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Day 3 – Dressage at Devon: Individual Breed Classes and the Start of the Performance Division

Devon, PA (September 29, 2016) - Day 3 featured the Individual Breed Classes (IBC) with more than 20 breeds from Andalusians, Hanoverians and Haflingers to Warmbloods and Lipizzans.

Two new classes were added this year – Akhal-Teke and the Drum Horse. The Akhal-Teke is from Turkmenistan where they are a national emblem. They have a reputation for speed and endurance, intelligence and a distinctive metallic sheen. The breed is tough and resilient, having adapted to the harshness of Turkmenistan lands.

The Drum Horse was first used by the Queen of England in her ceremonial Band of the Life Guards. The Drum Horse carries large silver kettle drums during parades and other pageantry – thus the name. Today, the Drum Horse is proving to be the “ultimate heavy riding horse” according to the International Drum Horse Association.

KWPN Youth

Ryan Jimenez, 21, comes from a family of breeders of Dutch Warmbloods. His dad, Dr. Carlos Jimenez is a vet and Ryan attributes his interest in becoming a theriogenologist (a vet specializing in reproduction including embryo transfer and artificial insemination) to his experiences growing up. His interest in the breed led him to start, with a few friends, the Young KWPN NA group. Open to people between 15 and 30 who want to share information, get to know other Dutch Warmblood breeders and riders, and attend events and other educational opportunities. Right now, the group is putting together two teams (16-19 and 20-25) to join them for the International Young Breeders Competition being held in Calgary. For more information, email Ryan at youngkwpn@gmail.com or ryanclydep@aol.com

Performance Division Begins

The Performance Division began in the Gold Ring with the USEF YH 4 Year Old Test, won by Silva Martin on Electric with a score of 79.400. The FEI YH Test for 5 Year Old Final was won by Giuliano B (Bon Bravour x Mondilia), ridden by Karin Persson with a score of 82.00. The FEI YH Test was won by Don Cesar (Desperados x Manhattan), ridden by Cesar Parra, with a score of 78.200.

In the Dixon, the USEF Fourth Level of Choice (class 101A) was won by Royale (Routinier x Infinitive), ridden by Meagan Davis with a score of 69.257. The USEF Fourth Level of Choice (class 101B) was also won by Meagan Davis, this time on Damocles HLF with a score of 71.284.

The performance division swings into full gear on Friday with 4, 5, and 6 year old tests, the FEI Pony Team Test, Young Riders Team Test, the Prix St Georges and much more.

For more information, visit www.dressageatdevon.org.

About Dressage at Devon

Dressage at Devon (www.dressageatdevon.org) has been a premier North American Equestrian event since its founding in 1975. It combines world-class dressage competition and the world's largest open breed show with the international Fall Festival show and special activities for the entire family. The six-day event attracts hundreds of riders from around the world and thousands of spectators. Dressage at Devon is a 501(c) (3) PA non-profit organization, benefitting equine education.

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