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2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: If you have not already done so, please plan to renew your membership. Membership period is January 1 - December 31. You can renew and pay online: <https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/form2/index.html>.

2026 Rates:

Senior Member \$57

Youth Member (21 and under) \$47

Farm/Family Membership \$110

(Farm/Family includes two members - additional members can be added at \$50 each-maximum four members)

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ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS:

SVDA Volunteer of the Day Program

In addition to receiving volunteer hours for volunteering at a show, SVDA is implementing a Volunteer of the Day program at schooling shows. All volunteers' names will be placed in a hat (one time for half day volunteers, two times for whole day volunteers) and one name will be randomly drawn. The winner can select their choice from a variety of gifts and gift cards, each with a \$25 value. Available choices are gift cards from Chick-fil-A, Wawa, Starbucks, SmartPak, Sugar Shack at the Mingle, and a gift bag from Cypress Saddlery. At the first 3 shows, we also have vouchers for free Chick-Fil-A sandwiches for some randomly selected volunteers.

SVDA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Each year, SVDA members are eligible to apply for Scholarship and Foundation funds to further their advancement in dressage.

The SVDA Board of Directors votes on the applications received and can award up to two (2) Scholarships in the amount of \$400. If less than two (2) scholarships are given out in one (1) year, or there are additional funds, the Board may vote to give out additional scholarships that year.

See website for eligibility requirements or contact for details:

Whitney Kelso, Scholarship Chair

horsegalwhit@gmail.com

<https://southeastvirginiadressage.org/wp/scholarship-program/>

News from VADA:

VADA Board Meeting August 27, 8 p.m.
Meeting Minutes to be contained in September newsletter.



Great American Insurance Group/USDF Reg 1 Championships and VADA Fall Competition, Lexington VA
1-4 October 2026

"A Qualifying Competition for the 2026 US Dressage Finals presented by Adequan"

<https://www.virginiadressage.org/>

Show Events

Halloween Doggie Costume Class - It's a Howl of Halloween Doggie Costume Class. Dress Up your pooch and come to Anderson Coliseum for this much anticipated and hotly contested Doggie costume class on Saturday evening.

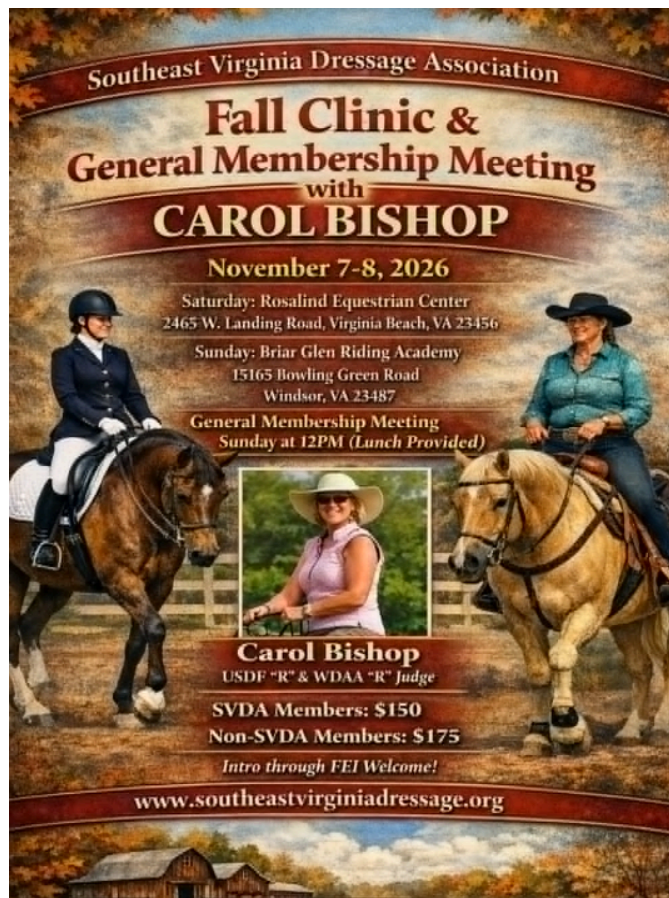
Show Party - Take a break and come out to mingle and dine with your fellow competitors on Friday evening.

HELP WANTED:

ARTICLES, BEST PRACTICES, TIPS & TRICKS, RECIPES FOR NEWSLETTER - please note that contributions to the newsletter are welcome. Members receive two volunteer hours for submitting any of the above items. Easy way to accumulate hours for end year Championships qualification! Email lorahowgib@gmail.com for questions or submissions.

