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President's Message Kathy Ridenour

Kathy is presently in Florida, enjoying the company of horses and better weather than we can possibly provide in Tennessee. Also enjoying the equine delights of Ocala are Melissa McKenzie and Teresa Shafer.

Listed below are the 2016 Board and length of time each member will serve on the board. For those board members who are remaining on the board from last year, please note that some of them have changed positions.

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CDCTS MEETING MINUTES

Next meeting to be held on February 16 at Puleo's Grill, 260 N. Peters Road, Knoxville 37923. The Meeting will start at **7:00 pm** sharp so please come earlier to order your meal and to socialize. The restaurant's website is <http://puleosgrille.com/our-locations/puleos-cedar-bluff>. Please mark your calendar and plan to join your fellow members.

From the Editor's desk

This edition will span the months of February and March as a result of the delayed awards banquet which subsequently delayed installing the new board. The next edition will be out by the end of March 2016. The awards banquet held Saturday January 30, at Buddy's Bearden Banquet Hall was a fun time once again. The uncertain winter weather expected during the weekend of 23 -24 January prompted the board to move the banquet off by one week, ensuring, as then-President Susan Price said, that we would have good weather. And we did. Somehow the bad weather parted around Knoxville and the worst of that winter storm either tracked on the southern side of the Appalachians or tormented those unfortunate enough to be on I 75 north of Knoxville.

Once again, Jean Sullivan did a great job in organizing the dinner, coordinating and tallying all the scores in the winning categories, and generally managing the herd of cats that are us CDCTS members during the actual banquet. Many thanks also to Kim for putting the slide show together and to her husband for running all the software that ensured the pictures kept rolling in the right order. Thanks also to our generous club members who offered up goods and services that were snapped up during the silent auction. This was a wonderful fundraising activity that supports the club operations.

Congratulations to the new board members. Thank you for stepping up to help the club in the upcoming year.

In this edition, I have highlighted a local equine sanctuary that has a very specific role in area of equine rescues. Take some time to learn about it and its owners. If you can, please help them out. This article is timely in that December 2015 edition of *USDF Connection* also brought up the challenges facing animal rescues and nation-wide equine neglect in the Ringside section written by Jennifer O. Bryant. The on-line edition provided tips to help those wanting to donate to animal sanctuaries sort through the terminology and the tax requirements. Most importantly, both editions stressed the importance of donors knowing and understanding the charity and its purpose to ensure that donations are going to a charitable organization with a purpose that is relevant to the donor.

My doctrine is this, that if we see cruelty or wrong that we have the power to stop, and do nothing, we make ourselves sharers in the guilt Anna Sewell, author of *Black Beauty*

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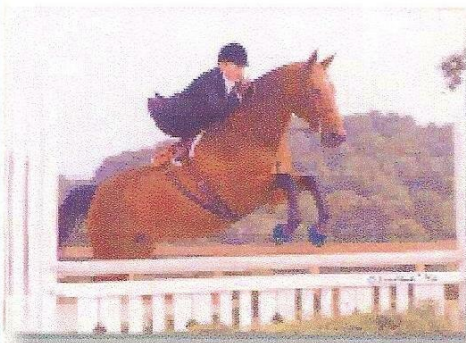
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Annual Awards Banquet

Dressage Awards

Training Level Open Schooling Award (Average 70.9): Ashley Phillips on *Last Roundup*

First Level Adult Amateur Rated Award (Average 66.6): Jean Sullivan on *Damascus*

First Level Open Rated Award (Average 66.0): Erika Adams

Third Level Adult Amateur Rated Award (Average 64.7): Susan Hill

Combined Awards

JR/YR Beginner Novice Rated Award (Average 29.6): Megan Van Son

JR/YR Training Rated Award (Average 38.6): Emily Maner

Jack Foster High Point Schooling Award (Average 73.5): Ashley Phillips

Merry Hour Award was created to honor Carol Grau, as the founding member of the club and her legacy of service to our equestrian community. This award is intended to recognize and outstanding, long-time CDCTS member who has embodied the mission statement of the club, with a long history of service to the club. This year's winner is **Susan Price**.

