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NEXT IEO MEETING

THE IEO 2012 SHOW DATE SCHEDULE NOW ON THE WEBSITE

Sunday, May 27, Sunday, June 17, Sunday, July 22, Sunday, August 26, and Sunday, Sept. 23

The show Omnibus is now on the website: www.ieodressage.org.

There will also be some EXCITING NEWS in this year's OMNIBUS! We will be offering Stakes Classes with MONEY PayBack! So, get those horses ready! – Cindy Mattern

HORSE PASTURE MANAGEMENT

May 8, 16, 23 and 30, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

For Equine Environmental Stewardship a Four Part Educational Series for Horse Owners

Featured Speakers: Dr. Ann Swinker Penn State Equine Specialist, **Donna Foulk**

Penn State Extension Educator, Equine Natural Resources, **John Rowehl** Penn State Extension Educator, Agronomy

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All materials must be submitted in writing by the 20th of each month for the next issue of “Close Contact” to the Editor, Katherine Nelson, 9856 Holly Hill Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349, or fax: 717-235-2853, or email katherinnelson08@comcast.net with “IEO” in the subject bar. Officers and board members must submit reports. Newsletters are mailed around the first of each month. Material submitted after the due date will be held for the following issue. Persons submitting material will be responsible for any violation of copyright laws. The editor reserves the right to shorten and/or edit any material received. Editor: Katherine Nelson, 9856 Holly Hill Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349; 717-235-6665; email KatNels@msn.com

CLINIC AT HARNONY HILL FARM

Paula Kierkegaard returns to Harmony Hill Farm. Paula will conduct a dressage clinic both before and after the May 27 show.

- Lesson fee is \$100 for IEO members; \$115 for non-members
- Lessons are 45 minutes private instruction
- Auditing is free of charge for IEO members; \$15 for non-members

Reserve your lesson by contacting Amy Pavlik: email amy@pavliklaw.com, or call 717-226-7747.

FIRST 2012 CASE OF WEST NILE VIRUS SEEN IN PA

[April 20, 2012; Kennett Square, PA] – A mild winter has been pleasant for residents of the Mid-Atlantic region. It has also created a favorable environment for mosquitoes. With mosquitoes comes the potential to contract West Nile Virus, a debilitating and potentially deadly disease. The first case of the season of West Nile Virus has been reported in a horse in Northampton County, PA. Entomologists are predicting that weather conditions could make this a particularly heavy mosquito season, and a two-pronged approach of vaccination and management is the most successful way to avoid the disease, according to Ray Sweeney, VMD and Chief of Medicine at New Bolton Center, the large animal campus of Penn Vet.

Vaccination against West Nile Virus is very effective, he adds, but it doesn't last forever. "Horse owners are encouraged to check with their veterinarian to find out whether a booster vaccination is recommended."

Management practices also play a significant role in reducing exposure to the infected mosquitoes. Horse owners are advised to take the following steps: eliminate all standing water from the property, including puddles hiding in old tires, watering cans, gutters and low-lying areas; arrange turnout schedules so that horses are in the barn at dusk and dawn, prime mosquito feeding times; keep mosquitoes from the barn through the use of fans, traps and horse-friendly repellents; and use approved repellents on horses and any clothing such as fly sheets as well.

RESPONSIBLE HORSE OWNERSHIP WEEK WEBINAR SERIES

In celebration of Responsible Horse Ownership Week, May 14-20, 2012, the University of Maryland Extension is proud to present a full week of FREE webinars for those who already own horses and those who are interested in becoming horse owners! Take advantage of these wonderful online learning opportunities at noon each day- just sit down with your lunch and a high speed internet connection! Can't tune in during the day? All webinars will be recorded and available online at <http://www.ansc.umd.edu/equinestudies> for you to view at your convenience! Spread the word about these great sessions!

Monday, May 14, 2012: Horse ownership can be a very exciting and rewarding experience; however, people don't often realize that the least expensive part of horse ownership is the purchase price of the animal. Before taking on the responsibility of horse ownership, it is important to be aware of the basic needs and expenses associated with our equine companions.

