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## Dressage4Kids Calendar

<https://dressage4kids.org/news-events/event-calendar.html>

### October

October 14-15, 2023 - D4K TEAM Clinic with Margaret Freeman at Faith Haven Stables in North East, Pennsylvania

October 21-22, 2023 - D4K TEAM Clinic at Meadowbrook Farm in Naples, Maine

### November

November 4-5, 2023 - D4K TEAM Clinic at Woods Edge Equestrian Center in Spring Hill, Kansas

November 18-19, 2023 - D4K TEAM Clinic at Rocking M Stables in Dallas, Texas

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## Atlanta Youth Festival Results

Many thanks to all those who helped with the TEAM Clinic and Atlanta Youth Festival at the Georgia International Horse Park! Thank you especially to AYDC, GDCTA, the Georgia International Horse Park, Liz Molloy, Age Yother, Dr. Aimee Vaughn, Richard Taylor, Grace Burley, and all the judges and volunteers!

Overall Champion: Alice Burley  
Overall Reserve Champion: Maya Karson

Full Results: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/festival-news-results/atlanta-youth-festival-results-2023.html>



## Meet New York Youth Dressage Festival Competitor Bella Perkins

Bella Perkins was the Overall Reserve Champion of YDF 2023 with her horse, Royal Rhapsody

Q: How many years have you been riding?

Bella: 15 years

Q: How many years have you competed at YDF?

Bella: This year was my 9th year.

Q: What was your favorite part about YDF this year?

Bella: I loved riding our Musical Freestyle. It was my first time competing with one besides at a schooling show at home. It was so much fun!

Q: What was your reaction when you found out you were the Overall Champion?

Bella: I almost couldn't believe it but I was thrilled! I am incredibly proud of myself and my wonderful horse.

Q: What are your future riding goals/plans?

Bella: In the short term I would like to solidify our flying changes and start working on Fourth Level. In the long term, I hope to be an FEI level rider and trainer and I would also like to get the rest of my USDF medals.

Q: Can you tell us a little bit about your horse?

Bella: Royal Rhapsody is a 15 year old, 17.2 hh Hanoverian. He's a D4K Donation Horse who came to me from Canada 2 years ago. We competed at Second Level last year and made it to the US Dressage Finals in Lexington. He's my best friend!

Q: Are there any funny quirks about your horse?

Bella: After having a treat, he will use everyone around him as human lollipops. Any part of you that he can reach, he will lick!

Q: What's your horse's favorite treat?

Bella: Peppermints!

Q: Does Rhapsody have a favorite class at YDF?

Bella: I think he enjoyed the Musical Freestyle this year. He was a little nervous when he heard the music of the rider before us, but once he settled down and we got into the arena, he seemed to have fun.

Q: What's your horse's favorite dressage movement to perform?

Bella: He likes medium and extended trots. He loves to show off!

Q: What was it like competing on a team?

Bella: Wonderful, as always. Our team is always so supportive and helpful towards one another.

Q: Is there anything else you would like to add?

Bella: I would like to thank my trainer, Hollie McNeil; my mom; Rhapsody's previous owner, Siri Ingebrigtsen; everyone at Riding Right Farm who takes care of the horses at home while we're away at shows; and Dressage4Kids. I can't wait to see everyone again next year!

Congratulations, Bella!



Bella Perkins and Royal Rhapsody

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## Dressage4Kids Winter Intensive Training Program - Rider Spotlight

For more information about the Dressage4Kids Winter Intensive Training Program, go to:  
<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/winter-intensive-training-program.html>



# Caroline Cadorette

"The WIT program is an experience I will forever treasure and draw on; its unique educational opportunities broadened my horizons and bestowed knowledge that changed my world. I carry these lessons along my journey, wherever it takes me.

The friendships built are made to last a lifetime, and I am grateful beyond measure for all that my WIT years have brought into my life."