Volunteer of the Year Award is designed to recognize the member who has helped the club out by volunteering personal time and talent to help the club throughout the year. This year's winner is **Diane Carlson**.

Bronze Medal Achievement: Susan Hill, Melissa McKenzie



Guest Speaker Erika Adams



Banquet organizer Jean Sullivan



Ashley Phillips: Training Level Open Schooling Award



Jean Sullivan: 1st Level AA Rated Award



Erika Adams: 1st Level Open Rated Award



Susan Hill: 3rd Level AA Rated Award



Emily Maner: JR/YR Training Rated Award



Susan Hill accepts her blanket for achieving USDF Bronze Medal



Left: Mary Sivley accepts Melissa McKenzie's blanket for achieving USDF Bronze Medal



Right: Ashley Phillips accepts the Jack Foster High Point Schooling Award

Below Left: Susan Price accepts the Merry Hour Award Below Right: Diane Carlson accepts the Volunteer of the Year Award



A Place of Sanctuary

When Esther Roberts Bell first learned from social media of a small mare that was going to auction for slaughter, she was galvanized into action. Esther was determined to save the mare and, after getting the support and buy-in from her husband, Greg, she bought the mare with the hip number 495, just in the nick of time, from Camelot Auction in New Jersey and had her shipped to her farm in Knoxville. She renamed her Bonnie.



"I naively assumed that there wouldn't be any more horses in that plight once I saved Bonnie," Esther said ruefully. "I couldn't have been more wrong and I've learned so much about the horse slaughter business that I didn't know before." That was in 2012; since then Esther and Greg have become something of experts in the terrible details of the horse slaughter business.

The facts are staggering. Between 250,000 and 300,000 horses are shipped from the US annually to slaughter houses in Canada and Mexico to meet the huge demand for human consumption of horse meat. The consumers are from those cultures that eat horsemeat: those of France, the Province of Quebec, and many Asian-Pacific countries. Grisly details of the industry are hard to ignore: pregnant mares are shipped by boat or

flown to Japan where they are slaughtered for meat and their unborn foals are harvested to make a Japanese delicacy called *Basashi* (horse sushi). Pregnant mares are at highest risk for slaughter because their pregnancy increases their slaughter weight which in turn pays more money to the seller. Contrary to the belief that only old, worn-out horses past their prime are sent to slaughter houses, most horses are young, well trained, fully useable and in good health. Sometimes they have been injured and the former owners were unwilling or unable to get them the veterinary care that would have returned them to health. Many of the horses were off-track thoroughbreds, standardbreds, saddlebreds, hackney horses and ponies. Many driving horses come from Amish farms because the Amish do not believe in providing a retirement for horses once they are no longer able to work.



Above: Bonbon

Esther believes that horse slaughter should be outlawed, citing a moral responsibility that our society needs to take care of the horses more appropriately and mercifully when the need to end their lives approaches. In addition to a moral requirement to care for horses, there is a serious side effect of eating horsemeat that rarely makes headlines: because horses are not considered livestock for human consumption in the US, they do not need to be regulated in the same manner as pigs and cattle that are intended for human consumption. This means that many horses are slaughtered with drugs (such as anti-inflammatory drugs, antibiotics, or artificial hormones) in their systems that remain in their flesh after they are slaughtered. The drugs that remain in the meat can affect people who eat horses and there have been indications that this is adversely affecting European children.

Esther and Greg have been buying high risk horses at Knoxville Livestock Auction of Mascot, Tennessee and other auctions across the country ever since Bonnie joined them at their 12-acre farm. The Mascot auction typically holds two horse auctions per month, usually in the evening. The Bells rescued fourteen animals in 2015, alone. "Typically, we only go to the local auction when someone calls and asks us to find them a specific type of horse. Someone will call and say, 'I need a companion horse to my other old pasture boy and I want to rescue one, can you help me find a rescue horse?' or, 'I'd like to have a good trail horse but I could never go to the auction myself; would you go and find me one?' or something like that."

