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Southeast Virginia Dressage Association

**There is still time to enter the
SVDA Summer Dressage
Recognized Show**

Entries will be open until **August 5th.**

Come on out and support SVDA!

**Visit the Shows Page for Prize List
and Entry Forms**

[Click Here for Recognized Show Entry](#)

Volunteers
September 19th
Bridlewood, Wakefield

Entry Secretary (1): Sarah Miller

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Lunches & snacks (1)

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Bouchard

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Runner P. M. (1): Kristin Leonard

Ring Take Down (2):

Ring Transportation from (1)

SVDA Rep:

AM – Donna Rowland

PM – Amanda St. John



SVDA Region 1 Junior and Young Rider Team Championship Report

Yes, we survived the heat and a huge wind storm (mini-tornado conditions, one person in the area died from the storm, it was a little scary as it hit as we were loading horses to come home. Blew the port-o-potties several feet and rocked the trailers and cars quite a bit!), and we were still victorious! Temps were 108 before the heat index, at times high wind, other times extremely still. Yet still a fun weekend for all. The smoothie stand helped a lot... Lots of teamwork, the older girls helping the younger girls, younger girls chipping in where they could. Never a complaint about the heat, maybe a few jokes here and there... Every year it amazes me how much fun the riders and parents have at this show! I love it! Of course we did not win the stall decorating contest, again, but we sure looked good and had a great effort with the Super Hero theme. Thank you to Ellen Bouchard and Alea Hansinger for their amazing drawing skills in making the posters and stall signs. Everyone helped out with coloring and additional decorations. Thanks to Alea's grandfather Steve Worthen for taking amazing photo's with his fantastic camera! Look on the website for info on more photo's.

Musical Freestyles:

Training level:

Stacey Johnson and Olivia	79% (yes that is 79%!)	1 st place
Alea Hansinger and Parry	72.5% (btw he was the oldest horse)	3 rd place
Madisyn DeCant and Erette	67.5% (24 yr old horse)	6 th place

First level:

Ellen Bouchard and Magi	73.5%	1 st place
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Other greats:

Ashley Drum and Chippy Zip (Reggie)	High Score for Division
Brooke DeCant and Pocket Change	Best Groomed Non-grey
Parry (owned by Tristin Butler)	Oldest Equine
Louise Murray	Youngest Rider
Leah Backus and Yevy	Awesome 65.2% in T/3 Open
Kristen Leonard and Diva	Diva's first show, scores 60-62% all tests

Inaugural Cherry Pit Spitting Contest in the SVDA barn

Kristen Leonard and Bekah Williams (assistant coach) were neck and neck for farthest single pit and best average out of three! Next years participants should start practicing to challenge at the 2nd annual contest!



Jr. / Young Rider Teams:

SVDA Incredibles: Champions
Ashley Drum and Reggie
Louise Murray and Judge
Brooke DeCant and Pocket Change



SVDA Dark Knights: Reserve Champions
Ellen Bouchard and Magi
Kristen Leonard and Diva
Madisyn DeCant and Erette



SVDA Fantastic Four: 6th Place
Stacey Johnson and Olivia
Alea Hansinger and Parry
Leah Backus and Yevy



Remember to Join

Make sure your scores count for year end awards.

Senior Member \$45.00

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Turkey, Ham, Tuna, Salami, Roast Beef, Italian Grinder, and Italian Club (Turkey/Ham/Salami). The subs will be made to order with Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Oil & Vinegar Sub Sauce, Mustard, Mayo, Sweet Peppers, and Hot Pepper Relish will be available upon request

Assorted cold, canned Pepsi products and water

Assorted Lays Chips and Pasta Salad

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Member News

2010 Decaprio colt out of Opus 12 wins top foal at Hanoverian Inspection Pepperwood



Congratulations Sandy Johnson!



Nancy Pettet and Whirlwind (aka "Lilly") score a 67.6% at Training 4 at Dressage At Lexington and 61.6% at Training 3. The "bad news" is she needed a 68% to qualify for GAIG's but the good news is she got a whopping 67.6% on her stallion's (Windvogel aka "Kody") baby at Lilly's first big overnight show!!!



