PURPOSE: To encourage 4-H members to develop basic training skills and to offer an activity different from the traditional horse show. Judges are encouraged to communicate with the contestants and help make this competition a learning experience.

These tests may be used as riding requirements for Maryland 4-H Horsemanship Standards, providing an acceptable score of 60% or higher is achieved.

This is a Dressage Show ONLY for 2013, there will not be Combined Tests offered. Dressage may be ridden either English or Western.

ELIGIBILITY: This show is open to any Maryland 4-H member carrying a horse/pony project. Since this is a state show, Horse and Pony Identification Cards or Horse Lease Agreement must have been on file in the County Extension Office by June 1, 2013.

ENTRY LIMITS AND DEADLINE: A 4-Her may show a maximum of four (4) horses or ponies. The show is limited to 60 dressage rides on a first come first serve basis. The entry closing date is October 28, 2013.

RIDE TIMES: Ride times will be emailed by October 31, 2013. Include self-addressed envelope if ride time requested by mail. Riders must be ready to enter the ring at their assigned times.

FACILITY: The dressage arena will be set up outside on stone dust or inside the indoor arena if bad weather or dangerous footing. Water will be available near the parking area. Cold drinks and food may/may not be available for purchase.

REFUND POLICY: No refunds given. Substitute horses may be used.

DIRECTIONS TO SHOW: The Carroll County Agriculture Center is located in Westminster, MD.

From Baltimore Beltway I-695: Take I-795 North to Rt. 140 North towards Westminster. Follow Rt. 140 to Center Street. Turn left onto Center Street. Stay on Center Street past the farm museum and Carroll County General Hospital to Gist Road. Turn right at stop sign onto Gist Road and go to the stop sign. Turn right onto Smith Avenue. Follow Smith Avenue to the Agriculture Center.

From Western Maryland: Travel on I-70 to the Mt. Airy/Route 27 Exit. Proceed North toward Westminster on Rt. 27 for approximately fifteen miles to the intersection of Rt. 27 with Kate Wagner Road. Turn right on Kate Wagner Road and follow it approximately 1.2 miles. At the bottom of the hill, turn left at stop sign onto Gist Road. Proceed on Gist Road to a stop sign. Turn left on Smith Avenue. Follow Smith Avenue to the Agriculture Center on the right.

TACK AND ATTIRE: All riders must wear American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) and Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved headgear with harness secured whenever mounted.

English: For dressage, all bits must be smooth; twisted, wire, Kimberwick, and pelham bits are not allowed. Forbidden Tack: Bits as stated above. Martingales of any kind; bearing, side, or running reins; for dressage any kind of horse boots or bandages; any form of blinders. One whip no longer than 43.3 inches including lash and blunt spurs are optional. Riders’ apparel, including gloves, is specified in the Hunter section of the Maryland 4-H Horse and Pony Rule Book (4-H 266). Approved safety helmets are required.
Western: Bits must be smooth with a port no higher than ½ inch and shanks no longer than (6) inches; a curb chain or strap may be used. Hackamore [non-mechanical, combination] and bosals may be used. See the list of forbidden tack in the English section. Rider’s attire should be a Western show suit or conservative Western trousers and long-sleeved shirt with a tie or a high-necked blouse. **Western boots and approved safety helmets are required.** Chaps and gloves are optional. Blunt spurs and bats are optional. **Jeans are not acceptable.**

CLASS DEFINITIONS

DESCRIPTION OF TESTS OFFERED: The current U.S.D.F. Introductory Level and new (in 2011) USA Equestrian Training and First Level tests will be used.

USEA tests are dated 2010. USEF Western Dressage tests are dated 2013. These tests may be used as riding requirements for Maryland 4-H Horsemanship Standards (as noted), providing an acceptable score of 60% or higher is achieved.

**Walk-Trot – Test A** – Requires working walk, posting trot, halt, circle 20 meters (width of arena) at a trot.

**Walk-Trot – Test B** – Requires working walk, free walk on a loose rein, posting trot, halt, circle 20 meters (width of arena) at a trot.

**Walk-Trot-Canter-Test C** - Requires free walk, medium walk, halt through walk, working trot, working canter, twenty-meter circles [width of arena]. This is the pattern requirement for Maryland 4-H Horsemanship Standards English Riding Level 3.

**Training Level – Test 1** – Requires free walk, working trot, working canter, halt, and twenty-meter circles [width of arena]. This is the pattern requirement for Maryland 4-H Horsemanship Standards English Riding Level 4.

**Training Level – Test 3** – Requires free walk, working trot, working canter, halt, and twenty-meter circles. This is the pattern requirement for Maryland 4-H Horsemanship Standards English Riding Level 5.

**First Level – Test 1** – Requires medium walk, free walk, working trot both rising and sitting, lengthening stride at trot, working canter, halt. 10 meter half circles at the trot and 15 meter circles at the canter and lengthening of stride in trot and canter. This is the pattern requirement for Maryland 4-H Horsemanship Standards English Riding Level 6.

