

# WILLIAM CLARK CHAMBERLIN EQUESTRIAN CENTER DRESSAGE SHOW

USEF/USDF Competition # 327023

William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center  
Anchorage, Alaska

**June 27 & 28, 2009**

**Entries Open:**  
May 15

**Entries Close:**  
June 20

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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

### Saturday, 8:00 A.M.

- 100 Training Level Test 1 (A,B,C,D)
- 101 Training Level Test 2 (A,B,C,D)
- 102 Training Level Test 4\* (A,B,C)
- 103 Second Level Test 1 (A,B,C)
- 104 Second Level Test 2 (A,B,C)
- 105 Second Level Test 4\* (A,B,C)
- 107 USDF Intro Level Test A (A,B,C,D)
- 108 USDF Intro Level Test B (A,B,C,D)
- 109 First Level Test 1 (A,B,C)
- 110 First Level Test 2 (A,B,C)
- 111 First Level Test 4\* (A,B,C)
- 112 Third or Fourth Level Test 1 (A,B,C)
- 113 Third or Fourth Level Test 2 (A,B,C)
- 114 Third or Fourth Level Test 3\* (A,B,C)
- 115 Freestyle Test of Choice Open\*
- 116 Quadrille Test of Choice Open
- 117 Pas de Deux Test of Choice Open

### Sunday, 8:00 A.M.

- 200 Second Level Test 2 (A,B,C)
- 201 Second Level Test 3\*\* (A,B,C)
- 202 Second Level Test 4\* (A,B,C)
- 203 First Level Test 2 (A,B,C)
- 204 First Level Test 3 (A,B,C)
- 205 First Level Test 4\* (A,B,C)
- 206 USDF Intro Level Test A (A,B,C,D)
- 207 USDF Intro Level Test B (A,B,C,D)
- 208 Third or Fourth Level Test 1 (A,B,C)
- 209 Third or Fourth Level Test 2 (A,B,C)
- 210 Third or Fourth Level Test 3\* (A,B,C)
- 212 Training Level Test 2 (A,B,C,D)
- 213 Training Level Test 3 (A,B,C,D)
- 214 Training Level Test 4\* (A,B,C)
- 215 Prix Caprilli – Training\*\*\*
- 216 Prix Caprilli – First\*\*\*\*

Be sure to specify Open (A), Jr/Young Rider (B), Adult Amateur (C) or Beginning Dressage Rider (D) on the entry form for all applicable tests.

\*Specify if Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championship Qualifying. Exception: Beginning Dressage Riders (D) are not eligible for Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championship Qualifying.

\*\* USDF/Dover Medal Class

\*\*\*Prix Caprilli classes will only be held when there is a minimum of three entries in classes 215 and 216 combined.

For more details, please see **Show Rules and Information** starting on page 4.

# SHOW RULES AND INFORMATION

Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF Rule Book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith. The information in this section is a summary only, competitors are strongly encouraged to read and understand the USEF Rulebook.

## **Alaska Dressage Association (ADA)**

Non-profit organization dedicated to dressage education and sponsor of the events listed in this Omnibus. A majority vote of the ADA Board of Directors will be the final authority for decisions that fall outside the jurisdiction of the USEF Rules, such as determination to cancel a show due to inclement weather, disease or other circumstances. ADA will refund 50% of class fees upon written request by the exhibitor within 30 days of the cancellation.

## **Amateurs, Juniors and Young Riders**

For purposes of Competition in the Dressage Division: Individuals are eligible as Juniors until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Individuals are eligible as Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. Competitors shall compete as Adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22. Individuals possessing current amateur certification are only eligible as Adult Amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22. USEF DR 119.3 Adult Amateur cards are free to Senior Active or Life members, and \$30 for non-members. These cards must be renewed annually. Forms may be obtained from the Show Secretary and must be submitted one hour prior to the class. For more information see USEF GR 809.

## **Arenas – see also Hours (Schooling)**

Competition and warm-up arenas are sand or a sand/rubber mix. The Dressage Arena is 20m x 60m (66' x 198') and the Dressage Schooling Arena is 80' x 160'.

USDF Introductory Level Tests A and B and Training Level Tests 1-4 may be ridden in the small dressage arena. All other tests will be ridden in the large dressage arena.

## **Awards**

Ribbons to sixth place will be offered in all classes. Placing for ties will be determined by the collective marks. If collective marks are also tied, the judge will make a determination.

