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Level 2

Opening Date: June 12, 2017  
Closing Date: August 1, 2017



## COMMONWEALTH DRESSAGE

Saturday, August 19, 2017 & Sunday, August 20, 2017

### Commonwealth Dressage I & II

*Pennsylvania State Farm Show Complex and Expo Center,  
Harrisburg, PA*

#### **Celebrating the Musical Freestyle on Saturday Night**

*Saturday Freestyles will be scheduled between 6pm to 9pm.*

*Sunday Freestyles will be scheduled mid-day.*

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**Starting Friday, August 19:**  
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**Medical Services:**

*On grounds  
Contact through show office*

**Competition Licensee:**

Barbara Kohr

**Judges:**

Carter Bass, (VA), S  
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**Technical Delegate:**

Tamla Nichols (VA), r

**Veterinarian:** On Call,

Green Glen Eq Hosp.,  
call 800-245-4312

**Farrier:** On Call, Scott Eckenrode

717-821-1765

**OFFICIAL PRIZELIST.** Please check the Commonwealth Dressage website,  
<http://www.greyhorse1.com/commonwealth-dressage.html> or facebook,  
<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthDressage/> for detailed entry information.

**The show is limited to one ring. Enter early to be guaranteed a spot.**

| Sat | Sun | Fee     | Description                  |
|-----|-----|---------|------------------------------|
| 10  | 20  | \$50.00 | USDF Intro A (std ring) Open |
| 11  | 21  | \$50.00 | USDF Intro B (std ring) Open |
| 12  | 22  | \$50.00 | USDF Intro C (std ring) Open |

| Sat    | Sun    | Fee     | Description   |
|--------|--------|---------|---|
| 13     |        | \$50.00 | OPPORTUNITY Training 1 Open   |
|        | 23     | \$50.00 | OPPORTUNITY Training 2 Open   |
| 14     | 24     | \$50.00 | OPPORTUNITY Training 3 Open   |
| 15     |        | \$50.00 | OPPORTUNITY First 1 Open  |
|        | 25     | \$50.00 | OPPORTUNITY First 2 Open  |
| 16     | 26     | \$50.00 | OPPORTUNITY First 3 Open  |
| 17     | 27     | \$55.00 | USEF Dressage Rider TOC (Training, First, Second) Open                              |
| 18     | 28     | \$50.00 | Dressage Seat Equitation JR/YR/AA   |
| 101    | 201    | \$55.00 | Training 1 Open   |
| 102    | 202    | \$55.00 | Training 2 Open/ <b>2017</b> CBLM Q   |
| 103    | 203    | \$55.00 | Training 3 Open/ <b>2017</b> GAIG Q   |
| 111    | 211    | \$55.00 | First 1 Open  |
| 112    | 212    | \$55.00 | First 2 Open/ <b>2017</b> CBLM Q  |
| 113    | 213    | \$55.00 | First 3 Open/ <b>2017</b> GAIG Q  |
| 121    | 221    | \$55.00 | Second 1 Open   |
| 122    | 222    | \$55.00 | Second 2 Open/ <b>2017</b> CBLM Q   |
| 123**  | 223 ** | \$55.00 | Second 3 Open/ <b>2017</b> GAIG Q/**AA Dover  |
| 131    | 231    | \$55.00 | Third 1 Open  |
| 132    | 232    | \$55.00 | Third 2 Open/ <b>2017</b> CBLM Q  |
| 133    | 233    | \$55.00 | Third 3 Open/ <b>2017</b> GAIG Q  |
| 141    | 241    | \$55.00 | Fourth 1 Open   |
| 142    | 242    | \$55.00 | Fourth 2 Open/ <b>2017</b> CBLM Q   |
| 143    | 243    | \$55.00 | Fourth 3 Open/ <b>2017</b> GAIG Q   |
| 144    | 244    | \$55.00 | USEF TOC (Training – 4 <sup>th</sup> ) Open/ <b>2017</b> CBLM Q/ <b>2017</b> GAIG Q |
| 151    | 251    | \$70.00 | FEI Prix. St. Georges Open/ <b>2017</b> CBLM Q/ <b>2017</b> GAIG Q                  |
| 152    | 252    | \$70.00 | FEI Intermediate I Open/ <b>2017</b> CBLM Q/ <b>2017</b> GAIG Q                     |
| 153    | 253    | \$70.00 | FEI Intermediate II Open/ <b>2017</b> CBLM Q/ <b>2017</b> GAIG Q                    |
| 154    | 254    | \$70.00 | FEI Grand Prix Open/ <b>2017</b> CBLM Q/ <b>2017</b> GAIG Q                         |
| 155    | 255    | \$70.00 | FEI Equivalent TOC(ex. YH,MFS, PE) Open/ <b>2017</b> CBLM Q/ <b>2017</b> GAIG Q     |
| 156### | 256### | \$55.00 | USDF Training - 4 MFS TOC Open/ <b>2017</b> CBLM Q/ <b>2017</b> GAIG Q              |
| 157    | 257    | \$70.00 | FEI Levels MFS TOC Open/ <b>2017</b> CBLM Q/ <b>2017</b> GAIG Q                     |
| 158    | 258    | \$50.00 | USDF Materiale Fillies/Mares 3, 4, 5 yr old   |
| 159    | 259    | \$50.00 | USDF Materiale Colts /Stallions/Geldings 3, 4, 5 yr old                             |