WIT Participant 2020 & 2021



Caroline recently completed her first year pre-med at University of Florida; she is originally from Maine and now resides in Wellington, Florida. Caroline competed the YR CDIs in 2021 and 2022 and represented Region 8 at the 2021 North American Youth Championships with her D4K horse, Dustin. She continues to train with Katherine Bateson-Chandler and competes the YRs with her D4K horse, Hilly while continuing her pre-med studies and electrophysiology internship.

## Congratulations to Uma Kraskin - member of the US Team going to the Pan American Championships

Dressage4Kids TEAM member, Uma Kraskin, is part of the team representing the U.S. at the 2023 FEI Endurance Pan American Championships for Seniors and Young Riders & Juniors. The championship will be held Nov. 23-26, 2023, in Llay Llay, Chile. Uma will compete with CL Magnolia, a 2014 mare owned by Carlos Letelier.

Congratulations, Uma!

## D4K Horse Donation Program - Horses Available

Dressage4Kids has some nice horses and ponies offered to us, including, at the moment: an FEI Pony with good changes, two wonderful older 3rd level horses and a lovely Intermediare 1 horse (potentially available).

If you are interested in applying for the Program, please fill out an application at <https://dressage4kids.org/programs/dressage4kids-horse-donation-program.html>.

If you applied to the Horse Donation Program more than a year ago, please submit a new application at <https://dressage4kids.org/programs/dressage4kids-horse-donation-program.html>.

Applications will be kept on file only for one year. Adults are also considered, but D4K participants get first preference.

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## Help Spread the Word about Dressage4Kids!

Are you going to a clinic or a horse show? Are you on social media?

Help spread the word about Dressage4Kids by tagging us on social media and bring flyers with you to events!

Questions? Contact Mary at [d4k.org@gmail.com](mailto:d4k.org@gmail.com).

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## FEI Children now included at NAYC

The FEI North American Youth Dressage Championships (NAYC) presented by USDF now includes the following divisions: FEI Children (ages 12-14), FEI Juniors (ages 14-18), FEI Young Riders (ages 16-21), and FEI U25 (ages 16-25).

For more info about FEI Childrens at NAYC, go to: [https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/VGmDYASku2s/2024-nayc-children-memo-for-potential?utm\\_source=SilverpopMailing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Dressage%20New%20letter%20-%2009.11.2023%20\(1\)&utm\\_content=](https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/VGmDYASku2s/2024-nayc-children-memo-for-potential?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Dressage%20New%20letter%20-%2009.11.2023%20(1)&utm_content=)

For more info about NAYC 2024 in general, go to: <https://www.usdf.org/competitions/competitions-championships/najrc/index.asp>

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## USDF Region 1 Youth Clinic with Michael Bragdell

When: Friday, November 3rd  
Where: Hilltop Farm in Colora, Maryland

Open to riders ages 11-18 who have ambitions of competing in the FEI Youth Divisions. Riders will ride in a one-day clinic with Michael Bragdell and will then be invited to audit the USDF FEI Youth Clinic with George Williams on November 4-5th.

For more information about the youth clinic with Michael Bragdell, contact Debbie DelGiorno at 609-744-2265 or Jennifer Koch at 484-894-0876.

For more information about USDF FEI Youth Clinics, go to: <https://www.usdf.org/education/clinics/jryr/index.asp>

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## Pony Club Dressage Awards Deadline November 15th

United States Pony Club Members can be recognized for their participation in both a USPC Dressage Rally and a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Competition. (Introductory or Opportunity classes may be used by submitting a copy of the official scoresheet from the show for verification.)

USPC members must meet the below criteria and submit a completed online application by November 15th of each year.

For more info go to: <https://www.ponyclub.org/Members/Disciplines/Dressage/Awards.aspx>

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## 2023 Recipients of USDF Youth Dressage Rider Recognition Pins

The United States Dressage Federation™ (USDF) is pleased to announce the 2023 recipients of USDF Youth Dressage Rider Recognition Pins. This program recognizes the accomplishments of youth dressage riders in not only dressage, but also in academics, volunteerism, and equestrian education.

