



Quick quiz - what started 25 years ago? Dressage4Kids!

Dressage4Kids began in 1999 with the inception of the first Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival and has grown from there!

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Dressage4Kids Calendar

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

D4K WIT Reunion January 15th

Join us for the WIT Reunion 2023! Open to all WIT and SIT graduates.

Rsvp by January 11th to [Kristine Holloran](#).



WIT Reunion 2023

Please join us...

Dressage4Kids Annual Winter Intensive Training Reunion



Sunday, January 15, 2023

6 p.m.

Wellington's Edge Clubhouse

10851 Forest Hill Blvd

Wellington, Florida

(Clubhouse entrance on right prior to gate access.)

RSVP by 1/11/23 to hollorankristine@gmail.com

Come catch up with Lendon and fellow WIT Alumni!

Complimentary event for past participants.

D4K Training4Teaching January 16th - Register Now!

Dressage4Kids is pleased to host a Dressage4Kids™ Training4Teaching Program Event, sponsored by Stillpoint Farm, on Monday, January 16th at the Embassy Suites in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The event will feature a panel discussion with speakers David Hunt and Henk van Bergen, along with a special summary review from Lilo Fore and Linda Zang.

Registration deadline: January 10th

[Click here to register.](#)



Monday, January 16th

following the Adequan®/USDF FEI Level Trainers Conference

Dressage4Kids™ Training4Teaching Program

Sponsored by Stillpoint Farm

Panelists: David Hunt and Henk van Bergen
with a special summary review from Lilo Fore and Linda Zang
Moderator: Lendon Gray

Embassy Suites, 1601 Belvedere Rd, West Palm Beach, FL 33404

6:00pm Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar

7:00pm Panel Discussion and Summary Review

Registration in Advance Required –

<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/training4teaching-january-16-2023.html>

D4K Weekend Equestrian Program - Registration is Open!

The Dressage4Kids™ Weekend Equestrian Program virtual educational series is back! We are excited to announce a great line-up of speakers, including:

Dr. Heather Beach
Katie Duerrhammer
Emma Ford
Margaret Freeman
Dr. Lauren Holley
Steve Kraus

[Registration in advance is required. Click here to register.](#)

Let Your Daughters Grow Up to Be Horse Girls

Published in [The Chronicle of the Horse](#)

By Lauren Sprieser

This blog originally ran in 2018.

Parents, let your daughters grow up to be horse girls.

Let them learn early the joy of dirt under their fingernails and the responsibility of cleaning tack or sweeping aisles. Let them learn that if they don't do the chores, or if they don't keep their grades up, they can't go ride. Let them struggle it out with lesson horses that aren't very skilled, only to then earn their way to either a horse that is kind and fun to ride, or a horse that is just a big enough monster to keep them humble, and to maim them just a little, but not permanently damage them. Whichever one they start with, make sure it's followed by the other.

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Pony Measurement Tips

By Jennifer Koch

Ponies are growing in popularity and are not just for youth riders anymore. While riders 12-16 are able to compete in the FEI Pony classes, there are numerous programs in which riders of all ages are able to participate with their pony-powered dance partners. Consider the National Dressage Pony Cup, which not only has a huge in-person pony and small horse championship show each year, but also has special year end awards. In order to be eligible for these pony opportunities, your pony must possess a USEF Pony Card.

[Click here to continue reading then scroll down and click the link "Jennifer Koch - Technical Delegate Training".](#)

D4K TEAM Clinics Now Open to Adults

Dressage4Kids™ is pleased to announce a pilot program in conjunction with Dressage4Kids TEAM Clinics to expand access to graduate TEAM members and to adults, amateur and professional. This pilot program will make it possible to hold TEAM Clinics where there might be fewer youth riders available. Available spots will be reviewed on a clinic-by-clinic basis. For more information, please contact Lendon Gray at graydressage@gmail.com.

If you or someone you know is interested in hosting a Dressage4Kids TEAM Clinic, please contact Mary Livernois at d4k.org@gmail.com.

D4K Summer Intensive Training Program

Dressage4Kids is excited to offer the Summer Intensive Training (SIT) Program to provide an overall educational program for riders under age 26. SIT is not for the casual dressage rider, but for aspiring young riders who are committed to achieving excellence. This program will take determination, drive and passion. The participants will have a full schedule of learning that includes fitness, theory, tests, riding lessons, possible field trips, and lectures on many pertinent subjects. We encourage young riders of all levels and ages - some riders may be barely Training Level while others may be schooling Grand Prix.

Date: August 2023
Location: tbd

[Stay tuned for more info.](#)

D4K Horse Donation Program

Currently offered to the Dressage4Kids Horse Donation Program - a 25-year old horse, doing Intermediare 1 this past summer. He is straightforward to ride and has no major problems, but will need some maintenance. Contact [Lendon Gray](#) for more info.

On a related note, if you applied to the D4K Horse Donation Lease Program prior to October 2022, please submit a new application asap. [The application is available here.](#)

Calling all youth competitors! 3 Youth Dressage Festivals planned in 2023!

3 Youth Dressage Festivals will be offered in 2023!

Hampton Green Farm
Fruitport, Michigan

July 30, 2023
stay tuned for more details

HITS on the Hudson
Saugerties, New York
August 10-12, 2023
stay tuned for more details

Georgia International Horse Park
Conyers, Georgia
stay tuned for more details

Working Student and Job Positions Open

Several amazing job or working student positions are currently available - some in Florida. Contact [Lendon Gray](#) for more info.

D4K TEAM Clinic Survey

If you participated in a Dressage4Kids TEAM Clinic in 2022, please be on the lookout for a TEAM Clinic Survey which should be in your email inbox soon!

We would greatly appreciate you taking a few moments to give us some advice about the TEAM clinics. Your responses will be anonymous, unless you choose to share your contact info with us.

Dressage4Kids is on Amazon Smile

Did you know? If you already shop using Amazon, make the switch to Amazon Smile!

By starting your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com, 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible Amazon purchases go to a charity of your choice. You shop as you normally would on the site, at no extra cost to you, and you don't need to make a separate account.

It's easy to sign up - on your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charity. Amazon will remember the charity that is associated with your account for future visits, but the charity can be changed at any time.

Dressage 4 Kids is registered with Amazon Smile, so go ahead and designate "Dressage 4 Kids" as your charity of choice and every time you shop, Amazon Smile will automatically donate to Dressage4Kids!

Carousel Coaching Horsemanship Course

This horsemanship course has been created to be an asset for trainers, working students, and any rider interested in having more knowledge about the care and happiness level of their horse. Nancy has created this course with the desire to help trainers manage their high-level horses without a loss of standard when hiring new staff. It is also with a great deal of passion that Nancy wants to help people have the skills necessary to stay safe while they work with horses. What people are saying? "The only thing I can say is, I wish I had watched this when I first bought my horse!", this is from Dana, an ambitious amateur rider from Rhode Island.

Go to CarouselCoaching.com to purchase the Love to Ride Horsemanship Course.

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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