

# Direct Rein

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## Black Cloud strikes again....

So it was one day short of four weeks into a grueling regimen of six-times daily injection of four different medications, all in different tiny syringes that needed to be injected through a tiny catheter cap into the ulcerated eye of Billy, my beloved high-maintenance TB. Four weeks of no turnout, in the stall except for brief periods of hand-walking or mooching around in the barnyard. He and I were both beginning to get more than a little tired of the routine, but I was encouraged by his progress and on the day before he was supposed to be rechecked by Dr. Alison LaCarrubba of the UMC Equine Ambulatory team I texted her to say that for the first time since beginning this whole ordeal I could honestly say that the eye looked comfortable and normal. Cheers all round, and we made plans to remove the palpebral catheter the next day. I fed them all that night with a spring in my step. All the boys I have now are chowhounds, and feeding time brings to mind the happy dance that Snoopy does when Charlie Brown approaches him with the dinner bowl. (Note to you millennials: Charlie Brown and Snoopy were characters in a long running beloved comic strip which predated the animated holiday "Peanuts" cartoons. Google it.) Billy as usual was bouncing and "huh-huh-huh"-ing when I dumped the food in his bowl and went to get the handful of syringes I needed for what I hoped would be the last evening medication. In the five minutes it took to do that, something had changed. He was looking distressed, and no longer interested in his food, and occasionally looking at his sides and shifting weight.

I think I may actually have yelled something like "Good God, you crazy black cloud horse, now you are going to colic on the LAST DAY before you get cleared for takeoff!! Gaaahhhh!" After the outburst I tried to calm down and make a plan. Billy has now used up his entire lifetime of medical benefits, and in the back of my mind was the very real possibility that if this were to be a full-blown surgical colic I would have to put him down. I just couldn't afford another serious medical issue at this point in my life. Time to go old-school and treat colics the way we did fifty years ago. I walked him around in the pasture in the dark, trying to get him to drink a little water since dehydration is one of the other ongoing problems he sometimes has, if he for some reason takes exception to the water provided for him. In this case we had just switched to the heated water buckets for the winter and I think he was put off by the slightly warmer temperature. You know that old saying about leading a horse to water? True. He actually pulled back from the waterer when I tried to get him up to it. I stuck him with an injection of Bute for pain relief, and in about twenty minutes he seemed to feel better, and began to eat his food. Crisis narrowly averted, again.

The next morning he was back to his usual antsy food-seeking self, and when the crew from the vet school came later on that day he was pronounced cured, divested of his catheter, and given permission to be turned out, which I immediately did. He raced to the back pasture like devils were after him and spent the rest of the day out there. All three horses did come back for dinner that night, and I left them in the stalls overnight as the weather was supposed to turn chilly and wet.

Apparently that night in the stall was enough to convince him that given the chance I would imprison him forever, and for the next three nights he did not come up at all. The other two moseyed back to the barn around dinner time, but even the lure of feed pellets would not entice Billy. The first night I kept thinking he would show but it got later and later and suddenly it was ten p.m. and no Billy. It would be just like him, I thought, to go out and get eaten by a puma in the back pasture immediately after he gets through his eye issue, and his colic thing, and after depleting my bank account to a level I don't want to think about. My friend Joe was at the house that evening, and I persuaded him to help me go hunt Billy down. Joe and I and Joe's little dog Max went on a late night walk, me wondering with every step if I would find a steaming horse corpse with a red-eyed big cat slaving over it. This is not as crazy as it sounds. There has been a documented cougar sighting just up the road from my farm, and those big cats are known to cover a ten square mile territory. We had just about completed the circuit of the pasture when Max let out his terrier patrol bark, and ran up to what appeared to be a deeper blackness within the dark-Billy, fast asleep on his feet and enjoying his freedom. He followed us back to the barn and was re-in-stalled, so to speak.