Dressage At Lexington scores:

Ellen Bouchard and Magi

First 4	64.474%	2 nd place
MFS 1 st level	72.5%	3 rd place
First 4	65.00%	1 st place

NCDCTA Summertime Blues

Tina Bodnar and Chagall, Third Level Test 2 - 63.590 - and Third Level Test 1 - 61.282. Tina is ONE score away from her Bronze medal.

Dressage at Lexington

Danielle Rowland & Basie
PSG Challenge: 65%
Intermediare 1 Challenge: 63.68%



About Half-Halt

Half-Halt is published monthly by the SVDA and provided as a service to its members. News items, show results, calendar of events, photos, classifieds and services directory are incorporated into the newsletter.

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER IS THE 25th OF EACH MONTH

Carol Jordan
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SVDA encourages its members to submit articles, member updates, information and pictures for publication, however, SVDA reserves the right to edit, reject or use materials as and when deemed appropriate.

SVDA Members:
Submit your Show Scores for publication in Half-Halt by emailing Carol at:
Sesroh1@verizon.net

A Note of Thanks

Congratulations to all the girls (on the Junior/Young Rider Teams), Tristin and Bekah! You guys did a great job in the terrible heat and kept your horses comfortable. Thank you for such a good time. Everyone did so well.

Thank you to all the parents who worked hard for all the girls and for keeping my two on course when I was with the others.

Thank you Steve for being the photographer and speaking so kindly to each of the kids.

Thank you Betty for making sure we made it home. We took our time and didn't have to fill up the transmission fluid but the only time you don't want people saying anything to you everyone and his brother told us we were overheating. Funny how when you could use the help they don't when you are so embarrassed at your smoking they won't just let you go.

It was a pleasure being with all the parents and friends.

Warm regards and hope to do it again,

Sharon DeCant



Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location	Judge/Contact
August 1	Sanctioned Schooling Show	Happy Valley, Suffolk	Judge: TBD
August 15	SVDA Recognized Show	Carlton Farms, Williamsburg	Judge: TBD
August 22	Danielle Rowland	Silverleaf Farm, Suffolk	Kathy Rowse
August 29	Sanctioned Schooling Show	Bridlewood Estates, Suffolk	Judge: Janice Mumford
September 2	ERAHC Classic Open Dressage Show: USDF/USEF.	Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA	Judges: Brian Ross and Carter Bass " Contact Linda Denniston 301-447-6240 or visit www.erahc.org
September 19	SVDA Schooling Show	Bridlewood, Wakefield	Judge: Tristin Hardy Butler
September TBD	Patti Pierucci	TBD	Kathy Rowse
October 3	SVDA Schooling Show	Sterling Meadows, Va. Beach	Judge: Margaret Little
October 16	Kris Montgomery	Wellington	Kathy Rowse
October 30	Patrick & Lani Tigchelaar	Silverleaf Farm, Suffolk	Kathy Rowse
October 31	Patrick & Lani Tigchelaar	TBD	
October 8 - 10	The VADA - Southwest Chapter Annual Adult Camp	Stone Bridge Farm in Natural Bridge	Marie Klimchuk SWVADA 2010 Camp Coordinator
November 7	SVDA Schooling Show	Marturia Farm, Chesapeake	Judge: Deri Jeffers
November 28	Kathy Rowse	Silverleaf	Kathy Rowse
December 4	Patti Pierucci	Silverleaf Farm, Suffolk	Kathy Rowse
December 5	Patti Pierucci	TBD	

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Important Information

Attention SVDA Riders!

If you are planning to ride in a championship Class at the November SVDA Championship Schooling Show

You will have to send in a copy of your Qualifying test to the Show Entry Secretary. So save your test.

Check your SVDA Hand Book to see what the qualifying score are for each level.

If you don't have a copy of the Hand Book check the Web Site at www.GOSVDA.org.


