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Entrepreneurial Excellence

Lake Erie College (LEC) selected DHF as a model of entrepreneurial excellence in Ohio's equine industry! After their recent visit, here is one student's feedback:

"I wanted to thank you for such a fabulous experience! It was very inspirational listening to you tell about your journey and all of the great advice you gave us. The saddle fitting was extremely beneficial. I appreciate all of the time and effort you/your husband, your staff and friends put into our visit. This was a wonderful experience I will always

remember. THANK YOU!!"

~ Brooke Rini, LEC Student

Approximately 19 LEC students and faculty came to DHF as part of their statewide tour. The discussion: The Story of "how Dancing Horse Farm got started" including:

- What makes us unique
- What is our target market
- 3 challenges and how they were overcome
- The impact of and strategies for the current economic crisis

- How to find resources and strategic partners
- How success is defined

Karen Borne, Borne Saddlery, and Ellen Fitzgerald, Independent Saddle Fitter, also made time for the students by including them in the Saddle Fitting seminar and general information exchange.

It was a wonderful day full of eager, young horse enthusiasts bound and determined to be successful. Our message to them:

Dare to Dream!

Barn Banter

We are so excited and could not wait another minute to tell you: **DHF Shows are now sanctioned by the Dayton Local Show Circuit!!**

By sanctioning or recognizing our shows, our students and other local equestrians have many more options for the 2009 show season.

Not only can you participate locally (see http://www.trailsend.biz/dlscs_hows.html for the DLSC schedule) but take a look at our Planned USDF Recognized Competition Calendar:

Please Note: Anyone who plans to qualify for and join the DHF crew in Virginia for the Region 1 Championships

is required to fill out the USDF Region Change form and turn it in to USDF by **July 1, 2009:**

<http://www.usdf.org/docs/competitions/competitors/RegionChange.pdf>

May 16-17: Harmony in the Park I and II, Edinburg, IN (at the Hoosier Horse Park): www.dressageshowinfo.com

June 13-14: ODS Down Centerline 1 & 2, Delaware, OH: www.ohiodressagesociety.com

June 27-28: Greenstone Select, Germantown, OH (for those who want to stay close to home only ~30 minutes from DHF)

July 10-12: Mid Ohio

Classic, Delaware, OH: www.showsecretary.com

Tentatively August 8-9: ODS Down Centerline 3 & 4, Delaware, OH: www.ohiodressagesociety.com. We might participate in Cincinnati Dressage Tradition. See website for announcements.

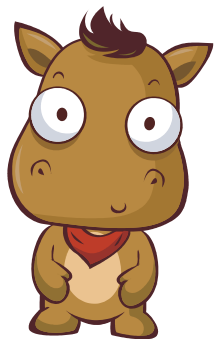
September 4-6: MSED A Dressage at the Kentucky Horse Park I & II, Lexington, KY: www.mseda.org

October 22-25: Region 1 GAIG's at the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA: www.virginiadressage.com

The DHF Showing season is fun, exciting and rewarding.

Please join us!

I have homework?!?
I better read the
whole newsletter...



DHF's Feeding Program

by Lindsay Lechner

In January, we were fortunate enough to have Linda Rodeffer from Tribute/Kalmbach feeds offer a seminar on Nutrition. Not only did Linda give an outstanding interactive lecture, she evaluated DHF hay and each participant's horse! All for free! She was immeasurably helpful and informative. Our notes are on <http://dancinghorsefarmoh.com/features.html>.

check. Clients must supply additional supplements. When feeding two or more supplements, clients must provide the supplements in either baggies or disposable plastic containers. We highly recommend Smart Paks for supplementation simplicity (DHF's Smart Pak Barn Buddy code is: DancingHF).

optimum health:

1. Steam cleaned crimped oats
2. Shredded beet pulp with molasses
3. Tribute Kalm Performer
4. Tribute Maturity Textured
5. Solutions 10 Pellet
6. Weekly bran mashes are available for an additional monthly fee

The horses at DHF are fed high quality, grass mix hay four times per day, and typically fed grain twice per day. A third feeding is available by request and is fed at night

DHF uses only high quality feed products from the Tribute line of Kalmbach Feeds. We provide the following feed options to both our Regular Full Care and Premium Care clients to keep your horses in

The staff at DHF will be happy to discuss each individual horse's needs and how we can provide them with the best nutrition possible.

"When in doubt, let your horse do the thinkin"
-Anonymous

Special Show Schedule Note: The August 8-9th ODS show is tentative because two local professionals (Becky Knollman and Chris Federer) are in the process of organizing a brand new Cincinnati Dressage Tradition show that will be held at Roberts Arena in Wilmington, OH. If Becky and Chris are ready, then we will participate! It is scheduled for August 1-2. Details available: <http://www.cincinnatiadressagetradition.com/Events.html> and be sure to monitor our Calendar page for status announcements.

Know Your Letters

That's right, know your letters..."All King Edwards Horses Can Make Big Fences" ...it's time to plan for the 2009 show season!