This year's recipients are:

First Year Recipients:

Kirsty Alexander (WA)

\*Addy Batcheller (AR)

\*Claudia Foushee (NC)

Darian Kauk (NE)

\*Walker Lefkowitz (NV)

Isabelle Montes (KY)

\*Adalynn Nelson (IA)

Teagan Niles (VA)

\*Finley Peterson (VT)

\*Natalie Porto (NY)

Britney Richwine (IN)

\*Emma Szachnieski (MO)

Carlee Jean Turner (OR)

Second Year Recipients:

Lauren Anderson (PA)

\*Harper Kane (NC)

\*Hayden Kane (NC)

Margaret Raffo (NY)

Sixth Year Recipient:

\*Gabriella Escobar (VA)

\* Dressage4Kids participants

Congratulations, all!

For more info go to: [https://usdf.org/press/news/view-news.asp?news=1044&fbclid=IwAR3x\\_nohJcVdrbg4ju9jhhJPXohDFuvCy-oNGbsA6Fuet9sT6BOaGh2bGcM](https://usdf.org/press/news/view-news.asp?news=1044&fbclid=IwAR3x_nohJcVdrbg4ju9jhhJPXohDFuvCy-oNGbsA6Fuet9sT6BOaGh2bGcM)

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## UPenn New Bolton Vet Center First Tuesday Lecture Series

Join a free virtual series for horse owners and enthusiasts. Learn about equine veterinary medicine on the Zoom platform.

### 2023-2024 Schedule

#### **Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

*ECVM and Other Neck Abnormalities in Horses – Incidental or Detrimental?*

Amy L. Johnson, DVM, DACVIM (LAIM & Neurology)

Sarah F. Colmer, VMD, DACVIM

#### **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

*Poisonous Plants in pastures and Ponds-Keeping Horses, Pets, and People Safe!*

Lisa A. Murphy, VMD, DABT

Elizabeth Woodward, PhD

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023***Overcoming Laminitis through better Insulin Control*

Andrew Van Eps, BVSc, PhD, DACVIM

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024***Age is Not a Disease: Best Practices in Caring for your Senior Equid*

Liz Arbittier, VMD, CVA

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024***Making Waves – Advanced Imaging for Injury Prevention and Early Intervention*

Elizabeth Acutt, BVSc, DACVR

Kathryn Bills, VMD, DACVR

Timothy Manzi, VMD, DACVR

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024***A Primer on Primary Care – Vaccinations and Parasite Control*

Meagan Smith, DVM, DABVP

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024***Rehabilitation in Animal Athletes*

Kara Brown, VMD, DACVSMR

[Click here to register.](#)

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## 2024 Robert Dover USEF Horsemastership Clinic Week

US Equestrian is pleased to announce that the 2024 Robert Dover USEF Horsemastership Clinic Week (RDHCW) will take place January 3-7, 2024, at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival showgrounds in Wellington, Fla. Twenty athletes will be invited to participate, including up to two wild card spots.

To apply for a wild card spot, [fill out the application here](#). The deadline for applications is 11:59 p.m. ET on October 26, 2023.

For more information, contact Kristen Brett, US Equestrian Director of Dressage Programs, at [kbrett@usef.org](mailto:kbrett@usef.org).

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## Horsemanship Course with Nancy Later Lavoie

Nancy Lavoie's Horsemanship Course includes over 5 hours of in depth horse care training. Nancy was a working student for Lendon Gray and many of the Horsemanship skills she learned got their base in Lendon's program. This course will benefit any young person looking to enhance their skills, anyone who wants to work as an apprentice and anyone wanting to take better care of their horses.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

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## The Dressage Foundation Grant Application Deadlines

October 15

Amanda Johnson Freestyle Fund

November 1

Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund

November 15



For more information about The Dressage Foundation, go to <https://www.dressagefoundation.org/>.



The first TEAM Clinic in Hawaii, hosted by Maunawili Farms with a grant from The Dressage Foundation

## About Dressage4Kids

Dressage4Kids, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization incorporated for the express purpose of providing educational and competitive opportunities for youth riders and the adults who support them.

<https://dressage4kids.org>

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