Entries for August Recognized Show are now OPEN!


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VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED!!! Contact [Donna Rowland](#) and Sign up



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Newswise — A horse's heart rhythms reflect their emotional state and can respond to the emotional state of a nearby human, according to a pilot study conducted by Alliant International University Professor Ellen Gehrke and the Institute of HeartMath.

When in contact, a horse's heart rate may mirror a human's emotions, signifying a close unspoken form of communication between man and beast. The horse as emotion detector may be the key to eliminating invasive procedures such as those that measure cortisol, a stress hormone.

Horses have long been known to be sensitive to their environments. The preliminary research project "Horses and Humans Energetics: The study of Heart Rate Variability (HRV) between horses and Humans" is the first step to proving horses to be as equally sensitive to the humans within that environment.

For years humans have reported emotional bonds with animals. Horses are often used therapeutically with emotionally and mentally ill and handicapped children and adults. This pilot study is the beginning of many studies to provide the research and data to support these reported bonds.

The study took place at Dr. Gehrke's San Diego ranch where ECG recorders were placed on her and four of her horses. The subjects were monitored during a 24-hour period in which the horses experienced normal conditions and activities such as eating, grooming, being alone, and being ridden and accompanied by Dr. Gehrke.

The ECG recorders projected increased coherent heart rate variability (HRV) patterns for the horses during times of close, calm contact between them and Dr. Gehrke. Coherent HRV patterns are the result of positive emotions and facilitate brain function.

"Horses receive information from body language and give feedback. They don't think very much, they feel. They are very emotional and honest," said Dr. Gehrke. "They also have a powerful impact on your sense of self and ability to lead."

As a professor at the Business Management Division of Alliant's Marshall Goldsmith School of Management, Dr. Gehrke often brings students to her horse ranch for human development, leadership and team-building.



SVDA SUMMER DRESSAGE

Sponsorship Opportunities August 15, 2010

The Southeast Virginia Dressage Association is a not-for-profit organization whose goal is to promote the advancement of classical dressage through educational opportunities and programs, and the rigorous evaluations received at recognized and schooling dressage shows.

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SVDA's Summer Dressage Show is held at Carlton Farms in Williamsburg, VA.

Deadline for Sponsorships is August 6, 2010

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2010

SVDA Schooling Shows Awards Application

1. Please submit a separate form for EACH level.
2. **Submit copies of all Schooling and Sanctioned Schooling Shows** you wish to use for this competition. The copy is the front of the completed test, which must include the name of the competition, name of test, date, judge, judge's signature, score, etc. If the judge's signature is not on the front, the rider must also copy the section that includes the signature.
3. Schooling and Sanctioned Show scores will be considered from the top six (6) SVDA Schooling/Sanctioned Show tests for a horse/rider pair in a level. To qualify for champion or reserve champion, at least two (2) of the six rides must be from the highest test of that level. The scores will be averaged to determine the award winners from each level. (Please read 2010 SVDA Year End Awards Program for details.)
4. Eight hours of volunteer service (four of which must be completed by July 1, 2010) are required to qualify for SVDA Year End Awards.
5. Mail by December 4, 2010 to Carol Gonyo Awards Chair, 920 Forest Lakes Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322-7559, 757-436-2374; tullagonyo@cox.net
6. *To confirm RECEIPT of test scores, please send an email request to Carol Gonyo.*
7. *Please attach copies of tests.*

Find full details for all SVDA awards at www.gosvda.org under the members tab. There are other awards that you may be eligible for!



SVDA

VADA YEAR END AWARDS

Schooling Shows

All participants must be VADA members at the time of the competition. Scores must be from the current competition year (12/1/08—11/30/09). *All entries must be submitted with copies of all tests and with the awards form completely filled out to be considered. A signed volunteer form must also be enclosed, verifying a minimum of four (4) volunteer hours with VADA and four (4) hours with your local Chapter. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.*

VADA is not responsible for contacting members to correct or complete information submitted. **Completed awards packet must be received by Robin Dannels by December 1, 2009.** Packets received after this date will not be considered.

