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First Field Trip for Coeur Dashian As She Gears Up for Dressage at Devon

Devon, PA (August 23, 2012) – At a little more than three months old, Coeur Dashian, an Oldenburg filly at High Point Hanoverians farm in Chestertown, Maryland, took her first field trip on the weekend of August 11 and 12. The occasion was her appearance in the Virginia Dressage Association (VADA)/Nova Summer Breeding Show. After winning a couple of ribbons, she's back at the farm enjoying her daily grooming sessions, and doing what foals do best, eating, playing, and sleeping. Her next outing is in September when she enters the Breed Division at Dressage at Devon.

The first show experience is often met with trepidation by horses and foals. Everything is new. First, there's that large, dark box on wheels, the trailer, that they're expected to walk onto without question. Usually foals follow a couple of steps behind their mother, knowing they're protected. However, Starling, Coeur Dashian's mother, isn't a fan of road trips so she hesitated outside the trailer. Meanwhile, the filly charged ahead to explore new territory. Starling, a devoted mother, then realized she had no choice but to catch up with Coeur Dashian, and promptly walked onto the trailer.

Once at the show, Coeur Dashian showed an insatiable interest in all things new—which, of course, meant she was looking at almost everything. So, on Saturday, when she entered in the VADA/Nova Summer Breed Show I, Filly's of 2012 class, her curiosity and zest for life made it challenging for her to focus on showing off her good looks and floating movements. "She had moments of brilliance, but not enough to win," said Klaus Schengber who co-manages breeding at High Point Hanoverians. "There were other fillies that were more consistent. She just didn't turn it on as well as she could have." Of course, spending more time in the stall had done nothing to quell her energy. She was playing and we really had to hang on to her, but it was all in good fun," Klaus added. It's clear she can do no wrong in his eyes. Despite Coeur Dashian's lack of focus, she left the

ring decorated with a third place ribbon. In the VADA/Nova Summer Breed Show II, Filly's of 2012 class, on Sunday, Coeur Dashian took fourth place.

While there were no blue ribbons in the ring, Coeur Dashian was definitely the star in her stall. "She had more visitors in the stall than any other horse or foal. People came by just to look at her. Somehow they seem to know about her already," said Klaus in amazement. But then again, one of the reasons she was named after the Kardashians was because Larissa Barilar, the other co-manager of breeding at High Point Hanoverians, hoped one day Coeur Dashian would be famous. Maybe it's already happening.

Now Coeur Dashian is back at the farm. Every day she's being groomed so she becomes accustomed to how she will be treated when she enters the Dressage at Devon Breed Division. Make plans now to see Coeur Dashian and the Breed and Performance Show at Dressage at Devon. Reserved seating is available at <http://dressageatdevon.org/shop/> and general-admission tickets will be available at the show grounds for \$10 each during the show. It takes place from September 25-September 30, 2012 at the Devon Horse Show Grounds, located on US Route 30, in Devon, PA.

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 hundreds of horses from around the world and thousands of spectators. Dressage at Devon is a 501(c) (3) PA non-profit organization, benefitting equine education.

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