



**Kansas Dressage and Eventing Association
January 2023 E-Newsletter**

KDEA 2023 Election Meeting and 2022 Awards Presentation

January 22, 2023, at Equestrian Estates Clubhouse

Time: 2pm

Location: Equestrian Estates Clubhouse, SE Corner of Triple Crown and E. Buckskin streets

RSVP to: Kim Miller at info@eagleviewequestrian.com

RSVP by: January 17, 2023, so we can get a head count for the food to be provided.

Nominees for 2023:

President: Cassandra "Cassie" Black

Vice President: Susan Lang

Treasurer: Hillary Matzen

Secretary: Rebecca Rolph

Board: Kim Miller, Cyndi Harris, Sarah Pryor, Natalie Petz, Jennifer Thuener, Jackie Schwartz, Lisa Del Mundo, Kathy Adkins, Marty Foster. Sophia Tieking (jr).

General Membership meetings are held every other month, and it will be published in newsletters and on the website. Most meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month (but sometimes are changed if there is a conflicting event). All officers and board are expected to attend these meetings, but there is discussion about KDEA events, educational opportunities, member accomplishments, etc. There is also an Educational Event with each meeting that is presented to you by the KDEA Education Committee. All members are encouraged to attend the every other month Membership Meetings...and start out this year by attending the January 22nd Election and Award meeting!

New Titles in the KDEA Library! There are new titles now available to check out from the KDEA library. The library is currently kept at Capall Stables (3400 S 143rd st E) and can be accessed by contacting Marie Maloney (316-259-9791) or Susan Lang (316-461-1374). New titles are shown in red....both Books and DVDs. Check them out, and make it an education night on one of these nights when it is too cold to ride or too cold to do those "extra" barn chores! Note that there are also a bunch of Parelli DVDs...

Click [here](#) for Library.

Oops – Schooling Show Dates! A couple of the schooling show dates listed in the last newsletter were wrong...so here are the corrected ones (and these should also be on the KDEA website):

- Saturday, March 4 – Ride a Test Clinic at Capall Stables – Matheus and Lang
- Saturday, April 15th – Dressage Schooling Show – Judge Becky O'Bea, at Eagle View
- Saturday May 20th – Dressage Schooling Show – Judge TBA – at Eagle View
- Saturday June 17 – Tentative Western Dressage "Lite" show at Eagle View
- Saturday July 8th – Judge and Location TBA
- Saturday Sept 16 – Judge TBA, at Eagle View
- Saturday Oct 14th – Judge and Location TBA

We are looking at various locations in/around Wichita to see if these facilities have the features that we would need to hold a show. We know that members like to go to different venues to get their horses "exposed" to various sights and sounds at a show, so we are trying to find suitable venues. Stay tuned for further information as the year progresses.

KDEA Committees for 2023:

Competition: Susan Lang (Chair), Anne Stephens,
Membership: Patricia Lynch (Chair), Cynthia Moriarty
Education: Marie Maloney (Chair), Cassie Black, Gail Knoffloch, Kathy Adkins, Marilyn Lee

Publicity: Kim Miller (website), Patricia Lynch (Facebook)
Awards: Kim Miller (Chair), Haley Kottler,
TIP Program: Becky Moore (Chair)
Volunteer:

Winter Reading – Dressage Tests! Download the ones you want to ride this year, and study them. Figure out the geometry found in the test.

The new 2023 Dressage Tests can be found here:

<https://www.usdf.org/downloads/forms/index.asp?TypePass=Tests>

Look at the Purpose of each of the levels as the (English) dressage tests “Purposes” have been updated for 2023. The “Purposes” are reprinted below for your reference.

Purpose of Introductory Level: To introduce the rider and/or horse to the sport of dressage, confirming that they are beginning to develop an understanding of correct dressage basics. The horse should be ridden freely forward in a steady tempo and clear rhythm, accepting contact with the bit. An understanding of test accuracy and geometry should be demonstrated.

Purpose of Training Level: To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics, by showing suppleness both laterally and longitudinally, moving freely forward in a clear rhythm with a steady tempo, and readily accepting contact with the bit. Correct geometry and lines of travel should be shown.

Note: All trot work may be ridden sitting or rising, unless otherwise stated. Halts may be through the walk.

Purpose of First Level: To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics, and in addition to the requirements of Training Level, has developed improved balance, lateral suppleness, and throughness, as well as the thrust to perform lengthenings of stride. The horse should be on the bit.

Note: All trot work may be ridden sitting or rising, unless otherwise stated

Purpose of Second Level: To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics, and now begins to accept more weight on the

hindquarters as the collected and medium gaits develop. A greater degree of straightness, suppleness, throughness, and balance are required to perform the movements with ease and self-carriage.

Note: All trot work must be done sitting.

Purpose of Third Level: To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics, while maintaining consistent uphill balance and self-carriage. Increased engagement facilitates clear differences in collected, medium, and extended gaits with well-defined, balanced transitions. Movements should be accomplished with harmony and ease due to the increased balance and collection. The horse must demonstrate a greater degree of throughness, suppleness, straightness and bending.

Note: All trot work must be done sitting.

Purpose of Fourth Level: To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics, and has developed sufficient throughness, suppleness, balance, and impulsion to perform with ease the exercises at this medium level of difficulty. The horse has established consistent self-carriage and lightness through improved connection, engagement, and collection. The movements and transitions are performed with greater straightness, impulsion, and cadence.

Note: All trot work must be done sitting.

Changes of note from 2019 tests to 2023 tests:

1. First 1 – there is no canter lengthening
2. First 3 – canter right and left are separated
3. Second 1 – only the end of the test has changed
4. Second 2 – removed the reinback and a trot lengthening is on the long side
5. Second Level Turn on Haunches – no longer says “shorten stride in walk” prior to the turn.
6. Second Level Simple Changes – defines the walk steps between the two leads
7. Third Level – flying changes are now a coefficient of 2, as to obtain a USDF bronze medal, a rider should be able to properly execute a flying change (and not manage to get their 60% score WITHOUT an acceptable change).

8. Fourth Level – shoulder in has been moved from the centerline to the long side as many riders could not properly execute on the centerline.
9. Fourth level Half pass at trot is now a coefficient of 2
10. Third and Fourth Level Purpose – now says that horse should perform the movements of the level “with ease.”
11. Fourth Level Test 2 – the extended canter is now before the working pirouette
12. Fourth Level Test 3 – the 10 meter true canter to counter canter “squiggle” is gone, and the half pass pattern is like that of Third 3.
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Please note that USEA Eventing dressage tests have not changed this year, and neither have the WDAA Western Dressage Tests (both tests are dated 2022). They can be found here:

<https://useventing.com/events-competitions/resources/dressage-tests>
<https://www.westerndressageassociation.org/wdaa-tests>

Meaning of the “Marks” on a Dressage Test (the same for English, Western, or Eventing)

10	Excellent
9	Very Good
8	Good
7	Fairly Good
6	Satisfactory
5	Marginal
4	Insufficient
3	Fairly Bad
2	Bad
1	Very Bad
0	Not Performed.

And check out the Glossary of Judges Terms – updated for 2023

<https://www.usdf.org/education/university/kb/item.asp?ID=991&q=Glossary>