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Dressage4Kids Calendar

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Working Student and Job Opportunities

Several fantastic job/working student availabilities, some with olympians

One year-round job teaching a very young dressage rider with homes in Wellington and South America.

Contact Lendon at graydressage@gmail.com ASAP if you are interested.

Scholarship Applications Open for D4K Christian Kennedy Training Grant, Lessons with Olympian Lars Petersen

The D4K Christian Kennedy Training Grant will be awarded to train and inspire young riders through a special winter training grant. The scholarship recipient, age 18-26, will be able to take 2 lessons per week with Danish Olympian Lars Petersen during the 2022 winter season, January through March 2022.

The selected rider must plan on bringing his or her own horse (either owned or leased) and will train with Lars Petersen at Legacy Farms in Loxahatchee, Florida. The scholarship recipient will need to find their own transportation to Legacy Farms for lessons twice per week. The scholarship recipient is responsible for his/her own transportation, stabling, and housing.

Scholarship applications must be submitted by September 30, 2021.

For more information regarding the scholarship and the application process, please go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/christian-kennedy-memorial-fund-scholarships/d4k-christian-kennedy-training-grant.html>

2021 Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival Results

Congratulations to all the competitors at the 2021 Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival!

Overall Champion: Veronica Sambor

Overall Reserve Champion: Renee Stockfisch

Thank you to our sponsors, vendors, volunteers, committee members, competitors and family members for making it a great show!



Overall Champion: Veronica Sambor

For additional results, click on the following links:

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One Rider's Experiences at Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival 2021

My first Dressage4kids Youth Dressage Festival experience has come to an end, although I would say with significant success! I finished first out of 16 riders in the Training level 18-22 division with an 82.733%. I scored a 98% on the written test to place second, placed third on my training 3 test with a 70%, and third on my equitation with a 80.2%. Quincy and I took second in our training Prix Caprilli with a 74.75%. Wellington and I took a spin around the triangle to win the handling class with a 76.667%. I tied for first in the sport horse conformation class. Quincy and I won a danish system blue on our schooling training 3 with a 67.586%. Micaela and I won the tack room decorating contest under the team name "Chasing the Score". Kaydence Selvey also joined our team of two to form a competitive team, placing us as 5C. Middle of the pack works for me!

This experience has been eye-opening as it is a show that encourages the proliferation of well-rounded horsemen, not just riders. This is a value that is critical to my personal philosophies when it comes to the sport. I wanted to do as many things as I could! The only thing I wish is that these classes be made mandatory (haha). The versatility of the horse can be demonstrated via the trail and Prix Caprilli classes, and the versatility of the rider can be demonstrated in the written test, handling class and sport horse conformation class.

I had no clue what to expect walking in, so I would say I overstudied my way to success on the written test. The Hoof Book information was concrete and therefore was a matter of remembrance whereas Denny Emerson's book was a test of common sense. Do be sure to take thorough notes and utilize self-made flashcards. To prepare for the riding I worked with trainers such as Scott Hassler, Ashley Madison and Naomi Parry in the form of both lessons and clinics. I entered my first rated show in the Training 3 test to help me prepare for the nerves that tend to crop up.

The opportunity to show at this year's YDF was provided to me by Anne Baber Wallis and Delaware Valley Combined Training Association. I want to provide them a sincere thank you for their financial support in this endeavor and hope that I did them proud! Thanks also to the volunteers and D4K admin for all of their efforts to coordinate this event. I am glad to have a trainer (MaryAnn Luke) that is game for such adventures and has exposed



Interview with Cesar Torrente

As part of the Winter Intensive Training Program all the WITees had to interview someone in the horse industry. Below is an excerpt of Charlotte Feddersen's interview with FEI 4* Judge Cesar Torrente.

Q: What exactly do you do? What is judging and what does it entail?

A: To start with, I don't like the word judge. I think we should work on changing the name of our job because we're not judging. We are assessing what riders and horses are doing while they're performing the test. We're not like policemen, but we're just assessors and we're here to help. We help to give a good evaluation where the training is, and to help riders improve the way they can perform at the different levels. We're not here to take the job away from trainers, but a good evaluation would help the rider and the trainer go in the correct path of training.

