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September 30, 2018 (Devon, PA) – The horses were great. Young Rider and Adult Amateur Freestyles follow Intermediate classes and more. But at 11, Dressage at Devon inaugurated its first Blessing of the Animals led by Father Douglas McKay from Our House Ministries in Philadelphia. Spectators and competitors with their dogs joined foster parents and dogs from All4Paws Rescue, for this inaugural event.

“This is a great organization and we are very pleased to announce that All4Paws Rescue will be a beneficiary of the 2018 Dressage at Devon,” said Robbie Kankus, Chair of the Board.

On the heels of the dogs, came more than 30 competitors in the increasingly popular Stick Horse contest. Even pro-rider Tom Dvorak joined in the fun. The judges just couldn’t decide and all went home with Dressage at Devon ribbons!

The USEF Fourth Level Tests were featured in the Wheeler Sunday morning. Test 2 was won by Jannike Gray on Ravanti C with a score of 67.36. Ravanti is owned by Dr. Anke Oltt Young of New Canaan, CT. Test 3 was won by Claire Hodges on Leniero (Jungh.n.gek/Eleganz f.m.) with a score of 68.50.

Every sport counts on young people to sustain and grow the sport. We are very lucky to have many young people who have taken an interest and pursued their interest in Dressage. Why? Amelia Devine, winner of the FEI Junior Individual Test CDIJ on Gisolt V, states said that she “switched from hunter/jumpers to dressage when she was 12 years

old.” Amelia and her younger sister Hannah Devine, winner of the FEI Pony Individual Test CDIP on her pony Masterpiece, agree they grew up in the world of Dressage.

Christina Devine, mother to Amelia and Hannah, is a Dressage at Devon competitor as well, on her horse Sundower, and allowed her daughters to follow in her footsteps. Both of the young riders began their riding careers jumping, but realized that their heart and passion rested with Dressage, similar to their mother. The Devine sisters had phenomenal rides yesterday in their respected divisions, taking the blue in both.

The competition ended with the FEI Intermediaire I Freestyle CDI\*3,

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The ring is empty now, vendors and volunteers are packing up. It was a great show and next year promises to be even better.