



Looking to the Future!

By Stephanie Severn, WDCTA President

With December rolling in, it ushers in the final year for me as president of WDCTA. I can hardly believe three years have flown by so fast!

I think I speak for most of us when I say, I'm not going to be sad to see 2020 in the rear-view mirror! With the pandemic, this year has certainly been full of challenges. That said, those of us on the WDCTA Board have been working on several projects we can accomplish via phone and computer.

Mission-Vision-Purpose

I've been pushing hard for WDCTA to establish a Mission, Vision, and Purpose for the 21st century, and I am happy to say, we have all three! While some may say that it seems silly to have to write down our reason for existence, mission and vision statements establish the long-term direction and goals that guide a nonprofit's operations. They provide a foundation for a nonprofit's programs, services, communications, organization and culture. They will help guide future board members through decision-making and strategic planning processes long into the future. Our mission, vision and purpose statements are here and, of course, will also be listed on our website.

Our **Mission and Vision** are simple and focus on our members. Both lead into the **Purpose** of WDCTA, which is slightly longer, and focuses not only on members, but also our educational and social responsibility to our horses, our federation and the public. (See sidebar.)

Mission

Inspire and support our members' dressage and eventing dreams.

Vision

To be a member-driven organization, providing inspirational and educational opportunities in the disciplines of dressage and eventing, that encourages and supports our members and their riding dreams.

Purpose

WDCTA, as a GMO of the USDF, is an educational non-profit organization that promotes systematic and correct dressage and eventing training; fair and humane horsemanship and care; and a valued partnership with our horses. We focus on educational events centering on time-honored training systems, promote member educational opportunities through our scholarship program, electronic publications and online social media, recognize member accomplishments, and foster camaraderie through our equine social events. We work closely with our national dressage and eventing federations to support their efforts to promote dressage and eventing and ensure the welfare of our horses in these disciplines to the public.

In Other News...

Due to the pandemic, USDF has moved the annual convention to entirely virtual, and it's FREE for USDF members to attend any of the sessions. I sincerely hope many of you are able to use this opportunity to listen in or even participate in many of the meetings. Having attended many conventions in person, I continue to be amazed at how much I learn every year. And this year, you can do this all from the comfort of your own computer and home! So kick back, put on your most comfy pajamas, robe, and slippers, grab a glass of your favorite wine (or whatever your pleasure), and make the most of it. I have signed up for the various BOG (Board of Governor) meetings, GMO sessions, and a few other fun meetings. (Yes, I wrote fun!)

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Renew and Re-Ignite for 2021

Rolling back around to 2021, if you haven't already done so, you need to renew your WDCTA membership now, as our membership year begins Dec. 1. Membership chair, Diane Brault, has sent out her renewal reminder emails. Many have already renewed, but if you haven't, please take a second to fill out your form and drop it in the mail with your check, or easier yet, renew online via our website and Paypal. So easy!

The Board is working diligently on additional items. A few years ago, we started our policies and procedures document, and we continue to go through and enhance it periodically. We have been working for several months on some updates that will be beneficial to running the daily

tasks for the organization, as well as making it easier for new officers, committee members, and event organizers to learn the ropes.

Member of the Year Nominations Due

I would be remiss if I did not take a paragraph to call out two things. First, we are looking for nominations for 2020 Member of the Year. Nominations should be made in writing (and an email is fine) and sent by Feb. 1 to WDCTA secretary, Melinda DeLuca, at secretary@wdcta.org. Second, we will be having our annual meeting and awards banquet in March, and this will be a virtual event again for the obvious reason: pandemic. Stay tuned for all the details!

Happy Holidays everyone. Stay healthy and happy! On to 2021!

Help Grow Our GMO!

WDCTA is looking for new members! You can help—and earn a chance to be rewarded!

Beginning Dec. 1, you can earn **one** chance to win a WDCTA saddle pad for **each** new member you refer who joins WDCTA by Nov. 30, 2021. The more new members you get to join, the greater chance to win.

Rules for the drawing for the Free Pass are as follows:

1. A “new” member is defined as someone who was not a WDCTA member in 2020.
2. The new member must include your name as his or her Referring Person on the membership form when they send it in. We will not be adding referral names retroactively, after the membership form has already been submitted.
3. Referring members must be current 2021 adult members of WDCTA to qualify for this drawing.
4. New members who joined **before** this announcement, who **already** included the name of his/her referring member,



will automatically have his/her referring member's name included in the drawing.

