

## **Region 9 GMO Travel Grant**

has been awarded to:

Fort Worth Dressage Club - Teresa Deeter

Tri-State Dressage Society - board member Marsha Murray.

Each GMO will receive \$500. for travel expenses to the 2009 USDF National Convention in Austin, once the criteria is met.

## **December 2-6**

### **2009 Adequan / USDF National Convention & Symposium Featuring Jan Brink**

Renaissance Austin Hotel

Austin, Texas

Check out the convention link on the USDF website:

<https://www.usdf.org/convention/>

Read about shops and restaurants within walking distance under "Activities".

Hotel information is also available, and info for making reservations.

Convention schedule (tentative) is available under "Agenda/ Programs. With great educational programs.

Jan Brink Symposium information. We understand it will be the best symposium ever !!! So plan on attending !!!!

There will be a "Trade Fair" at the symposium !!!!!

**Lone Star Welcome Party:** Sponsored by CTDS, & HDS. Wednesday evening- 6:15 to 7:45, at TGI Fridays, next to the host hotel.

**Volunteers Needed for the Convention Convention help includes:** • USDF Registration Booth (assist with check in &

registration) • Welcome to Austin Booth (info on area and attractions) • Collect tickets for educational sessions (can attend sessions that you work!) and • Gala/Awards banquet ...and additional tasks as needed.

**Symposium help includes:** • Barn Managers – point of contact for riders for entire symposium (4-5 days) • Footing crew – prior to symposium a team needed to uncover footing • Ring Crews – prepare ring each day and work with facility for watering/dragging • Announcer assistant • Drivers/Hosts for officials • Paddock Masters – keep riders on time and control traffic to/from rings • Registration Desk – assist in registrant check-in • Lunch/Question Support (take tickets for lunch and assist during question time) • Floaters – will assist where needed

Send all volunteer requests to:

[USDF09STARS@AOL.COM](mailto:USDF09STARS@AOL.COM) Include the following: Name, Address, Phone #, Email Address, days/times that you are available. If you have a job preference, list it too.

**Any GMO that would like to apply for 2009 Region 9 Educational Grant funds,**

**[click here for an application \(pdf\)](#).** Applications must be received by the regional director, at least 30 days prior to event. Email to Bess Reineman [email](#)

Seminars, Symposiums, Dressage camps, and related educational events will be considered. Clinics must be auditor & participator orientated, with lecture, or discussion sessions, with multi-educational opportunities.

**2010 Youth Team Competition:**

June 19-20, 2010  
Green Country Dressage Classic  
Youth Team Competition  
Claremore, OK.  
Anne Kuhns [akuhns@atlasok.com](mailto:akuhns@atlasok.com)

## **GMO's may apply for Youth or Adult Team Competition:**

To apply for the Region 9 Adult Team Competition for 2009:  
**Organizer Guidelines (PDF):** [download form](#)  
**Host Application (PDF):** [download form](#)  
For more information contact: [Evie Tumlin](#)

To apply for the Region 9 Youth Team Competition for 2009:  
**Organizer Guidelines (PDF):** [download form](#)  
**Host Application (PDF):** [download form](#)  
For more information contact: [Mary Wetzel](#)

## **USDF Adult Clinics with Charlotte Bredahl- Baker**

March 20-21, **2010**

Clifton Farms / Midsouth Dressage Academy 6303  
Robertson Gin Road Hernando, MS 38632 (901) 449-  
0968 [www.midsouthdressageacademy.org](http://www.midsouthdressageacademy.org) Contact:  
Elizabeth Rice (901) 277-8108

Or go to [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) to sign up as a participant or auditor.

Hi! I'm writing to tell you about **The Animal Rescue Site** \$100,000 Shelter+ Challenge - together with Petfinder, starting **September 14th and goes to December 20th**. The Animal Rescue Site is awarding \$100,000 in grants to eligible [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com) member rescue organizations to help animals. The grand prize is a \$20,000 grant, and there are many other prizes! Visit <http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/clickToGive/shelterchallenge.faces?siteId=3> to vote every day and learn more. You don't have to register, and voting is free. Support **Heart of Texas Lab Rescue** and **vote** today and **EVERY DAY!** Thank you!