Packets will not be accepted if they are sent by certified mail, email, signature required, or for pick-up at post office.

Schooling Division:

- Awards will be given at all levels. Freestyle awards will be divided into USEF and FEI divisions
- Shows must be sanctioned or listed by a VADA Chapter
- Tests must be judged by a USEF recognized judge, L graduate or above
- For USEF levels, **6** scores must be submitted, **1** of which must be from the highest test of that level
- For FEI levels, freestyles, Pas de deux and Quadrille, **3** scores are required
- The average of the scores will be the final score placing
- Levels will be divided into Junior and Senior divisions
- Awards will be given through 10 places Intro—First, through 8 places at Second level and Above

More info at <http://www.virginiadressage.org/vada-awards.htm>



Volunteer Hours

Leah Backus	5	Anna Lepingwell	2
Debbie Basta	4	Ariana Mahek	16
Aimee Batten	8	Barbara McArthur	4
Tina Bodnar	4	Joan McClellan	8
Lisa Bolash	4	Corinne Meadows	4
Ellen Bouchard	5	Toni Meranda	8
Rita Bouchard	5	Sarah Miller	26
Melinda Brown	7	Janice Mumford	44
Pam Burdette	8	Louise Murray	6
Melisa Chamberlain	12	Wendy Murray	35
David Christiansen	20	Robyn Nunnally	37
Patsy Clark	3	Mike Owen	4
Laurie Curtis	2	Shawn Owen	17
Selwyn Curtis	2	Sydney Owen	4
Eileen Darland	5	Katherine Owens	3
Brooke DeCant	6	Nancy Pettet	10
Madisyn DeCant	6	Kim Phalon	10
Sharon DeCant	8	Anita Rees	17
Ashley Drum	3	Beth Rippel	8
Kristy Drum	4	Diane Rombs	12
Reeta Edmundson	13	Jennifer Rombs	12
Ginger Endreson	6	John Rombs	12
Kya Endreson	6	Tiffany Rombs	12
Gabrielle Fleming	3	Danielle Rowland	1
Susan Forester	14	Donna Rowland	21
Jennifer Gibbs	4	Kathy Rowse	47
Ingrid Goldblatt	5	Marianne Rudisill	4
Allan Gonyo	2	Anna Scriebl	8
Carol Gonyo	17	Julie Shilling	4
Janell Gregory	9	Nancy Slack	8
Rene Hall	8	Nancy Speisser	8
Alea Hansinger	4	Julie Spencer	8
Tristin Hardy Butler	32	Amanda St. John	12
Valerie Harrell	5	Bettina Strobach	4
Ian Hubbs	4	Allison Taylor	8
Betty Johnson	2	Brittany Taylor	4
Sandy Johnson	43	Jennifer Torres	10
Stacey Johnson	10	Hannah Whitesell	2
Robin Jones	8	Melody Whitesell	2
Carol Jordan	8	Donald Williamson	4
Nikki Jordan	4	Yolanda Williamson	20
Becky Kelly	8	Grace Williams	3
Kristen Leonard	8	Mary Winchell	6
Marylyn Leonard	9	Mike Winchell	3





Road Trip!

Clinic with Dr. Gerd Heuschmann, DVM

Author of Tug of War: Classical Versus "Modern" Dressage, Why Classical Training Works and How Incorrect "Modern" Riding Negatively Affects Horses' Health

When: October 29th through October 31st 2010

Where: WC Dover Farm in Havana, Florida

We are taking three LightHorse Farm school horses down to Florida to participate in this clinic and would like to invite our fellow Dressage enthusiasts to join us to audit the clinic with this well known rider and veterinarian. The cost of auditing for three days is \$130 and includes the lecture being held on Saturday morning. We can carpool and share hotel rooms to make the trip more affordable for all. The clinic organizers are working on getting discounted hotel rates. The regular rate would be approximately \$125 per night for a private room or \$50 if you are willing to share. [Click here](#) to download the forms from the clinic website to register as an auditor.