5. A successful referral of one Individual or Business membership will give you one chance in the drawing. A successful referral of a Junior or Young Rider (birth date must be included on his/her application form!) will earn you **two** chances in the drawing! A

successful Family membership will earn you one chance for the new adult members plus two chances for each qualifying Junior or Young Rider! (Again, birth dates are required for Juniors and Young Riders.)

6. There is no limit to how many entries you can earn by successful

referrals of new people who join WDCTA!

7. **All new memberships and payments must be received by Nov. 30, 2021!**

So, hurry! Talk to your friends and boarding buddies who may be interested in the many benefits of being a WDCTA member. Encourage them to join! **You could be our winner!**



Caryn Vesperman Editor

All advertisements, articles and photographs (with photo release) should be submitted by the 15th of the preceding month of publication, unless you make prior arrangements for additional time.

Calendar of events will appear in both the eQuarter and on the WDCTA website.

Payment for advertisements should be submitted via PayPal through the WDCTA website (wdcta.org) or mailed with a check made out to WDCTA and mailed to the editor.

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Maintaining Enthusiasm and Positivity in Tough Times

It's been a tough year to maintain enthusiasm with the shortened show season, the US Dressage Finals cancelled, and most educational events postponed or shuttered completely.

You may be wondering why continue with membership if we may not be able to offer our educational and social events. That's a good question, especially for those who have been significantly affected by unemployment or reduction in work hours/pay. Of course, the choice to not rejoin is clear and understandable for those who have to choose between meeting personal and family expenses with no or little room for extras. For the others, hopefully there's still a desire to support the organization through thick and thin, as well as support the trainers/instructors, stables, breeders and businesses who advertise here. Then there's the optimism that we WILL be able to offer educational and social events in 2021 —perhaps with limitations, but at least something!

The WDCTA state and chapter boards have had to make sure they continue to lead as positively as possible during these times. There have been few to no opportunities to interact beyond Zoom meetings and teleconferences. On the bright side, with board members stuck in the house more than usual, we've been able to make good progress on the "unglamorous" responsibilities of our positions, such as developing our mission, vision and purpose statements and updating of our policies and procedures manual. These documents are critical as long-time state and chapter board members move on and new people step up to handle the responsibilities. These documents will help them, as well as our general membership, know what we're up to.

So keep the faith! WDCTA has been around for decades and was one of the very first members of the USDF. Its state and chapter boards are not going to give up on it that easily. We hope you won't either.

Stay safe during the holidays, and we'll "see" you (one way or another) in 2021!

Caryn

ANNOUNCED ON NOV. 19

The 2021 **Midwest Horse Fair** has been cancelled, due to catastrophic effects of Covid-19, increased hospitalizations and overwhelmed intensive care units. The Alliant Energy Center will be used for emergency deployment of testing and upcoming vaccinations through at least April 30, 2021. For more details, contact the Wisconsin Horse Council.

Christmas Gift Idea!

Horses Never Lie The Heart of Passive Leadership

By Mark Rashid

Book Review by Diane Brault

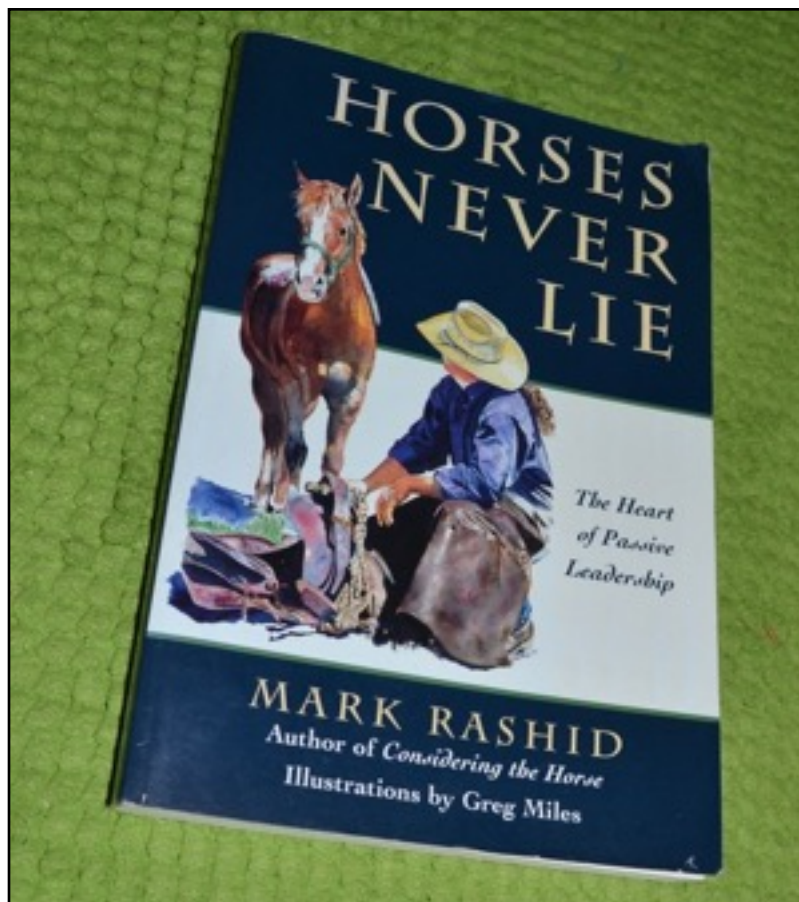
Mark Rashid is a lifelong horseman and learner, author and popular clinician. You may have heard of his first book, *Considering the Horse*, or watched him at the Midwest Horse Fair years back.

