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USDF Announces Dressage Instructor-Certification Testings

Lincoln, Nebraska (August 1, 2001) – The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) will host three instructor-certification examinations this summer and fall. The examinations are designed to recognize those dressage instructors who have a deep understanding of dressage theory, as well as an outstanding ability to demonstrate and teach the concepts and techniques of dressage.

Exam dates and locations are as follows:

- Cazenovia, New York, hosted by USDF Region 8, August 7-9
- Longmont, Colorado, hosted by USDF Region 5, September 8-9
- Sherwood, Oregon, hosted by Oregon Dressage Society, October 13-14

The exam will test the candidates on their skills in riding, teaching and longeing. Oral and written exams further test the thoroughness of the candidates' knowledge.

USDF currently offers two levels of instructor certification: through Second Level and through Fourth Level. Ninety-two instructors throughout the U.S. have passed the rigorous testings, which are administered by a faculty of certification examiners who themselves are among the top dressage trainers, instructors, and riders in the U.S.

Although it is not required, previous participation in USDF instructor-education programs is highly recommended. For more information about the USDF Instructor Certification Program, contact USDF at 402/434-8550 or www.usdf.org.

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