

Dressage Explorers' Day

Sunday, September 30, 2018



Dressage at Devon



Cavalry Units from the USA and Canada Together for the first time!

Demonstrations of Military Maneuvers and Mounted Exhibitions

Dressage at Devon is very proud to host the **First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry**, the oldest continually running cavalry unit in the US along with the **Governor General's Horse Guard Cavalry Squadron**, the oldest running cavalry troop in Canada – riding together for the first time!

The **First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry** is a purely volunteer cavalry troop, the first organized in defense of the colonies in 1774. Today the Troop is certainly the oldest mounted military unit and quite possibly the oldest military unit of any kind that has been in continuous service to the Republic.



The **Governor General's Horse Guard Cavalry Squadron** was reformed in 1956 by members of the Regiment who, upon returning from war, wished to maintain the Regiment's cavalry skills and traditions.

The Squadron participates in a number of ceremonial functions such as parades and guard duties. The Squadron will perform a number of demonstration rides, including tent-pegging with the sword and lance. This is a military maneuver used to catch the enemy off guard by pulling the pegs of their tents – with the enemy in them - and then attacking. They will demonstrate during the break on Sunday.

In addition, members of regional mounted police will be on hand demonstrating their talents and experience on horseback.

Events for the day:

- **Cavalry rides and exhibitions**
- Listen in! **Dressage with the Experts**
- **Selfie Scavenger Hunt.** Take a photo of our special spots, Prizes!
- **Make and Take Stick Horse**
- **Stick Horse Centerline** Bring your own or make one with us
- Watch the sport's rising stars, **young riders** ages 16 to 25 classes.
- **Blessing of the Animals**
- **All4Paws Rescue event**



Stick Horses Invade the Dixon Oval!



Have you always want to ride down the centerline in the Dixon Oval on your favorite steed? Young or old, here is your opportunity! The Stick Horse Competition is open to all riders - all you need is your stick horse. Sign up at the Secretary's office before 12:00, then listen for the announcer to call the class.

Make & Take Stick Horse

Don't have a stick horse? Get creative and make one with us. We supply the "horse" and all the trimmings to deck-out your Grand Prix mount for the Dixon Oval. Head to the Dixon Club, under the main grandstand, 11:00 until 12:00 Follow the signs to the work shop.



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DAD is pleased to host this event with **All4Paws Rescue**, a foster-based, all-breed, no-kill animal rescue based in Chester Springs, PA. All 4 Paws offers rescue, rehabilitation and sanctuary to animals in need. All pets are housed in foster homes but spectators at Dressage at Devon can meet some of these trained and socialized dogs at Dressage at Devon on Sunday the 30th.



Blessing of the Animals

Dressage at Devon is very pleased to inaugurate the annual Blessing of the Animals, taking place in the famed Dixon Oval, at approximately 10 am. The community is invited to bring their leashed (no retractable leashes, please), under-control pets. (Please, no dogs that are not well-socialized with their canine friends.) Father Douglas McKay from Saint Gabriel's Parish in Philadelphia will provide the blessing – especially for four-legged friends.

Selfie Scavenger Hunt—Win A DAD gift at the Souvenir Shop

How good of a sleuth are you? Hidden throughout the show grounds are five bright yellow DAD Selfie Signs. Find all five signs and take your selfie with each sign. When you have all the selfies, head over to the Souvenir Shop and show your selfies to a DAD staff member to receive an exclusive DAD prize (participants must be 21 or younger). *Please present all selfies to the Gift Shop by 2:00 pm*



Want to learn what really makes a great performance? View Sunday's Classes & Hear Dressage With The Experts

An exciting enhancement for your visit is being offered by Dressage at Devon and FLR Sports Radio. An over-ear style personal receiver will allow you to follow all the commentary of some of the foremost experts in the world of dressage. Listen as they comment, give personal opinion and insight into the horse and rider during their performances. Learn exactly why the judges give the scores they do.

Enjoy listening and watching from the grandstand or throughout the grounds - the digital FM radio receivers can be used anywhere on the show grounds to listen to the expert's comments. It's easy. Pick up your radio at the DVE/Information Booth on the right as you enter the main gate and drop it off at the gate on the way out.

Special pricing of \$10 for the day. Sunday's exciting classes to watch:

- FEI Pony Freestyle Test
- FEI Intermediaire I Freestyle
- FEI Intermediaire B for Amature
- FEI Junior Freestyle
- FEI Intermediate B
- FEI Intermediaire I Freestyle for Amatures
- FEI Young Rider Freestyle
- FEI Children's Individual Test
- FEI U-25 Grand Prix Freestyle

Sunday's performances feature the sport's rising stars, young riders from 16 to 25. These include the FEI Pony Freestyle Test, the FEI Young Rider Freestyle and much more.