Q: What are the things you look for in a dressage test that you would score a 70% rather than a 60%?

A: Basically, we have to look mark by mark, and take into consideration the Training Scale. We need to see clear rhythm. We want to see good connection. We want to see supple and elastic horses that can bend properly, that are very straight, and that are very obedient. That's the difference between a 60 and a 70, or a 75 and an 80.

Q: Would you score fancier horses higher?

A: We look for good training. We don't care about the breed, that's very important. The most important thing is the training. Of course, we also have to look for the quality of the horse. Sometimes even non conventional breeds can show really good quality. If they show really good quality of training, then that horse can get a really good score.

Q: What's one thing that you do not like to see in dressage tests?

A: I don't want to see fighting. We don't want to see open mouths. We don't want to see kicking and pulling, uneven trots, lateral walks, four beat canter. Of course, we don't want to see violence, a blue tongue, and blood. We want to see ease, suppleness, and elasticity.

Q: What advice would you give to a younger rider who wants to become a judge?

A: That's a good question. Go ahead and do it. I would say it's a long path, so you have to be prepared to listen a lot and learn a lot. And, as with any other thing, practice is the only way to do it. You have to do it and do it and do it and learn from the best. Every time we judge we learn, I really love the CDI judging. For example, if you go to a national class, you

score and then you leave. In the CDI's you always have at least two, or four, more judges. In which case you're watching and seeing your scores in comparison to the other ones. Then sometimes you go "Oh my God, I missed that! Everyone gave an 8, I only gave a 6, what's wrong with me?! What happened there?!" That is very important because we're not Gods! We're not perfect, but that keeps you sharp. Like with any other thing in your life, if you think that you know everything that day, you're gone. The most important thing is keep on learning, keep on practicing, and keep your mind open. Every single show we learn.

Dressage4Kids at the Festival of Champions



Some of the Dressage4Kids competitors at the Festival of Champions - Three-quarters of the riders in the youth classes (Children through U25 Grand Prix) were D4K participants, and several D4K alumni also competed in the open classes.

Dressage at Devon Is On!

September 28 - October 3

<https://www.dressageatdevon.org>

Sunday is Junior Day at Dressage at Devon, featuring Sunday's performances feature the sport's rising stars, young riders from 16 to 25. Classes include FEI Pony Freestyle Test, the FEI Young Rider Freestyle, FEI Junior Freestyle, FEI Young Rider Freestyle and the FEI Children's Individual Test.

Plus, join the Dressage Explorers for the Make n' Take Stick Horse Competition held in the famed Dixon Oval, a Dressage Scavenger Hunt and a meet n' greet with the Silver Moon Vaulters. Cindy and Lucy Rohrer will bring vaulters, their horse Fancy (a very forgiving horse but don't go near her ears) and barrels – their vaulting training tool for those who want to try this exciting equestrian discipline. Cindy and Lucy will be on the grounds and happy to talk about vaulting and to introduce their human and equine team members. For more information, visit www.dressageatdevon.org.



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New Facility for the Dressage4Kids Winter Intensive Training Program

Dressage4Kids is pleased to announce that the 2022 Dressage4Kids Winter Intensive Training Program will be held at Farmore Farm in Loxahatchee, Florida. There is an opening available for this incredible, life-changing program. For more information, go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/programs/winter-intensive-training-program.html>



Dressage4Kids Weekend Equestrian Program 2022

The Dressage4Kids 2022 Weekend Equestrian Program will be moving to a virtual educational series. Stay tuned for further details!

<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/weekend-equestrian-program.html>

TDF Grant Applications Due

<https://www.dressagefoundation.org>

Amanda Johnson Freestyle Fund for Region 2 and 4 Riders - due October 15th

Gifted Memorial Fund for Adult Amateurs - due September 15th

Major Lindgren Instructor Education Grants - due September 30th

Verne Batchelder Instructor Fund - due September 10th

<https://www.dressagefoundation.org>

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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