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**Remember - send in your
2006 RMDS Membership
TODAY**

**December is the last issue.
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A Season of Thanks

Attending the Board of Governor's meeting this year, I was struck by the number of people who tirelessly work for RMDS and the sport of dressage. Not only our officers, who put in hours of time to improve education, showing and the general running of the organization, but the delegates who gave up a beautiful Saturday with their horses to take care of RMDS. We owe all of them, and our local chapter officers, a big thank you.

We also should take a moment to thank the many people who volunteer at the shows, our trainers who help us find our way, the barn help that cleans the stalls and cares for our horses -- look around and think of all the people doing their best to assure that we and our horses also do our best.

This year, the Centaur would like to take the front page to also thank our loyal advertisers. The group listed here all signed up for a one-year contract in 2005, and many advertise in the Omnibus and Championship programs too. All of these businesses are strong and respectable members of our community, and their support goes a long way to bringing you this publication every month.

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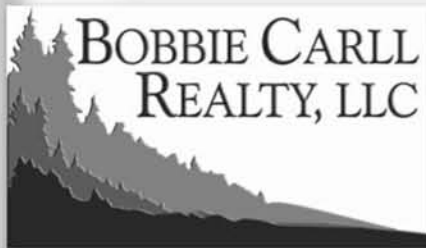
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Thoughts

from the President

Good Morning,

December!! Already! Last month of the year, time again to fill the stockings and get ready for 2006. I'm excited. I did not get to show my horse last year and I'm looking forward to participating in some clinics and shows this next year.

First of all I want to thank all who participated in the BOG November 12, what a great group of people to spend their

Saturday on RMDS business and financial matters. Good brainstorming with lots of new ideas for all of us in the coming year. RMDS had a positive year in 2005, and 2006 looks to be very exciting. And a big Thank You to High Plains Chapter for the outstanding job of putting on the BOG and the Banquet.

Heather Peterson will take over as President with Jane McBride as VP, Secretary is Carol Rush. The treasurer position is open and will need to be filled quickly. If you have some interest and want to know more about it call Tara Peltier @ 303-449-0282, she would be glad to fill you in on the ins and outs of bookkeeping for RMDS. We do have an accountant who does the final statements etc. Education committee is Catherine Siemiet and Brenda Haley will be heading up the Adult Amateur.

Congratulations to all who received awards this year, you all worked hard, hopefully in addition to your award you and your horses will get something special from Santa.

In case you've forgotten the annual fee that you pay to RMDS of (\$50) of that \$17 goes to USDF and \$10 is returned to your Chapter leaving \$23 from each member each year to budget. So with that in mind you know how important it is to support any and all efforts RMDS does as a money maker. And volunteers, we know we couldn't do it without you.

Hope to see you all next year either at an event or at the bi-monthly meetings. Have a great Holiday!

Susan

The Latest Scoop From The Editor's Stall



Happy Holidays! Every year the Holiday season is kicked off by the RMDS Board of Governors (BOG) Meeting. The BOG is vital to the success of RMDS. New rules and by-laws are voted on as well as new chairpersons and board members elected. This year I

would like to welcome some new RMDS board members and chair members. RMDS also voted to send an endowment fund to USDF to help with the new building in Kentucky. USDF's new home should open up some amazing educational opportunities to the United States. These are just a few items discussed at the BOG, so if you want input on how RMDS is organized, plan on coming next year!

This issue of the Centaur is an overview of what 2006 is going to bring to Colorado. Take note of the amazing educational opportunities that will be available in 2006. Starting in January, there will be a clinic with Lois Yukins for "L" graduates. However, this clinic is not limited to "L" graduates. It is open to the public as well, so for everyone out there who has wondered what judges are thinking and looking for, this is a prime opportunity to receive the inside scoop. In February there will be a horse show management and technical delegate clinic to continue education for anyone involved in those areas. Once again, this is not limited to TD's or horse show managers so come with your questions and be ready to learn the ins and outs of horse shows. Knowing the rules and what managers want can make your horse show day run smoothly.

Awards Update

Congratulations to everyone who earned a year-end award at the 2005 RMDS awards banquet. If you did not attend the awards banquet, I will be sending out plates, plaques, and trophies. Look for awards to arrive in early December. To help cover the costs of shipping year-end awards, RMDS is asking for you cover postage plus \$1 for packaging. Postage can be sent to Barb Goldman at 1300 Olympian Circle Lafayette, CO 80026.

Sometimes mistakes are made on the plates and plaques. If you happened to receive the wrong plate or your plate was missing please let me know and I'll get it corrected. I can be reached at 303 666-4528 or boelandjarb@hotmail.com. Deadline for plate corrections is December 31, 2005.

