Kamish recommends saying... “See ya later!” instead of “Goodbye.” I hope to see you all later — whether it be when I visit Oklahoma or when you come to Houston for clinic or competition (I won’t be far from the Great SW Equestrian Center).

Earlier this week, I received a lovely surprise in the mail! My special delivery was a “thank you for the newsletter” gift from the ODS Board. How thoughtful! I absolutely love the jacket (Diane Smith’s company sure makes great looking stuff!) and the sentiments behind their kindness. When I don the jacket, I will fondly remember all the ODS friends I have made through volunteering, shows and attending educational events.

I want to take the liberty here to publicly thank my instructor trainer, Laurie Hedlund, for teaching an old dog (and horse) new tricks. After 30+ years in the hunter world, thanks to Laurie’s inspiration and education, I am now madly in love with, and addicted to, the sport of dressage. Picasso is quite fond of it too! Thank you, Laurie. I’m a better rider (and person) because you have been part of my journey.

I will miss all the folks of ODS. I have truly enjoyed everyone’s kindness, friendship, conversations, and have benefitted greatly from the shows and education ODS provides. It has been a pleasure being part of this organization and I’m glad I can still be part of it even 500 miles away as the newsletter editor.

See you later,
Melissa Furman



ODS Sponsor Appreciation

In these days of COVID-19, the bottom lines of many businesses have taken a downturn. To do its part to lift up our community, ODS would like to show appreciation for Spring Shows sponsors by honoring them in this issue by way of publishing their advertisement. We encourage ODS members, their friends and family, to support these companies with your business.





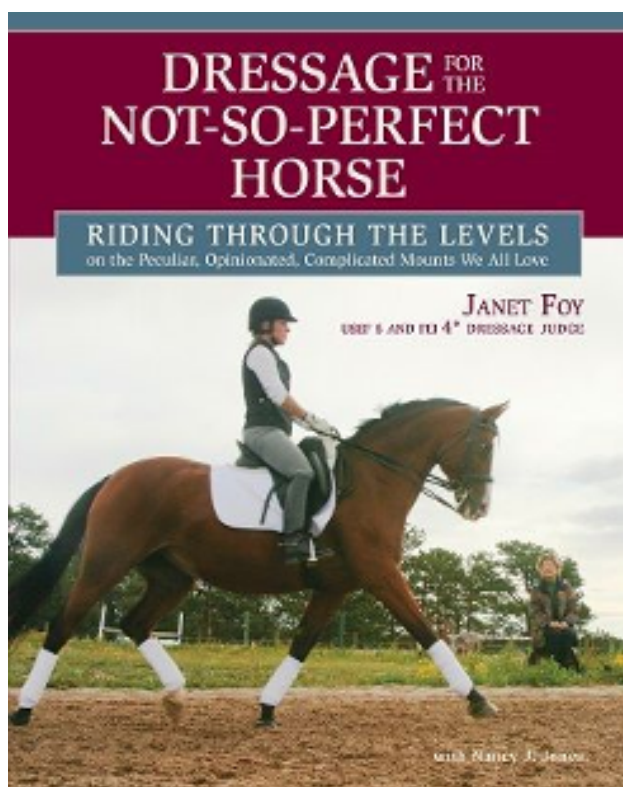
Events

Zoom With USDF Members: A USDF Judge's Book Discussion!

Join USDF GMO members from around the country for a Zoom meeting with Janet Foy to discuss her book *Dressage For The Not-So-Perfect Horse* on Wednesday, June 24th, at 7 PM Eastern Time.

Janet Foy is a FEI 5* judge, an USEF S dressage judge and an USEF Sporthorse R breeding judge. Throughout her career she has earned her Bronze, Silver and Gold Medal for the USDF and is an active member of the USEF International High Performance Dressage Committee

TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT (it is free): https://www.striderpro.com/a/ZCj-C2Rjbk-UHCqzv0cu_Q




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Events



OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY

SUMMER MEETING!!