"The absolute *hardest* part of this work is walking through 300 lovely horses, knowing you can save only one that day. ONE. Knowing the other 299 will load on the big trucks parked and waiting outside. Knowing the other 299 will die a horrible and terrifying death. It is heartbreaking. And the only reason we go there is because if we can force ourselves to go there, and walk those pens past all those lovely horses – each of which deserves to live, and sit through the horror that is horse auction, one life will be spared. One. It is all we can do each time. It is not much. But it saves one life at a time." They work in concert with local friends ("My galpal Colby Owens is an awesome judge of horseflesh and she's also strong emotional support when we have to make the final decision on which horse lives and leaves with us," says Esther) as well as other rescue organizations such as the Standardbred Rescue Foundation (SRF), the Arabian Rescue Network (ARN), and many Thoroughbred rescues. "SRF saved the life of a huge off-track Standardbred in mid-2015," Esther

cites one example of how SFAS and other rescue organizations work together to save lives. “The horse – registered as Powergaiterdotcom – came to SFAS with a catastrophic leg injury. As it turned out, that life-threatening injury actually saved the horse’s life.”

As support for their efforts grew, Esther and Greg realized that they should convert their unofficial rescue operation into a 501(c)(3) organization so that they could pass on a tax benefit to those willing souls who were supporting their endeavor. Starlight Farm Animal Sanctuary (SFAS) became a full 501(c)(3) non-profit on May 4, 2015. Their focus and mission is that of a critical-risk equine rescue—those animals catastrophically injured or ill that would be likely candidates for the slaughter business. The sanctuary’s board is staffed entirely by volunteers, allowing all donations to be spent entirely on the care and maintenance of the rescued equines. Esther refers to the sanctuary as a ‘micro-rescue’ because the non-profit operates on a much smaller scale than many other horse rescues. SFAS provides a standard of excellence in care for a limited number of equines. SFAS is not established to accept donated horses or confiscation cases. “Our mission is to save horses from slaughter. Tennessee is very fortunate to have organizations, like Horse Haven of Tennessee, to take confiscation cases and those types of cases; Starlight Farm Animal Sanctuary focuses on horses that have already fallen through the cracks into the slaughter-pipeline – without the intervention of SFAS, the horse will ship directly to slaughter.”

The Residents of Sanctuary Farm Animal Sanctuary

There are three horses that are now permanent residents at SFAS because their past history (prior physical or emotional abuse, for example) does not make them suitable candidates for adoption. There are three foster equines currently working on getting healthy and awaiting adoption. One is a mule named Royce. He’s a red sorrel, two-year old with a sweet and sunny disposition. He is available for adoption to an approved home. One is a sweet 18-month old Arabian filly named Waverly—smart and kind. She was rescued by the Arabian Rescue Network, and was so severely malnourished (2.0 on the Henneke body condition score) for most of her previous life that her overall growth and height was stunted. Waverly’s poor condition left her vulnerable to disease and she arrived at SFAS with pneumonia and other infections. She was too small to meet the weight requirement to ship to slaughter but the kill buyer did not seek veterinary care for her. She had languished in an auction corral for a week without food, getting progressively sicker, until some Tennessee members of the Arabian Rescue Network (ARM) located the filly and convinced the kill buyer to allow them to purchase her and save her life. The local ARM folks contacted Esther to ask if SFAS would assist with Waverly’s rehabilitation and rehomeing. “She is filling out here, but she will always be petite,” Esther explained. “Waverly will be a perfect mount for a young rider or a small rider.” Waverly is also available for adoption to an approved home. SFAS’ third



Left: Gideon the cat

foster is a palomino mare, named Ella, that was critically ill with a respiratory infection. Now she is being treated by the vets at UT and is making an excellent recovery. Ella has already been adopted by a wonderful family here in Tennessee and she will be going to her forever home within a few weeks.