RMDS will be adding a new Pony division in 2006. The Pony division will start with training and first level

In April, Heather Peterson has yet again organized a fantastic symposium! She has arranged for Steffan Peters and Janet Foy to put on a great clinic. Make sure to put it on your calendar. There is a full page ad on this event so don't say you didn't know about it! As always, Gretchen Topel has written up an interesting article for the Nutrition column on parasites. It opens up some interesting discussions on what our horses really need. Next month will be the finale of her series where she will answer some questions that have come in over the year. Please let me know if you have any more questions for her.

This time of year I know everyone is busy, but if anyone out there would be willing to write an article about the Toine Hoefs/Kathy Connelly clinic, I would appreciate it! I was unable to attend and would like to hear what the clinic covered. I am sure many other members would as well. I was also asked last year to put together an article on entering sport horse shows. Would anyone be willing to write something up on this? Please be in touch with me if you have any article ideas! I am more than willing to help put together an article, so don't be afraid to submit them. What would the members like to see as monthly columns and a monthly series? This is your chance to have input on the 2006 Centaur! Please be in touch! Happy Holidays and see you in 2006!

Best regards,

Kathleen

and expand as the pony division grows. To be eligible for the pony division you must have your pony card on file with RMDS.

RMDS will also be offering a new Friesian award for 2006.

Be sure to submit a copy of your horse's breed papers to RMDS. It is necessary that a copy of your horse's breed registration be on file to qualify for a breed award. Just like USDF only one breed registry per horse.

Don't forget to renew your RMDS membership for 2006.

Happy New Year!

Barb Goldman

Awards Committee



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How to Place a Business Card Ad

and other publishing and graphics mysteries solved

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In response to those queries, here is a step by step guide to placing your ad.

THE VERY EASY WAY

Mail your business card to the Centaur publisher, and I will scan it, put it in the Centaur, and email a graphic file for you to use anywhere. Mail card to:

Beverly Swanson
5240 Highline Place
Denver, CO 80222

Calculate the total for the number of months you wish to run your ad. One time business card size is \$25, a year is \$270 (10% discount). Mail check to:

RMDS Central Office
2942 Park Lake Drive
Boulder, CO 80301

HOW TO EMAIL YOUR FILE

What if you already have a graphic file of your business card? Or you have an ad that someone created for you? Do you need to send a picture? Or a classified?

Here is how you send a file - no matter WHAT kind of file it is, picture or document.

1. Open your email program
2. Address the TO:
bswanson2003@qwest.net
3. Fill in the SUBJECT:
Ad for Horsey Trainer
4. Type in your message. If your ad is only text, you can type it right here in the message area.
5. Sign your name! We can't always tell who you are by your email name. Type out your name and phone number.
6. Attach the file. Microsoft Outlook has a paper clip icon that says "Attach" as do many other mail programs.

Click the icon, then browse your files and double-click on the file you are sending.

7. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Name your file with your name or your business name. A file named CENTAUR AD doesn't tell us it's yours - and when everyone calls their file CENTAUR AD, it gets a little confusing!
8. Hit SEND.
9. You're done.
10. MAIL THE CHECK and send a hard copy of your ad with it! If the Central Office doesn't receive your payment by the time we go to press, we cannot print your ad.

You may always request a response from us telling you we received your ad.

FANCY ADS

The publishing and printing processes require certain formatting standards to reproduce your ad exactly like you envision. The terms are often like a foreign language to those who are not in the computer business, so if you don't understand, call or email us and we will help. If you have a graphic designer, they will know exactly what is needed. The pages following the calendar of every Centaur explain exactly what formats are necessary, the ad costs, and the size to make the ad.

The most common errors are:

- Sending a file with too low a resolution. Many digital cameras default to 72 dpi (dots per inch) and the printed picture will be fuzzy.
- Same with scanning. The scanner must be set to scan at a minimum of 150 dpi, and preferably 300 dpi for best results.
- Fonts. If the font is not embedded (part of the picture/graphics) and my Macintosh doesn't have the same font, it will substitute a different font, and you may not like it.

A HOLIDAY TREAT

If you have read this far, you must be determined or bored. And if you're bored, you need more business!

As a one-time offer, the Centaur is offering an additional 5% discount for any business card ad sent in December 2005 for a one-year contract in 2006. That is a 15% discount, saving you \$45 off the regular price. Deadline is December 31, 2005, so send your card in now!

Remember, when your ad is in every month, people remember you and will refer back to you when they need your service. I do!

Due to the overwhelming response, we've moved the event to better serve our participants!

*STEFFEN PETERS
and
JANET BROWN FOY
present*

"DRESSAGE THROUGH THE LEVELS"

April 8-9, 2006

A USDF University Program

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Early Reservations: \$150/2 days or \$90/1 day includes snacks & lunch
Late Reservations (after 4/1/06) or at door \$190/2 days or \$100/1 day includes snacks & lunch
Saturday Registration begins at 8:00 am; Symposium starts at 8:30 am



Those Nasty Parasites

By Gretchen Topel, *Equine Nutritional System, Inc.*

The scenario comes to my mind, over and over again: Wild horses, who are never chemically dewormed; how do they survive? It doesn't make sense to me. I have always been told to deworm my horses at least every four months for areas that are dry like here in Colorado, while horses in a more humid area should be dewormed approximately six times per year, and most of us are familiar with daily deworming as well. Am I the only one who is confused with this issue? Domesticated horses are dewormed by the calendar, while all the while their wild cousins are not ever dewormed? Then how do they survive?