**SATURDAY
JULY 18, 2020**

Come join us as we present our Annual Summer Meeting, our combined free
Educational and Business event ****AND** Used Tack Sale!**

OSU Extension Center, Gate 6
4116 East 15th Street, Tulsa OK 74112

AGENDA

- 0930 Building Open and Registration
- 1030 – 1200 Presentation by Florence Wetzel,
Certified Bit Fitter.
- 1200 – 100 Lunch (Provided by ODS)
- 100 – 300 Business Meeting
* Financial Report
* Recap of 2020 Events
* Upcoming Events
 > GCC Schooling Shows
 > Free Volunteer Clinic
 > OKC Schooling Shows
 > Fall Education
 > Annual General Meeting
* Considerations for future
* Members forum ~ let us hear
from you! What do YOU want?

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

ANATOMY OF THE HORSE'S HEAD, AND THE EFFECT OF VARIOUS BITS.



Florence began her training in 2016 with the President and Founder of Neue Schule USA, Mette Larsen. Since that time, she has completed formal training through Neue Schule, UK and is a certified Bit Fitter, one of only 4 in the US. Florence travels extensively in the US and Canada and has done bit fitting in the

Netherlands. Florence resides in the Ocala, FL area on her Not So Far Farm. She is currently training two 11 year old's, one KWPN the other a former Selle Francais jumper, in dressage. She enjoys competing when not traveling.

PLEASE RSVP by JULY 13 SO WE HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT FOR LUNCH ORDER!

NAME _____ How many attending? _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SEND TO: Jan Cibula Murrell at: jan.cibula@gmail.com



Events

June 21 Deadline for Virtual Dressage Show ODS Members Earn Year-End Award Points & ODS Gets \$5 Donation!



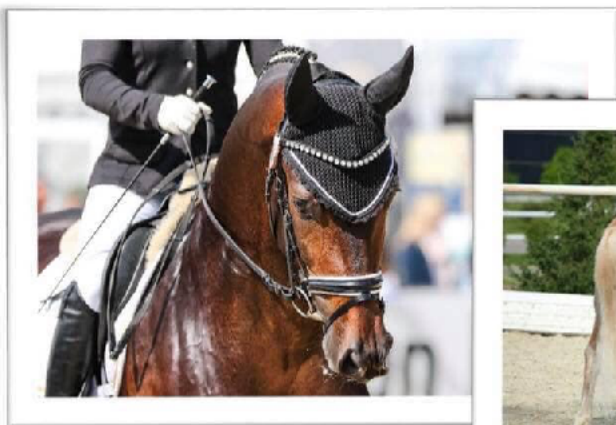
Submit your

VIRTUAL DRESSAGE TEST

There is plenty of uncertainty about what the future holds regarding COVID-19 and how it will continue to affect the horse industry. Use this time to be productive and continue training. Submit your dressage test today to see what a judge thinks.

Featured Judge:

Laurie Hedlund "L" *



Submission Details:

- Video your ride in arena marked with letters 20 x 40m or 20 x 60m
- Video must be taken at "C" facing centerline
- Please video in landscape not portrait
- Do not video into the sun or bright light
- Callers are allowed
- Horse and rider must always be visible
- Casual show attire allowed – no tanks or shorts
- Helmet required
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Test results & comments will be emailed
Closing date – June 21th

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Events

Used Tack Sale @ ODS Summer Meeting!

Clean out your trailers and tack rooms! Get all those bits, breeches, and girths you have acquired over the years but don't want anymore, shine them up and plan to bring them to the **Used Tack Sale** at the **Summer Meeting on July 18 in Tulsa**. Contact Jan Cibula Murrell at jan.cibula@gmail.com if you want to sell items. Please send Jan a photo(s) of the item(s) you want to sell, with sale price(s). ODS will retain 10% of the sales to cover summer meeting costs.




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Announcements



Important Scholarship Info! Comments & Suggestions Needed by July 10th

ODS General Members, we need your help!

Please read over the Education file for the ODS Scholarships Policies, Application and Additional Information (see the following pages). You can also access the information by the following link: www.dressageoklahoma.org (click on the **Club Info** tab, then click the **Education** menu option).