Join the University of MD Extension Webinar, "Horse Ownership 101," on Monday, May 14, from noon to 1 PM presented by Kristen Wilson, Extension Horse Specialist, to learn more about

responsible horse ownership. Register here for Monday's webinar:
<http://www.agnr.umd.edu/seminars/Description.cfm?ID=182>

IEO PRESIDENT'S LETTER :

The Importance of Good Communication

"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." George Bernard Shaw

Good communication between a dressage horse and rider is essential to their ultimate success. As horses and riders develop as a team and climb the Dressage Training Pyramid, the art of communication between them becomes much more subtle and nuanced. Riders often labor to clearly and effectively express themselves to their horses in ways that their mounts can both understand and appreciate.

This is particularly important when it comes to the correct application of discipline, one of my favorite words that if you fully embrace its definition simply means, "to educate". Effectively disciplining a naughty horse in an appropriate and fair minded way is important both to his education, his future improvement and his happiness. Communicating your established boundaries, "You may choose to go forward, but you may not choose to buck," in a calm, dispassionate manner is essential if you are to continue to develop your human-equine partnership and if you expect your horse to respect you and your boundaries. Good riders communicate their displeasure of naughty behavior by disciplining their horse quickly and quietly and then move on. They appreciate the importance of teaching what is acceptable and what is not – and they do it with the least amount of correction necessary to make their point. Horses that have been trained in this manner quickly understand what is expected of them. They have been given boundaries for their behavior and they relax in knowing where the lines are and what crossing those lines will entail!

On the other hand, good riders also know that sincere praise has no limit when it comes to building a horse's confidence and desire to please his rider. Just as we recognize the importance of fair discipline to educate our horses, we also need to embrace the opportunity, no matter how small, to communicate our happiness when they have accurately deciphered our aids and performed correctly. Don't be shy – if you're pleased, let your horse know it with a "Good boy," a pat on the neck or a softening of your aids. Quick to praise is as important as quick to discipline and it is just plain old fashioned good communication. So here is today's rider's challenge – pay attention to how many times you communicate effectively with your horse today through either fair minded discipline or effusive praise. Try to improve your communication with your horse and see if he doesn't blossom into a better partner!

Susan Moody, IEO President

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN WARMBLOOD REGISTRY

May 19 & 20, 2012, Magic Rose Farm, New Oxford, PA

Learn to prepare, exhibit, and judge horses for breed inspections and evaluations.

Fees: Participant - with or without own horse

\$175 members

\$225 non-members

Auditor - \$75 or \$ 50 per day (membership not required)

This regionally offered series is designed to prepare the Young Breeders Team for International Competition,

provide a training ground for AWR judges, and to create a Further Education Series for our breeders.

A maximum of 20 participants will be accepted. All participants are invited to submit horses for various sections of the seminar. If you cannot provide your own horse, the Host Farm will offer a suitable in-hand partner at no additional charge. Horses are needed for In-hand, Free Jump, and ridden for disciplines of Dressage, Hunter and Jumper. Priority will be given to members of the YBTeam and Judging Applicants. Stabling is available at a minimal cost by the Host Farm. Lunch, drinks, and snacks will be available throughout the day. **Entries close May 7, 2012.**

For More Information please contact the AWR Office or Wendy Staub at 717-624-4812

SWEDISH WARMBLOOD/TB MARE FOR SALE

Estrela-very nice 6 yr. old 16 H registered Swedish Warmblood/TB liver chestnut mare for sale currently riding at 1st level dressage, has also had some jumping training. She is currently on training board with Phoebe Devoe at Thornridge Manor in Glen Arm, MD. There are pictures, video, & more information about her on the website www.thornridgemanor.com. She was not a match for her owner who has purchased another horse. She is priced at \$15,000.00, but reasonable offers will be considered. Please contact Karen Kindt at 717-697-3773 or Phoebe Devoe through her website.

NEW BOLTON CENTER FREE LECTURES

The schedule for the next several months has been announced:

June 5, 2012 Chelsey Miller, DVM **Moon Blindness: The shades of grey of equine recurrent uveitis**

(There will be no lecture in July or August.)