Next morning all of them went tearing out to the back pasture and stayed out all night. I figured a puma couldn't eat three of them and assumed they were just hanging out, and sure enough when I went to check on them the next day they were all grazing happily in the mist. That night I put feed in their stalls, waited what I considered to be a generous amount of time, and then shrugged and let them do their horsey thing.

The other two have decided that as fun as it is to be free, it is more fun to eat regularly and they are now coming up at the regularly-scheduled time. Last night, Billy came up reluctantly after them. He couldn't have said it plainer if he could talk, but it was clear that he felt that given the chance I would lock him up and shoot goo in his eyes for the rest of his natural life, and what did these crazy pasture mates think by going so willingly into the hands of their erstwhile jailer (me)?

Life at the farm has resumed its normal routine, and not a moment too soon for me.

*Until next time-*

*Beth Hussey*

**CDCTA Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2017.**

**Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m.**

**In attendance: Beth Hussey, Amy Stapleton, Lauren F, Karen Atwill, Tesa Sterchi, Mackie Blair, Lora Blair, Candace Kassel, Kim Kriekhaus, Rosy Erganian, Karin Loftin, Bill Wise, Leah Strid, Judy Owens**

**Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve August minutes made by Tesa and seconded by Rosy, motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report: The account balance is \$6,693.93. Motion to accept made by Beth and seconded by Judy.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership: The current number of members is at 34. The time to renew your memberships is approaching and dues can be paid to Kim. Membership forms can be found in the Newsletter and on the CDCTA website. Tesa made a motion to offer Crystal and Alyssa Kendrick a family membership. This motion was seconded by Kim and the motion carried.**

**Communications & Competitions: We would like to offer a big thank you to Rosy and Tesa for putting together a great Fall Schooling Show! Holger Bechtloff clinic will be at Greystone on October 14 & 15. The Haunted Hunter Pace will be at Fox Run on October 29. WWU will hold their Fall Dressage Schooling Show on November 4 & 5. The White Box Fox Run Schooling Show will be held on November 12 at Fox Run. Cosmic Oaks Farm will hold their dressage show on November 18, 2017. The Cosmic Oaks Show is for CDCTA members only. Points from the WWU, The White Box and Cosmic Oaks Shows will count for Year End Awards.**

**Special Events: For the 30th Anniversary celebration a venue, date and activity/exhibition need to be planned and set. Stephens Park in June is an option for the CDCTA to have a demonstration of dressage from the young riders to the Century Club members to highlight what a great foundation dressage is and from an Intermediate level test to Western dressage. It could also feature different breeds and be modeled after the Prince of Wales Show.**

**Education: The Carol Wilson Centered Riding Clinic will be held on September 30 and October 1 at Fox Run. Saturday the 30th has 15 rides and Sunday the 1st has 13 rides (ride numbers as of 9-18-17). The ride times will be out by September 26. Food arrangements are still being made. CDCTA members can audit for free and this will count as our October meeting.**

**New Business: The Christmas Party will be held at Lora's on December 8. The Awards Ceremony will be at D'Rowes in January.**

**Next meeting will be on November 13 at 7:30 at Angelo's.**

**Motion to adjourn by Beth and seconded by Kim at 8:09 p.m.**

**REMEMBER....YOUR 2018 CDCTA MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAYABLE THIS MONTH!**

**SEND IN THE FORM ON THE BACK PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND A CHECK AS SOON AS YOU READ THIS ! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS A MINUTE OF THE EXCITING 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLUMBIA DRESSAGE AND COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION!**

This newsletter is published monthly by the Columbia Dressage and Combined Training Association.

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Submissions are due by the last day of the month before publication. Our website is [www.cdcta.org](http://www.cdcta.org) for late-breaking news. Photographs should be submitted in JPEG format.

For membership information, please contact Kim Kriekhaus at (573) 442-3039 or email [kimkriekhaus.wpf@gmail.com](mailto:kimkriekhaus.wpf@gmail.com).