Let's now take a look at what it looks like when your horse has a parasite infestation, why horses attract parasites in the first place, and how to prevent parasite infestations from occurring within your herd.

SIGNS OF PARASITES OR LIVER TOXICITY

One of the most interesting observations is that a toxic and overloaded liver presents the same signs as parasite overload in the body. Liver toxicity occurs from overuse of chemicals in the form of chemical dewormers, feedstuffs grown with high nitrogen fertilizers, overuse of vaccines, overload of indigestible or unbalanced nutrients, ingestion of mold inhibitors and pesticides, even some harsh chemical based fly sprays.

Dr. Donna Starita, a Washington holistic DVM, says "Chemical wormers are accumulated and processed in the liver. When the liver becomes overwhelmed, it moves out of first stage storage and detox and into second stage, the byproducts of which are metabolites which are toxic to the cells. Now the animal is coping with the parasite, the toxic effects of the wormer, the health issues which precipitated the original health crisis that allowed the parasite to overgrow in the first place, plus the second stage liver metabolites. The overall result is a progressively downward spiral into increased toxicity, increased numbers of resistant parasites, and increasingly more serious health problems."

Some signs of both liver toxicity and parasite are 1) recurrent colics or digestive distress, including loose stools especially right after deworming; 2) weight loss; 3) hypothyroidism; 4) hoof abscesses or white line disease; 5) Poor attitude or lack of desire to work; 6) muscle soreness, tying up; 7) hooked hair coat 8) dull/washed out, dry hair coat.

PARASITE RESISTANCE

Parasites themselves are becoming more and more resistant to our dewormers. In EQUUS, May 2003, an article was featured that showed that parasites are becoming resistant to various wormers, including Ivermectin, and recommend always performing a fecal

rather than deworming by rote. They suggested to only deworm if a positive fecal count is over 100; if a fecal is negative, do not worm.

Another study recently appeared in *Veterinary Record*, the most prestigious research magazine for vets. With a test base of 24+ horses and 44 horse properties being evaluated, all had benzimidazole resistance, and 48% had pyrantel resistance. The pyrantel resistance was presumed to be due to the use of daily wormer. Dr. Ray Kaplan and his colleagues stated, "Development of an effective immune response is important to ameliorating disease."

This is sounding very similar to my last article on natural immunity. The body is relying very heavily on a proper immune response to respond to parasites and zap them efficiently.

The study concluded their study: "It is vital for horse health to maintain the efficacy of anthelmintics, particularly the macrocyclic lactones (ivermectin, abamectin and moxidectin). To do this will require a major change in thinking about the way anthelmintics are used – from preplanned treatments to treating only those horses that require treatment and reserving larvicidal drugs for those animals where large numbers of larvae are likely to be present in the mucosa."

The November 2003 issue of *Horse Journal* goes on to report: "The Journal of the American Veterinary Association reports the failure of ivermectin to eliminate roundworm infestation in 20 out of 37 foals treated with ivermectin. In some foals, the counts kept increasing between the time of treatment and a recheck 12 to 13 days later...The ivermectin failures occurred mostly in foals that had been born on the farm and were regularly dewormed with ivermectin since birth, both suggesting the emergence of an ivermectin-resistant roundworm on this farm. ...intensive use of ivermectin puts considerable pressure on the parasite to evolve to a resistant form."

THE ROLE OF NUTRITION AND THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

We have established that parasites are becoming more and more resistant to the chemical dewormers, so now how do we go about making our horses more resistant to parasites? Recall the scenario of the wild horses combating parasites naturally with balancing minerals, detoxifying clays, and immune system building herbs. Wild horses have a much better access to these nutrients than our pastured and stabled horses. Horses, whether wild and free or pastured or stabled, can actually have such a strong immune system in which parasites are not even attracted to them. If the

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CONTINUING EDUCATION “TD” & SHOW MANAGERS

OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Technical Delegates: 9:00 am

- Want to find out what happens behind the scenes at a show?
- Want to be a TD?
- Need to hone your skills?
- Need clarification of the rules and/or become aware of the new ones?

Show Managers/Secretaries: 1:00 pm

- Arena Set up
- What are the responsibilities of the Secretary vs. Show manager

Table Mountain Ranch

Saturday, February 11, 2006

9:00 am – Technical Delegates -Catherine Siemiet and Veronica Holt

1:00pm – Show Management – Heather Petersen & Jane Donnelly

COST

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Both sessions \$50!

