

# Direct Rein

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## THE WHEELBARROW LOAD

### They aren't horses but.....

....during this time of Thanksgiving let's give a big shout out to all the barn dogs and stable cats that have been so much a part of most of our collective equestrian experiences.

A couple of things prompted this load: one, the fact that the USDF GMO Honorable Mention Photograph this year was not, in fact, a horse, although it did have dressage letters in it. Rather it was an adorable photo of one of the dogs at the CDCTA summer show this year, a Corgi doing a perfect working trot right in front of the letter, tracking straight and true with the determined gait of the breed and showing off his perfect ears. I wondered when I submitted it if they would even consider the photo, given that it is not of a horse or rider, but apparently the little dog charmed the judges as well. Anne Borgmeyer gets photo credit for that one!

The second thing was that I was called upon to euthanize one of the last remaining barn cats from Liz Hotchkiss' Stony Hill Farm. Holly Rice had taken care of Ducky for a long time, and it was the right decision for the kitty, but sad nonetheless. And it made me start thinking about the non-equine animal members of barns and stables worldwide.

Stable cats have many uses. For one, they are far more efficient and better for the environment than most rodenticides. And a chunk of rat bait can't cuddle up on a pile of stable blankets to get its chin scratched. They provide comfort to nervous horses (and occasionally riders!) and are a little less intimidating to strangers than dogs. Boyd Martin, international event champion, is famously fond of his stable cats, who serve as mascots as well.

My favorite personal stable cat story is that of Vinnie, the most chill cat I have ever had. He was brought to me as a combination gift and rescue by Crystal Kendrick. Vinnie was a very social cat, and he had a great time during the day at Crystal's stable when all the students were present and there was a lot of activity, but as the day wound down and he found himself alone he would mosey up to the house of the property owners to hang out with them. Alas, they were not cat lovers and Crystal was told she would have to do something about the cat that kept coming up to their house every night. Her solution was to give him to me. I had a house cat already but lacked a stable cat, and Vinnie fit the bill. He was carted around endlessly by many small children. Crystal's daughter Alyssa toted him over her shoulder like Santa's toy sack and he thought it was the greatest thing ever. Vinnie is gone now, but I'll never forget him. More than once I found him sleeping on the back of a sleeping horse. Both seemed quite content.

Dogs have their place in the equestrian world as well...almost everyone who loves horses also loves dogs, and the people who trail Corgis and Jack Russell terriers behind them when walking courses or checking scores are legion. Protection of the property is important, as is alerting you that someone might be coming. Boy, will a JR alert you!! It's also nice to have a dog with you when walking fences or trudging out to get recalcitrant horses. I have often wished for a herding dog that would actually herd the horses, so I could just send Ole Shep out to the back and bring back the reluctant group.

Another Liz moment: she had a dog for a long time at Stony Hill named Hector. He was a true gentle giant, and would not harm another living thing, but he would certainly bring his considerable bulk up to its full height and look at you closely if you were approaching the house or the barn and he didn't recognize you. I startled him once as I was walking back to the house in the dark and as this big black shadow pulled itself up and huffed a little bit through his nostrils I had a moment when I considered carefully if I wanted to try and get past him. He figured out who I was, and happily accepted ear scratches, but still.

In the end the best thing that our stable cats and barn dogs do is offer companionship and the pleasure of spending time with a critter that wants to spend time with you—a friend to talk to, or to sit in comfortable silence with. It's one of the reasons we love our horses as well, and sitting with a horse, and a cat, and a dog on a tack trunk outside the stall is one of the most peaceful things I can imagine. I'm thankful that my life has included many of those days.

*Until next time-*

*Beth Hussey*

Get your show results in to Judy Owens, at rockyandfizz@gmail.com ASAP (hopefully by Nov. 30) to be eligible for CDCTA Year End Awards presented at our Banquet - Sat., February 3rd, 2024 at D.Rowe's 11:30-2:30 (Next page for RSVP)

Use this form:

1). 2023 Member Name -

At least 6 Volunteer hours are required, and can be from prep for show, at show or clinic, hosting meeting, being a chairperson, write article for newsletter....

2). # of Volunteer hours/where/when -

3). Scores: (See requirements in By-Laws on website or in Sept. newsletter)

Show or Event Name/date/location-

Horse Name -

Division or Test -

Final Score -

Judge -

Show or Event Name/date/location -

Horse Name -

Division or Test -

Final Score -

Judge -

Show or Event Name/date/location -

Horse Name -

Division or Test -

Final Score -

Judge -

# CDCTA 2023 AWARDS BANQUET

D. ROWE'S RESTAURANT - BAR  
1005 CLUB VILLAGE DR.  
COLUMBIA, MO 65203

**SATURDAY, FEB. 3rd, 2024, 11:30 - 2:30**

Join us for lunch, awards presentations, and a short meeting with election of 2024 officers.....

