## **THE DS CLUB**

### **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

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## **TREC World Championships**

The TREC World Championships took place in Lamotte-Beuvron, France from August 25 to 27, 2022. This much anticipated competition drew 116 competitors from 14 countries divided into three divisions - Juniors, Young Riders, and Seniors - and had 8 full teams.

The French had another exceptional showing winning the 5 gold medals with Spain, Austria, and Italy all placing. All of the results have been shared to the DS TREC Club Facebook Page.

Here's to having an American team at the 2024 World Cup!

The DS Club is offering a '**Boot Camp'** twice weekly. This group exercise time will be focused on riding specific exercises inspired by Daniel Steward's wonderful clinic on Pressure Proofing the riders and building their physical strength. Join fellow riders for a scheduled fun workout!

#### **SQUARE**

A square horse has its legs in such a position as to be .parallel to each other and evenly spaced.

#### **IN-HAND**

Working with a horse from the ground with a lead or a bridle.

#### GRADE

A grade horse is a mixed breed horse.

If they were a dog they would be called a mutt.

## Calendar

September 18th CVDA Dressage at GMHA 25th TREC Obstacles & COP at Delaney Stables

> October 22nd Hunter Pace at GMHA

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LOTS of members days happening at GMHA over the next two months!

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DS Club Boot Camp Tuesdays 5 to 6 pm Saturdays

9 to 10 am

#### **IMMOBILE**

Standing completely still

Motionless

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## **Barn Notes**

#### Welcome Peanut

Peanut is the latest addition to the DS herd. He is a 2 year old grade gelding that came to Jill through interesting circumstances. He is very kind and willing although his prior education was limited.



Peanut

Peanut has been working on leading correctly both next to, behind, and on both sides of his handler, listening to verbal cues, standing on cross-ties, picking up and holding up his feet, and generally being respectful.

Over the course of this fall, Peanut will learn to lunge, carry a saddle, accept a bridle, stand at a mounting block, be mounted & dismounted from both sides, and walk/trot with a rider on his back. When he is secure in his knowledge of these skills, he will have the winter off to grow and play.

In honor of our new addition, in each newsletter we will address a question that comes up regularly in our Peanut Gallery.

### **Barn Notes Continued**

DS is again offering the After School Program (ASP). These group lessons are an excellent introduction for kids who learn by watching as well as doing.

Tuesdays (through the Hartland Rec Dept) from 3:00 to 4:00. Contact/price info: 802-436-2790

Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:15. Fees: Oct \$120,Nov \$120, Dec \$90. Contact info: 802-484-3138 DelaneyStables@gmail.com

# The Peanut Gallery

#### "Why are those horses blindfolded?"

In the summer-time many horses wear fly masks which look like a blindfold when viewed from a distance. If you have the opportunity, try putting the "blindfold" up to your eyes to see how well this clever design works to help keep those pesky summer flies out of the



eyes of horses while not impeding their vision.

# **Monthly Challenge - Mounting**

**Purpose** - To mount your horse quickly, quietly, and gracefully

**Set-up** - A two meter circle with a mounting block. Stirrups up or crossed over unless you are riding with fenders. Start in-hand.

**Ideal** - Walk your horse into the circle, halt at mounting block, mount with horse standing immobile until both your feet are in the stirrups. Best score if it's done in less than 15 seconds from when the horses first hoof crosses the circle line.

**Training Tip** - Practice the timing of the halt at the mounting block making sure your horse is square for a balanced mount.

TREC - In the sport of TREC you may be required to mount from the ground or the off-side.



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## **Moving Forward**

The DS Club newsletter will go out quarterly to everyone. If you enjoy it and would like to support all our activities, please become a member! Your small membership fee (\$40 per year) will help us continue to develop the Sport of TREC in the Northeast, bring the fun Boot Camp to more people, help us all develop great basic horsemanship, and generally spread the joy and happiness associated with being part of a group with similar interests.

Items Needed for Boot Camp

Yoga Ball(s) Small trampoline Timer

#### Resources

#### The DS Club

https://delaneystables.com/about-ds-club/ Membership Form https://delaneystables.com/trec/ TREC Local

https://delaneystables.com/trec/

National

https://trec-usa.org/

International

https://fite-net.org/

GMHA

https://gmhainc.org/ CVDA

https://cvda.org

## **Delightful Distractions** - Not interested in a harder maze. Try coloring!

