

STABLING: Limited *must bring your own bedding* – shavings must be used when horse in stall. Tack stalls need to be paid for, if space allows. Stall deposit needed for \$50 – separate check made out to BV Dressage. **Stall deposit will be returned after stall is cleaned, swept and OK'd by barn manager.**

TIMES: Tentative times will be emailed - Secretary will **not** call with ride times.

ARENAS/FOOTING: Arena footing provided by Kiser Arena Specialists – sand/clay mix - We will have **one** arena at this show.

WARM-UP AREAS: There will be one ring running in the stadium instead of two. This will give us room to have a second smaller warmup inside the stadium in addition to the normal warmup arena. There will be limits on the number of riders in both warmups to help keep our riders safe and allow for a more comfortable warmup experience. Lunging will still be available at the public arena close to Nelson Road. USEF Rules prohibit lunging and riding at the same time in the same arena.

OTHER: Farrier/Vet on call. EMT will be on site during the show.

*If you bring your dog, it **must be on a leash at all times!***

SCHOOLING: Competition arena will be closed 1 hour prior to competition start. No schooling in the competition arena during breaks throughout the day. Hand walking on outside only with permission-lunge in lunging arena only-times allowed to lunge in arena by Nelson Road will be posted. Schooling will be available Friday afternoon after 12 noon until 5 pm

CONCESSIONS: Limited food on grounds – food truck on Saturday only from 11-2; restaurants nearby-Farmers Market on Saturday 8 am -1 pm

CAMPGROUNDS: limited space available for camping and RV hookups. \$25/night-1st come 1st serve basis done at campground.

ALL RIDERS must wear an ASTM approved helmet while mounted. This includes western riders.

DIRECTIONS: Fairgrounds found on NE corner of intersection of Nelson Road and Hover Road in Longmont, CO. Turn East onto Nelson Road. Turn left at Fairgrounds Road (right beside Humane Society of their west side)-Go north to the very end.

Sunday, September 15: Clinic with Sandy Hotz-FEI 4* judge

At the Boulder County Fairgrounds

\$75 for 45 minute session

Contact Beth Geier for details

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Have a special challenge with you or your horse or both? Preparing to move up a level? Training for a specific test? Design your own adventure in a show venue. Sandy will listen to your aspirations and challenges, and tailor a training session to address them, and give you lots of help, support and encouragement so you feel empowered to reach your goals.

USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 100 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership of nearly 30,000 members, supports the concept of ethical treatment of animals.

Dressage is a classical method of training horses, based upon the horse's natural responses, as carried out in a gradual, planned program during which the horse's athletic abilities are improved in a systematic manner. As a result, the horse becomes capable, comfortable, and responsive in partnership with the rider without the use of force. Dressage competition at various levels of achievement is the ultimate test of the training program to determine whether the desired harmony between horse and rider has been achieved.

The rules pertaining to dressage competition prohibit the use of artificial appliances, training aids, and drugs, which would force the horse to submit. Instead, the emphasis is upon training and a cooperative partnership with the rider. Major competitions are carefully monitored to assure that there is no unnecessary force or harshness displayed.

Unlike other horse sports in which horses enter training at a relatively immature state, dressage training is usually not seriously begun until the horse is three or four. The top levels of achievement require five or more years of progressive training and it is not unusual to see horses in international competition in their late teens. This, in itself, places a premium on good care and soundness throughout the horse's life.

While supporting the concept of animal welfare in its broadest form, the United States Dressage Federation, Inc., also recognizes that it is unrealistic to ascribe human emotions and responses to the horse which in its wild state is a creature of flight, living a hard and precarious existence. Under domestication, the horse is assured of ample food, water, and shelter, as well as protection against infectious diseases and damaging parasites, thus leading a longer and healthier life with a high rate of survival.

As an educational organization, USDF has numerous programs, which teach people how to pursue the accepted, humane training methods. A program of certifying instructors also emphasizes protecting the horse's welfare in pursuit of dressage training.