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### **Dressage at Devon Announces New Class for Off-the-Track Thoroughbred: From Starting Gate to Centerline**

Devon, PA (August 1, 2013) – Dressage at Devon ([www.dressageatdevon.org](http://www.dressageatdevon.org)) has announced a new Individual Breed Class in the breed division for thoroughbreds.

Any registered thoroughbred of any age or gender can enter to be judged on the triangle against the typical sport horse criteria. A special award will be given to the highest scoring thoroughbred who's previous career was racing.

“Each year we work to provide something new for the dressage community – something that is exciting for owners and riders and that will attract the attention of the spectators. This year, we are looking forward to the thoroughbred's performances, said Lori Kaminski, President and CEO of Dressage at Devon.

“Not all thoroughbreds are well-suited for racing and so they often end up having to find a ‘new job.’ For many, dressage offers the perfect second career. There's no question that many of these thoroughbreds have both the heart and the athleticism to do well in a dressage arena,” said Kaminski.

“Americans love Thoroughbreds. They carried our soldiers, they delivered our mail and their intense desire to win races inspires us every spring as we yearn for a Triple Crown winner. In my biased opinion as founder and president of the Retired Racehorse Training Project (RRTP), I am convinced that their suitability for dressage is underappreciated in today's marketplace.” (*Stuart Pittman, Dressage Today*)

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 24 to September 29, 2013 on the Devon Horse Show Grounds, located on US Route 30, in Devon, PA.

Dover Saddlery, official saddlery of the 2013 Dressage at Devon joins other major sponsors that include B&D Builders; Bit of Britain; Der Dau; Dubarry of Ireland; Harmony Sporthorses; Hill Cadillac; HorseTech; Iron Spring Farm; Malvern Saddlery; Mid-Atlantic Packaging; Performance Saddlery; SmartPak; Superior Equine Sires; and The Horse of Course.

For more information about Dressage at Devon, please visit [www.dressageatdevon.org](http://www.dressageatdevon.org).

### About Dressage at Devon

Dressage at Devon ([www.dressageatdevon.org](http://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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