September 4, 2012 Dean Richardson, DVM, DACVS

New techniques in equine fracture repair

October 2, 2012 Eric Parente, DVM, DACVS

Airway Surgery: Is it any easier now for your horse to breathe?

November 6, 2012 Joy Tomlinson, DVM **Headshaking syndrome in horses**

December 4, 2012 Jonathon Palmer, VMD, DACVIM **The critically ill foal**

January 8, 2013 Santiago Garcia, MVZ **Easy keepers - Metabolic disease in horses**

February 5, 2013 Mary Utter, DVM, DACVO

Eye cancer in horses - What it looks like and what you can do about it

This schedule is subject to change. Please check the website, <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/FirstTuesdays>, for the most current information.

VISIT [e-TRAK](http://www.usdf.org/e-trak); USDF'S NEW ONLINE LEARNING CENTER

Available at *no cost* to all current IEO members, e-TRAK is USDF's online learning center for dressage and equine education. Through one convenient location, members can access hundreds of educational resources, engage in structured learning activities, and earn USDF University Program credit! To access e-TRAK, IEO members just need to log in to the website at www.usdf.org/e-trak.

USDF and RFDTV Bring Dressage to Your Living room

Watch Robert Dover, Hilda Gurney, Jessica Ranshousen and Michael Poulin as they delve into the many aspects involved in the progressive dressage training of the horse and rider. Show times can be found on the USDF website. Check it out and share with others!

THE IEO LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

You know the adage, "neither a borrower nor a lender be", but we want you to be both. The IEO library has over 40 horse-related titles ranging from training to novels - something for everybody. The titles are now posted on the IEO website (www.ieodressage.org) so you can see what is available. Is there something you would like to borrow? Something you would like to donate? Something you wish we had? Call or email librarian Beth Major. Phone: 717-432-7068 email: Beth.Major@ymail.com

ACTIVITIES COMING IN 2012

March 9 - 11, Clinic with Paula Kierkegaard, Harmony Hill Farm amy@pavliklaw.com, or call 717-226-7747

March 18, 2012 The Spring Region One meeting will be held at Hassler Dressage at Riveredge in Chesapeake City, MD.

May 26 & 28 Clinic with Paula Kierkegaard, Harmony Hill Farm amy@pavliklaw.com, or call 717-226-7747

June 6-7 Region 1 Adult Team Championship Prince George Equestrian Center Upper Marlboro, MD Contact: Betty Thorpe bsthorpe@aol.com

June 8-10 East Coast Young Horse Selection Trials, Morven Park, Leesburg, VA Contact: Dianne Boyd greyhorse11@gmail.com

July 28-29 Region One North Youth Team Competition Morven Park Leesburg, VA Contact: Alison Head lookingglassfarm@mac.com

September 26-30 Dressage at Devon

October 6-7 Region One Adult Clinic with Lilo Fore at Averett College Danville, VA Contact: Polly Yeago payeago@bellsouth.net

October 18-21 BLM Championships Virginia Horse Center Lexington, VA Contact: Dianne Boyd greyhorse11@gmail.com

November 1-4 USDF/GAIC Regional Championships Williamston, NC Contact: Martie Healey martieh@cox.net

November 10 Region One Fall Meeting Leesburg, VA Contact: Lisa Schmidt crisismgt@aol.com

CLASSIFIED ADS *IEO members advertise for free*

FOR SALE:

Meeka - Looks like an Andalusian! 10yr old gray QH mare, 15.2hands, BEAUTIFUL mover! She is as smooth as glass to ride, has been in professional training with Stacey Dee of Grace Farms, trail rides, jumps, is ready for Training and First Level dressage. This lovely mare is a rare find with a great brain. Current price is \$3500. Call Stacey at 717-557-7582 for more info.