High Score and Reserve High Score awards will be presented for each junior and senior rider earning the highest scores in Introductory, Training, First, Second and Third Level and Above classes. A High Score award will be presented for the rider earning the highest score in Prix Caprilli and Musicals (including pas de deux and quadrille) classes. An award will be presented to the horse achieving the highest dressage score (excluding Introductory, Prix Caprilli, and Musicals) at the show.

## **The 2009 USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program:**

The USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program is designed to specifically recognize and encourage the adult amateurs riding at Second Level.

**Awards** 1. Dover Medal Recipient The eligible rider with the highest score of 58 percent or better in the designated Second Level Test Three class or applicable test of choice USDF/Dover Adult Medal class at a participating competition will receive a handcrafted USDF/Dover pewter medal and neck ribbon. Winners will receive a \$20 Dover Saddlery gift certificate for the first three USDF/Dover Adult Medals they win during the 2009 competition season. 2. The USDF/Dover National Merit Award A USDF/Dover National Merit Award will be awarded to riders winning three USDF/Dover Medals in the same competition year. 3. Year-End Awards

The USDF/Dover Medal National Champion and Reserve Champion are determined from the average of the top three winning ride scores during the competition year. The Champion receives a \$1000 Dover Saddlery gift certificate and a dressage saddle. The Reserve Champion receives a \$500 Dover Saddlery gift certificate and a dressage bridle. **Rider Eligibility** To be eligible, a rider must meet the following criteria: 1. Rider must be a current USDF group, participating or intercollegiate/interscholastic member at the time of the competition. 2. Rider must ride at Second Level Test Three. 3. Rider must be an adult amateur in accordance with Article GR1306 of the USEF rules and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur as of the competition date. **Additional Information** For additional information and an updated list of competitions offering the USDF/Dover Adult Amateur Medal Program, please visit <http://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/adultmedalprogram.asp>.



# SHOW RULES AND INFORMATION

## Class Descriptions

**Beginning Dressage Rider (Non-rated):** This class is offered to RIDERS with limited or no dressage competition experience and is closed to riders showing above Training Level Test 1 & 2. Any horse may be ridden in this class. Please specify division D for any Beginning Dressage Rider classes (Introductory Level Test A, Introductory Level Test B, Training Level Test 1, Training Level Test 2) on the entry form.

**Prix Caprilli (Non-rated):** A dressage test with jumps included. Appropriate protective headgear is required when jumping. It is understood that in the working gaits, a jumping horse is not expected to be as round on the bit as a competing Dressage horse. The horse must softly accept the bit and may show more "roundness" in the parts of the tests separate from the jumps. Refusals will be penalized as an error of course. Knockdowns will be penalized at the judge's discretion. In the case of a knocked down rail being in the way, the judge will ring the bell for the rider to stop without penalty. After the jump is replaced, the bell will be rung again telling the rider to continue from where he stopped. The tests may be called. **Training Level Prix Caprilli** (page 11) is a test for horses with jumping experience showing Training Level Dressage or above - maximum height of fences 2 feet. Trot work to be done posting. Transitions into and out of the halt may be through the walk. Open to all riders except those competing in Beginning Dressage Rider. **First Level Prix Caprilli** (page 12) is a test for horses with jumping experience competing First Level and above - maximum height of fences 2'3". Unless otherwise noted, trot work may be done posting or sitting. When allowed to change leads the horse may do a flying change or change though the trot. The quality of the change is what matters. A copy of each test is available following the Show Rules and Information.

**ADA Championship Classes (Non-rated):** Five Championship Classes will be offered at the ADA Biggest Event Ever Horse Show. The rider must be an ADA member and have paid the ADA Awards Program Fee. The membership and award fees must be postmarked at least one day prior to any competition for which qualifying scores are recorded. To qualify a minimum percentage must have been earned at a USDF/USEF show held in Alaska during the current competition year. Qualifying scores may be earned prior to lunch break on the day championship classes are held. Horses that qualify in more than one level are limited to competing in two consecutive levels. However, only one test may be chosen for the Third Level and Above class. Competitors should remember that there is a limit of three rides per day per horse including championship classes. Championship tests must be ridden from memory. Championship classes are not recognized and do not count for Year End Awards. Distinctive ribbons will be presented to six places for each of these classes. A Championship award will be presented for first place in each class. In the event of a tie, two Championship awards will be presented.

