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Dressage at Devon 2012: Day 1 – It's All About the Babies!

September 25, 2012 (Devon, PA) – The sun was shining all day for the first day of Dressage at Devon 2012.

Days 1 – 3 are the world-renowned Breed Show with Young Horse/Sport Horse, Mature Horse/Breeding Horse, and Under Saddle Classes for horses 3 years and up. Weighting of scores for Young Horse classes is based 60% on movement, 30% on confirmation, and 10% on general impression.

While all the classes are exciting (especially with unpredictable youngsters), today's Championship classes were a high point.

The Foal Championship, sponsored by Hassler Dressage at Riveredge, was won by David Bowie MF (Don Principe/EM Rotina). Bred by Maryanna Haymon, he was presented with the Sally Martin Memorial Perpetual Trophy.

The My Dave Perpetual Memorial Trophy was presented to Damocles HLF (Diamond Stud/High Society), a 16.2 bay stallion bred by Joan Sims/Highlife Farm, the winner of the Colt Championship. Damocles HLF was also the winner of the Young Horse Championship and took home the President's Cup.

The evening championships were shining.

The Great American/USDF Breeders Championship for Foals (East Coast Series Final) was won by Heirloom (Vinca/Technique) bred by Ginger Parker/Flower Farm. The Great American/USDF Breeders Championship for Fillies (East Coast Series Final) was won by Floraya ISF, an enthusiastic filly owned by Iron Spring Farm. Damocles HLF

(Diamond Stud/High Society), from Loxahatchee, FL was another excited winner of the Great American/USDF Breeders Championship for Colts (East Coast Series Final).

Owned and bred by High Point Hanoverians, Coeur Dashian (Coeur d'Amour/Starling) was the pick for Dressage at Devon's Follow the Foal. The pretty little dark bay filly, won fourth place in Fillies of 2012. "I was tickled pink with her today," said Klaus Schengber. "She trotted big and she behaved really well. She apparently likes Devon!" We certainly hope so and look forward to having her back in 2013.

Results for all classes can be found at www.dressageatdevon.org.

Day 2 classes include 6 year old Suitability; Get of Sire, Breeders Group, 4 years old and older Stallions & Geldings Under Saddle, Materiale classes, Stallion, Mare, Mature Horse and Materiale Champions and more. Day sheets can be found at www.dressageatdevon.org.

About Dressage at Devon

Dressage at Devon, the highest-rated international dressage competition held outside of Europe, combines world-class international dressage competition and one of the world's few complete sport horse breed shows with the family fun of an International Fall Festival, featuring food and shopping for all tastes.

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Editor's note: Pictures attached are of Coeur Dashian and Damocles, winner of the Great American/USDF Breeders Championship for Foals. Additional photos will be available upon request.