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Dressage at Devon Announces the New Dressage 3-year-old Sport Horse Prospect Championship to Premier at the 2012 Show

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Devon, PA (March 30, 2012) – Dressage at Devon (www.dressageatdevon.org) is excited to announce the addition of a 3-year-old Sport Horse Prospect Championship. The champion will be named based on the combined score from the 3-year-old in-hand and Materiale classes.

“This new championship will provide a “bridge” between the 3-year-old in-hand and Materiale classes in dressage. We are very proud to introduce it at the 2012 Dressage at Devon,” said Melanie Sloyer, Breed Show Chairperson.

“The 3-year-old championship award being offered at Dressage at Devon 2012 is an exciting new concept. The 3-year-olds already competing in in-hand and Materiale classes will have their scores combined to determine an overall 3-year-old Sport Horse Prospect champion.

This is a great opportunity for these horses to shine in the fall of their 3-year-old year. I look forward to seeing the outcome of this new championship award,” said Kristi Wysocki, a WSEF ‘S’ Dressage Judge and ‘R’ Dressage Sport Horse Judge and who currently serves as the USDF Sport Horse Committee Chair. Scott Hassler, the USEF Young Horse Coach and former chair of the USDF Sport Horse Committee explained. “This new championship – and the reason I’m behind the program – is that the more information we have about a horse the better. So seeing a horse being ridden in addition to the conformation standards judged in the in-hand classes offers a more complete picture. I think it’s great that Dressage at Devon offered to do a test program this year. I don’t like pushing a horse but Dressage at Devon provides a natural platform since these horses will already be there Devon for the breed show.”

Dressage at Devon combines world-class dressage competition and the largest dressage/sport horse breed show outside of Europe with international Fall Festival shops, an array of food and the Ladies' Day Hat Contest. Dressage at Devon will take place from September 25 to September 30, 2012 on the Devon Horse Show Grounds, located on US Route 30, in Devon, PA.

This year's sponsors include County Saddlery, Bit of Britain, Malvern Saddlery, Dubarry of Ireland, Performance Saddlery, The Horse of Course, SmartPak, HorseTech and DerDau.

For more information about Dressage at Devon, please visit www.dressageatdevon.org.

About Dressage at Devon

Dressage at Devon (www.dressageatdevon.org) has been the premier North American Equestrian event since its founding by the Delaware Valley Combined Training Association in 1975, and became a separate organization in 2006. It combines world-class dressage competition and the world's largest open breed show with the international Fall Festival show and special activities for the entire family. The six-day event attracts more than 700 horses and 35,000 spectators each year.

Dressage at Devon, a 501(c) (3) PA non-profit organization, benefits educational programs in Dressage.

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