

ALL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RIDERS AND OWNERS!

This is your voice. The Regional Championship is your show... so please fill out the evaluation form !!!!

How was your experience at the championships? Please click **HERE** to fill out your USDF Regional Championship Evaluation!

And I hope you will fill out the **USEF evaluation form**, too. Those may be available on the USEF website.

Apprentice Dressage Technical Delegates Clinic

Thinking about becoming a TD, in the process of becoming a TD, or just interested in knowing more about the rules associated with dressage competitions? Consider attending the Apprentice Dressage Technical Delegates clinic held in conjunction with the Adequan/USDF National Convention and Symposium. Anyone can attend. **Register.**

Fees for registration for the USDF Convention and Symposium go up after Nov. 9 !

Go to www.usdf.org to find full information and register.

Awards Banquet and Salute Gala Reply Form Deadline

If you plan on receiving an award(s) at the Annual Awards Banquet and Salute Gala, which takes place on Friday evening, December 4, 2009, during the Adequan/USDF National Convention and Symposium that will be held in Austin, TX, December 2 - 6, 2009, you must submit an **Annual Awards Banquet and Salute Gala Reply Form** no later than **November 6**, 2009. The reply form must be submitted to USDF so that we can have your award at the banquet/gala. **Questions?**

If you are attending the **USDF Awards Banquet and Salute Gala**. Please fill out the form at the following link so that we can ensure that your award will be at the banquet for you to pick up.

<http://www.usdf.org/docs/awards/SaluteGalaReplyForm2009.pdf>

And, if you are attending the **Jan Brink Symposium** on **Saturday December 5 and/or Sunday December 6** and still need to purchase bus transportation from the Renaissance Hotel to the Travis Center, please call Charlotte, USDF Registration Coordinator at 859-271-7871 ASAP. Bus

transportation is not for sale on-site and must be purchased on or before Monday, November 9th. Please note, all return trips go back to the hotel. Hope to see you all in Austin!

Welcome **Austin Dressage Unlimited**.... the newest GMO in Region 9:

Contact: Carol Schmickrath brookstonefarm@aol.com

“Chef d’ Equipe - An Equestrian’s Cookbook”

This very unique cookbook, with plenty of beautiful horse photographs and delicious recipes, is a fundraising project by ADU for future dressage educational programs. You will want a copy for yourself, and it will also be the perfect gift for all of your equestrian friends.

Reserve your copies today and pick them up at the ADU Annual Membership Party, “Denim and Diamonds,” on November 7, 2009 at Royal Equus Farm in Taylor, Texas.

Or get one at the USDF National Convention- Region 9 Meeting.

Cost: \$25.00 each.

Make checks payable to Austin Dressage Unlimited. Send payment to: Suzy Remmert; 325 CR 139; Hutto, TX 78634

Any questions? Contact Suzy Remmert at SOLODARITY@aol.com or call 512-759-1239.

Information and Research Now Available Regarding NSAID Rule Change Proposal

Consistent with the USEF Veterinary Committee’s mission of addressing horse welfare issues, the Veterinary Committee passed a motion at their

mid-year meeting in support of restricting the use of NSAIDs in horses at USEF licensed competitions. The motion supports the use of only one NSAID at a time and was forwarded to the Chair of the Drugs and Medications Committee for review.

Under the current USEF rules, no more than two of the seven approved and quantitatively restricted NSAIDs are permitted in a horse at the time of a USEF licensed competition. The one exception to this rule is that currently phenylbutazone ("bute") and flunixin (Banamine®) are a forbidden combination, and are never permitted together in the horse at the time of competition.

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USRider Teams with Eastern Kentucky University to Offer Animal Rescue Training

Registration is now open for one of the finest annual training opportunities in the U.S. for first responders, emergency medical technicians, veterinarians, firefighters, and other emergency/rescue personnel—the Technical Large-Animal Emergency Rescue (LAR) Training provided cooperatively by USRider and Eastern Kentucky University (EKU).

Two rescue training seminars have been scheduled for March 2010. The first course, scheduled for March 22-24, 2010, is open to the public, with emphasis on recruiting fire and EMT responders, veterinarians and others. This seminar will also include a separate session on HAZMAT decontamination of large animals on the morning of March 25. The HAZMAT session will cover issues related to rescuing large animals that have encountered chemical, biological or radiological contamination.

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