We are asking for two things:

1. Any changes that the membership feels needs to be made in the policies as they stand presently.
2. Any ideas as to how we can make the process easier or more inviting for the membership to apply for and receive scholarship funds.

We now have \$400.00 in scholarship funds that can be awarded each six (6) months period. Presently, there are NO applications for the next six (6) months period for scholarships to be awarded. Previous scholarships have been awarded, but sometimes we have an awardee that has attended the event, but never completed the process to receive their awarded funds. Something is not working in the ODS scholarship process. This is where we need your help.

Please send comments/suggestions to the any of the Scholarship Committee member(s) **BEFORE July 10th.**

Nancy Burba: nobleroadeq@gmail.com

Sherry Guess: guessdrsg@aol.com

Laura Taylor: calktylr@cox.net

Nancy Trait-Lira: ntraitlira19@gmail.com

The Scholarship Committee would like to compile all the comments/suggestions before the ODS GMA Summer Meeting on July 18, 2020. The proposals/changes are to be presented to the ODS General Membership for discussion and a vote of approval.

Thank you for your help.





Oklahoma Dressage Society

Education Scholarship

Information & Application

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

Criteria for eligibility:

1. This ODS Athlete 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. Must be a current member in good standing of Oklahoma Dressage Society. In addition, applicant must have been an ODS member for at least 2 previous years. Current ODS Board Members are not eligible.
3. 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 in addition.
4. Must have a background of volunteerism for ODS. This includes volunteering on at least 1 ODS committee or have accumulated 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 in addition.

Criteria for using this ODS Scholar Athlete Education Scholarship:

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

1. ODS educational events (ex. Judging Seminar, Workshops, Symposiums, Educational Practice Shows.)
2. USDF sponsored educational programs (ex. USDF Adult or Junior Clinics, "L" Program, USDF Certified Instructor Program, USDF Convention or Symposium, USDF - University approved programs)
3. A educational event or clinic given by a USDF/USEF judge, USDF/USEF technical delegate, USDF Certified Instructor, USDF "L" Program graduate, USDF Gold or Silver Medalist. Clinics must be advertised and must be open to all ODS members. Standard lesson rates must be applied.
4. Scholarship winner must receive ODS Scholarship Committee pre-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 Educational Scholarship committee will meet twice a year. Each application must be received by the following schedule.

<i>January 1 – May 15</i>	<i>Scholarship(s) to be awarded by June 15st and will be presented at the ODS Summer Meeting</i>
<i>May 16 - November 15</i>	<i>Scholarship(s) to be awarded by Dec. 15st at will be presented at the ODS AGM</i>

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

Volunteer Hours:

Volunteer hours counting towards Scholarships include:

1. ODS sponsored shows, clinics, educational events, fundraisers etc. Volunteer hours must be recorded and itemized on the ODS Scholarship Application Form. Validation of hours will be confirmed by the ODS Volunteer Co-Coordinator from each event.
2. Write an article in the ODS newsletter.

Consideration will also be given for attendance at an ODS activity or function. Examples being the Summer Meeting, AGM or auditing the ODS Educational event.

ODS Scholarship Funds:

Funds to administer the program should be held in a separate, interest-bearing account or with its own sub-account in our general funds financials.

All silent auction proceeds from the ODS Annual General Meeting will be used to generate funds for this account. Any sponsorship donations to this account will also be welcome.

Scholarship monies will not be awarded until after successful completion of attendance at the approved dressage educational event with completed attendance and the submission to ODS of the required post report. An amount of \$200 or the amount to participate in the event, which-ever is less will be awarded.

Scholarship winner 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.

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Oklahoma Dressage Society
Education Scholarship
Information & Application

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The ODS Educational Scholarship is non-transferable and may only be used for the rider's education. (ex. It may not be used for someone else riding your horse in a clinic.)

Scholarship must be used within 1 year of the time it is awarded. No extensions will be granted.

Additional Information:

A maximum of four \$200 scholarships will be awarded by ODS to eligible applicants each year. 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.