His training philosophies revolve around seeing life through the horse's viewpoint and developing a strong, but not forceful, relationship with the horse as a cornerstone of training. Mark is a thoughtful horseman who treats each horse as a individual. He does not subscribe to the "one size fits all" or the "do it because I say so" methods of training. Instead, he holds constant a set of values and principles, learns from each horse, and develops techniques that are effective for each individual animal.

In this book, Mark takes you on his journey of learning how to be the best possible leader for his horses.

He identifies two kinds of leaders in typical herd life – the "alpha" leader and the "passive" leader.

The alpha leader is the one that "rules the roost" through fear, intimidation and sometimes violence. In my tiny herd of three little Arab mares, Sheeta is the alpha horse (learned it from her dam). Sheeta dominates others by being a bully, especially at feeding time (surprise, surprise!). For example, when I bring out their hay in the wheelbarrow, she chases the other two down to the far end of the paddock. Then she happily trots over to escort me to the first spot where I'll deposit a flake, sneaking a few whisps of hay along the way. Once all the piles have been spread out, Sheeta's ears swivel back, her neck stretches out long and low, nostrils flatten, and her lips purse as she strolls (or should I say, "stalks") over to each flake to sample each and assert her dominance. The others know to give her a wide berth until she settles down. If anyone isn't paying attention, she'll reinforce her autocratic rule with bared teeth, snaking neck, and maybe a charge, bite or kick. The other two mares wisely fear her and have lost chunks of hair and gained occasional injuries from "the wicked witch of



the west." I'm sure you have seen many similar situations.

Mark has observed a different kind of leader in many herds. It is the horse who doesn't try to lead, but is low key, safe and friendly to be around. It leads by example and allows its herd mates the choice to follow its lead or not. It never tries to force another horse to do anything. The others feel safe and secure around this horse, with no worries about being bullied or attacked. Others trust it and generally like to be around this mellow horse, and follow it for those reasons. Kind of sounds like the relationship between a mother and its foal, doesn't it? For lack of a better word, Mark calls that being a "passive" leader, as opposed to an aggressive one. Passive leadership is the kind of leadership Mark explores in this book and aspires to be with all of the horses he works with. Passive leadership helps create trust, relaxation, willing obedience, joy and exuberance in the horse/human relationship.

Mark tells very interesting stories about his experiences along the road of learning to be a passive leader. The stories are engagingly written as he explains in detail his thought processes. He tries to understand where his horse is coming from, realizing that it generally has a very different point of view than its rider. Understanding that helps Mark become calm

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and quiet so the horse notices his calm confidence and begins to look to him for help in fearful or uncomfortable situations. As this grows, the horse learns to trust Mark and actively choose Mark as its leader. That leads to his horse being willing and happy to comply with Mark's requests (the joy in working with horses).

For example, Mark shares a story about one of his mentors watching a couple of bunnies. They were playing around like wild youngsters often do and became too tired to be able to get away from a hunting coyote.