**No USEF/USDF memberships or Horse ID required for Intro or Opportunity Classes. Opportunity classes also exempt from \$16 USEF fee.**

### **Definitions/Eligibility**

**CBLM** - Qualifying class for 2017 CBLMs. Riders must be members of a participating organization at the time of the show to be eligible.

**GAIG** - Qualifying class for the 2017 GAIG/USDF Championships (*declare qualifying ride on entry form*) – Entry fee plus additional \$10 fee required, **MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO THE START OF THE CLASS**. Rider and owner must be USDF participating members and USEF members; horse must be USDF Lifetime registered and USEF recorded. Owners may be USDF Business Members. Except for FEI Junior or Young Rider Freestyle entries, competitors in freestyle qualifying classes must submit a photocopy of a test verifying eligibility to enter class.

**Open** - Open to all Horses and Riders. Show management may split into AA's and Junior/Young Rider sections based on class size

**AA** - Open to Adult Amateurs only; competitors must compete as adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22 & they must hold a current USEF Amateur card.

**JR** - Open to Junior riders only; ages 18 and under in the current year.

**YR** – Open to Young riders only; ages 16 through 21 in the current year.

**JR/ YR** – Open to Juniors and Young riders only; Individuals are eligible as JR until the end of the calendar year in which they reach 18 or YR until the end of the calendar year in which they reach 21 (*specify on entry form*).

**TOC** - Test of Choice (*specify test level on entry form*). May ride any test that does not have a specific class. *May be qualifier if proper test ridden and fees paid.*

**MFS** – USDF or FEI Musical Freestyle only; no Pas de Deux or Quadrille.

**Materiale** - Judged under saddle as a group at walk, trot and canter according to criteria listed on the “USDF Materiale Class” score sheet. Horses must be at least 36 months of age to participate.

\* Excludes Young Horse, MFS, and Para-Equestrian tests.

### USDF Training MFS is not eligible as a USDF/GAIG qualifier.

## PRIZE LIST DIRECTIVES

### General:

- EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.
- US EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION rules are in force from the moment show management allows access to the showgrounds. This includes conduct, correct saddlery and equipment, and attire.
- Management reserves the right to split, combine, delete, or add classes dependent on entries. Management also reserves the right to add or substitute judges or make any changes required by circumstances.
- All “No Shows” that have not contacted the show office will be considered a scratch for the rest of the show and time slots may be filled. Exhibitors enter with this understanding and agreement.
- **DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON SHOW GROUNDS OR IN STABLE AREAS. PENALTIES WILL APPLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH USEF GR1301.6.**

### Headgear Rule for Dressage:

- **Anyone mounted on a horse must wear protective headgear that meets ATSM standards. NO EXCEPTIONS. Per USEF DR120.6**

### Levels:

- Current editions of all tests/scoresheets: USEF Training-FEI Levels, USDF/FEI Freestyles (TR-FEI Levels), USDF Pas de Deux, Introductory, and Materiale, USEF Rider Tests, USEF/FEI Young Horse, FEI ParaEquestrian, USEF Dressage Seat Equitation, Materiale, USEF Eventing Dressage and FEI Eventing Dressage tests.