Contact Erin Martin via the phone number or email listed below to join us.

To check out Dr. Heuschmann's website [click here](#).

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Matie Haley



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in all shapes and sizes....

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[CLICK HERE to see a cool video about STEWARDING!](#)

And, there's more.....

We need SCRIBES, RUNNERS, GOLF CART DRIVERS, HOSPITALITY WORKERS, GATE CLOSERS and more....



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STEWARDS - available at least one half day - full days are preferred - Thursday and Friday are MOST wanted! We can train you! A happy and willing attitude is the pre-requisite.

SCRIBES - must be available for at least one FULL day - the full four days are preferred! Experience preferred.

RUNNERS - available at least one half day - full days are preferred - Thursday and Friday are MOST wanted! We will train you! A happy, willing and energetic outlook is desired.

GOLF CART DRIVERS - must be over 18 with a valid drivers license. Full Days - Thursday and Friday are MOST wanted. We will train you!

HOSPITALITY WORKERS - available for a at least one full day - but on and off - if you are grooming for someone or coming with a rider, you can do this too! Thursday and Friday are MOST wanted! A friendly demeanor and able to work independently is most desired for this position.

GATE CLOSERS - must be available for at least one half day - easy work - you can listen to your favorite I-Tunes while you work! Or - watch some superb dressage. Thursday and Friday are MOST wanted! Championship rings only!

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PLUS - all volunteers will be honored guests at all THREE Championship Parties!

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PLUS - the opportunity to meet new friends and meet up again with old friends.

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Saddle, Warendorf	Warendorf circuit dressage saddle, barely used, 17 1/2 inch wide tree. This saddle is in excellent condition and has only been ridden in approx. five times.
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Saddle, Albion	Albion SLK Platinum Ultima / Top of the line 17" wide/ made of cow hide with a calf skin seat, very comfortable Purchased in October '09 and used less than 9 months Beautifully kept and in like new condition If new \$3499.00 / asking \$3000.00
Ariat Clogs	Ariat clogs-size 8- only worn once- excellent condition. unfortunately too large for me. \$56.00
Photos available. E-mail Pat at ondercinp@cox.net or call 229-6592	Contact Nancy Pettet @ 757-651-8709 or e-mail at jrouse757@aol.com
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VADA Board Meeting Minutes

Conference Call 07-08-2010

Members Present: Alison Douglas(Central), Beth Rippel (SVDA), Tina Longaker(Charlottesville), Gardy Bloemers(Charlottesville), Shelly King(NOVA), Jane Palmer(ShenVADA), Tracey Smith-Oliver(SWAVDA), Robyn Nunnally(SVDA), Catherine Kern(Charlottesville), Anne Draine(Central/NEVADA), Jessie Ginsburg(NOVA), Alison Head(NOVA), Janet Brown(SWAVDA), Angela Stanaway(VADA-NE), Tammy Hryczaniuk(Fredericksburg)

Other members present: Dianne Boyd (NOVA) and Sandy Johnson (SVDA)

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm and the minutes from the last meeting that had been emailed to everyone were amended as follows:

NEVADA's April schooling show was canceled due to rain, not low entries and ShenVADA's Kassie Barteau clinic had 14 rides instead of 18.

Treasurer's Report- Jessie recently wrote a check for a deposit for the BLM awards. The 2009 taxes have been filed and the combined balance of all the accounts is \$106,699.06.

Membership Report- Beth reported that we have 833 members but is waiting on funds from NEVADA so she can submit those to VADA. Membership is down from this time last year and the general discussion was that memberships are just generally down in all the chapters. Because riders must be GMO members to compete at BLM's, we may get an influx before the show.

Chapter Reports-

Central- They had a successful two day show at the new Meadow Event Park in Doswell. They are having a Fix-A-Test clinic on July 17th and are sending 2 teams to the Jr/Yr Team Competition.