Scholarships may be applied for at any time of year. ODS Scholarship Committee will meet a minimum of 2 times a year (June & Dec) to review all applications received up to that point. The Educational Scholarship Committee may award "0" scholarships, or may award more than 1 scholarship at each of these meetings as they deem fit. A maximum of four Scholarships may be awarded each year.

Not all allotted scholarships must be awarded in a single year if Scholarship Committee does not deem enough applicants meeting minimum eligibility. Determination of eligibility is at the sole discretion of the ODS Scholarship Committee.

An ODS member may only be awarded a scholarship once per 12 month period. Once awarded a scholarship in a given year, applicant may apply again another year. However, priority for subsequent years will be given to eligible applicants who have not received a scholarship previously.

The ODS Education Scholarship Committee will include at least 1 current Board Member. The committee must have a total of 3 or 5 ODS members in good standing. The committee cannot exceed 5 people.

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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 ☐ 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 completed application to event).

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

Would this scholarship allow you to do what you would be unable to do otherwise? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Fund Application Form

Describe and list the **ODS volunteer work** you have done in the past? Start with the most current.

2019 _____ Capacity _____

2018 _____ Capacity _____

2017 _____ Capacity _____

Other _____ Capacity _____

List the **ODS educational events and meetings** you have attended in the past and in what capacity:

2019 _____ Capacity _____

2018 _____ Capacity _____

2017 _____ Capacity _____

Tell us why you should be selected for this scholarship:

Applicant Signature

Date

Please send all applications to:

Nancy Trait-Lira – *Scholarship Committee Chair*
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Committee Notes:

Date Received: _____



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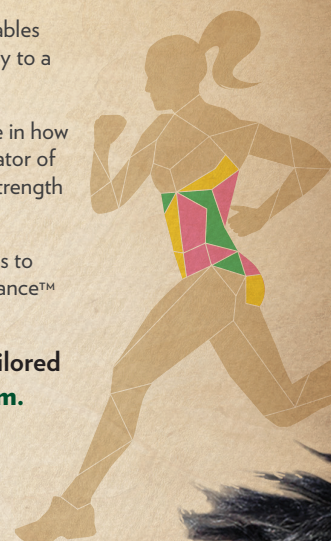
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Green Country Chapter of Oklahoma Dressage Society 2020 Schooling Show Schedule

NEW! June 28, 2020
Joyful Noise Farm
3166 S 432 Rd, Pryor
Judge – Lyn Francik

Signups now open on Show Secretary!
Riders required to follow ODS Guidelines,
and to sign a waiver - details coming soon.

NEW! July & August
Virtual Shows

Watch GCC's Facebook page for more info.



September 19, 2020
Sonrise Stables
13401 S 129th E Ave, Broken Arrow
Judge – Sherry Guess

October 17, 2020
Joyful Noise Farm
3166 S 432 Rd, Pryor
Judge – Roberta Clark

November 14, 2020
Joyful Noise Farm
3166 S 432 Rd, Pryor
Judge – Wanja Gerlach

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- ❑ Annual vaccination is the only way to protect horses from these deadly diseases.

<https://aaep.org/guidelines/vaccination-guidelines/core-vaccination-guidelines>. Accessed March 1, 2018.

Mackay R. Tetanus. In: Sellon DC, Long M, eds. *Equine Infectious Diseases*, 2nd ed. St. Louis, MO: Saunders Elsevier 2007:368-372.

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Announcements

ODS Website Address Update

The Oklahoma Dressage Society website has recently been moved to a secure server. The new web address, much like the former address but with one additional letter (the s in <https://>), now can be found at: <https://dressageoklahoma.org>. To access the ODS website, please use this new address and update your bookmark.



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Last Call For Bit Fitting Clinic

ODS will be hosting certified bit fitter **Florence Wetzel** who is coming Tulsa to present at the annual ODS membership meeting on **July 18**. Ms. Wetzel will be giving a bit fitting clinic with private appointments on **July 19**, however, in order for it to be feasible for her to travel to Tulsa, we need to book more appointments.

***** Last Call! is June 16!**

If we do not get enough appointments, we will need to reschedule her visit.

