



April 29-May 8, 2016 NEWDA Southern Chapter Virtual Show – Participant Feedback

NEWDA Southern Chapter appreciates YOU and values your thoughts, opinions and feedback. Let's see what participants thought about our 1st Virtual Dressage Schooling show held April 29-May 8 in partnership with North American Western Dressage (NAWD) and offered Pre-Intro Lead Line Dressage, Six Feet on the Ground, Trail, Traditional Dressage and Western Dressage classes in three divisions (Jr/Young Rider, Adult Amateur & Open).

Q1 How satisfied were you with registering for this show? (Scale of 5 Very Satisfied to 1 Very Unsatisfied)

4.99

Q2 Did the show follow NEWDA and NAWD show rules (Yes / No)

Yes – all respondents

Q3 What was the best feature about this show?

- *Everything was so timely & scheduled. It was nice to see the photos of the riders and have the results & ribbons so quickly.*
- *Virtual show and very fast results.*
- *The fun work you put into it to bond more with your horse*
- *Not travelling, working in comforts of home and having multiple times to get the test filmed to enter.*
- *Easy on the anxiety.*
- *The flexibility of riding the test the date that worked the best, not having to travel/trailer and less time on the road or at the show grounds*
- *How it raised awareness about NEWDA and got new people involved in virtual showing*
- *Being able to do it anywhere*
- *That it was virtual*
- *10 days to 'test', relaxed for horse and rider*

Q4 What could we do to make this a better show?

- *Nothing else, it was great.*
- *Nothing, it was great.*
- *Nothing, I loved it.*
- *I think everything was perfect.*
- *I was very satisfied and would definitely participate again in the future.*
- *Can't think of anything.*
- *Have more shows.*
- *No suggestions.*
- *Offer a fall virtual show*

Q5 Would you compete in another Virtual Dressage Schooling Show?

- *Yes – all respondents*
- *It was fun and interesting. I had to work my horse from both sides which made it a nice challenge for us.*
- *YES – Not much pressure and love the feedback!*
- *Loved the experience.*
- *Convenience, we all have busy schedules and this allows us to participate in a 'show' without devoting the entire weekend.*
- *Yes, appreciate a 10 day show to allow time for horse/rider.*

Again, thank you to all who participated in our 1st Virtual Dressage Schooling Show and using the principles of dressage (rhythm, relaxation, connection, impulsion collection) that offer you and your horse a lifetime of progressive training. Each test offers you an opportunity to ride with a purpose. Each directive leads you to the next level. It's not about perfecting a specified pattern, score or level of competition. It's all about YOU



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developing and improving your horsemanship tools, building a solid relationship and partnership with your horse that fosters mutual respect, camaraderie with fellow equestrians and shared learning within the local, regional, national and international equestrian community. NEWDA is very proud of you, your horses and look forward to supporting your continued success and horsemanship journey.

In 2016, NEWDA Southern Chapter offers two new chapter level recognition programs - '[Let's Try It](#)' rewards members for trying dressage, horsemanship training (ground and mounted), volunteerism and continuing education. '[Partner Up!](#)' which asks members to partner up with anyone they choose – one Traditional Dressage/one Western Dressage rider, Both Traditional or Both Western, any age, any riding level and any equine. Each indicate an average of last year's dressage test scores and use a log sheet to keep track of 2016 scores. Throughout the year, each paired team will support and encourage each other's training goals, aspirations and celebrate achievements. Visit the New Dressage Association Inc. www.newdressage.org to see all that NEWDA offers YOU!

NEWDA offers year end awards. Visit www.newdressage.org

NAWD offers year end TRAX awards for individuals & teams. Visit www.nawdhorse.org

Remember....It's not about the ribbons, it's about having rides worth ribbons.

Continue to learn, laugh, ride and have FUN!