Please RSVP with payment by Jan. 15th -  
Headcount needed!

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Payment will include appetizers and your lunch, ordering off menu. Alcoholic beverages are individual's extra cost.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25/person - PayPal to ColumbiaDCTA@gmail.com  
and email Lora at lorablair@gmail.com to RSVP

OR

\_\_\_\_\_ snail mail this form and your check  
(made to CDCTA) to

Lora Blair, 11501 East Vemers Ford Road Columbia, MO  
65201

**It's that time again!!**

**2024 DUES ARE DUE NOW!!**

**Payment of CDCTA dues for 2024 should be done AS SOON AS POSSIBLE in order to get our membership roster sent to USDF by their deadline.**

**Remember, no matter when you joined the club the membership year starts in October. So get the most out of your membership by renewing in a timely manner!**

**You must be a current member at the time any scores are earned in order for them to count towards year-end awards.**

**Membership forms can be found on our website at [www.cdcta.org](http://www.cdcta.org) or always on the back page of the newsletter.**

**Checks are welcome but dues can also be paid through Paypal (address on the membership form).**

**It is also time to start gathering your scores and submitting them!!**

**Scores must be submitted by November 30 to our awards chairperson Judy Owens at [rockyandfizz@gmail.com](mailto:rockyandfizz@gmail.com). Look for a convenient reporting form elsewhere in this newsletter!**

**Specifics from the most current bylaws regarding our awards criteria will be found reprinted elsewhere in this newsletter; they were also published in the January 2023 and September/October issues of the Direct Rein.**

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

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**Questions regarding submissions and content should be directed to Beth Hussey at (573) 808-6897 or [eshussey@gmail.com](mailto:eshussey@gmail.com).**

**Submissions may be sent via email or mail to 655 North Route O, Rocheport, MO 65279.**

**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.**

## **ARTICLE IX:**

Sponsored and Sanctioned Competitions Section 1. Sponsored Shows. Sponsored shows are those for which CDCTA is fiscally responsible. A. The Competitions Committee organizes sponsored competitions as per Section IV.E B. Sponsored shows must be judged by a USDF 'L' graduate or a USEF licensed judge. Section 2. Sanctioned Shows. Sanctioned shows are those shows that are not sponsored by CDCTA but from which scores may be used towards year-end awards. A. Any show recognized by USDF or USEA shall be considered sanctioned by CDCTA. B. Any show within a (roughly) 50-mile radius of Columbia, MO is considered sanctioned if it has been advertised on the website or in the newsletter at least 30 days in advance of the closing date of the show. CDCTA reserves the right to refuse sanctioning of any show. C. The show secretary must electronically submit complete results to the CDCTA awards chairperson within 30 days of the end of the competitions or to the national federation for scores to count toward CDCTA year-end awards. Section 3. Scores for year-end awards must be from competitions sponsored or sanctioned by CDCTA.

## **ARTICLE X: Awards:**

ELIGIBILITY for All Year-End Awards A) Awards will be based on Horse/Rider team combinations. The rider must be a member of the CDCTA at the time the scores are earned. There will not be any nomination fee for the horse or rider. B) To be eligible for year-end CDCTA awards a rider must be a CDCTA member, and must have contributed at least six (6) hours of volunteer time to the club. This requirement may be met in the following ways: 1. By holding CDCTA office or chairing a standing or special committee 2. Hosting a monthly meeting 3. Working at a CDCTA sponsored show or clinic 4. Active committee involvement 5. Other volunteer activities as approved by the board

Verification of volunteer hours must be submitted in writing by November 30 of competition year to the awards chairperson.

Volunteer hours must be submitted to the Volunteer Development and Tracking Committee within two weeks of the Volunteer activity and completed by November 30 of the competition year to count towards award eligibility that year. Activity organizers are encouraged to submit completed volunteer schedules for the activity.

