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It's a Family Affair: Coeur Dashian and Her Father Compete at Dressage at Devon

Devon, PA (October 9, 2012) Coeur Dashian, the Oldenburg filly, came into this world on April 26 at High Point Hanoverians farm in Chestertown, Maryland. Those who have been keeping up with the 'Dressage at Devon Foal to Follow' are likely not surprised that she made an impression on the judges at the show. On Tuesday, September 25, the striking 2012 German Oldenburg placed fourth in the Fillies of 2012 class which included a competitive field of fifteen youngsters. The following day her father, Coeur d'Amour, also held spectators in awe as he claimed the 2012 Dressage at Devon Stallion Championship.

Klaus Schengber, one of the breeders at High Point Hanoverians, was "tickled pink" to see Coeur Dashian do so well. He tends to classify her as a jumper due to her unbridled enthusiasm and early talent for jumping. But after she showed off her floating dressage gaits at Dressage at Devon, it's clear that she has the potential to go in multiple directions—dressage, show jumping or even eventing.

On top of that, Klaus says Coeur Dashian could not have been better behaved. First of all, she did not try to jump anything as she had when she was evaluated at High Point Hanoverians by representatives of the Oldenburg Horse Breeder's Society. Second, she did everything that was asked of her. This, of course, is a testament not only to her temperament, but also the daily handling she has received at the farm in preparation for her day in the spotlight.

Once her competition was over, she fell soundly asleep in the stall at her mother's feet. Klaus explained "she's was mentally tired out after traveling to the show and competing

here.”

Now that the show is over, Coeur Dashian can spend some time just being a foal, kicking up her heels in the field and playing with her friends. If the right buyer comes along, she’s available, but until that happens, Klaus and co-breeder Larissa Barilar will probably just savor the opportunity to watch this stunning foal grow up.

About Dressage at Devon

Dressage at Devon (www.dressageatdevon.org) has been the premier North American Equestrian event since its founding by the Delaware Valley Combined Training Association in 1975, and became a separate organization in 2006. It combines world-class dressage competition and the world’s largest open breed show with the international Fall Festival show and special activities for the entire family. The six-day event attracts more than 700 horses and 35,000 spectators each year. Dressage at Devon, a 501(c) (3) PA non-profit organization, benefits educational programs in Dressage.

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