### FOR SALE:

Brand new nylon side reins with rubber donut, \$14.00

Accidentally ordered two pair and I only need one!

Contact: Judy Owens 573-445-5222 or [violet3@centurytel.net](mailto:violet3@centurytel.net)

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

**November 12, 2017**

**White Box Fox Run Schooling Dressage Show Entry form/info in this newsletter!**

**November 13, 2017**

**CDCTA Business Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Angelo's Steakhouse**

**November 18, 2017**

**Cosmic Oaks Farm Free Dressage Show CDCTA Members ONLY! Entry form in this Newsletter**

**November 29-December 2, 2017**

**USDF National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky**

**December 8, 2017**

**CDCTA Annual Holiday Party hosted by Jerry and Lora Blair at their home on Akeman Bridge Road. Details in this newsletter!**

**January ?, 2018**

**CDCTA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at D. Rowe's**

**BOARDING/TRAINING /  
LESSONS  
Stony Hill Farm  
Columbia, Missouri  
Specializing in Dressage  
Contact Liz Hotchkiss  
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Full page ad: \$20/month

1/2 page ad: \$15/month

1/4 page ad: \$10/month

Make checks payable to CDCTA.

## Boarding Barn Shopping

If you board there is a good chance that you've had to switch boarding barns at some point. There are a lot of reasons people change, and it's not usually an easy process. You may forget to ask important questions, only to realize later that you're going to have to compromise or move (again). I've taken the time to compile a list of relevant questions to ask a potential boarding barn.

- What is included in board and what is the cost?
  - Blanketing/fans
  - Holding for vet/farrier
  - Getting dressed for turnout (bell boots/fly masks/etc.)
  - Extras (clipping, bathing, grooming, etc.)
- Feeding
  - Schedule/how many times per day
  - Grain type/amount
  - Hay type/amount/storage
- Turnout
  - Schedule
  - Fencing
  - Number of horses in group
  - Mares/geldings
  - Plan for horses who don't fit the mold
    - Need a different amount of turnout time
    - Don't get along with others
    - Only go outside when it's 72 and sunny with a slight breeze--they need to have an idea of what to do with the oddballs
  - Run-in sheds/bad weather options
  - Water heaters in winter
- Stalls
  - Size
  - Flooring and bedding type
    - Amount
    - Extra costs for additional bedding
  - Number of stalls
    - How many are boarders versus personal horses
    - How many empty/turnover rate
  - Ventilation
    - Open fronts/windows/etc.
- Amenities
  - Space for tack/equipment and security
  - Heat/AC
  - Bathroom
  - Wash rack
    - Hot and cold water

- **Arena**
  - Indoor/outdoor
  - Size
  - Footing
  - Maintenance (frequency of dragging/watering/etc.)
  - Lights
- **Trails/hacking areas**
- **Farrier**
  - Idea of cost
  - Who (if you're moving locally)
  - Hot or cold shoeing and specialty shoeing if applicable
- **Veterinarian Services**
  - Regular vet
  - ✦ Distance from barn
  - ✦ Imaging offered?
  - ✦ Specialties such as chiro/acupuncture/massage/etc.
  - ✦ Emergency/back-up vet
  - ✦ Surgery practice?
  - ✦ Dental
  - ✦ Required vaccinations and frequency/Coggins
  - ✦ De-worming schedule/type
- ✦ **Barn Rules**
  - Riding during lessons
  - Dog friendly
  - Barn hours/closed any days
  - Allow outside instructors
  - Barn Manager/Owner
  - What is your experience?
  - Do you offer lessons? Cost?
  - Do you offer full or partial training? Cost?
  - Do you live on site?

I think I've got most things covered that are important to me, but I'm sure there are a few other questions out there that others would find necessary. Remember that if you're moving to a new area not to fall in love with the first barn you try. The horse world is all about building connections and relationships and you may find a perfect fit six months after you move. Network with local tack shops/feed stores and get to know the local farriers and vets.