## **DRESSAGE AWARDS:**

- A) Scores will be accumulated during the USEF competition year at competitions recognized by USEF or the CDCTA. Information regarding CDCTA sanctioned shows will be made available to the membership through the newsletter and website. To be eligible for year-end awards, at least two tests for National Levels (Training - Fourth) or one test for walk trot, Introductory, or FEI must be from a USEF licensed dressage judge or USDF 'L' graduate. USDF score verification will be used to collect scores earned at licensed competitions.
- B) Championships and reserve championships will be offered for Junior/Young Riders (may be split if membership warrants) and Seniors at the following levels:

Walk/Trot Third Level Introductory Level Fourth Level Training Level FEI Level First Level Freestyle Second Level Quadrille/Pas de Deux

Age categories and requirements will follow USEF dressage rule definitions. The CDCTA newsletter will publish the age categories approved by the membership for the coming competition season prior to the first CDCTA sanctioned show of the year and show secretaries are encouraged to publish awards requirements in their prize lists. C) In order to be eligible for year-end awards at any level, horse/rider combination must compete in at least one CDCTA-sponsored show (e.g. shows in which CDCTA is the licensee or organizer).

### **D) Dressage Award Levels Defined:**

Section 1. Walk-Trot. The walk-trot award is for beginners to dressage who do not yet canter in competition and riders cannot cross enter into cantering divisions. At walk-trot, a horse/rider combination must complete a minimum of four (4) tests with walk and trot only (rider cannot compete that includes canter for that competition year). At least one (1) test must be judged by a USDF 'L' graduate or USEF licensed judge.

Section 2. Introductory Level. Introductory Level horse/rider combinations must complete a minimum of four (4) tests; at least one (1) test must be from the highest test offered at Introductory Level. At least one (1) test must be judged by a USDF 'L' graduate or USEF licensed judge

Section 3. National Levels (Training, First, Second, Third and Fourth Level). At National Levels horse/rider combinations must complete a minimum of six (6) tests; at least one (1) test must be from the highest test offered for each respective level. At least two tests must be judged by a USDF 'L' graduate or USEF licensed judge.

Section 4. FEI. At FEI Level, horse/rider combinations must complete a minimum of four (4) tests but they need not be the highest test offered at FEI Level. At least one (1) test must be judged by a USDF 'L' graduate or USEF licensed judge.

E. Scores from Open, Adult Amateur, Maiden, Junior and Senior classes will count for year-end awards. Scores from freestyle classes will only be counted for freestyle awards.

G. Year-end awards will be determined by taking the average of submitted qualifying scores. The highest resulting average will be awarded championship. Second highest resulting average will be awarded reserve championship. Competition year runs December 1st - November 30th . All scores must be submitted by November 30th) Dressage Competition secretaries will be responsible for submitting scores to the national federations (licensed competitions) or awards chairperson (schooling shows) within 30 days after competition. The rider may verify accuracy of his/her submitted scores by contacting awards chairperson and is encouraged to submit any test sheets for the awards committee.

H) Horse/rider combinations are not eligible to receive year end-awards for Introductory Level consecutively. At National Levels, horse/rider combinations are not eligible to receive year-end awards at the same level more than twice. FEI Championships are not restricted.

#### **COMBINED TEST AWARDS:**

A) Only members of the CDCTA are eligible for these awards. At all levels, the lowest average score of those submitted will be used to determine Champion. The second lowest average scores of those submitted will then be awarded Reserve Champion.

B) Championships and reserve championships will be offered for Juniors and Seniors at the following levels:

Green as Grass Introductory Beginner Novice Novice Training Preliminary Intermediate Advanced

C) The following information needs to be submitted to the Awards Committee by the competitor by November 30 of the competition year.

1. Horse name
2. Owner/rider name
3. Event name
4. Date and location of event
5. Division entered
6. USEA Area
7. Final score

Reminders for submittals will be placed in the October and November Newsletters of each year.

D) The Combined Test Awards Program will follow the calendar year December 1-November 30.

E) Packets that include the information in Section C, qualifying scores and volunteer verification must be submitted to the Awards Committee by November 30th .

F) To be eligible for year-end CDCTA Awards the horse/rider must volunteer a minimum of 6 hours for CDCTA and complete a minimum of three (3) combined tests at the level of competition during the award year.

## HORSE TRIALS AWARDS:

A) Only members of CDCTA are eligible for these awards. At all levels, the lowest average score of those submitted will be used to determine Champion. The second lowest average scores of those submitted will then be awarded Reserve Champion.

B) Championships and reserve championships will be offered for Juniors and Seniors at the following levels:

Starter Preliminary Beginner Novice Intermediate Novice Advanced Training

C) The following information needs to be submitted to the Awards Committee by the competitor by November 30 of the competition year.