Yep, they became the canine's lunch! Here's the connection Mark's mentor made between the young rabbits and horses: Mark had gotten irritated by days of effort trying to get a lazy horse to move out. Watching his mentor hop on the same horse, canter off and do flying changes effortlessly really frustrated him! (How many times have we had the same experience?) His mentor helped him see that prey animals (like those rabbits and our horses) need to conserve their energy in the wild because they never know when they might need that energy to escape from a predator. What? Being "lazy" might be an instinctual survival skill for our horses?

If that's so, then how do we motivate a "lazy" horse to move? (Put on a wolf costume?) Spurs and whips, tools often relied upon by "alpha" humans, may work with the average horse, but a price may be paid in willingness and attitude. Some, like my Left Brain Introvert, Sheeta, will either totally ignore my assertive efforts or she'll fight me for all she's worth! I've experienced both, and neither are fun nor successful.

Another alternative that Mark learned is to give the horse a purpose for doing what you ask. For example, when you want to work on backing, you can ask your horse to back in or out of its stall, the aisle, the arena, etc.. The horse will see the reason for doing it and will learn more quickly and more willingly. Another technique to motivate your horse is to intensify your focus by aiming your body and your eyes where you want to go and bringing up the energy and posture in your body before you even ask your horse to bring up its energy. A Left Brain Introvert, like my very low energy Sheeta, needs three things to give her best. She needs to know that there is an end point to where I'm asking her to go. She won't tolerate endless circles. She needs to be rewarded when she gets to that end point.



Diane's horse, Sheeta, escorts her husband Terry in the paddock, snitching some hay on the way, guarding the hay from the rest of the herd Sheeta is an example of an alpha leader.

Her reward can be in the form of a rest, a scratch or stroking, or a food treat. The greater her effort, the greater her reward. Lastly, she needs me to keep her brain occupied so she doesn't get bored (read: LOTS of transitions of all types!). She has a hierarchy of methods of letting me know when she's bored—grinding teeth, head tossing, shying then bucking. Using all of the techniques above has transformed her from hating to work, to willingly being more forward and doing what I ask her under saddle. Her attitude is not quite happy, yet, but at least it's more contented instead of resistant, bitchy and angry! We are on the right track to develop joy, exuberance and expressiveness! If you have a horse like Sheeta, give Mark's concepts a try for a while and see what happens.

Another situation where considering the horse's point of view is when a horse freaks out when asked for increased speed. Consider what may be causing the horse to become worried. Did she have a bad experience in the past with slippery footing or an unbalanced rider that may have caused it to fall? Does the horse have the balance required to handle a rider at greater speeds? Are you mistaking exuberance for fear? Did it have a timid rider who hauled on her mouth whenever it cantered off? Who knows? What is for sure is that it is not the horse's fault. As many of us have noticed, simply insisting on keeping the horse at the desired higher speed until it either "Gets it" or tires out doesn't often result in a permanent fix. Instead, Mark recommends dealing with the cause first, if you know it. If you don't know what initiated the fear, slow way down. Go back to the longe line and see if the horse is able to trot, then canter in circles without getting wound up. If it can, it may be an issue related to picking up speed with a rider on its back. Consider what the rider can change to help the horse.

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Next up is trying to avoid allowing her to get wound up by softly asking her to pick up speed. Read her behavior carefully and gently ask her to slow down the moment it even thinks about getting worried! Smile, be gentle, and stay calm yourself. If you are worried or tense, you will make your horse feel the same. Keep the horse at a slow speed as long as it takes to calm down. Remain at that speed long enough for the horse to almost forget about that worrisome situation. If you notice it licking and chewing on the bit, you'll know it is processing what is going on. Repeat the soft increase in speed, the soft, calm downward transition just before the horse begins to worry, the long, slow calm down ride before beginning again. This process will help the horse relax and gain confidence in its abilities. It will also play a big part in developing trust in you, as it learns that you are helping it be calm by not letting it get to the point of becoming fearful. Pay close attention to the horse's frame of mind. It may run out of emotional or physical energy before you want to quit. Quit, then! Rome wasn't built in a day, as they say. You may need a number of sessions before your horse learns what it needs to be calm and relaxed at that speed. This is great relationship building!