Don't be afraid to stand up for yourself and your horse. Just because something may be the norm in your new area doesn't mean you have to accept it if you don't want to. As a dressage rider I want a good base and a couple inches of fluffy footing in my arena, but a western rider may prefer something a good bit deeper. Neither is necessarily wrong, but it will become an issue if I board at a reining barn. In all honesty, no barn may be 100% perfect, and some compromise is expected, but there is a barn out there where you and your horse can be content. Happy searching!

*Article written and submitted by Jacqueline Moore*

**It's Another–  
White Box Fox Run Fun Show**

Come ride 1,2 or 3 dressage tests in that White Box at  
Fox Run! Scores will count toward CDCTA Awards.

Beneficial show or test practice, feedback,  
and friendly comradeship guaranteed!! Judge TBA

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017 10:30 am til ?**

Entries will close Nov. 4 or when full at 25 rides maximum.

\$15/1 test, \$20/2 tests, or \$25/3 tests

\*Please return the entry/release, coggins and check to Fox Run:  
to Lora Blair by Sat. Nov.4. PLEASE. PLEASE. PLEASE !

Ride times emailed by Wed., Nov. 8.

*Breeches, Boots, Hard Hats, & Smiles Are Mandatory.*

*No extra dogs, I have plenty.*

*Don't expect big prizes or lots of food, but I'll try.*

(Small Arena 20x40m)

1. USDF Intro Level Test A
2. USDF Intro Level Test B
3. USDF Intro Level Test C
4. Training Level Test 1
5. Training Level Test 2

(Large Arena 20x60m)

6. Training Level Test 3
7. First Level Test 1
8. First Level Test 2

9. First Level Test 3

10. Second Level Test 1
11. Second Level Test 2
12. Second Level Test 3
13. Other ? **Plz Specify**
14. USEF Drsg Triangle

Test

for 1 or 2 year olds!



JOIN US !

\*\*\*\*\*CDCTA HOLIDAY PARTY\*\*\*\*\*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

6:30-10:00 PM

AT LORA AND JERRY BLAIR'S HOME  
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UGLY SWEATER CONTEST  
COCKTAILS AND FOOD  
GIFT EXCHANGE GAME  
GUARANTEED FUN & FRIENDS

You bring:

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- or potential new member
- that very special sweater
- one side dish or dessert to share
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!! RSVP to Lora, [lorablair@gmail.com](mailto:lorablair@gmail.com)  
or text 355-0678

# To insure or not insure, that is the [million dollar] question

A very basic overview of insurance options for horses.  
Kelsey Fisher DVM

What type of horse should have insurance? In this veterinarian's opinion any who qualify. Why? To avoid having to make a hard decision for something that is likely to happen and is potentially fixable.

Thanks to a couple of big name supplement companies there are very basic affordable options that, in my opinion, no horse should be without. The following is a very brief overview of some options for insurance and what can be expected when looking to carry a Major Medical policy on a horse.

## SmartPak's Colicare Program

In order to apply for this program, you have to fill out an enrollment form, have a working relationship with your veterinarian (for health requirements outlined below), and feed a Colicare approved supplement in Smartpaks. This is a very simple way to obtain \$7500 insurance for colic surgery.

In order to qualify a horse must **not** have: had previous colic surgery, been seen for colic in the past 12 months, or experience chronic colic (see full terms). They must also be at least 5 months old and weaned.

Once enrolled, to maintain eligibility the horse must have documentation of: a yearly physical exam, yearly vaccinations (to include tetanus, EEE/WEE, west nile, and rabies. Plus, any others recommended by the American Association of Equine Practitioners for your area), a yearly veterinary dental examination (no lay equine dentists) with any associated recommendations performed yearly, and a deworming program overseen by a veterinarian to include an annual fecal egg count and 2 yearly deworming administrations.