- 1) Take a look at the schedule posted on our website
- 2) Talk to Jen or Lindsay about the shows you are interested in entering

And most importantly, do

your homework. *What homework?* THIS homework:

At your next February lesson, for the first 10 minutes, you will discuss your goals for the 2009 show season.

To help organize your thoughts, we have included herein a Client Profile form (to be completed beforehand). This will be reviewed at your lesson.



Amber, Jen, Sarah
Region 2
Youth Team Champs
Credit: H. Mendenhall

TDC Horse Camp

The March 16th "The Dressage Company" Member meeting will be in the Pilates Room where Jen will present "Musical Freestyle Basics" to prepare for the Horse Camp on **March 28-29, 2009** at Cross Creek Equestrian Center 2031 Millville-Shandon Road Hamilton, OH Phone: 513.738.4142.

The Horse Camp's Clinicians will be Jennifer Truett and Rebecca Knollman. Fees: \$75 Day (includes 1 ride + a discussion session and lunch). The 10% discounts for 2009 are valid. *Freestyle participants need to attend March 16 member meeting for basics.*

Day 1 of the camp will be

hour long sessions with Lenny in music editing and Day 2 will be Jen working on choreography with riders in hour long sessions. All DHF clients interested in what it takes to create winning musical freestyles are encouraged to attend the meeting and The Camp! For more information: <http://www.dressageco.com/>

Warren County Tack Sale is March 8th, 11-4 pm. DHF pays for the 10 x 10 booth space for DHF clients ONLY to sell used items. Volunteer time required. Contact Lindsay 513.850.9359 for more.

Did You Know...

We are trying to keep up with all the good news and general changes to DHF's expanding community.

The website will reflect these changes and hopefully make it even easier to keep informed!

Take a look at the

www.DancingHorseFarmOH.com for the updates.

The **Calendar**, **Features** and **Working Student** profiles pages will help keep the DHF community connected! Other exciting changes include direct links to the **DHF Fan Club**

and **DHF Videos**. Sign up to be a Fan Today!

For our new competitors, we have some **Showing Tips** and coming soon "**What is Dressage?**" and "**What is Eventing?**" to attempt to explain our passions.

Calendar Notes

Please note that events listed require pre-registration.

March 6-8 Dressage Clinic with Joan Bolton. *Email Jen ASAP to reserve a spot as they fill quickly!* Costs: \$150 for a single ride, \$285 for two, or \$400 for one ride each day. Ride Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday.

March 16: Dressage Company Monthly Meeting with Musical Freestyle Basics by Jennifer Truett

March 28-9 Dressage Company "Horse Camp" featuring Jen Truett and Becky Knollman. <http://www.dressageco.com/>

April 9-11 Dressage Clinic with Sandy Howard "S" judge and three time United States Equestrian Team (USET)

member (Olympic and World Championship teams, '78, '80, '82).

May 2-3 DHF Spring Fling Weekend

Our annual Dressage Schooling Show but we are also adding some Eventing Fun too! Saturday will also have a Combined Test.

- The Gymkhana Fun Show classes will be held on Sunday and our very own Jen Truett will be the judge.
- Dressage Judge: Nancy Baker, "L" Grad.

May 2-10 Annual Equine Art Show

Open to Amateur and

Professional artists, children and adults, in painting, drawing, mixed media, photography and sculpture. Best in Show wins \$100. Ribbons for first through third place in all divisions. For Prospectus, please go to www.TheSculptedHorse.com/prospectus.html

Email Jennifer for appointments and clinic ride times: Jennifer@DancingHorseFarmOH.com

Daily Schedules posted on the web! Choose "**Calendar**" from main menu and "**Daily Schedule**" will be an option. Direct Link: <http://dancinghorsefarmoh.com/dailySchedule.html>



"Eventeresque" Lindsay!
Credit: L. Lechner



What's New

Dancing Horse Farm would like to announce that we will be switching from sawdust bedding to a pelleted product called STREUfex. This new product was developed in Austria and is produced in North Carolina. The pellets are made from "top quality grain straw" that is processed in a way that reduces mold, yeast, and bacteria and nearly eliminates dust and other small particles (STREUfex, The Horse Bedding, www.fex.at). We have chosen this product over other products because it has many desirable characteristics.

1. The absorption is much higher than with sawdust because of the process in which it is dried and pelleted. The urine is soaked up so there is less that goes to waste during the cleaning process. Since the absorption is higher than most wood products it helps eliminate odors while keeping the barn clean, dry and fresh.
2. STREUfex is nearly dust free unlike many wood based products, which contain many dust particles that can cause respiratory problems.
3. STREUfex is a

product that states "less is better"; a thin layer of pellets will provide great insulation from cold and damp conditions. As STREUfex breaks down in the stall it provides a very comfortable bed for the horses aiding in the relief of tired muscles and joints

4. This product has already demonstrated that there is less waste than with the sawdust. 1-2 bags per week is all that needs to be added, unlike the sawdust which needs to be removed daily and at a much higher rate
5. STREUfex decomposes much faster than wood based products. STREUfex breaks down with in two to three weeks and can be a great additive to soil
6. The packaging is very convenient, it comes in 30lb bags that are easy to store and use, where sawdust is bulky and inconvenient because it adds to labor costs.
The above list came off of the STREUfex website and information sheet.