Another of Mark's important training principles is we should reward the slightest try. I've heard this many times, but was never sure of just how to identify "the slightest try." Mark broke it down into small steps so I was finally able to get a handle on it. First, you have to be able to have a really good ability to "feel" your horse. One way he suggested to improve your "feel" is to mount your horse in a safe, enclosed space. At a halt, close your eyes and very, very slowly pick up your reins while carefully feeling for any movement in your horse's mouth: tongue movement, jaw movement, pressure the horse is putting on your fingers, the softening of the horse to your pressure. Slowly ease out the reins, then repeat slowly shortening them again. Keeping your eyes closed the whole time (as long as you feel safe!) eliminates the distraction of sight and heightens your awareness of what is happening in your horse's body. This is a great way to develop or check your "feel" of your horse!

If you feel ready, with your eyes closed, softly ask your horse to walk. What happened in your horse's mouth? Did it soften to your fingers? Did it resist your fingers and push against your hands? Did the horse escape your contact completely by getting behind the bit? How does its neck and back feel? Walk on if you feel comfortable, and try to feel if your horse is turning or going straight. Open your eyes for a moment. Were you correct? You might want to loosen your reins a bit to allow the horse more freedom of direction. Take a peek again to check your prediction—and watch out for any fences!

Now that you've improved your sense of feel, it's time to apply that to "rewarding the slightest try." At a halt with



Barbie swats her tail in a weak defensive move as Sheeta, again in the role of alpha, ups the ante and chases her off.

eyes closed again, very slowly close one finger at a time, starting with your pinkies, then your ring fingers, etc. Stop and stay at the amount of pressure you think is your ideal. Wait for your horse's mouth to begin to respond. Is there resistance or give? If there is resistance, do NOT try to force the horse to give by adding more pressure! Instead, try to maintain your ideal amount of pressure and wait, wait, wait. If it doesn't yet understand the concept of softening to the bit or is trying to evade your contact, it may try lots of other things, such as sticking its tongue out, sticking its nose out, twisting its head, opening its mouth, and so on. Allow it to search for the right answer. At the very moment you first feel its mouth soften and give a little to the reins, immediately reward your horse by ending your pressure and giving it some time to process what just went on. With practice, concentration and eyes closed, you may notice more and more subtle signs that tell you your horse is giving you very small "tries." Maybe it's no longer raising its head. Maybe you are finally able to notice it softening its jaw. Noticing and rewarding these very small efforts will help your horse progress faster, become more relaxed in your care, and enjoy being with you! You'll be on the road to being a "passive" leader and having your horse choose you as its leader!

The end results of becoming a "passive" leader can include that your horse learns to look for your guidance in tense situations. It becomes worried or scared less and less often because it knows you'll avoid putting it into dicey situations, and you'll take care of it whenever it's needed. Your horse will find safety, confidence and comfort in you. Your horse will want to be with you and choose you to be its leader.

I hope I've piqued your interest in Mark Rashid's ideas and his entertaining and easy to understand writing style. If you are attracted to the kinds of concepts I've briefly presented here, I hope you pick up a copy and read this book.

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all our wonderful clients...*

Lisa & "Pami":

Congratulations to Lisa & Pami on competing at I-2 this year! Such a great accomplishment! So excited to see what 2021 brings!



John Borys Photography photo

Mary & "Amador":

Congratulations to Mary on competing at 4th & PSG levels and earning her USDF Silver Medal! Looking forward to more fun in 2021!



Mia & "Prince":

Congratulations to Mia & Prince on competing First level and qualifying for Regionals in 2021! Here is to more fun in 2021!!



John Borys Photography photo

"Pami" with Megan:

Congratulations to Pami! He competed a full season at FEI Grand Prix with Megan! He came 3rd in the country in the All Breeds Awards!



Phyllis Photo Design photo

Jenna:

Congratulations to Jenna on her first season competing in the sport of dressage! She also earned her USDF Bronze medal! Sky's the limit!



Phyllis Photo Design photo

It has been another wonderful year for the show team and individual progress!

...for their loyalty
and commitment!

Jenny & "Larry":

Congratulations to Jenny & Larry on competing at 3rd level and earning a qualifying score towards Regionals! Here is to more training!



Crystal & "Byrd":

Congratulations to Crystal and Byrd, who is owned by Susan Neiprt! They competed at Regionals and earned 4th place at 2nd level & 9th place at 1st Level! Congratulations to Crystal for earning her USDF Bronze medal! Looking forward to 2021!



Erin & "Bayless":

Congratulations to Erin & Bayless for their first show season together! Congratulations to Erin on earning her USDF Bronze medal! Can't wait for 2021!