1.Horse name 2.Owner/rider name 3.Event name 4.Date and location of event 5.Division 6. USEA Area 7.Score

Reminders for submittals will be placed in the October and November Newsletters of each year.

D) The Trials Awards Program will follow the calendar year December 1-November 30.

E) Packets that include the information in Section C, qualifying scores and volunteer verification must be submitted to the Awards Committee by November 30th .

F) To be eligible for year-end CDCTA Awards the horse/rider must volunteer a minimum of 6 hours for CDCTA and complete a minimum of two (2) trials at the level of competition during the award year.



▣ Bid with purpose! Your contributions to The Dressage Foundation's Annual Online Auction go beyond winning incredible items. They support education and the growth of US dressage at all levels. Let's make a positive impact together! ▣▣ #BidWithPurpose #tdf #dressagefoundation #dressage #TDFAUCTION  
Bid on over 100 incredible items at <https://bit.ly/3MHZftJ>. Bidding ends on December 3 so bid now!

## **Upcoming Area Events:**

**November 29-December 2, 2023-USDF Annual Convention in Omaha, NE**

**November 30-Year end awards point submissions deadline**

**Dec. 6-10 - USEA Annual Meeting & Convention in St. Louis, MO**

**December 9-CDCTA Annual Holiday Party hosted by Beth Hussey at Cosmic Oaks Farm. More info in this newsletter!!**

**February 4, 2024-CDCTA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at D. Rowe's. Look for more information elsewhere in this newsletter!!**

**Minutes from November 4th CDCTA Meeting and Trail Ride:**

**\*couldn't get the official minutes to load onto my computer but here are my notes...didn't get to ride the trails darn it but everybody seemed to have a great time!!\***

**If anyone wants to donate an item for our CDCTA GMO Basket for transport to Omaha for the convention please contact Kim Kriekhaus so she can pick it up-our basket has a Campfire theme so be creative!**

**No calendars for sale this year but we are looking into a sportswear order for CDCTA polo shirts.**

**We will need all new officers for 2024; if you are interested in serving as an officer, or as a member of the nominating committee to select officers, contact Lora Blair. A nominating form will be available at the Holiday Party and also in the December newsletter.**

**We are considering a new venue for our 2024 shows: suggestions included Stephens College, Boone Country Fairgrounds, Sedalia State Fairgrounds. Other ideas are welcomed and encouraged!!**

**Members of the Liz Hotchkiss Scholarship Committee are now: Alison LaCarrubba, Beth Hussey, Tesa Sterchi and Karen Atwill.**

**Members of the Bylaws Committee are: Kim Kriekhaus, Beth Hussey and Tesa Sterchi. We will have at least one meeting of both committees prior to the annual banquet.**

**That's all I have for now-hopefully we can get the computer thing figured out and include complete minutes in the December newsletter!! Beth**





## **CDCTA ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!!**

**It's been a long few years, but Cosmic Oaks Farm is rockin' and rollin' and ready to party!!**

**Bring your spouse, or a friend (kids are welcome but there will be alcohol served and the outdoors is smoker-friendly) and your favorite Christmas treat....we will provide chili and hearty appetizers, with vegetarian options.**

**Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available, as well as whatever we have on hand as far as stronger alcoholic beverages but if you have a favorite you should bring it.**

**DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH  
6:30 P.M.**

**655 North Route O Rocheport, MO**

**Wear some Christmas finery, and if you feel like participating in our Muck Bucket gift exchange, then bring a wrapped gift to throw in the bucket. If you bring one, you can take one...bring two, pick two!! Horse themed presents are always encouraged, but not required.**

**Call or email if you need directions or more information!  
(573)808-6897 or [eshussey@gmail.com](mailto:eshussey@gmail.com)  
Bring a friend! The more the merrier!**

**Hot tub will be open and you are welcome to bring a suit and jump in.**



**DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION**

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**NEXT MEETING: No real meeting in December; but join us for the CDCTA Holiday party! Good food, good friends, good times....more info inside!**

**December 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.!**

**Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association  
2024 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. You may pay by check made out to CDCTA or through Paypal at ColumbiaDCTA@gmail.com.

**Individual Membership: \$45/year**

**Family Membership:** \$45/year plus \$30.00 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? \_\_\_\_\_

*I am/ We are occasionally asked to share our membership list with persons or corporations with items of possible interest to our members.*

*Please circle one: DO DO NOT include my name on this list.*

Make check payable to CDCTA and mail to:

**Kim Kriekhaus, Membership Chair  
2202 West Williams Road  
Sturgeon, MO 65284**