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Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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Karen Libin
Owner/ Broker
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DRESSAGE JUDGES RATINGS & LEVELS QUALIFIED TO JUDGE

Status	Status	Levels	Status	Status	Levels
USDF "L"	Learner (not a judge)	Training-Second	USEF "S"	Senior	All Levels
USEF "r"	Recorded	Training-Second	FEI "I"	International	All Levels
USEF "R"	Registered	Training-Fourth	FEI "O"	Olympic	All Levels

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Chapter News

HAPPY HALF HALTS

Tri-State Dressage

Greetings from the Wilds of Wyoming!

As many members in region 5 know, it is often a challenge to pursue the sport of dressage in rural areas. In order to take full advantage of what our sport has to offer, one must be willing to travel many hours to shows and clinics and have the resources to do so. Western Wyoming is serious horse country, but even the most experienced horse person can be intimidated by an introductory level test when new to the discipline of dressage. The members of Tri State Dressage strive to make our club available and accessible to everyone. We face the roadblocks of our new members forced to pay membership fees along with the fees associated with the shows and travel expenses in order to participate in even one sanctioned show each year. Our members must travel over six hours to participate in additional sanctioned shows, not hosted by our club. We at Tri State are committed to providing affordable schooling shows, educational events, and clinics locally to our members and have many fun events planned for 2006. We hope that in the future, USDF makes the sport of dressage more accessible to everyone including the remote regions of Wyoming and beyond.

Please keep our June 15th and 16th 2006 sanctioned show with "S" Judge Jackie Lindberg to be held in Riverton Wyoming in mind. Check out our club on the web at www.tristatedressage.net for the latest news and information. Happy Half Halts!

WESTERN COLORADO CHAPTER NEWS

JULY 14-16, 2006 ASPEN FESTIVAL DRESSAGE I & II

FULL PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM AND ANNOUNCER UNDER CONTRACT FOR 2006

We are excited to announce that we will have an all professional management team for our 2006 Recognized Shows: Manager, Secretary, & Scorers, Dawn Benson and associates from California (formerly with Glenda McElroy) and professional announcer, Brian O'Connor.

Axel Steiner, FEI-O and Elizabeth McMullen, FEI-O (Canada) make up the judges panel.

Debra Reinhardt, from Connecticut will be our Technical Delegate.

ELECTION RESULTS

2006 OFFICERS, the same as 2005, have been unanimously re-elected. Also passed on the ballot, sponsorship of Recognized Shows, Show I July 14-15 and Show II July 16. Also passed re-instatement of a full Chapter Schooling Show Series.

BOULDER VALLEY DRESSAGE

Chapter Report

The holidays are just around the corner. This means that another show season has officially come to a close. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2005 Championship show and those who earned a year end award.

2005 was the year for BVD's under 21 crowd to shine. Just a few of BVD's JR/YR accomplishments: Bronze team and individual medals at NAYRC, champion open 1st level USDF Mustang/Burro, champion open training level USDF Spanish Horse, and RMDS champion open Prix St. George.

SAVE THE DATE! January 21, 2006. Everyone is invited to attend the BVD year-end party and awards banquet. We will also be announcing the results of the Boulder Valley Show series. Invitations to follow in the mail.

The club is looking at new and more creative ways to meet the needs of our members. Please take the time to complete the upcoming survey, your feedback is greatly needed and appreciated.

As 2005 winds down it is time for a changing of the guard. 2006 will introduce Claudia Barkmeier as the new BVD President and Glenda Needles as V.P.

Wishing you all happy holidays and a peaceful New Year.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

Send in your 2006 Membership Dues in the enclosed envelope.

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Plan your show season while the snows still blow!

2005-2006 SHOWS & EVENTS

DECEMBER 2005

- 3-4 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farms-Grand Junction**
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 or Debbie Hanley
970-248-9594

JANUARY 2006

- 5 Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 28 Continuing Education for Judges -
Lois Yukins & Dolly Hannon - OPEN**
Contact: RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825

FEBRUARY 2006

- 3-5 Pre Cert-Training-2nd Lev - Lilo Fore & Debbie Bowman**
Closed - Columbine Equestrian Center
Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com
NEED DEMO RIDERS & HORSES
- 11 Continuing Education for TD's & Competition
Mgmt- Jane Donnelly, Cat Siemiet - OPEN**
Contact: RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825
- 16 Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 18 Columbine Spring Series #1-Littleton-RMDS**
Contact Kate Engel 303-840-1559
- 26 CSDA Show Series #1 - Penrose Stadium-RMDS**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwgw.net

MARCH 2006

- 11 Columbine Spring Series #2-Littleton-RMDS**
Contact Kate Engel 303-840-1559
- 16 Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 18-19 Winter Wake Up Show - Colorado Horse Park - USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-338-0854, slush@drwgw.net
- 31-April 2 Equine Touch Level 1 & 2 Clinic-Raian Kaiser &
Andrea Datz-Loveland**
Raian Kaiser 970-203-0725 equinetouchinfo@yahoo.com