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Stefanie Dwyer

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### **Anne Gribbons to Speak at USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program**

Lexington, KY (September 30, 2009) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce that FEI dressage judge and rider, Anne Gribbons, will be speaking at the 2010 USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program in West Palm Beach, FL, from January 16-18, 2010. Anne Gribbons has been recently named as the USEF Dressage

Chef d'Equipe/Technical Advisor, pending successful contract negotiations. The Young Rider Graduate Program, with funding support from The Dressage Foundation, is designed to help the young rider transition into the world of international competition, teaching, training and equine business management.

During this invaluable weekend seminar many top professionals including former NAJYRC riders, Jennifer Baumert and Todd Flettrich, who are now both successful FEI-Level trainers and riders, will focus on crucial topics such as sponsorship, training opportunities, business management and issues related to the high performance dressage horse.

Participants will also enjoy an evening reception with the 2010 Succeed<sup>®</sup>/USDF FEI-Level Trainers' Conference presenter, Henk van Bergen, and may elect to attend the trainers' conference at the conclusion of the Young Rider Graduate Program. The age limit for Young Rider Graduate participants has been extended so now USDF members ages 20-28 may apply. The deadline for applications is October 30, 2009.

For more information about the USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate program or other continuing education opportunities, please visit the USDF Web site, [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), or contact the USDF office at [youngridergrad@usdf.org](mailto:youngridergrad@usdf.org).

## **Earn USDF University Credit at DressageTrainingOnline.com**

Lexington, KY (October 8, 2009) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and DressageTrainingOnline.com (DTO) are pleased to announce that they have now expanded their partnership to allow USDF members to earn USDF University Program Credit through the DTO site. By working together, USDF and DTO hope to provide dressage education to a broader audience and recognize those individuals who continue to expand their dressage knowledge.

Any USDF member, who is a current member of or joins DTO, is eligible to earn USDF University credits. Once logged in to the DTO site, members simply need to access their member administration panel and click "Add Educational Credits." Once this is done, members can begin earning their credits for USDF University Diplomas from the comfort of their own home or barn.

"USDF is thrilled to be able to expand our online educational offerings to include video programs," stated Kathie Robertson, senior education programs coordinator.

“E-Learning is certainly the way of the future. I am so pleased to be able to incorporate the USDF's University Program into the DTO Web site. With people's busy lives, the ability to watch videos from the convenience of their own home, to work towards their goals of improving their riding or moving closer to accreditation certificates/diplomas, watching at a time that makes sense for the individual and removing the cost of travel is helping to make our desires more attainable. Now members can earn credits, while watching and having access to our library of over 400 dressage training videos. In the future, we will host many federations E-Learning programs, across the globe, with the intent of cross-federation sharing of programs, this is really paving the road for ultimate learning access no longer boxed by geographical boundaries!” added Reisa Bonetti, founder of DressageTrainingOnline.com.

The purpose of the USDF University Program is to provide recognition for USDF members who strive to continue their dressage education through their participation in USDF educational programs and to provide an accreditation structure for independently-organized events. As members participate

in more educational programs and increase their University credits, they move up through the levels of recognition from a USDF Certificate to a USDF Diamond Diploma.

For more information about the USDF University Program or DTO, visit the respective Web sites at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) or [www.dressagetrainingonline.com](http://www.dressagetrainingonline.com), or contact the USDF office at [university@usdf.org](mailto:university@usdf.org).

### In Memoriam: Mythilus (1994-2009)

It is with great sadness that the United States Equestrian Federation reports that former Olympic mount and dressage horse Mythilus was humanely euthanized Friday, October 9, as a result of complications discovered during a colic surgery.

The 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding was the former partner of Olympian Courtney King-Dye. In June 2008, King-Dye finished in third place at 2008 Olympic Dressage Trials with Mythilus, securing the pair's trip to compete in Hong Kong.

"He began to colic yesterday afternoon, and he was taken to Fairfield Equine," said King-Dye. "It was clear that surgery was inevitable. Dr. Rick Mitchell and his staff did everything they could. I feel blessed to have had Myth in my life. We went through many struggles and heartbreaks as well as many pinnacles and joyous times."

"I consider this a personal loss, when you travel with a horse and become personally acquainted with them you get attached. This is a huge loss not to have him available for the U.S. dressage team," said Dr. Rick Mitchell.

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