Charlottesville- They currently have 93 members which is down from last year. They had their second schooling show in June and entries were down, they only had 20 rides. They are using their Chapter Grant funds to have a clinic with Jeanne McDonald the 14th and 15th of August. Their recognized show will be Labor Day weekend in conjunction with the Adult Team Competition and they want to make everyone aware that there will be an used tack sale at the show. They also had their first fundraising clinic (Allison Brock was the clinician) and raised enough to purchase a new ring.



Fredericksburg- They now have their 501c(3) status. They recently had a full schooling show at Bay Berry in Spotsylvania and are gearing up for their show at Rosemont September 11th and 12th.

NEVADA- Membership is down from last year. They had 38 rides at their last schooling show and are having the next on on July 11th at Edgehill Farm. They are going to use their Chapter Grant funds to have a clinic August 28th at Edgehill Farm.

NOVA- They had a successful Level 4 show in June and have been asked to host the Young Horse Selection Trials again next year. Their schooling shows have been full, but their breed shows have been light.

ShenVADA- They had their first schooling show on June 12th with 22 rides. Sandy Johnson was the judge. Their next schooling show will be in October. They are gearing up for their Fair Exhibition on August 28th. The theme is "Families Who Ride Together". This year they are also including a doggie costume contest.

SVDA- Their last schooling show ended up with 60 rides, most of which were submitted at the last minute. July 18th will be their next schooling show. Their licensed show is in Williamsburg in August. They are using their Chapter Grant funds to have a clinic with Tigchelaar Dressage. Membership is down from last year. SVDA member Sandy Johnson is running for Region 1 delegate.

SWAVDA- Their May schooling show had over 60 rides and the July 17th show has 49. They have 15 participants so far for their October camp. Memberships are down from last year.

2010 Adult Team Competition-

VADA will reimburse each chapter \$100 per team up to 4 teams, but the team form MUST indicate that it is a chapter entry. The intro and training level AT classes are opportunity classes and the rest will be licensed show classes. The Charlottesville Chapter will be responsible for the ribbons for each class pinned and the AT award ribbons will be the responsibility of VADA. Any awards that the Charlottesville Chapter does are SEPARATE from AT awards. Nancy Lowey is the volunteer coordinator. Members need to specify on their volunteer form whether they are going for Charlottesville chapter hours or VADA state hours (hours don't count towards both).

2010 VADA Fall Show and BLMs-

Zazus will once again be doing the volunteer food. MRK Designs is doing the MAROON sweatshirts and the prizes. Dianne brought up that a vendor wanted a copy of the mailing list of entrants for the show in return for sponsorship. It was decided the in order for this to be worthwhile for VADA, the sponsorship must be at least the Emerald (\$500) level. VADA will put a disclaimer on the website for the show notifying participants that their name and mailing address may be given to sponsors.

2011 Clinician-

Tina to call Lilo Fore as Blinks won't work.



VHC Capital Projects-

Discussion has been tabled until a meeting of the Financial Committee at the Youth Team Competition.

Headsets-

Beth discussed that it is much cheaper to get headsets that can be used with the existing family radios. The group will have to sit together, but the cost will be minimal.

Chapter Grants- For 2010- funds are: 1 to 99 members – Chapter receives \$500, 100-199 members- Chapter receives \$700, over 200 members Chapter receives \$800

Opportunity Classes and VADA YE Points-

The discussion was tabled until the fall meeting. Reps are to gather information regarding how each chapter is handling and be prepared to discuss and vote in the fall.

USDF-

Any chapter wishing VADA to submit their website or newsletter, volunteer of the year, or Ruth Arvanette grant nomination must send the request to Tina before August 1st. This will give the Board an opportunity to select any of these to submit to USDF. All VADA basket donations should be given to Tristin Hardy. The USDF convention will be December 1-5 in Jacksonville, FL. The symposium will be held Dec 4-5 with Lilo Fore and Gary Rockwell going over the new tests. 2011 dues are increasing- \$3 increase for the 1st GMO member and \$2 for other family members.

2011 Licensed Show Dates-

Chapters should give these dates to Tina for the website and to help ensure we aren't conflicting with each other.