Additionally, a Colicare qualifying supplement must be fed in Smartpaks (no bags/buckets) and be on autoship. This supplement must be fed for 28 days prior to coverage being available. The cheapest product is SmartDigest Ultra powder and is \$38.95 (\$1.39/day; ~\$495/yr).

Coverage is \$7500 worth of colic surgery expenses to include pre-operative care and post-operative care. This policy does not cover medically managed colic.

My horse has been enrolled in this program for 3 years. I have yet to have to submit any of the proof of the veterinary work done, they just check with his veterinarian that he is still in her care program every year. I am sure that if I made a claim I would need to produce records proving I had the above listed requirements performed. Therefore, I would recommend very careful record keeping (though I recommend this for all horses. This is a topic for another day). All of the above veterinary care requirements are also the basics recommended for a horse every year, and reflect standard of care, so there is no "going out of the way" to maintain this policy (I can also cover these topics in more depth at a different time).

Full terms available here: <https://www.smartpakequine.com/colicare/termsandconditions>

## Platinum Performance's EQCO Colic Coverage

This coverage appears to be similar to that of Smartpak's although it has higher insurance values available. There are two tiers to this \$8,000 and \$10,000 of colic surgery reimbursement.

The eligibility requirements are the same as Smartpak. All the eligible supplements must be in Platinum Paks and on an autoship program.

The cheapest supplement that qualifies for \$8,000 in coverage is the Platinum Performance Equine. This is \$54 for 28 days (\$1.93/day; ~\$687/yr). The cheapest supplement that qualifies for \$10,000 in coverage in Platinum Performance + Platinum Balance and is \$98 for 28 days (\$3.50/day; ~1246/yr).

These plans also cover surgery expenses and pre-operative and post-operative care.

While I do feed a low dose of Platinum Performance to my horse as a ration balancer I have not pursued colic coverage from this company. However, Platinum's customer service is very good and I have been very happy with their product.

Full terms available here: <https://www.platinumperformance.com/eqco-coverage-terms>

## Mortality and Major Medical/Surgical Insurance

The above coverages only cover colic surgery expenses. So what if your horse needs something more? That's where Major Medical comes into play. There are many private insurance companies available where major medical/surgery insurance can be obtained. Many have a very streamlined process to obtain quotes.

One of the first things I learned when looking into major medical for my own horse was that only major medical insurance is not offered. If interested in major medical coverage, a mortality policy must also be carried on the same horse.

Mortality insurance covers the value of your horse in the event of a loss. Most policies cover mortality from accident, injury, sickness/disease, and theft. Some policies will cover humane euthanasia. Mortality premium is charged as a percentage of your horse's value. Most companies charge on a yearly basis—some allow financing. It is very important to read the fine print of these policies to see what will be reimbursed and what will not as far as a claim.

As an add on to mortality insurance major medical/surgical can be obtained. Some companies combine these two coverages and some separate medical from surgical. Some have just a surgical policy available. Major medical policies cover injuries and illnesses as described in their terms (which can vary). I have attached an example from my horse's policy holder this year.

These policies will not cover any type of maintenance such as joint injections, alternative therapies such as chiropractic and acupuncture, or any other excluded condition. For example, my horse was treated for gastric ulcer under a previous policy, so his current policy has an exemption of coverage for any future gastric ulcers. However, the treatment for this condition was fully covered, minus my deductible, the first time. This included all follow up treatment.

Major medical is an additional premium for the year based on the amount the policy covers. A horse can be covered up to their mortality value but not over. So if a horse is insured for \$10,000 mortality, they can also have up to \$10,000 in major medical/surgical coverage the year. However, horses can be covered for under their insured value. Meaning that a \$10,000 mortality coverage can have \$7500 of major medical.