APRIL 2006

- 2 CSDA Show Series #2 - Penrose Stadium-RMDS**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwgw.net
- 6 Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 8-9 Steffen Peters & Janet Brown Symposium
Canon Ridge Farm**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drwgw.net
- 20 Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 22 Columbine Spring Series #3-Littleton-RMDS**
Contact Kate Engel 303-840-1559
- 23 Boulder Valley Spring FLING - Singletree-Boulder-RMDS**
Contact Barb Goldman 303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 21-23 USDF CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR FINAL TESTING: T-4th**
Penrose Stadium Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825
rmds@indra.com
NEED DEMO RIDERS & HORSES

- 29-30 Columbine Dressage Show #1-Littleton-USEF**
Contact KC Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953

MAY 2006

- 12 Grand Valley Dressage Spring Show #1 - Grd Jct - USEF**
Contact Zoe Krakowski 970-245-7444 songlady@rentalsgj.com
- 13 Dressage for the Cure - Cottonwood Riding Club -
Littleton - RMDS**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398 slush@drwgw.net
- 13-14 Grand Valley Dressage Spring Show #2 - Grd Jct - USEF**
Contact Zoe Krakowski 970-245-7444 songlady@rentalsgj.com
- 14 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #1 - Autumn Hill-
Longmont-RMDS**
Contact Autumn Hill
- 20 Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 20-21 Dressage at the Peak - Penrose Stadium-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwgw.net
- 26 Dressage in the Plains I-Peyton-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
- 27-28 Dressage in the Plains II-Peyton-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
- 27-28 Dalwhinnie Dressage Show-Ridgway-USEF-YR Qualifier**
Contact Veronica Holt 303-646-3829 veronicaholt@comcast.net

JUNE 2006

- 2 Dressage at High Prairie #1- Colorado Horse Park -
Parker - USEF**
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 3 Dressage at High Prairie #2- Colorado Horse Park -
Parker - USEF**
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 4 Dressage at High Prairie #3 - Colorado Horse Park -
Parker - USEF**
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 3-4 USDF "L" D2 Session - Dressage at High Prairie -
Marilyn Heath**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398 slush@drwgw.net
- 3-4 Creekside Dressage - Huntley, MT USEF**
Contact Barbara Ramlow 406-348-2280 crkside@nemontel.net
- 10-11 NCDA Rocky Mountain Dressage Classic -
Cheyenne, WY-USEF**
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775 denny20@msn.com
- 10-11 Millbrook Farms Dressage Show - Lehi, UT - USEF**
Contact Jan Lawrence 801-768-8739 millbrk@xmission.com
- 17-18 Black Hills Dressage Show-Rapid City,SD-USEF**
Contact Sue Hinker 605-348-2816 thinker@rap.midco.net
- 17-18 Columbine Dressage Show #2-Littleton-USEF**
Contact KC Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953
- 24-25 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival - Longmont - USEF**
Contact Autumn Hill Farm
- 30 Dressage at the Peak II Warm up- Penrose Stadium-
USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwgw.net

2005-2006 SHOWS & EVENTS

JULY 2006

- 1-2 **Dressage at the Peak II Summer Show-
Penrose Stadium-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 9 **Autumn Hill Sunday Series #2 - Longmont-RMDS**
Contact Autumn Hill
- 15 **Twin Peaks Dressage #1 - Tomora Training Center-
Greeley**
Martha Fischer 303-652-1648 marthafischer@earthlink.net
- 16 **Twin Peaks Dressage #2 - Tomora Training Center-
Greeley**
Martha Fischer 303-652-1648 marthafischer@earthlink.net
- 14 **Rocky Mountain Iberian All Breeds Dressage Show-
Castle Rock-RMDS**
Contact Kris Garrett 303-841-2875 temerarioVII@aol.com
- 14-15 **Aspen Festival Dressage I-Aspen-USEF**
Contact Barbra McElnea 970-963-3234 barnac@sopris.net
- 16 **Aspen Festival Dressage I I-Aspen-USEF**
Contact Barbra McElnea 970-963-3234 barnac@sopris.net
- 15-16 **Tri State Summer Dressage Show-Riverton,WY-USEF**
Denise Denhardt 307-332-4722 happyhalfhalts@hotmail.com
- 21-23 **Autumn Hill Summer Dressage Festival
Longmont - USEF**
Contact Autumn Hill Farm
- 29 **Pendragon Stud RMDS Dressage Show #1
Larkspur - RMDS**
Contact Leslie Terry 303-688-4147