Gus - 5 year old, 17.2+ hand, dapple gray TB gelding. They don't get any nicer than this horse! Gus is big, beautiful, and loaded with talent and athleticism! He is a stand out in any ring, with the movement and suspension to wow in dressage, the scope and power to win in the jumpers and eventing, and the grace and form to be a top notch hunter. This horse has it all! He is playful and fun to work with, has great manners, loves people, is athletic and graceful, and has no vices or issues to hold him back. He is a one in a million horse that stands out in a crowd - your next big star! He's super comfortable and has an auto lead change. He has been free jumped over 4' with ease and in perfect form. He is clean legged, has great feet, gets along with other horses, and is built to perform and hold up for the long haul. Suitable for a junior or amateur rider. Price will go up with additional training. Suitable for junior or amateur rider. Current price is \$15,000

Contact Stacey Dee at 717-557-7582 or gracefarm@yahoo.com www.gracefarms.com

Giselle - 10 year old, 13 hand buckskin registered Welsh Pony mare with lots of flashy chrome! Giselle is a one of a kind pony! We have had her since she was a yearling and she has had top notch training and handling her whole life. My kids are outgrowing her and so we are looking for one lucky junior rider who wants a world class pony to knock the socks off all the other competition! She has a great brain, is drop dead gorgeous, has a hack winning trot with the power and engagement to win in the dressage ring as well, jumps in text book perfect form (they don't jump any better than this pony!) She is well-bred, has impeccable conformation, is super sweet and easy to work with. She is an all around fabulous pony who is athletic, safe & sane, sound, talented, flashy and absolutely gorgeous! GREAT home only! This pony is very special to us and we will only sell her to the right person.

Current price is \$20,000

Contact Stacey Dee at 717-557-7582 or gracefarm@yahoo.com www.gracefarms.com

Hungarian Broodmare - 16h, 12 yrs, sound and healthy has had 3 fabulous foals. Winner Get of Mare Class at Fair Hill in '08. Her offspring have won USDF All Breeds 2008 Reserve Champion AWR, '08 PHR Silver Stirrup National Reserve Champion for Dressage Sporthorse, the '09 'Born In The USA' Filly Championship at Fair Hill. Double registered AWR. \$1500. or will consider a lease, can stay at my farm. Katherine Nelson 717-235-6665

16 H, 9 yr old Hanoverian cross mare for lease \$175/ month or sale. Good disposition and temperament. Snaffle mouth. Would be great for someone looking for high dollar horse but doesn't have the bucks, but has the time. She has 10 trot. I have to many horses and to little time I don't want this one to be pushed aside she is to nice so my loss is your gain. This horse is kind, not stupid and worth a lot, she will be competitive on the AA circuit in hunters or in the dressage arena. She is schooling training level dressage and has easily Jumped 2'6 on the trail and great ground manners up to date on all shots no vices fmi call Melanie Adams 443-220-6058.

Albert is a 16.2 TB Gelding 16 years old, 1st level, Cadillac to ride, beautiful floating action. Very sweet. Easy to be around. No vices. Looking for a good home with someone who can use and appreciate him. Owner is out of commission and will be for another year;

Mallo Mar is a stunning 17.2 Irish Sport Horse, gelding, black with chrome. Extremely personable. Has EPM. Would make a stellar therapy horse. Free to good home; and

Brenda Lee is an 8 yr old Cleveland Bay mare, 15.2, jumping 3 feet easily, flying lead changes, fox hunted last season, good bone, terrific feet, glamorous, nice mover. Not suitable for beginner. Forms a strong bond with her human. Asking \$5,000.

These three horses can be seen at the Whodathunkit Farm in Fairfield, PA. 717 642-5917 Ask for Cookie. ClubEquestrian.com

Albion dressage saddle. 17.5" Extra Wide SLK High Profile. Excellent condition. Asking \$1,000. Contact Linda Colflesh at 717-258-6166 of LColflesh@comcast.net.

Used RO-TO harrow for sale, good condition. needs teeth. \$500. Or best offer. FMI 410-692-6921 or 410-459-0798. Margaret Scarff

Trilogy Verago Elite dressage saddle, 18" med tree, excellent condition. Flocking maintained by Trilogy Rep., asking \$2500, contact Scott Nickel @ 410-241-0075 or scottnickel@gmail.com for more info.