### Awards:

- Ribbons for First through Sixth place will be awarded for all classes. Prize for each First place.
- Separate awards for Open, AAs and/or Jr/Yrs in any Dressage Open class with four or more in any division. All divisions (if specifically offered) pinned separately. Exception: Open, GAIG/USDF Qualifying & CBLM scored & pinned together.
- **Show High Score Awards:** Ribbons will be given for each of the following: Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth Levels; Combined FEI levels (PSG, I1, I2, IA, IB, I2 and GP); Musical Freestyle. Special ribbons and prizes will be given for the overall high score JR/YR, Adult Amateur (must submit a copy of USEF Amateur card with entry), and Open competitors. Young Horse, Rider Tests, Equitation, Materiale and Musical Freestyle (except for MFS specific award) are excluded from High Score Award calculations. Scores below 55% will not be considered for high score awards.

- Classes 123 & 223 are USDF/Dover Adult Amateur Medal Classes

**Entries:**

- Current 2017 Entry Forms Required. Entries may be limited if numbers exceed capacity of the facility. Entries received after show is full will be placed on a waiting list. SHOW MAY FILL PRIOR TO CLOSING DATE.
- Please include a valid, **LEGIBLE** e-mail address. All correspondence will be through e-mail.
- **On-Line Entries** may be processed through [www.horseshowoffice.com](http://www.horseshowoffice.com). Payment may be made by electronic check. A 2% convenience fee will apply. Individuals utilizing the online entry system for this competition do so with the agreement that they have read the **OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST** and agree to follow all the class specifications, requirements and conditions in the **OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST**.
- **Payment:** Fees must be paid in full with entry. Payment may be made by check or electronic check (on-line entries). If full payment is not received or a payment for entry fees is returned, the entry will be placed on a waiting list until all fees are paid in cash, money order, or cashier's check. During the show, payment may be made by credit card or check for any additional charges and feed/bedding orders. A 2% convenience fee will apply for credit card transactions.
- Entries accepted ONLY with entry form and full payment. Entry form must be signed in ALL THREE signature blocks in accordance with USEF rules, as well as signature in COACH block if applicable. Only original signatures accepted.
- **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY BY THE CLOSING DATE. LATE FEE OF \$50.00 WILL BE ASSESSED FOR ANY ENTRY RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.**
- Proof of membership must be included with entry form. Please provide the Master Verification from USEF & USDF ([www.eqverification.org](http://www.eqverification.org)) although membership cards or photocopies of cards are still acceptable. Failure to provide proof of USEF and/or USDF membership or affidavit will result in competitor being charged non-member fees.
- Show management reserves the right to refuse entries, make changes, deletions, or corrections as deemed necessary.
- Negative Coggins valid through the last day of the show is required for entry to show grounds for all horses. Entries without a current Coggins (valid through show date) WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A photocopy is acceptable provided the date, results, horse name, and vet signature are legible.
- DO NOT send entries registered, certified mail, or Signature required. No telephone, FAX, or email entries.
- Post entries (**received after the closing date**) will be accepted on a space available basis. Must include \$50.00 Late Fee.

**Entry Status and Times:**

- Acknowledgement of entry showing status will be emailed to each competitor. Please be sure to include a valid, legible e-mail. Please check for errors and notify the secretary immediately.
- Official times posted by noon on Friday at show office. Unofficial times posted on website approximately four days before show.

**Fees:**

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| \$225.00 Horse Stall, weekend includes 7 bags of initial bedding        | \$30.00 USEF Show Pass(non-member) fee   |
| \$450.00 Double Horse Stall, weekend includes 7 bags of initial bedding | \$25.00 USDF non-member fee  |
| \$150.00 Tack Stall, weekend (no bedding)                               | \$16.00 USEF D&M/horse (\$8 Drugs & Meds, \$8 USEF) (excludes Opportunity entrants only) |
| \$50.00 Grounds Fee (per day/for all horses not stabled)                | \$10.00 GAIG/USDF Qualifying rides - additional fee                                      |

\$25.00 Office Fee, per show for entries received by July 25 (non-refundable)  
\$35.00 Office Fee, per show for entries received after July 25 until August 1 (non-refundable)  
\$50.00 Office Fee for single show (non-refundable)

\$50.00 Non-competing horse – per weekend (must also pay Office Fee and grounds fee or stabling, but not USEF Fees)  
\$10.00 class change fee (during show)  
\$30.00 Return Check Fee  
\$50.00 Late Fee (non-refundable, after close date)  
2% credit card convenience fee

- Make checks payable to: **Commonwealth Dressage**.
- **Return Check Policy:** Entry will be removed from the schedule, charged the return check fee and placed on the Wait List until a money order or certified check is received by the Secretary.
- Show office will be open: Noon -- 7pm Friday, 7am -- 6pm Saturday, 7am -- 1 hour after show ends on Sunday.

