

The Right Lead

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WESTERN DRESSAGE CLINIC WITH ANN JUDGE July 12 & 13, 2025



Ann Judge is a USEF Judge in Western Dressage, Arabian, Morgan, and Western, and is judging the 2025 WDAA World Championship Show. Ann has won Regional and National awards in Western Dressage and has seen how western dressage enhances everything you do with your horse! Thunder, the Denver Broncos Mascot, trained by Ann, is a Level 1 WD Regional Champion and Ann uses those skills at every Broncos football game! Whether you compete in breed shows, ride in other disciplines such as reining or pleasure, or just want a better trail horse, western dressage helps you communicate more clearly and evolve with your equine partner to new levels. Come ride with us and enjoy the Journey!

2024 AHA CONVENTION THEME WAS 'ENGAGE'

The PNW engaged! 21 members of several different clubs in Oregon and Washington showed up; 6 of them AHBA board members. A great showing.

17 resolutions that were discussed in the many committee meetings which were open to all. The biggest resolution being the one that would restructure the AHA board. It did not get the 2/3rds vote that was needed, though more voted for than against. Sounds like it will be reworked and perhaps go into effect next year. Feel free to ask any of us the particulars.





MEET BRIA BALL

Bria rides western, hunt seat, showmanship and halter

She rides 16 year old Ducati T. Bria says “My mom brought me as a baby to the barn and let me ride. I’ve never stopped. I love Arabians and all horses. But Arabians are very special to me”. (That’s Bria as a baby on Marc! Perhaps her first ride) She loves to horse camp and gallop on the beach. She even once went on an evening pajama beach ride. Her goal is to teach Ducati to bow and to do an Arabian show in the spring. Asked for a memorable experience she says “At the fall classic horse show, I had so much fun making new horse friends and riding Ducati. He is the best horse ever!”.

Fun fact that people might not know: “Sometimes I eat horse treats too!”

DID YOU KNOW AHA YOUTH MEMBERS CAN ENJOY THEIR FIRST YEAR FREE?

TELL YOUR FRIENDS

\$15 AHBAO memberships are available to those who might want to be in the AHBAO loop but don’t want to join AHA or are already a member of another club. They will receive our newsletter, have access to our scholarships and get member discounts for our clinics. Interested? Reach out to kellywaltos@gmail.com.

JANUARY AHBAO member birthdays

Connie Chapman, Gretchen Love & Samantha Hamilton

LOOK FOR A SPECIAL TREAT IN YOUR BIRTHDAY CARDS FROM AHBAO. ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY!!!

COME TO A BOARD MEETING

Thursday, Jan 16 - AHBAO Board meeting - Join in while we plan, see your friends and/or meet new ones. All Are Welcome! 6:30pm @Santa Fe Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, 8309 SW Main St., Wilsonville

CONSIDER BECOMING AN AHBAO BOARD MEMBER! REACH OUT TO ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS LISTED ABOVE.

Community

Instead of a holiday party at the end of last year AHBAO is considering other options for members and others to gather. We are considering a summertime picnic or perhaps a trail ride. Let us know what you would like!

2025 SHOWING OPPORTUNITIES

March 14-15 Cascade Arabian Youth Benefit, Spanaway WA

March 27-31 Rally in the Valley, OHC

April 18-20 AHACO, OHC

April 25-27 Daffodil Spring Show, Spanaway, WA

May 28-June 2 R4 Championship Show, Redmond OR

June 25-28 R5 Championship Show, Monroe, WA

July 9-12 R5 Sport Horse Championship Show, Monroe WA

Aug 1-3 R4 Sport Horse Championship Show, Sherwood OR



Check out WSSH (westernstatesstockhorse.com) for show info. Each show begins with an optional clinic on Friday that is divided into 4 parts-ranch, reining, cows and trail with classes Saturday & Sunday. Shows are the first weekends in May, June, August and September. The August show is at T90 Ranch in Tenino WA with all other shows at OHC.