Most major insurance companies have a very streamlined process for obtaining quotes through their company via an online form. They will then contact you via e-mail. If you are unsure what coverage your horse may need an insurance broker should be able to answer any further questions you may have.

While this has been a very brief overview of equine medical insurance options, I hope it has at least answered any basic questions or concerns and shown some very easy options available to horse owners.



**The 2017 Cosmic Oaks Farm Free Dressage Schooling Show!!**  
*(Dressage and cocktails under the lights!)*

To be held **Saturday, November 18** at 4 p.m. at Cosmic Oaks Farm, 655 North Route O Rocheport, MO.

**Judge: Ann McGruder, Columbia, MO**

Still need a few scores for your CDCTA year-end awards? Want to try out a new horse, or pull an old horse out of the pasture to see what he can do? We are here to provide a friendly, welcoming atmosphere to some of our members and/or horses who maybe don't get to show very often, or don't want the pressure of a larger show.

Here's the best reason of all to come....**IT'S FREE, AND FOR CDCTA MEMBERS ONLY!**

So here's the deal: because it's free, it is only CDCTA recognized, not MHSA recognized. We also reserve the right to cancel the show at the last minute because of rotten weather, since prolonged rain will make our outdoor arena unusable and prevent trailer parking in our yard.

So if you want to enter, fill out the entry form below and send it in but **please call the morning of the show if there is any doubt about the weather.** Closing date is two days before the show (that's November 16) so we can finalize the schedule. Entries are strictly limited to 20 rides; and no horse/rider combination may show in more than 2 classes to allow as many people as possible to take advantage of this free show.

Please try to catch a ride with someone and fill up a trailer!! Our trailer parking space will be very limited!

Ribbons to 4th place, and **very nice silver** trophies to first place! Intro through training level tests one and two will be held in the small arena; training level test three and higher levels will be held in the large dressage arena. Warmup is on grass and is very limited. Some stabling may be available; please contact if you are interested. We will be using the 2015 tests. ***THE TRADITION CONTINUES: SPECTATORS AND COMPETITORS ARE WELCOME TO STICK AROUND AT THE END OF THE SHOW...WE PROMISE SOME SORT OF INTERESTING SPECTACLE (weather permitting)!!***

Hard hats and horse-suitable footwear are required but we won't stand on ceremony. Half chaps are welcome and for goodness' sake don't braid!

**Come give it a try!** (We are using 2015 USDF Intro Tests and 2015 USEF Dressage tests)

**Class 1:** USDF Intro Level Test A

**Class 2:** USDF Intro Level Test A (Junior)

**Class 3:** USDF Intro Level Test B (Academy)\*

**Class 4:** USDF Intro Level Test B

**Class 5:** USDF Intro Level Test C

**Class 6:** Training Level Test One

**Class 7:** Training Level Test Two

**Class 8:** Training Level Test Three

**Class 9:** First Level Test One

**Class 10:** First Level Test Two

**Class 11:** First Level Test Three

**Class 12:** Second Level and above Test of Choice

We will divide Class 12 if entries warrant. State which test you want to ride on entry form.

\*Academy class is open only to horses used regularly in a lesson program and not owned by the rider.

Please include a copy of your horse's current Coggins test and mail entry to: **Beth Hussey 655 North Route O Rocheport, MO 65279**

Entries should reach us by **November 16, 2017.** Call-in or email entries will be accepted up until that date, but if the show fills priority will be given to mailed-in entries.

Horse's Name:

Rider's Name:

Age of Rider (if under eighteen):

Email address:

Classes entered: (Limit two per horse/rider combination)

1)

2)

Phone number:

We will call or email you with ride times by Friday, November 17. Remember: If there is any doubt about the weather, please call 573-808-6897 to make sure the show is still on! Entries are strictly limited to 20 rides and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

This show is for CDCTA members only. **The rider must be a current member of the CDCTA for 2017** (the owner need not be). You may join CDCTA at our regular rates at the show and still be eligible.