To qualify for the Championship classes:

- 🐾 Beginning Dressage Rider: One score of 50% or above in a Beginning Dressage Rider class.
- 🐾 Training Level: One score of 55% or above in a Training Level Test 4 class.
- 🐾 First Level: One score of 55% or above in a First Level Test 4 class.
- 🐾 Second Level: One score of 55% or above in a Second Level Test 4 class.
- 🐾 Third Level and Above: One score of 55% or above in a Third Level Test 3 class or any test at Fourth Level or above.

Tests to be ridden for the Championship class:

- 🐾 Beginning Dressage Rider: Training Level Test 2
- 🐾 Training Level: Training Level Test 4
- 🐾 First Level: First Level Test 4
- 🐾 Second Level: Second Level Test 4
- 🐾 Third Level and Above: The rider is required to ride the highest test for the level at which he/she has qualified. If qualified at more than one level in this category, it is the rider's choice which ONE of those levels he/she will enter.



# SHOW RULES AND INFORMATION

## **Coach – see also Trainer**

For purposes of these rules, a coach is defined as any adult or adults who receives remuneration for having or sharing the responsibility for instructing, teaching, schooling, or advising a rider, driver, handler or vaulter in equestrian skills.

## **Directions**

Take the Dimond Boulevard exit off the New Seward Highway and travel east. Dimond Boulevard becomes Abbott Road. Continue east through the Lake Otis intersection and on Abbott Rd. The William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center is on the south side of Abbott Road ¾ miles east of the Lake Otis intersection.

## **Dressage Show Protocol**

Competitors are notified that any act of discourtesy to the judge or officials by themselves on the part of owner, lessee, agent, trainer, coach or groom shall disqualify the horse, and all entry fees shall be forfeited.

In all Dressage classes, competitors must be ready to enter the arena at the scheduled time. Failure to begin the test within 45 seconds after the judge's signal results in elimination. No rider will be required to ride before the scheduled time.

Bridle numbers must be worn at all times when a horse is being exercised or ridden. Numbers may be placed on the bridle, boots or saddle pad.

Attire: Neatness is the first requisite. The dress code for Training through Fourth Levels is a short riding coat of conservative color, with tie, choker or stock tie, breeches or Jodhpurs, boots or Jodhpur boots, a hunt cap or riding hat with a hard shell, derby or top hat. A cutaway coat (modified tailcoat) with short tails is permitted. Half chaps, gaiters, and/or leggings are not allowed. Gloves of conservative color are recommended. Exception: Riders through First Level may wear half-chaps, gaiters or leggings in solid black or brown, without fringe, matching the color of their boots, and made of smooth leather or leather-like material. Formal coats with tails are only to be worn above Fourth Level. For more specifics on dress requirements, see USEF DR 120.

One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including the lash, may be carried during warm-up and in all USEF recognized classes.

In Training, First and Second Level tests, a plain snaffle bridle with a noseband is required. In Third and Fourth Level tests, a double bridle may be used. For more specifics on equipment requirements, see USEF DR 121.

Most tests may be called during the competition. ADA Championship tests, FEI tests and Freestyle rides must be ridden from memory. Announcing the tests is limited to reading the movement as it is written, once only.

## **Entries – see also Fees and Refunds**

No entry will be accepted without full payment of fees, a current negative Coggins (EIA) test, copies of current USEF membership cards, USDF membership cards, and USDF horse registration or horse identification number (HID). Some classes may require additional documentation. A separate entry form must be submitted for each horse and rider combination entered. The entry form must be signed by the exhibitor, parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, owner, trainer, and coach (if applicable). ALL SIGNATURE BLANKS MUST BE SIGNED.

**List classes in order of preference.** The number of rides per entry may be limited by time available. Refunds will be made for rides not scheduled. All exhibitors will be treated equally. Below Fourth level, a horse may be ridden in no more than 3 classes per day. Be sure to specify Open (A), Jr/Young Rider (B), Adult Amateur (C) or Beginning Dressage Rider (D) on the entry form for all applicable tests. These classes will be run concurrently. Competitors will ride only once in no specific order.

- 👉 Entries close at 9:00 P.M. on the closing date listed. No phone entries will be taken. Entries may be hand delivered to the show secretary or mailed to:

**Britany Kaiser**  
4411 East 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99507

- 👉 Checks should be made payable to **Anchorage Horse Council**.

## **Emergency Medical Personnel**

Alaska Professional Volunteers will be providing EMT service and will be on the grounds during the show.

## **Farrier**

A farrier will be on the grounds during the show.

# SHOW RULES AND INFORMATION

## Fees and Refunds

### Stabling Fees:

Stall fees are \$20/night. Bedding is required but is NOT included in the stall fee. AHC rules state that **NO** paper or straw bedding is allowed. Stall fees will not be refunded under any circumstances. If a horse occupies a stall for any portion of a day, the full fee is due.