**TOC/Musical Freestyle-Above First level**- Requirements will vary depending on test chosen.

**Readers:** Readers are allowed.

CLASSES OFFERED: Will be split into Jr & Sr. NEW 2013 - Using USEF Western classes

1. Intro A
2. Intro B
3. Intro C
4. Training 1
5. Training 2
6. Training 3
7. First 1
8. First 2
9. First 3
10. Second 1
11. Second 2
12. Second 3
13. Western TOC Intro
14. Western TOC Basic
15. Western TOC level 1 or 2
16. Musical Freestyle TOC state level to be ridden on entry
17. USEA TOC
AWARDS: Ribbons in each class will be awarded by the Danish System.
For Dressage
Blue – 60% or higher
Red – 50% to 59%
White – 49% or lower

2013 Maryland 4-H Dressage Show Entry Form

Rider’s Name ______________________________
Birthdate ________________Jr_____Sr_____
Address ___________________________________ County _______________________
_____________________________ Zip __________ Phone ________________________

EMAIL Address: _____________________________

LIMIT: Show will be closed at 60 dressage riders
DRESSAGE ENTRY FEE: $15.00 per class

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Total Fee: $_________

County Extension Educator’s Signature
Verifying Horse and Pony ID Card/Horse Lease on File in County Office

Make checks payable to: MARYLAND 4-H FOUNDATION

A COGGINs test for each animal and RELEASE FORM for each exhibitor MUST accompany the ENTRY form. A CHECK MUST accompany the entry form. The self-certification inspection form from MDA MUST be presented the day of the show.

Mail entries to:
MD 4-H Dressage Show
427 Pine Grove Rd
Hanover, PA 17331

***ENTRIES CLOSE October 28, 2013 OR FIRST 60 RIDES***

For more information contact: Mrs. Ginger LaBarre/ Labarre4h@pa.net or 717-359-8540

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
PARENTAL RELEASE AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM

PROGRAM: Maryland 4-H Horse Dressage Show  
DATE(S): November 3, 2013

My minor child/children, as listed below, have my permission to fully participate in all activities associated with the above 4-H program (Maryland 4-H Horse Dressage Show) sponsored by University of Maryland (“UME”).

In connection with and consideration of my child's/children’s participation in the Program, I, on behalf of my child/children and myself, my heirs, personal representative(s) and assigns, hereby represent and agree as follows:

1. I am aware that any horse related activity can be dangerous, and I fully recognize and understand that there are risks and hazards, both minor and serious, associated with participation in the Program and related activities, including, but not limited to: cuts, scrapes, bruises, broken bones, muscle strains, pulls or tears, head, neck, back, eye and other bodily injuries, heat prostration, brain damage, blindness, deafness, drowning, heart attacks, paralysis and, even, death.

2. I understand that my child/children are not in any way required to participate in the Program, but I want them to participate, despite the possible dangers and despite this Release.

3. I represent and warrant that my child/children have no physical, health related or other problems which would preclude or restrict their participation in the Program or otherwise render their participation dangerous or harmful to them or others. I further represent and warrant that my child/children have adequate medical, health and/or other insurance for participation.

4. Knowing the dangers, hazards and risks associated with the Program, and with sufficient knowledge of my child's/children’s physical condition(s) and limitations, if any, I voluntarily assume all responsibility and risk of loss, damage, illness and/or injury to person or property which my child/children may, in any way, sustain in connection with participation in the Program and related activities.

5. I agree that my child/children must abide by all rules and regulations applicable to participation in the Program. Should my child/children require emergency medical treatment or first aid as a result illness or injury associated with the Program or related activities, I consent to such first aid and/or treatment.

6. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby release and forever discharge, and agree not to sue and to indemnify and hold harmless, the State of Maryland, the University of Maryland, and their governing boards, officers, agents, employees and volunteers from and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands and causes of action of any kind on account of any loss, damage, illness or injury to person or property in any way arising out of or relating to my child's/children’s participation in the Program and/or related activities, whether due to the negligence, mistake or other action or inaction of UME or any other person or entity.

I CERTIFY THAT I AM 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM, AND I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

____________________________________________________ ______________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian Having Care and Custody of Date
Participating Child/Children

Name of Parent/Guardian: ___________________________________________

Emergency Telephone Number: _________________________________________

Participating Child/Children:

Name: _______________________________   Signature: ___________________________  Age: ______
EQUINE EXHIBITOR’S SELF-CERTIFICATION OF EQUINE HEALTH

I, the undersigned, hereby verify the following:

1. I am the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter (circle as applicable) of the equine identified on the current, valid, “Equine Infectious Anemia” (Coggins) document.

2. I understand that any equine showing any signs of or having recent exposure to, contagious or infectious disease are not permitted to enter the fair/show premises. These conditions include but are not limited to the following:

   SKIN: Visible evidence of skin infections (bacterial or fungal) with particular emphasis on ringworm.
   HEAD: Discharge from the eyes or nose which is excessive in amount or opaque (yellow or white in color) as opposed to the normal clear nasal discharge commonly seen after exercise.
   RESPIRATORY: Signs of infectious respiratory disease such as fever, coughing, labored breathing, increased respiratory rate and nasal discharge. Animals originating from premises where there is current infectious respiratory disease and animals with any known exposure to infectious respiratory disease shall be ineligible to show for a minimum of 21 days after exposure. Infectious respiratory disease shall include but not be limited to Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, and Strangles.
   INTESTINAL: Evidence of diarrhea which is watery and/or persistent in nature and more profuse than a looser stool which could be attributed to diet or nervousness.
   FEET: Horses exhibiting any type of unsoundness are already excluded from showing by the rules governing horse for shows.
   OTHER: Recent exposure to, or clinical signs of, any contagious or infectious disease conditions that would exclude equine from exhibition.

3. I have read and understand the above guidelines.

4. I have visually examined the equine I am presenting for exhibit.

5. I agree not to present for exhibition any equine showing any signs of contagious or infectious disease, or having any known recent (21 days) exposure to any contagious or infectious disease.

   Date of inspection: ________ Number inspected _______ Signature_______________________________________________
   Printed Name_____________________________________________________ Event_______________________________

   (Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)

   Date of inspection: ________ Number inspected _______ Signature_______________________________________________
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