*I hereby release and hold harmless Beth Hussey and any of her agents harmless for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the Cosmic Oaks Farm Free Dressage Schooling show.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature) (parent or guardian must sign if rider under 21)

***All entrants and spectators are welcome to join us after the show for dinner and bonfire in honor of Beth's 55th birthday!***

**NOVEMBER 30 IS THE DEADLINE TO REPORT YOUR SCORES IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CDCTA YEAR END AWARDS.....**

**Be pro-active! Send your results from ANY recognized dressage show, horse trial or combined test; or from any USDF Recognized dressage shows or the CDCTA-sanctioned schooling dressage shows. These include all shows held at Fox Run or William Woods, as well as others that have been added throughout the year.**

**Send your results to Judy Owens by email at violet3@centurytel.net or mail to: 8601 Nature Lane, Columbia MO 65202**

**The best way to make sure that you are eligible for year end awards is to read our CDCTA Bylaws, posted on the website at [www.cdcta.org](http://www.cdcta.org). Go to the Get Involved tab, and then click on the Bylaws highlighted under Membership Information. There is a lengthy section on what tests and how many are needed for qualification, as well as clarification of the different levels and categories of awards.**

**Send all of your scores from the shows that you know count, and what you did for your six hour volunteer requirement.**

**WHAT? You haven't met your volunteer requirement yet? Well, fortunately there are still opportunities for you to do so coming up, and they are listed here:**

- 1) Volunteer at the upcoming Cosmic Oaks Farm Free Dressage Schooling Show on November 18**
- 2) Volunteer at the upcoming White Box Dressage Show at Fox Run on November 12 (YES, WE WILL ACCEPT THOSE HOURS FOR THIS YEAR!!)**
- 3) Write an article for the November or December newsletter (must be submitted print-ready by the 25th of the month previous to publication) to [eshussey@gmail.com](mailto:eshussey@gmail.com)**

**It is possible that some volunteers may be needed for the upcoming club Christmas party, or the Annual Banquet, but do not count on this; the help that is needed may not meet all of the hours you need! If you want to try to help with either of these contact either Lora Blair (Christmas party) or Tesa Sterchi (annual banquet)**

**Judy will notify award winners well in advance of the year-end banquet, and she is open to suggestions for potential awards as long as they fit within our budget. If you have ideas, let her know...and maybe let her know your sizes (you and your horse!) just in case!**

**We try to send in our year-end award winners to the Chronicle of the Horse. We need to have information in by December 15...but if you have a great photo of you and your horse in action, and you are one of our winners, send it to the editor of this newsletter at [eshussey@gmail.com](mailto:eshussey@gmail.com) (make sure you have permission from the photographer, and submit that as well!) and you may see your picture in the Chronicle!**



**DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION**

Beth Hussey  
655 North Route O  
Rocheport, MO 65279



**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 at Angelo's Steakhouse in Columbia, 7:30 p.m. Last business meeting of the year!**

**Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association  
2018 Membership Form**

*CDCTA is a United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Group Member Organization (GMO). By joining CDCTA you are becoming a Group member of the USDF. \$20 of your CDCTA dues are forwarded to the USDF as GMO membership dues. (\$11 for additional members in family)*

Membership year runs December 1-November 30. Dues are payable in October.

**Individual** Membership: \$38.00/year

Family Membership: \$38.00/year plus \$23.00 for additional member residing at same address. Please list all members included (use additional sheets if needed).

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

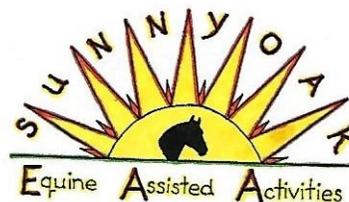
NOTE: We send our monthly newsletters out by email. Please check here if you would prefer to receive a mailed copy. \_\_\_\_\_ Did someone refer you for membership? \_\_\_\_\_

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