### Class Fees:

Beg. Dressage Rider/USDF Intro	\$20
Training/First Level	\$30
Second Level & Above	\$35
Prix Caprilli	\$35
Musical Freestyle	\$30
Pas de Deux/Quadrille	\$15/team member
ADA Championship Class	\$35

Great American/USDF Regional Championship Qualifying: add \$10 to class fees

Late entry fees: Any entry received by the show secretary after the closing date of the show is considered late. A late entry fee of an additional \$20 per class will be assessed for each scheduled class on a space available basis. After ride times are assigned no late entries will be accepted.

Post entry fees: Any entry already accepted into an ADA show that wishes to add an additional class may do so for \$10 per test in addition to standard class fees. Post entries are accepted on a space available basis.

Late-Post Entries fees: If a late entry (as defined above) wished to post enter a class, they may do so for \$30 per class in addition to standard class fees. Late-Post entries are accepted on a space available basis.

### Required Fees:

USEF Drug Fee: A \$15 fee will be collected for each horse entered (\$7 for drugs and medications and \$8 administration fee).

ADA Administration Fee: A \$20 fee will be assessed to each competitor. This fee will be used by ADA to cover miscellaneous show-related costs. This fee is non-refundable. \$1 of this fee goes to USDF Region 6.

### Other Fees:

USEF non-member fee of \$30. If a competitor, owner, trainer cannot provide a copy of their membership with the entry, they each will be required to pay a non-refundable \$30 non-member fee.

Incomplete Entry Fee: A \$20 handling fee will be charged for any incomplete or incorrect entry form received. Any competitor who turns in an inaccurate entry may be contacted by the competition secretary regarding the incorrect or missing information. They will then have until 6:00 P.M. the Friday preceding that show to contact the show secretary with the correct information. If the entry is corrected by this deadline, \$15 will be waived. (Note: ADA is not required to accept any incomplete entry.)

### Refunds:

A full refund of class fees will be presented to the competitor if a veterinarian's certificate is presented for any horse entered in the show to the Show Management within three days after the show has ended. A horse is considered entered in the show after the closing date. USEF GR 1507. If the show is cancelled by Show Management for any reason, ADA will refund 50% of class fees upon written request by the exhibitor within 10 days of the cancellation. No refunds will be presented for illness or injury to the rider, but rider substitutions will be allowed as described in USEF GR 1506.

## **Food**

Refreshments will be available for purchase during each show on WCCEC show grounds.

## **Foreign Competitors**

As of Jan 1, 2005 the foreign rider license is no longer required. Foreign competitors can either show proof that they are members in good standing of their home federation or they can show proof of membership with USEF, USEF GR 807.

# SHOW RULES AND INFORMATION

## **Headgear (Helmets)**

Riders in all classes where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds must wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Protective headgear must be properly fitted with harness secured. A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience per USEF GR 801.2.

Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, the Federation strongly encourages all riders, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear protective headgear with harness secured which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance per USEF GR 801.6.

## **Horse Identification Number**

All horses competing in any USEF/USDF recognized Dressage Competition must have a USDF HID (Horse Identification Number) or USDF Lifetime Horse Registration number. Exceptions: Horses competing only in breed restricted dressage or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) classes at regular competitions (i.e. all Arabian or all Morgan classes, IPEC tests, or in USDF Introductory tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes are exempt from this requirement. Also exempt are riders in leadline, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk/trot, and academy classes. Individual Breed classes (IBC's) in a DSHB competition are exempt under the requirements of this rule. For foreign-owned horses competing in a CDI, USDF accepts copies of the horse identification pages from FEI passport, or a completion of a HID application ( no fee requirements) in lieu of a USDF HID or Lifetime Registration number.

## **Juniors – see Amateurs, Juniors and Young Riders**

## **Motorized Vehicles**

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles on the competition grounds of recognized competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Rule 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. USEF GR 901.29

## **Musical Freestyles**

USDF Musical Freestyle: The rider is to create and execute from memory an original test which shows the horse to its best advantage. In the freestyle ride creativity and artistic presentation as well as technical execution will be considered. Freestyles are performed in a standard arena at first through fourth level. To be eligible for this class, proof of 60% performance at the highest test of the level is required to be included with the entry.

USDF Pas de Deux: Pas de Deux is an artistic program created by two riders to present their horses to best advantage in an artistic, musical context. It is judged according to technical execution and artistic impression. It is performed in a standard dressage arena and is offered training through fourth level. Competitors must declare on the entry form the level they are riding and the name of their teammate.