Book your appointment by June 16 by contacting Kay Kamish at 918-808-6128 or kkamishods@aol.com.





The Horse Heat Index

This is a good time to revisit the Horse Heat Index. This index has been around in one form or another for years and provides good general guidelines for working your horse. We like it because it's easy to use, and you don't need a calculator.

To use the index, all you need to do is add the current temperature (in Fahrenheit) and the relative humidity (in % RH) together. The total number determines the conditions. For example, if it is 77 degrees out and the relative humidity is 65 %, add them together for a total of 142. When you have your total, see the table below for recommendations.

Keep in mind that, as with us riders, all horses are different. Some handle heat better than others, so always watch your horse for signs of heat stress.

If Temp °F + % Relative Humidity =

120 or less	Your horse's cooling system is functioning very effectively. You are safe to do all the riding and training you like with no real worries.
120-150	Cooling efficiency is decreasing through this range. Horses will sweat up with work, so make sure they have a chance to rest and cool off over the course of a long ride or heavy work.
150-180	A horse's ability to regulate its temperature is greatly reduced and heat stress is more likely, so be careful. Stick with light work and keep watch for signs of overheating. Make sure to cool your horse down properly afterwards.
180 or more	Your horse has lost the ability to regulate its temperature. Overworking a horse in these conditions can be dangerous, even fatal. Do your horse (and yourself) a favor and take the day off!!

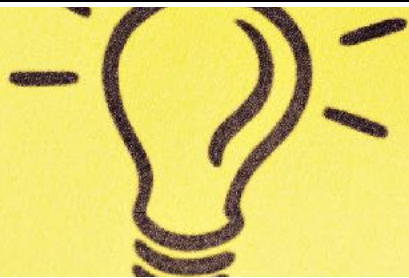


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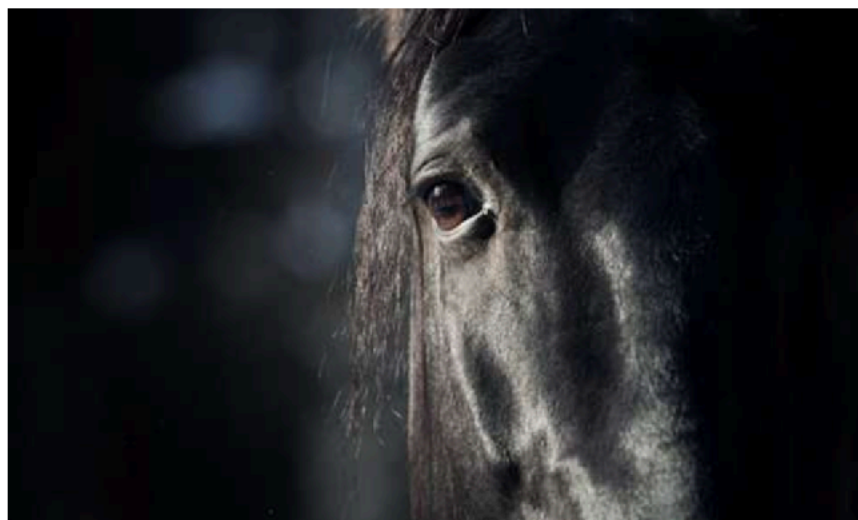
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Have you ever wondered how your horse can navigate around obstacles in the dark with few problems? Anatomical differences in the equine eye give your horse the impressive ability to see well in low light.

What Your Horse Sees

Your horse doesn't view the world quite the same way you do. Differences in the size, placement, and structures of your horse's eyes make some visual tasks harder and others much easier.

Horses have almost 360-degree vision due to the placement of the eyes on either side of the head. The eye placement allows your horse to scan large areas and spot predators and other dangers. Although your horse does have a panoramic view of the world, it has blind spots directly behind and in front of the head.

While a wider field of vision offers many advantages, eye placement makes binocular vision a challenge in horses. Good binocular vision relies on both eyes seeing nearly identical images. Although your horse has good vision in each eye, its binocular vision isn't as sharp as yours because the eyes are so far apart. Turning or lifting the head improves binocular vision, eliminates blind spots and helps fuzzy images come into focus.