Susanne & "Cappucine":

Congratulations to Susanne & Cappucine on another fantastic year! USDF AHS Second Level AA Horse of the Year!! Congratulations to Susanne on earning your USDF Bronze medal and a very successful Regionals at 2nd and 3rd levels!! Ready to rock 2021!



Jane & "Nigt":

Congratulations to Jane and Nigt on a successful competition season. They earned 8th place at 1st level and 9th place at 2nd level in their championships at their first Regional Championships! Looking forward to seeing them capture the Bronze in 2021!



Thank you ...


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Calendar of Events

WDCTA Events

May 16

Junior/Young Rider Clinic:

Ride-a-Test/Fix-a-Test

Judge: Caryn Vesperman, "r"

Location: Beomor Farm

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Fitchburg, WI 53575

(just south of Madison beltline)

Contact: Mary Barr,

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Postponed (Date TBD)

Laura Graves Symposium

Organizer: WDCTA Southwest Chapter

Location: Alliant Energy Center, Madison

Contact: www.wdcta.org



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Will teach through 2nd level, earned USDF Bronze medal. Served on USDF education committee, USEF steward. Will travel.

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FEI trainer, USDF-certified instructor thru 4th Level, 2014 national champion with Kingsley. USDF Gold, Silver, Bronze medalist, all USDF bars. Competed four horses at GP. Competed successfully at Dressage at Devon and West Coast Festival. Year-end USDF, USEF, WDCTA awards. 15+ years teaching experience. Students competed through GP, earned rider awards and medals. Travel for lessons and clinics.

Katie Miller
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12 years of classical dressage experience, ridden through 4th level, earned USDF Bronze medal. Avid trail rider. Continuing education w/ Grand Prix trainer. Bachelors degree in teaching, specializing in teaching balanced riding from beginner to intermediate. School horses available. Will travel.

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40+ years of teaching experience. British Horse Society instructor certification. USDF "L" graduate with distinction. USDF Associate Certified Instructor. USDF Silver Medal. Shown through Prix St. George. Will teach through 4th Level. Specialize in teaching horses and riders correct basics. Will travel.

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 ___ **Upper Peninsula** (Upper Michigan and northern WI)
 ___ **Central** (Portage, Green Bay, Stevens Point, and central area)
 ___ **Kettle Moraine** (Milwaukee, Sheboygan, FDL and southeast WI)

* Age as of January 1

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION AND FEES (Includes the \$4 increase for USDF.)

- \$164 BUSINESS Membership** – Includes one USDF Group membership; emailed newsletter; one voting privilege; recognition & business card in eQuester, listing & logo on WDCTA website. Also, INCLUDES Stable, Instructor, Breeder & Business listings (choose one or all four) in eQuester & website.
- \$64 FAMILY Membership** - Includes one USDF group membership; emailed newsletter; two voting privileges. USDF requires that an additional USDF membership be purchased for each additional family member. Add \$10 for each additional family member.
 - \$10** Add'l family member name _____ Birth date if age 21 or less _____
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- \$52 INDIVIDUAL Membership** (Age 18 & over) . Includes one USDF group membership; emailed newsletter; one voting privilege.
- \$39 JUNIOR Membership** -- Birth date _____ (must be age 17 or less as of January 1st. Do not use in conjunction with a Family Membership. Includes one USDF group membership; emailed newsletter; one voting privilege.

As a member of WDCTA, I may choose to volunteer for Association responsibilities or activities. I expressly agree that my services are being provided as a volunteer and that I am not an employee of the Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training Association. I am neither entitled to nor expect any present or future salary, wages, or other benefits for these volunteer services. I agree to abide by the WDCTA Standard of Conduct: to act honestly, fairly, ethically and with integrity and treat all WDCTA members with respect and courtesy.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

WDCTA STABLE, INSTRUCTOR, BREEDER, BUSINESS LISTINGS -- Listings on website & eQuester. **Must fill out listing form available on WDCTA website and include payment.** (These listings are free when purchasing a Business Membership.)

- \$10 Stable listing \$10 Instructor listing \$10 Breeder listing \$10 Business listing \$35 for all four listings

Make check payable to WDCTA & mail to Diane Brault, 5184 County Road HH, Barneveld, WI 53507
membership@wdcta.org or 608-924-1808

Date Received _____	Check # _____	Amount \$ _____
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Stable, Instructor, Breeder and Business Listing Form

For only \$10 per category or \$35 for all four, you can have your stable, instructor, breeder or business listing appear in the eQuester newsletter and on the WDCTA website. This advertising is for WDCTA members only. Must be a WDCTA member to be listed.