AUGUST 2006

- 4 **Dressage in the Rockies #1- Colorado Horse Park -
Parker - USEF**
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 5 **Dressage in the Rockies #2- Colorado Horse Park -
Parker - USEF**
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 6 **Dressage in the Rockies #3 - Colorado Horse Park -
Parker - USEF**
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 5-6 **USDF "L" Final - Dressage in the Rockies -
Marilyn Heath, Lois Yukins**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398 slush@drwg.net
- 5-6 **Cheyenne Dressage & Eventing Club Dressage Show-
Laramie,WY-USEF**
Contact: Rowena Heckert 307-632-4151
- 12 **Foothills Chapter Dressage Show-Golden-RMDS**
Kathy Johnson 303-494-0905 kathykingjohnson@uswest.net13
- 13 **Autumn Hill Sunday Series #2 -Longmont-RMDS**
Contact Autumn Hill
- 26 **Utah Dressage Society Annual Show #1-Bluffdale, UT
USEF**
Contact Eva-Maria Adolphi 801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net
- 27 **Utah Dressage Society Annual Show #2-Bluffdale, UT
USEF**
Contact Eva-Maria Adolphi 801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net
- 27 **Aspen Ridge RMDS Dressage Show-
Penrose Stadium-RMDS**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

- 27 **CDMHA Dressage Show-Loveland-USEF**
Susan Rocha 307-635-3296 sue@virtuallyoutsidethebox.com

SEPTEMBER 2006

- 2 **Boulder Valley So Long to Summer
Somerset Farm-Longmont-RMDS**
Contact Barb Goldman 303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 2 **Grand Valley Fall Show - Grand Junction - USEF**
contact Zoe Krakowski 970-245-7444 songlady@rentalsgj.com
- 3 **GVDS Western Slope Championships and Open Show
Grand Junction - USEF**
Contact Zoe Krakowski 970-245-7444 songlady@rentalsgj.com
- 9 **Pendragon Stud RMDS Dressage Show #2
Larkspur - RMDS**
Contact Leslie Terry 303-688-4147
- 10 **Table Mountain Ranch Dressage Show-Golden-RMDS**
Contact Peg Cannell 303-279-4546 cannell747@aol.com
- 21-24 **2006 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage
Open Show -Parker-USEF-RMDS Breed Championships
& Open Breed Show**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-338-0854, slush@drwg.net

OCTOBER 2006

- 6-8 **Region V Championships - New Mexico**
Contact Donald Simpson 505-550-6735 dsimpson62@aol.com

SEPTEMBER 2007, 2008

- 26-30 **2007 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage
Open Show -Parker-USEF
RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-338-0854 slush@drwg.net
- 24-28 **2008 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage
Open Show -Parker-USEF
RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-338-0854, slush@drwg.net

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RMDS Central Office

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2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301

Contact: Beth Geier, rmds@indra.com, www.rmds.org

Website Contact: Michael Petersen
5575 Heatherbrook Ct,
Colorado Springs, CO 80915
webmaster@rmds.org

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RMDS CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE:

Boulder Valley, 1st Monday – even months

Contact: Barb Goldman – 303-666-4528

Colorado Springs, 3rd Tuesday – location TBD

Contact Simone Windeler - 719-287-2040 or check www.csdressage.org

Foothills, 2nd Wednesday – every month;

Table Mtn Ranch; Contact: Tina Wright 720-297-5192

Grand Valley, 1st Thursday – every month; roaming around

Contact: Kelly Schlager – 970-242-5935

High Plains, TBA;

Contact: Terri Wallace – 303-695-8566

Northern Colorado, 1st Thursday – every month;

CSU Vet Teaching Hosp.; Jennifer Nisbet 970-221-5545

Penrose, 1st Wednesday – every month; Roaming around;

Contact: Sharon Ghilarducci – 719-462-5760

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Contact: Darlene Vaughan – 307-332-726

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Parasites...cont. from pg. 8

immune system is operating to par, stronger than the parasite itself, the antibodies and white blood cells are able to zap them before they even become a symptomatic issue to the horse.

Quoting Dr. Donna Starita once again, "A healthy animal in a state of homeostasis does not develop a parasitic overload. It develops and maintains a symbiotic relationship with the parasites in its bowel, at a level that stimulates a natural immunity to the parasite without overwhelming the host. This is assuming the animal is healthy. In an unbalanced state, the parasite numbers may climb, sometimes dangerously, but in many cases the cure is more harmful than the disease."

How do we make sure the immune system is operating to par? I would highly suggest reviewing this past year's article on pH balance, proper digestion, balance of protein and carbohydrates, and organic minerals. The immune system will simply not be able to operate the way it was designed in a mineral deficient body, nor a body whose organs are overtaxed with chemicals.

Parasites are not attracted to healthy bodies. Keep the focus on the health of the whole body, and boosting the immune system. I bet you will see a greater overall return in vitality and health from your horse which will show in every way imaginable: emotionally, mentally, and physically.

Gretchen Topel is a graduate of Colorado State University with a degree in Equine Science. She will be a regular contributor to the Centaur, so please feel free to send any questions or comments via the editor's e-mail: kathleendonnelly20@hotmail.com.



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USDF Region Five Report

by Theresa Hunt, Region 5 Director

Happy Holidays! This a hectic time of year--the USDF convention and symposium, multiple membership renewals, and holiday preparations. It is a time to celebrate with family and friends. I would like to thank everyone in the region for the time and energy you have donated to our sport, in addition to your own busy personal life. It is really great to watch people, horses, and organizations grow and contribute, each in their own unique, individual way. The November USDF Connection salutes the charter GMOs that included Rocky Mountain Dressage Society. A long time ago, Arizona Dressage Association was a chapter of California Dressage Society. We have come a long way!