Horses Have Natural Night Vision Abilities

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The retina, a layer of light-sensing cells that lines the back of eyes, contains two types of specialized cells that respond to varying levels of light. The cones are responsible for central and color vision and work best when your eye receives plenty of light. Cones in the human retina are located in the center of the retina, while your horse's cones are scattered throughout the retina.

Rods help you see better at dusk or in dimly lit rooms and are activated by low light. Horses have more rods than cones in their retinas and many more rods than humans do.

Have you noticed that your horse's eyes glow at night? The glow comes from the tapetum lucidum, a layer of reflective tissue behind the retina. The tapetum lucidum reflects light back into the retina, enhancing night vision. Thanks to the larger numbers of rods and the tapetum lucidum, your horse has superior night vision.

Galloping at full speed through the woods and pastures is no problem for equines. In fact, they see nearly as well in the dark as they do during the day. Your horse can handle night rides with ease, but they still pose problems for you. If you fail to spot an overhanging branch, you could suddenly be ejected from your saddle or experience cuts, bruises, broken bones, or head injuries.

Although your horse sees very well in the dark, its eyes don't adjust quickly when entering or leaving dark or brightly lit spaces. If your horse is reluctant to walk into your barn after spending time outdoors in the dark, you may need to allow a few minutes for the adjustment. Once your horse can see well again and feels confident, it will probably head straight for its stall.

Continue to care for your horse and its eyes so it can enjoy night vision for years to come.

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Ads will run one month unless owner re-submits.

To advertise, email the editor with your information at newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org.

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TURNBOW Two horse trailer, straight load with ramp. 6 ft dressing room. Newly painted in 2015. New tires 2018. Fans inside stalls with outside switch. Ramp spring replaced Spring 2020. Universal plug. One owner, excellent service records. Asking \$4500.

Contact Kay Kamish:



Letter From the President (cont'd)

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gone away just because we are opening up. Just this last week, Tulsa is reporting the highest numbers of new cases in a day. The good news for us is that the risk seems less in open air and outdoor activities. But we still have to be inside at times, even at our respective barns. So please continue to be careful, be sensible, yes ~ wash your hands as that is proven to be the best defense against germs, COVID or otherwise.

The Board has developed Guidelines for ODS Events, which will be e-blasted out to all members and will be posted on the ODS webpage. As we look outside the safety of our barns and homes, we can see so much unrest and worry. I like to remind myself of something one of my favorite philosophers, Wayne Dyer, said: "Practice being Kind, rather than being Right". Kindness goes a long way ~ be part of spreading that.

Stay safe and well, my friends,

Kay

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

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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 ☐

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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 Nancy Trait-Lira: ntraitlira19@gmail.com Phone: 405-454-1766 (membership) Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.

Events Calendar

Horse Shows | Meetings | Clinics | Symposiums | Social Events

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 Sue Twitty 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.

June 24	Zoom with FEI 5* Judge Janet Foy (details on pg 4)
NEW! June 28	GCC Schooling Show w/Judge Lyn Francik (@ Joyful Noise, Pryor)
July	GCC Virtual Show (Details TBA; Follow GCC on Facebook for announcements)
July 18	ODS Summer Meeting (@ OSU Extension Center, Tulsa) & Florence Wetzel, Certified Bit Fitter Lecture
July 19	Florence Wetzel, Certified Bit Fitter CLINIC (location TBA)
August	GCC Virtual Show (Details TBA)
August 1	Region 9 Summer Meeting (via Zoom!)
Sept	Volunteers Clinic (FREE!) - Details TBA
Sept 19	GCC Schooling Show w/Judge Sherry Guess (@ Sonrise Stables, BA)
Oct 17	GCC Schooling Show w/Judge Roberta Clark (@ Joyful Noise, Pryor)
Nov 14	GCC Schooling Show w/Judge Wanja Gerlach (@ Joyful Noise, Pryor)



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 6:30pm.

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

Next ODS Board Meeting:

July 8
@ 6:30 pm.



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