USDF Quadrille: Quadrille is most simply defined as team riding. Competitive teams of four riders can perform both compulsory and musical freestyle routines. It is judged according to technical execution and artistic impression. It is performed in a standard dressage arena and is offered at introductory through fourth level. Competitors must declare on the entry form the names of their teammates. Competitors must also declare which compulsory test will be ridden or if performing a Freestyle, competitors must indicate the level of Freestyle.

# SHOW RULES AND INFORMATION

## **Parking**

Vehicles are allowed to load and unload horses and equipment before and after clinics or competition, with due caution for horses and riders present. No unattended or unauthorized vehicles may be parked between barns. Vehicles are required to park in only designated parking areas. No electrical hook-ups are permitted to unauthorized campers from barns. Vehicles are not allowed beyond the parking lots during a clinic or competition, except to provide handicapped access. Please use the wheelbarrows to move equipment while a show or clinic is in progress.

## **Refunds – see Fees and Refunds**

## **Ride Times and Scheduling**

Riding times will not be changed unless dire need is demonstrated and an equitable solution among all riders affected is available. Riders should be aware that if the need arises, Show Management can change event order (with 12 hour notice) or ride times (with 2 hour notice) per USEF GR 309.

Tentative Ride Times: Tentative ride times may be obtained from the show secretary prior to show dates.

Official Ride Times: It is the competitor's responsibility to obtain official ride times upon their arrival to the show grounds **each show day**.

Lunch and breaks will be determined after riding times have been assigned. To receive your assigned riding times, please contact the Show Secretary no earlier than two days prior to the show. Post entries for dressage classes will be accepted on a waiting list basis to replace scratches.

The show secretary **MUST** be notified if a competitor wishes to scratch a class. Failure to notify of scratches may result in disqualification for the remainder of the show.

## **Schooling**

Official schooling for all participants will be allowed in the dressage arena from 3 pm to 7pm the afternoon and evening prior to the show. **Please be considerate of other riders.** Schooling in the dressage arena **will not be allowed** the day of the show or during arena set up. Longeing will be permitted in designated areas only and only if no riders are present. Ground rules will be posted on the show grounds.

## **Sharps Containers**

Sharps containers will be available on the show grounds. Contact show management for details.

## **Stabling – see also Fees and Refunds**

Stabling is available after 3pm the afternoon prior to the show. All stalls are 10' x 12' box type with full doors. All horses not stabled must be personally attended to or enclosed in a trailer. **NO LOOSE HORSES. Tying to a trailer requires an adult in attendance at all times.** There may be no more than 5 feet of rope between the halter and the trailer of any horse tied to a trailer. The owner is responsible for staying on the grounds or making arrangement for an adult to stay on the grounds for any horses left at the center overnight.

## **Stallions**

Stallions are barred from any Ladies' or Junior Exhibitors' classes except as provided for in division rules. Unless competition rules state otherwise, stallions may be shown by anyone in other classes in every division. USEF GR 321

## **Tests**

The current USEF/USDF dressage tests will be used. The Prix Caprilli tests are published in this Omnibus.

## **Trainer – see also Coach**

Any adult, or adults who have the responsibility for the care, training, custody or performance of a horse. Said person must sign the entry blank of any Licensed Competition whether said person be an owner, rider, agent and/or coach as well as trainer. Where a minor exhibitor has no trainer, a parent or guardian must sign and assume responsibility of trainer. The name of the trainer must be designated as such on the entry blank. Additionally, the designated trainer of each entry must be present on the show grounds during the Licensed Competition.



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## **USEF Membership Statement**

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$30 nonmember registration fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

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## **Veterinarian**

Alaska Equine and Small Animal Hospital (688-9303) will be the veterinarians on call.

## **Volunteers**

It takes many volunteers to run the shows listed in this Omnibus. If you are interested in contributing your time and talents to help make these events possible, please contact any member of the ADA Board.

## **William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center (WCCEC)**

Location: 3900 Abbot Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99511

Competitors are responsible for knowing and obeying all of the rules and regulations of the center.

☛ No alcoholic beverages are allowed.

☛ Dogs must be on leash and under hand control at all times. No dogs allowed between barns when horses are present.

**Young Riders – see Amateurs, Juniors and Young Riders**

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## ***USDF Statement on Animal Welfare***

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 125 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership in excess of 33,000 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.

United States *Dressage* Federation

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