

Dressage Explorers' Day

Sunday, October 2, 2022



Dressage at Devon




News Flash! Dressage At Devon is excited to showcase **Dressage Explorers' Barn Day**, on Sunday, October 2, featuring fun and comradery tied together with a beachy theme. The contest is open to barns, clubs or groups of riders of any age. Show your spirit and best beach attire at the showgrounds on Explorers' Barn Day, or upload a video of your group's **Horses at the Beach** spirit and comradery. Check the DAD website, Spectators/Explorers Kids Day for more details. Pre-registration is required



DAD Welcomes Work to Ride Work to Ride provides a safe haven from the day to day toll inflicted on youth by poverty. Participants develop discipline, responsibility, and life skills through training, riding, and performing horse care and barn management chores. WTR will be bringing members of the club to demonstrate skills needed to successfully compete in polo and other equine related activities. Come to meet the participants and their horses, maybe even learn to swing a polo mallet.

Guy McClean Performance and Training Session Guy McLean is a self-taught Australian Horseman who has entertained and inspired, millions of audience members. Guy and his amazing equine team will be performing Sunday morning. Additionally, immediately following the last class of the show, he will again take over the Dixon Oval for a working session with his horses. The training session is open to the audience for a look behind the magic!

DVCTA will be hosting a **Quadrille Play Day**. Members of the team will be performing an unmounted demonstration of the quadrille maneuvers in a small arena. Spectators will then get a chance to pair with a member to walk through the moves. A couple of quick run-throughs and everyone heads to the Dixon Oval for a performance. **Costumes, music, quadrille!**

Pony Kissing Booth! The mini Unicorns **Glow** and **Fiona**, ambassadors from **Special Equestrians**, will eagerly be posing for pictures and kisses at the Special Equestrian **Kissing Booth**. This therapeutic riding program, located in Warrington, PA, harnesses the healing power of horses to transform lives. They provide a variety of equine-assisted services for individuals with physical, cognitive, behavioral, emotional or traumatic stress disabilities. Stop by for a smooch 



Stick Horses Invade the Dixon Oval! Join the Centerline Ride

Make & Take Stick Horse event. We supply the "horse" and all the trimmings to deck-out your Grand Prix mount for the Dixon Oval. Head to the **Explorers' Tent**, 10:00 until 12:00 Follow the signs to the work shop.

The Stick Horse Centerline Ride is open to all riders - all you need is your stick horse. Don't have a stick horse? Make one with us!



Tea Party with the Princess and her Unicorns!

Our very own **Princess Dana** with her Unicorns **Fiona** and **Glow** will be helping to serve drinks and cookies at the DAD Explorers' Tea Party. Her Royal Highness will be greeting guests and taking photos under the Explorers' Tent near the Secretary's office after the Centerline Ride!





DAD is pleased to host this event with **All4Paws Rescue**, a foster-based, all-breed, no-kill animal rescue based in Chester Springs, PA. **All 4 Paws** offers rescue, rehabilitation and sanctuary to animals in need. As a foster based rescue, our animals live in homes with families and personal pets. Meet some of these trained and socialized dogs at Dressage at Devon.



Blessing of the Animals



The annual Blessing of the Animals will be taking place in the famed Dixon Oval, at approximately 10 am. The community is invited to bring their leashed (no retractable leashes, please), under-control pets. (Please, no dogs that are not well-socialized with their canine friends.) Father Douglas McKay from Saint Gabriel's Parish in Philadelphia will provide the blessing – especially for our four-legged friends.

Participating in our adventure today are therapy animals from **The Barn at Spring Brook**, a non-profit organization, located in West Chester, whose mission is to enrich the lives of children with disabilities through animal-assisted therapy. Stop by their booth to meet some very special animals



Joining us this year for Dressage Explorers' Day are several youth groups for the horse-loving enthusiast. Come to the show to meet these organizations and explore the opportunities for the young rider to learn and grow in their horse adventures.

Pony Club The United States Pony Clubs members will be joining DAD Explorers' Day, bringing information on the club, educational material and some fun games to our day.

Dressage 4 Kids provides educational and competitive opportunities for youth riders and the adults who support them. Some of the programs include: TEAM (Training, education & mentoring); Training/Teaching for professionals and scholarships.

USDF Young Rider program encourages a high standard of accomplishment in dressage throughout the United States, primarily through educational programs.

4H Horse Clubs from Chester, Berks and Montgomery Counties

4-H is America's largest youth development organization, believing in the power of youth. Members from the local 4h horse clubs will be at the showgrounds to talk about their club and experiences with horses.

The **Montgomery County 4H Model Horse Club** will be hosting a **Model Horse Novice Fun Show** on the showgrounds during Explorers' Day. Registration information and class list can be found on the DAD website/Explorers; Day for Kids. Register early as space is limited.

The **Mongtomery County 4H Seeing Eye Puppy Club** will be with us. Starting at 8 weeks of age, Seeing Eye puppy families foster puppies, providing love, basic obedience and exposure to the community. They return to the Seeing Eye to be trained as guide dogs. Stop by to see these adorable, special puppies and to learn about this important community involvement.



Selfie Scavenger Hunt—Win A DAD gift at the Souvenir Shop



How good of a sleuth are you? Hidden throughout the show grounds are five bright yellow DAD **Selfie Signs**. Find all five signs and take your selfie with each sign. When you have all the selfies, head over to the Souvenir Shop and show your selfies to a DAD staff member to receive an exclusive DAD prize (participants must be 21 or younger).

Please present all selfies to the Gift Shop by 2:00 pm

Lucky Lumps:

Grab a pick and sift through the shavings to pick a prize! At the Explorers' tent.