The roof and wall are up on the USDF National Education Center! You can follow the progress of construction if you go to www.usdf.org and click on the top right link to the NEC. The Capital Campaign is going well. GMO's and individuals have many opportunities for recognition. A five year pledge is non-binding and enables recognition at a higher level. Our region raised over \$1,500 at the silent auction at this year's regional championships for the Capital Campaign. The work toward joint USEF/USDF membership is on-going, one benefit of our headquarters' location in Kentucky---a better face-to-face working

relationship.

Educational Grants, Free Money! Our region has \$1500 for adult education next year, USDF fiscal year starting April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007. We still have money available for the past year. The purpose of the grants is to make dressage education more affordable for our members, thus the program cannot make a profit. Grants will be awarded for programs (not to individuals) based upon the greatest educational value---they need to be more than a riding clinic. If you need an application please send me an email at hunterry@mindspring.com.

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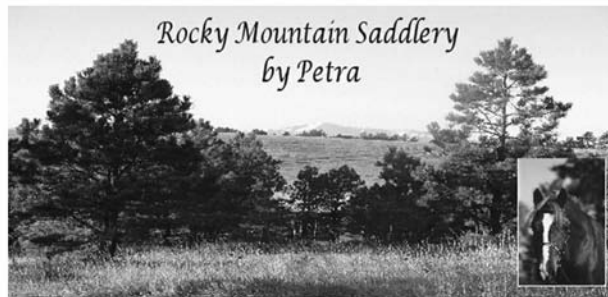
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During the USDF annual convention there are several educational opportunities for "L" graduates. Here is a list of a few opportunities that might interest you:

Wednesday, November 30th at 3:05 - 4:20 p.m.

Judges Committee Open Meeting

An open forum, during which reports from the Judges Committee will be presented along with time for Q & A's from the floor from judges and non-judges.

Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Judges Roundtable (Closed Forum- Judges and 'L' Graduates Only)

A round table discussion with questions and answers among the judge.

Thursday, December 1st at 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

USEF Dressage Committee Open Forum

Thursday, Dec 1st at 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

USEF Proposed Rule Change Open Forum

The 2005 USDF Annual Convention & Symposium is to be held in Burbank, CA from November 30th -December 4th, 2005. For convention schedule and registration information go to the USDF website at www.usdf.org or read the September issue of USDF Connection to find a registration insert. If you have any questions please contact Kim Sodt, USDF Judges Committee liaison, at ksodt@usdf.org or 859-271-7876.