We have been doing a trial with the STREUfex this past week, and have

already noticed less waste in the stalls in which we used STREUfex. When cleaned, each stall took about one muck tub to clean while a stall with the sawdust took about ¾ of a wheelbarrow (on average). The urine stays in one place and is not spread around because of the higher absorption. The new bedding has a very pleasant smell, which is noticeable each time you walk in the barn, and that is with only three stalls in the trial.

In one week we have not had to add any extra bedding to the stalls. The stalls still look and smell almost the same as when we started the trial. Please take a look at the stalls that are part of our trial (Lydia, Sjolling, Snickers all located in the first aisle of barn 2). We chose the stalls that we did because it gave us a range of common types of stalls. Lydia's stall is usually very messy, Sjolling's stall is a 'wet' stall, and Snicker's stall is an average stall.

If you are interested in getting more information about STREUfex please visit their website at www.fex.at. If you have any specific questions about the product please ask Jen or Lindsay.

Table 1 DHF Worming Schedule

	Product
February	Moxidectin (Quest)
April	Ivermectin/Praziquantel
June	Pyrantel Pamoate
August	Moxidectin (Quest)
December	Pyrantel Pamoate

Product Information:

Ivermectin: EquiMax or Zimectrin Gold
 Pyrantel: Strongid Paste, Exodus or Rotectin P

Especially "wormy" horses should consider Panacur Power Pac, which is given for 5 consecutive days.

Worming Update

On February 2, 2009 all the horses were wormed with Quest (see Table 1 on previous page). If there are any concerns regarding your horses(s) and/or the

worming schedule, please let Lindsay (Lindsay@DancingHorseFarmOH.com) know prior to the scheduled treatment so that precautions or changes can be implemented.

If there is a concern that your horse is especially "wormy", it is recommended that you consider the Panacur Power Pac, which is given for 5 consecutive days.

Blast of Bolton

In spite of the frigid temperatures, no one backed down from ride times or the thrill of a Bolton Challenge. The hot tea and cocoa warmed everyone's body and soul. On Sunday Jen and Lenny were gracious enough to turn on the heaters to keep spectators warm!

Joan's talent is in the calculation of an individual set of guidelines or program for each horse and rider to follow. She seems to do this effortlessly and indeed flawlessly.

Some of the teams had a "Cone Exercise" to implement in their training regimen. This exercise is designed for horses who like to hang on the bit, "run away" at any gate, or resist being supple. The Cone Exercise resembles a turn-on-the-shoulders/shoulder turns. While using the inside seat and leg, catching with outside

seat, leg, and tricep, the rider gently moves the horse around the cone about a quarter of a turn and then walks or trots away. This allows the horse to softly come from behind in the hindquarters into the bridle. It will allow the horse to not escape through the front end but still keep him working off the hind. The horses who performed this exercise became supple and together within a few minutes. They discovered their hind legs!

Next came the "Sliding Scale", a series of intermittent half halts using the rider's thighs and triceps to regulate the horses feel on the bit and to keep the stride even. The scale is rated from one to ten (ten being the strongest half halt). When the horse responds, the rider can release to a one-two-three-or even a seven. It all depends on the day; the precise moment and can also change

by Angie Dyer

minute by minute. The half halts change constantly as does the scale. Again, it all depends on the horse. As all riders know, the horse is constantly changing. It only makes sense to change the intensity of the aids – in this case, the half halts and releases. This exercise will help keep consistency of gaits and roundness of the neck.

As Joan said: *"There is no one formula to go by to fix the horse. It is a combination of things. Moment by moment, Minute by minute....."*

Hope this helps your next ride. As always, ask your trainer if you need help in understanding these exercises. If you rode in the clinic, make sure to share your Aha! Moments and goals for the season. Jen will be anxiously awaiting your feedback!

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DHF Clients have listed these items for sale. Contact the individuals listed. Pictures and more information online:

Trailer

2003 Sundowner C-575 Two horse straight load gooseneck with dressing room (7'6" tall), all aluminum construction with many upgrades. Asking \$12,500 Contact Jen: 937.532.3108, available online:

<http://dancinghorsefarmoh.com/forSale.html>

Saddles

1) 17 1/2" Passier dressage saddle and a 26" shaped leather girth. Asking \$1500. Contact: Lynda Abraxan@yahoo.com

2) 17" Kincade dressage saddle, \$250. Contact: Sarah 513.503.0237

3) 17.5" Wintec Isabella dressage saddle \$750. Contact: Connie Patrick 937.383.7793

Bridles

1) Cob/Arab size dressage bridle Used \$60. Contact: Sarah 513.503.0237

2) Sabre Cordoba cob-sized black dressage bridle asking \$250. Contact: Lynda Abraxan@yahoo.com.

Just Click:

<http://dancinghorsefarmoh.com/forSale.html>