The Blessings provided by others

“We have been blessed with the support of the excellent clinicians at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine (UTCVM). I’d like to give a big thank you to them,” Esther said while recounting various names and special support they offered. “Dr. Eric Martin was essential to (Powergaiterdotcom) Malachi’s treatment for and recovery from his catastrophic leg injury. Drs. Meggan Graves and Allie Prokop came here at 7pm on Christmas Day to assist with some unexpected complications with the arrival of fosters Ella and Royce. UTCVM also provides guidance and oversight on our quarantine protocols for our sick animals. Thank you!”

“While I’m at it, can I thank a few more people?” she asked. “I want to thank our wonderful farrier, Mr. Kyle Hancock. We are incredibly grateful for his help. And I have to thank Mr. Mike Branch who owns The Flying B Ranch in Blaine, Tennessee. Mike does all our natural horsemanship training with our rescues. He’s a former BLM contract wrangler and his work with our horses is amazing. We have a genuine Tom Dorrance right here in East Tennessee!”

How can interested people help Starlight Farm Animal Sanctuary?

Donations: the sanctuary is presently working to raise \$17,000 this year to cover their anticipated 2016 hay bill. Any assistance to pay the bills for UTCVM and local feed stores would also be gratefully appreciated. The non-profit has accounts at both Agrifed stores in Knoxville as well as the Knoxville Coop and all these vendors, and also Tractor Supply Company, have SFAS’s non-profit records on file. Further, the financial records are “always open and available

for anyone interested in donating to our cause.” “And,” Esther adds, “the sanctuary’s financials are kept strictly separated from the expenses and costs associated with my own horses, who also live here on the farm with me and Greg. So donations to SFAS go 100% to SFAS and are tax-deductible as such. No one is underwriting the costs of my own private animals.”

What the sanctuary cannot accept are any equipment donations, such as used halters or blankets—for the very real concerns of eliminating any cross-contamination and spread of illness to already compromised animals at the sanctuary. “We are highly vigilant in our quarantine protocols as defined by UTCVM and cannot take that kind of risk. We appreciate the gesture but cannot accept these items, unfortunately,” Esther explained. “Also, we can’t allow drop-in visitors either, for the same reasons and also so that we can keep as calm and predictable an environment as we can for the animals while they recover. Visitors are welcome by appointment or when we have an announced ‘Open Farm’ day.”

Volunteer: Starlight Farm Animal Sanctuary will be holding a cleanup weekend in the spring and fall to remove debris in the fields. This would be an excellent opportunity for students to earn their community service hours. For example, HOPE Scholarship requires eight hours of volunteer activities per semester. If you have the time and interest perhaps you might consider also fostering those SFAS equines coming up for adoption. “Good foster homes really enhance our rehabilitation program. For example, the little Arabian, Waverly, was recently offered a foster home by a lovely family here in Knoxville. Waverly’s cardio-pulmonary systems and musculature can develop on their lovely rolling farmland, and she will have a gelding and a mare and foal to teach her how to be a horse. The kindness and generosity of this foster family will make a crucial and very positive impact on Waverly’s physical and mental development while she awaits adoption.” Similarly, another generous family has offered short-term foster for Royce as he awaits adoption. As a young and healthy two-year old, Royce needs room to romp and play, and this foster family has a great farm and a three year old filly and some older horses to give Royce both the room to play and some equine companionship.

Open house and Silent Auction: to be held in the spring of 2016. There will be equine items and fine art available for auction. Details are being worked out at this time but as soon as the details are finalized, we will put it in the newsletter.

Interested in helping in some way? Give Esther a call to make an appointment or to ask questions. Esther can be reached on her cell 865-607-9780.



About Esther Roberts Bell. Esther is the Chief Executive Officer for Global Intellectual Property Asset Management, PLLC, of Knoxville, Tennessee. She is an attorney who has practiced law for 15 years and is a lifelong horsewoman. She is the Chairman of the Animal Law Section for the Tennessee Bar Association. She and Greg are staunch supporters of the PAST act (H.R. 1518 Prevent All Soring Tactics Act) that, despite being blocked by Tennessee legislators in Congress last year, has been reintroduced in the present Congress. For more information about this non-profit operation and to view the equines awaiting adoption, please go to their website: www.starlightfarmtn.org, visit them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/StarlightFarmAnimalSanctuary or call Esther on her cell at the number listed in the paragraph above. To donate your tax-deductable funds, their PayPal address is info@starlightfarmtn.org