### **Refunds:**

- **Until closing date, refunds on entries minus Office Fee.**
- **NO REFUNDS after closing date, including stabling and overpayments, for any reason including cancellations due to Acts of God, acts of terrorism, inclement weather, and/or other emergencies.**
- GAIG/USDF Q fees refunded if request received before start of class until end of competition (unless applied to other indebtedness); otherwise will be paid to USDF.

### **New Vaccination Requirements:**

- Effective 12/01/2015, Horses entering the show grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within 6 months prior to entering the show grounds. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the grounds upon request by Competition Management (GR845).

### **Freestyle Requirements:**

- Riders must submit with their entry a copy of the highest test of the level entered or higher level (with a minimum score of 60%) in accordance with USEF rules.
- Riders must present music on good quality CD's to the Show Secretary at least 2 hours prior to scheduled time for the ride.
- Times for sound checks will be announced at the show. Please check in the show office.

### **Non-Competing Horses:**

- Must submit completed and signed Entry form to the Show Secretary, show proof of current Coggins, and pay \$50 fee plus applicable office fee. Grounds/stabling fees are additional. Non-Compete horses do not pay separate USEF/USDF Fees.

### **Stabling:**

- All stall are indoors, on concrete with temporary vinyl walls, 10x10 with doors, housed in permanent buildings.
- Exhibitors wishing to use rubber matting must take it with them when they leave.
- For security reasons, adequate lighting will remain on throughout the night. The facility is in an urban area.
- No hand walking past 9pm.
- No advance stall placement requests can be accommodated other than "stable with" requests.
- Horse stalls are \$225.00 (includes 7 bags of initial bedding) and tack stalls are \$150.00. Stalls available from 10:00AM on Friday and must be vacated Sunday night. NO REFUNDS for stabling for any reason.
- **SHAVINGS PRE-ORDER:** Additional shavings may be pre-ordered at \$9.00/bag, delivered. Please include your shavings pre-order and payment on your entry. During the show, additional shavings may be purchased at \$9.00/bag delivered.
- **GROUND'S FEE:** \$50.00 per day for each horse not stabled during the show.

- Competitors must contact the Stable Manager to arrange early or late arrivals, and may be responsible for additional security or fees associated with their early arrival. Stall assignments will be posted at entrance and show office.
- 24 hour security provided Friday through Sunday.
- Each barn has one sharps container per 50 horses available. Competition Management may fine any individual including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.

### **Competition Arenas:**

- **ONE indoor 20 x 60 meter with Equestrian Elite footing installed by DJL Equestrian Services.**
- With **ONE** competition ring, this show will fill quickly and we will have night classes on Saturday and plan to run until at least 5 pm on Sunday, possibly later. Please plan your weekend accordingly.
- **Warm-Up:**
- One indoor warm-up arena, 144' x 300' with sand mix footing..
- One outdoor arena, 115' x 225' with stone dust footing

**Hospitality:** Food available on site during show hours.

### **Accommodations:**

**Hampton Inn  
Marriott**

### **Directions:**

The Farm Show Complex is located at the junction of North Cameron and Maclay Streets, 2300 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17101.

**Long Island, NY:** Merge onto I 295 North via Exit 33 towards Bronx/New England. I-295 North becomes I-95 South. Follow I-95 S Express Lanes toward I-80. Remain on I-95 South to I-78 West. Follow I-78 toward Harrisburg. Exit I-81 South onto Cameron Street and follow signs to Farm Show Complex. Approx. 195 miles from Great Neck, NY.

**New York, NY:** Holland Tunnel to 14th Street becomes US-1 and 9/US-9S/US-1S. Take I-78 West express toward Garden State Parkway. Merge onto I-81S. Exit I-81 South onto Cameron Street and follow signs to Farm Show Complex. Approx. 170 miles.

**Philadelphia, PA:** West on I-76 toward Valley Forge. Merge onto I-283N via Exit 257 toward Harrisburg/Hershey. I-283 N becomes I-83N/US-322W. Merge onto I-81S. Exit I-81 South onto Cameron Street and follow signs to Farm Show Complex. Approx. 110 miles.