(Please limit your information to 35 words per category.)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: STABLE INSTRUCTOR BREEDER BUSINESS

MEMBER NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STABLE/BUSINESS NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STABLE FACILITY FEATURES: (OUTDOOR/INDOOR ARENA, TURNOUT, LOUNGE, WASH STALL, TRAILS, LESSONS AVAILABLE)

BREEDER INFORMATION: (STANDING STALLIONS, BLOODLINES, BREEDS, ETC.)

BUSINESS INFORMATION: (TYPE OF BUSINESS, DAYS OPEN, HOURS, LOCATION, ETC.)

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION: (COMPLETE BELOW)

EQUESTRIAN EDUCATION BACKGROUND: (DO NOT INCLUDE NAMES UNLESS PROVIDING WRITTEN PROOF OF PERMISSION)

YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE: _____

LEVELS WILL TEACH: _____

LEVEL OF RIDING EXPERIENCE: _____

SCHOOL HORSES AVAILABLE: YES _____ NO _____

WILL TRAVEL: YES _____ NO _____

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: YES _____ NO _____

AWARDS EARNED:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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*Only WDCTA members can be listed.
One name per instructor listing.*



**COMPLETE FORM AND
SEND PAYMENT TO:**

Diane Brault
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608-455-1037
membership@wdcta.org

Instructor/Trainer Profile

For WDCTA Members Only

These questions are only to get the ideas for your profile started. Use as many of them as you want, and add others as needed. Email or mail this sheet and additional pages. The editor will follow up with any additional questions or clarifications.

Please submit some photos of yourself, facility, horses, etc. to:

Caryn Vesperman, newsletter editor
W1619 King Road, Brooklyn, WI 53521
newsletter@wdcta.org



Name: _____
Address: _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____
Phone(s): _____
Website: _____ **Email** _____

Teach dressage, jumping, both: _____ **Riding Since Age:** _____

Background History:

Current and Past Instructors/Mentors:

Horses -- Past and Current:

Your Showing/Riding Accomplishments:

Students' Accomplishments:

If you own your facility, describe:

Dream or What Inspires/Motivates You:

Interesting or Amusing Personal Story:

Riding/Training Philosophy or "Motto" or Belief You Try to Pass to Students:

Anything Else?



eQuester Advertising Rates

Mechanicals:

Ad size below. Photos should be submitted as jpegs. Or, mail to editor for scanning. Include self-addressed, stamped envelope for its return.

Deadline:

All calendar submissions, ads and payment must be received by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Make checks out to WDCTA.

WDCTA members receive special rate (in **ORANGE).**
See calendar information at bottom of page.

Editor Contact Info:

Caryn Vesperman
newsletter@wdcta.org
W1619 King Road
Brooklyn, WI 53521

Description	1 x	6 x	12 x
Business Card 3.5 x 2": In <i>eQuester</i> newsletter with link to email OR website.	\$10 (\$9)	\$50 (\$45)	\$100 (\$90)
Classified Ad Up to 50 words. In <i>eQuester</i> newsletter with link to email OR website.	\$5 (\$4)	\$25 (\$20)	\$50 (\$45)
Quarter Page 3.5 x 5": In <i>eQuester</i> newsletter with links to email OR website.	\$15 (\$12)	\$85 (\$70)	\$150 (\$135)
Half Page 7.5 x 5" or 3.75 x 10": In <i>eQuester</i> newsletter with links to email AND website.	\$20 (\$15)	\$100 (\$90)	\$195 (\$175)
Full Page 7.5 x 10": In <i>eQuester</i> newsletter with links to email AND website.	\$40 (\$35)	\$150 (\$175)	\$300 (\$350)
Website Banner Ad 180x150 pixels, and can be a .jpg, .gif or .png	N/A	\$200 (\$150)	\$400 (\$300)

eQuester and Website Calendar of Events Submissions: *For WDCTA members only. (Up to 20 words).*

INCLUDE THIS: Date > Event > Location > Contact (Name/Phone/Email) > WDCTA-Sponsored Event (Yes/No)

WDCTA Event: Link to organizer's email and registration form, if applicable

NON-WDCTA-Sponsored Event: Link to organizer's email only.

Member-hosted private riding clinics cannot be advertised in the newsletter at this time.