Esther and her mare, Lady Grace

A success story: Malachi

Powergaiterdotcom was a large standardbred that raced as a harness horse; hence the name. After his racing career ended, his claiming stakes owner sold him to an Amish farm where he was worked very hard. In the summer of 2015, the horse was sold for slaughter at a Pennsylvania auction house and was loaded into a large semi-trailer. Being 17.2 hands high, he felt the overcrowding in the trailer more than smaller horses and in a panic, he kicked his right hind leg through the trailer wall, severely tearing up the soft tissue of his leg. The kill buyer left the injured horse behind and departed with the rest of his cargo. Powergaiterdotcom languished in the corral for several days; his leg injury was ignored and, consequently, got much worse.

Standardbred Rescue Foundation (SRF) discovered his plight, bought him from the kill buyer, and took him to be mercifully euthanized. The attending veterinarian examined the damaged leg and, on an intuitive hunch, decided to x-ray the limb. He told SRF that, despite the ugly wound and suppurating fluids, none of the tendons, ligaments or bones were damaged. SRF contacted Esther and transferred the nine-year old horse from Pennsylvania to the farm. Starlight Farm Animal Sanctuary took over the care costs of the horse. “Fortunately, we are only 12 miles from UTCVM,” Esther said, “and the UT veterinarians were out here several times each week to help that big horse keep his leg, and thus, his life. Along with his physical injuries, the horse arrived with that lost, introverted look to his eyes that we so often see in slaughter-bound horses; he was totally shut down. But with time and care, he began to flourish. Soon after his arrival, I realized that throughout his racing career and his Amish years, Powergaiterdotcom had always been a means to an end

to humans. He had never been anyone's "special" horse. So I decided to give him a name other than his registered/racing name. That's how Powergaiterdotcom became Malachi."

The photo series below chronicles the healing of his wounds. The final photo shows him rolling happily in the field at his new adoptive home, with his mare looking on. His new owner is training him under saddle for pleasure riding and Esther shared this update, "Malachi is doing really well. He is 'just a big, goofy, happy guy.' His new family has nicknamed him *Mal the Moose!*"



Mal's leg on day of intake



In bandages Sept 2015



Steady Improvement October 8 2015



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Malachi rolling in the field at his new home

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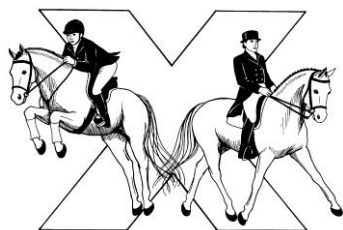
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On the outside of the trailer you have two types of lights: stop/turn lights at the back that will either be round or oval; and running lights along the side and upper railing of the trailer that will either be rectangular, 2.5" or 4" , or oval shaped. The stop/turn and rectangular running lights are usually plug-in types so they're really easy to replace. Pop one out and push the harness into the new one. Before you buy your replacement lights, take the old one out to see whether or not it is a plug-in or needs to be wired. If it is a plug-in, all you need to buy is the replacement bulb; you don't need the kind with the wiring harness. If it is wired in, then you need the type with the 3 wires attached to a plug attached to the light. Stop/turn light bulbs will either be round or oval. Just remove and replace. If the harness has to be wired, there are only 3 wires and you can tell from the position on the old bulb where they will go on the new one. Attach the wires to the appropriate wires on the harness and you're set.

The interior lights of the trailer compartment may not be so simple to re-wire. If your trailer is older, 10 years old or so, chances are the dressing room and horse compartment lights are bulb type which means the bulbs inside can be replaced. Pop the lens cover and take the old one with you when you go to purchase the new one. Pay particular attention to the base of the old bulb. Is it a screw-in or twist-and-push type of base? Are there two contact points on the bottom of the bulb or just one? Are there two tips pointing out from the side of the bulb or just one?