**Scranton, PA:** Follow I-81S to Cameron Street Exit and follow signs to Farm Show Complex.

### **Hold Harmless Clause**

- The Equine Activity Liability laws of Pennsylvania, PA Code SB 618 state among its statutory provisions that , "NOTICE: Intrinsic dangers in equine activity, include (i) the propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (iii) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other animals or objects; and (v) the potential of a participant acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability." No Participant nor any participant's parent, guardian, or representative shall have or make any claim against or recover from any equine activity sponsor, equine professional, or any other person for injury, loss, damage, or death of the participant resulting from any of the intrinsic dangers of equine activities. It is further understood that each owner, rider, spectator, and other participants assume any and all risks of loss or injury and agrees to hold harmless, regardless of negligent acts or omissions Halcyon Farm LTD, Pennsylvania State Farm Show Complex and Expo Center, USDF, USEF, its instructors, officers, directors, agents, show management, show committee, and all other horse show personnel.

### **Modified Dress Code for Riders in Opportunity Classes**

- **Riders in classes and tests at all levels in Level 1 Competitions, and riders in Opportunity classes in Level 2 and Level 3 Competitions, may compete wearing breeches and shirts of any color as permitted in DR120.8. Jackets or vests of any type are allowed but not**

required and neckwear may be worn only if the rider chooses to compete in a riding jacket. Boots and protective headgear are required as specified in DR120.1-6. USEF DR120.5

**Fly Hoods permitted for all classes (indoor, covered and outdoor)**

- Fly hoods (ear covers) are permitted for all classes in order to protect horses from insects. The fly hoods should be discreet in color and design and should not cover the horse's eyes. After completion of the test, the rider or his representative is responsible for removing the fly hood to present to the designated ring steward for inspection to ensure that nothing prohibited has been added (for example, ear plugs). Logos in compliance with DR121.1 and manufacturer's logos are permitted. USEF DR121.7

**Additional USEF and USDF Requirements:**

- For current Great American/USDF Championship requirements, go to [www.usdf.org/competitions/competitions-championships/regionals/index.asp](http://www.usdf.org/competitions/competitions-championships/regionals/index.asp)
- For current BLM Championship requirements, go to [www.cblm.org](http://www.cblm.org)
- For current Dover Medal Program information, go to [www.usdf.org/awards/performance/adultmedalprogram.asp](http://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/adultmedalprogram.asp)
- In accordance with GR1301.7: Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. **The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation.** Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

**USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT**

**Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$30 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.**

**ATTENTION COMPETITORS:** Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct association numbers (USDF, United States Equestrian Federation) for horse, owner, rider, and trainer, before the day(s) of the competition. The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted toward national awards.

## USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 100 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership of nearly 30,000 members, supports the concept of ethical treatment of animals.

Dressage is a classical method of training horses, based upon the horse's natural responses, as carried out in a gradual, planned program during which the horse's athletic abilities are improved in a systematic manner. As a result, the horse becomes capable, comfortable, and responsive in partnership with the rider without the use of force. Dressage competition at various levels of achievement is the ultimate test of the training program to determine whether the desired harmony between horse and rider has been achieved.

The rules pertaining to dressage competition prohibit the use of artificial appliances, training aids, and drugs, which would force the horse to submit. Instead, the emphasis is upon training and a cooperative partnership with the rider; Major competitions are carefully monitored to assure that there is no unnecessary force or harshness displayed.

Unlike other horse sports in which horses enter training at a relatively immature state, dressage training is usually not seriously begun until the horse is three or four. The top levels of achievement require five or more years of progressive training and it is not unusual to see horses in international competition in their late teens. This, in itself, places a premium on good care and soundness throughout the horse's life.

While supporting the concept of animal welfare in its broadest form, the United States Dressage Federation, Inc., also recognizes that it is unrealistic to ascribe human emotions and responses to the horse which in its wild state is a creature of flight, living a hard and precarious existence. Under domestication, the horse is assured of ample food, water, and shelter, as well as protection against infectious diseases and damaging parasites, thus leading a longer and healthier life with a high rate of survival.

As an educational organization, USDF has numerous programs, which teach people how to pursue the accepted, humane training methods. A program of certifying instructors also emphasizes protecting the horse's welfare in pursuit of dressage training.

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