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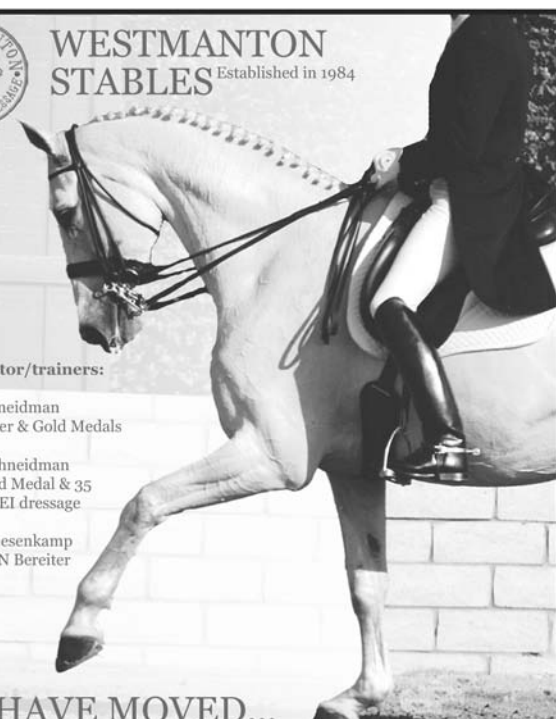
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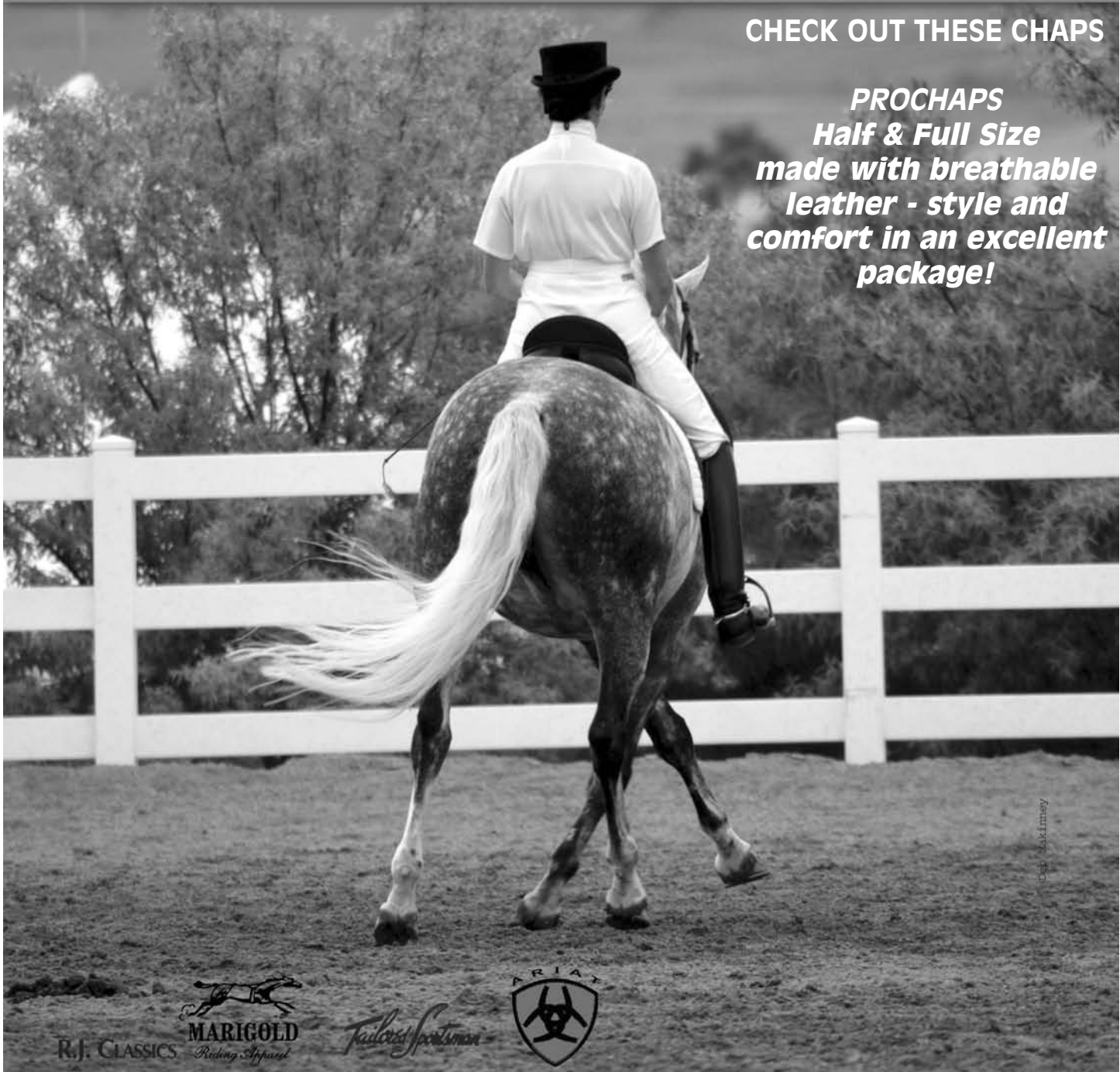
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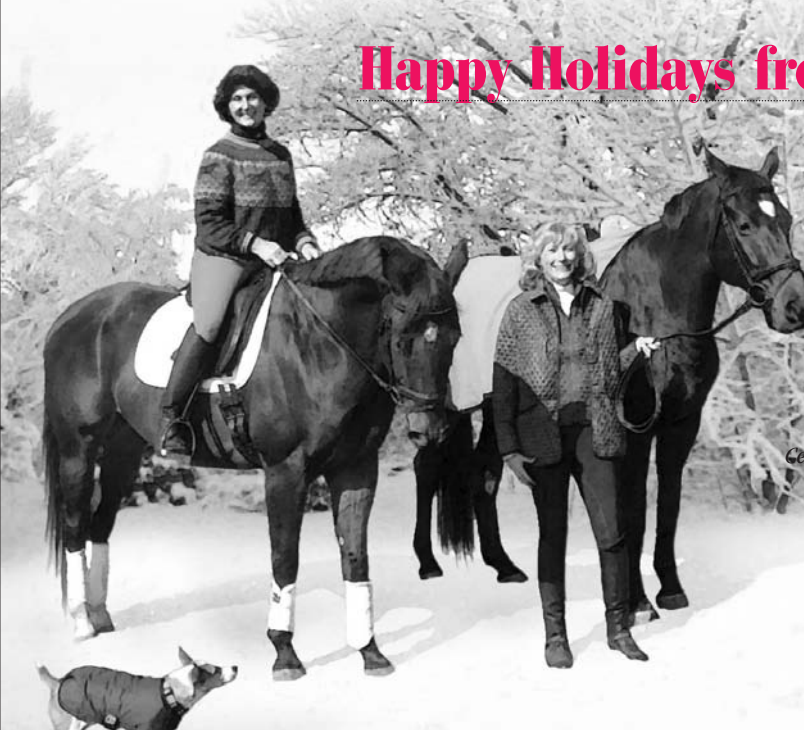


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