16 1/2" Laser Dressage saddle adjustable tree, 16" flaps, excellent condition, panels re-flocked and soft. \$950. 717-235-6665 or katnels@msn.com.

Crosby Sofride All-Purpose Saddle, black 17" Wide Tree. This saddle has been lovingly cared for. Excellent condition. Asking \$1050. Please call Jane @ 717-805-3289 regarding any questions.

BOARDING:

HARMONY HILL FARM 3 Boarding Opportunities: exceptional boarding program individualized to every horse personalized instruction & training For Every Level Of Horse & Rider *Hunters – Jumpers – Dressage* 150 X 275 Outdoor Arena Show Jumps – Dust Free Custom Footing, Regulation Size Dressage Arena, Olympic Caliber Perimeter – Custom Footing 72 X 152 Attached Indoor Arena, Bright & Airy – Custom Footing Permanent Cross Country Fences Manicured Fields, Hacking Paths & Wooded Trails *Visit Our Website* Harmony-Hill-Farm.com 717-528-4247

NEWBERRYTOWN. New Private barn between Harrisburg and York, 5 minutes off I83. One stall available, sorry Geldings only. Quite small barn great for a retired horse. Matted stalls each with a Dutchdoor, for view and ventilation. Outdoor riding ring with great footing. Pastures with board fence or No Climb horse fence and lots of shade. FULLCARE- Hay available at all times, feeding, watering and stalls are done twice a day. Daily turnout weather permitting, I do not turn out in the rain. Brushing, hoof care are done daily, blanketing and fly protection as needed, holding for vet or Farrier if needed. Sate parks and trails near by. \$250 per month. Call Christina Barclay Sauder 717-319-9241

BOARDING - WHITE HALL, MD 5 min from Shrewsbury and Fawn Grove \$350 a month. 14 acre farmette Cost includes excellent daily care, feeding 2 times a day daily turn out, blanketing when needed, worming, grain and hay. 120x60 lighted indoor arena 12x12 matted stalls hot and cold water, wash stall, fans miles of trails. FMI call Melanie at 443-220-6058

BEAUTIFUL, AIRY, CLEAN INDOOR ARENA, large box stalls near Lineboro, MD and convenient to I83. \$415 per month. Field board also available \$295. (717) 235-0941.

FULL BOARD IN EAST BERLIN, PA includes 12x12 stall and grass pasture. Riding ring, heated tack room, trails, wash stall with hot water. Must have great references. Call Gail @ 717-586-6076

NEED AN INDOOR ARENA FOR TRAINING? Cynthia (Cindy) Mattern, a USDF Bronze Medalist, has over 25 years of experience teaching riders and training horses in both Dressage and Hunt. She utilizes the pyramid for classical training. Cindy accepts trailer-ins at two (2) barns in the Dillsburg area,

plus one (1) in Perry County. She will travel to you. See her ad in the IEO website. Call 717-796-0755 or kroniek1@aol.com References available.

BOARD/TRAIN AT SHIP'S QUARTERS FARM. Indoor with lights, mirrors, and sand/rubber/fabric footing with dust polymer for dust free environment. Outdoor dressage ring and large fenced jumping ring. Individualized, personal care. Instruction with USDF Silver Medalist and FEI competitor. Convenient to Southern PA, Carroll and surrounding counties. Call 410-751-9953 or go to shipsquartersfarm.com.

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If you would like to add or remove a classified ad, please call Kathy Nelson 717-235-6665 or email katherinnelson08@comcast.net. Non-member ad rates: Full page \$20. per issue; Half page \$15. per issue; Quarter page \$10. per issue; Classified ad or business card ad \$5. per issue. 'Camera ready' ad copy should be sent to Katherine Nelson, 9856 Holly Hill Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349.

Dues for December 1 – November 30

2012 IEO Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ Young Rider (under 22 years old) \$45.00 date of birth: _____

_____ Individual or Primary Adult \$50.00

_____ Additional Family Members \$35.00 each

List participating family members: (Include date of birth for Young Riders)

Make check payable to I.E.O. and send to: Cindy Mattern
2889 Ford Farm Road
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