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**Your Next Champion, Easier Scheduling, Ponies in the Dixon and
the Parade of Breeds is Back!**

*Dressage at Devon Breed Show Breed Division
September 24 – 26, 2019*

June 6, 2019 (Devon, PA) - Dressage at Devon (www.dressageatdevon.org) is well-known for attracting top performers to the famed Dixon Oval. But the first three days of the show features the largest open breed show in the world, attracting many top breeders, of all sizes.

Scheduling

Tuesday

To make the schedule easier on competitors, the Individual Breed classes (IBC) will be held on Tuesday, Sept 24, to facilitate a more relaxed time schedule and increase the safety of horses and riders. There's still time to sponsor your favorite breed or to sponsor the Parade of Breeds! Contact Melanie Sloyer, Chair of the Breed Show, msloyer@dressageatdevon.org for more details.

The Tuesday schedule also now includes the group classes such as Breeders Group, Get of Sire, and Produce of Dam. This scheduling

change allowed us to reintroduce the popular Parade of Breeds at the conclusion of the IBC classes.

New this year! All owners and handlers are invited for wine and cheese Tuesday night!

Wednesday

Young (sport horse prospects), Mature (Breeding Stock) horses, and Materiale (under saddle) classes will be held on Wednesday, September 25. *These classes will be qualifiers for the Dressage at Devon Championships and the United States Dressage Federation Breeders Championships - East Coast Series.*

Thursday

Championships will be held on Thursday, leading into the start of the performance division in the afternoon. Make sure your favorite breed is represented.

Attention Pony Breeders

In response to the increasing popularity of ponies in the dressage ring, in 2018, DAD introduced pony only classes that 'mirror' the breed division in-hand classes. "While we've always included ponies in the breed show, these classes allow pony breeders a more level playing field – as well as an opportunity to truly show off the qualities of pony breeds. Classes will include the Colt, Filly, Foal, Mare, Stallion Championships – based on qualifier classes – just as we have held for the horses," said Melanie Sloyer, chair of the Breed Division.

"Plus, as a result of our partnership with the National Dressage Pony Cup, points earned at Dressage at Devon will count towards year end awards," added Sloyer.

For measurement and show requirements please visit <https://www.dressageponycup.com/breed-show.html>.

For more information, contact Melanie Sloyer, Chairman of the Breed Show, at msloyer@dressageatdevon.org. The prize list will be available in late June.

Looking for Your Next Equine Champion?

Many of the horses (and ponies) brought to DAD's Breed Show are the future stars of dressage. But many others will excel in other equestrian disciplines.

"The breeders at Dressage at Devon have had top quality horses for years, if not decades," said Melanie Sloyer. "Many go on to top dressage levels. But many others find their niche in hunters, jumpers and all other equestrian disciplines. Prospective buyers shouldn't miss the championship classes on Thursday."

Horses that are for sale will be identified with green tags. So stop by Tuesday through Thursday at Dressage at Devon to meet your new champion.

The 2019 Dressage at Devon will take place September 24-September 29 at the Devon Horse Show Grounds in Devon, PA. For reserved seating, visit dressageatdevon.org/box-office.

About Dressage at Devon (www.dressageatdevon.org)

Dressage at Devon has been a premier North American Equestrian event since its founding in 1975. 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 riders 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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