The LED replacement bulbs are relatively new on the market while the complete light assembly has been around for a long time. Wal-Mart is probably the best source to get all the bulbs and/or lights that you need. They aren't inexpensive but they take so much less current from your battery and they produce little to no heat. AND, they are really, really so much brighter, which is optimal for being seen on the road by other vehicles and also for working inside the trailer compartments.

Any questions? Feel free to contact me, Dave McAdoo, at tobruktrailers@gmail.com



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2016 Membership Form



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Making Your Application The Best It Can Be:

Tips from
The Dressage Foundation's
Selection Committee
Members and Staff

Each year, The Dressage Foundation receives hundreds of grant applications. It is always difficult for our Selection Committees to choose the best candidates for each funding opportunity. How can you stand out from the rest?

We've put together some guidelines and tips for you to consider, in order to help you make your application be as competitive as possible. While we can't guarantee that any one individual will receive financial assistance, since the final decision is always in the hands of our independent Selection Committees, we can offer some suggestions.

1. Begin the process early. With work, school, riding, and family obligations, finding the time to devote to the application process can be difficult. If you feel rushed, you will skim over important details in the application. Incomplete or incorrect applications are not sent to the Selection Committee for review, so be sure to give yourself enough time to gather all required parts of the application and double (or triple!) check to make sure that everything is included before you submit your application.

Allow enough time for your application to reach our office. If the deadline is September 15th, that means that your application MUST reach our office on or before September 15th. There are no exceptions to this rule. The earlier you start the process, the more relaxed you will be, the more your application will follow the format required, provide all necessary information, and allow you time to call with any questions.

2. Read all information before beginning the application process. Remember to do this every year as requirements may change from year to year. If the instructions say to submit your application online, do so. If the instructions say to mail a certain number of copies to our office, then proceed in that way.

3. Consider the funding opportunities. What are your goals? How do your goals fit with the grant or scholarship that interests you? Sometimes it is easy to "stretch" the interpretation of a program or fund's stated purpose to match what you want to do. Be aware that other applicants will take a more literal approach and those that most closely match the stated purpose of the fund will score better with the Selection Committee.

Do you meet the criteria as stated by The Dressage Foundation? What is the amount of the financial assistance available from the Foundation? Is your application appropriate?

Also consider what other assistance is available to you. Does your GMO or dressage club offer scholarships?

4. Review your application. Proofread for grammar and typos, as these can make even the best application look as if it was thrown together at the last minute. If possible, have someone else read through your application. Consider how it will look to someone on the Selection Committee. If you were on the Committee, how would you score the application? Take a close look at the requirements. Do you meet or exceed all the requirements? Do you "somewhat" meet the requirements? Are there areas where you do not meet the requirements? If so, you may want to work on those areas and wait a year to apply for the grant or scholarship.

5. Closely review your budget. Do the numbers add up correctly? Have you included all expenses and income? Double-check your math and explain any areas that may be unclear to the Selection Committee.

6. Keep a copy for yourself. Before submitting your application, be sure to print or otherwise keep a copy for your records. You will not receive your application back after the selection process.

Now that you've made sure that your application will be a contender, how do you make it rise to the top?

Our Selection Committee members are busy people. They don't have time to read a book about each applicant, so keep your application simple and relevant. Answer the questions completely, but keep the information pertinent to the question (don't go off on a tangent, telling a long story that wanders away from the point of the question).

Make sure the information clearly and concisely illustrates WHY you are the best candidate for this grant or scholarship.

Feel free to call the TDF office at 402-434-8585 if you have questions, we are here to help!

Good luck!

2016 Events

Next CDCTS meeting will be held on **February 16** at Puleo's Grill, 260 N. Peters Road, Knoxville 37923. The Meeting will start at **7:00 pm**.

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Affiliate USEA #149430

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By joining CDCTS, you will be on the fast track to learning about shows, clinics and other great educational opportunities in our area. You will get to meet other like-minded, horse-loving people, and you will become part of a group that is continually working to promote dressage and eventing in your area.

In addition, by joining CDCTS, you automatically become a Group Member of USDF and an Affiliate Member of USEA, which provides you with many additional benefits in the dressage and eventing arena.

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