UPCOMING SVDA EVENTS:

SVDA FALL CLINIC WITH CAROL BISHOP & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING-NOV 7 & 8



Southeast Virginia Dressage Association
Fall Clinic & General Membership Meeting with CAROL BISHOP
November 7-8, 2026
Saturday: Rosalind Equestrian Center
2465 W. Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456
Sunday: Briar Glen Riding Academy
15165 Bowling Green Road
Windsor, VA 23487
General Membership Meeting
Sunday at 12PM (Lunch Provided)
Carol Bishop
USDF "R" & WDAA "R" Judge
SVDA Members: \$150
Non-SVDA Members: \$175
Intro through FEI Welcome!
www.southeastvirginiadressage.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
SVDA New Test Clinic
with Kathy Rowse
USEF "S" Dressage Judge
USDF "L" Faculty
USDF Bronze, Silver & Gold Medalist

December 6, 2026
Kelly Coyne Dressage
Virginia Beach, VA

Earn USDF CE Credits

- New Test Clinic**
Learn, prepare, and ride through the new dressage tests.
- SVDA Membership Drive**
\$10 off membership if you attend.
- Pot Luck Lunch**
Bring a dish to share and enjoy time with fellow members.

SAVE THE DATE
Details and registration information coming soon

Southeast Virginia Dressage Association
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USDF CE Credits \$10 Membership Discount Pot Luck Lunch



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Please note: In accordance with Safe Sport guidelines, all Juniors should be accompanied to SVDA events by their parent or legal guardian. In cases where a parent or legal guardian cannot attend, the parent or legal guardian should complete and sign a waiver, which is available at www.southeastvirginiadressage.org

SVDA 2026 SCHOOLING SHOW SCHEDULE:

Date	Facility	Location	Close	Judge
8/30/2026	Seahorse Run	Suffolk, VA	8/21/2026	AnnMari Ingersoll, L Grad w/ Distinction
9/20/2026	RiverBirch	Courtland	9/11/2026	Jane Kelly, L Grad w/ Distinction
Championship TBD	Airfield 4-H Center	Wakefield, VA	10/23/2026	TBD

ENTER ONLINE: <https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/q6gtzijfb/index.html>

ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN FOR AUGUST 9 SHOW AT HARMONIA EQUESTRIAN-ENTRIES TO CLOSE FRIDAY, JULY 31! ENTER TODAY!

SANCTIONED SHOWS:

NOVEMBER 15, 2026
Crescent Bay Pony Club
SVDA Sanctioned Show

LOCATION:
Northwest River Part
1733 Indian Creek Road
Chesapeake, VA 2322

JUDGE:
Robyn Nunnally, L Grad
w/Distiction

ENTRY SECRETARY:
Rebecca Greifenberger
326 Brisa Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23322
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Entry Form:

<https://southeastviriniadressage.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Crescent-Bay-EntryForm.pdf>

IMPORTANT SHOW REMINDER: Don't forget that for all schooling shows and clinics sponsored by SVDA - a CURRENT negative coggins must be received or you will not be allowed to participate. SVDA must submit a report listing all horses, owners and coggins accession numbers to the Va Dept of Agriculture for every sponsored event. We cannot make exceptions. So please get your coggins drawn early to allow processing time so that we don't have to refuse your participation on the day of a show or clinic. Please upload at time of show entry or upload at:

<https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/form1/index.html>

2026 LICENSED SHOW SCHEDULE (partial):

Sept 5-6	Cool Down Dressage, Pinehurst, NC
Sept 5-6	VADAF Dressage at Rose Mount Farm, Spotsylvania, VA
Sept 11-13	NCDCTA Harvest Moon Dressage/CBLM Championship, Raeford, NC
Sept 26-27	Pinehurst Fall Dressage, Pinehurst, NC
Oct 1-4	GAIG/Reg 1 Championships and VADA Show Fall, Lexington, VA
Nov 21-22	Whispering Miracles - Holiday Spectacular, Virginia Beach, VA

Partial list - See USDF website for full schedule of shows - follow Region 1 -
<https://www.usdf.org/calendar/competitions.asp>

Important notice:

USEF DRESSAGE CHAPTER: DR 121 ANNEX A

Effective immediately - Updated May 6, 2026; Annex A is a supplement to the USEF Dressage Rules. All bits/equipment labeled as 'Pending Review' are not permitted in USEF/USDF competition until determined otherwise in this Annex. Please refer to FEI Dressage Rules and FEI Tack App directly for permitted saddlery/equipment in FEI CDIs events. Additional clarifications and rulings from the USEF Dressage Sport Department are noted and dated.

Please see link for pdf: [annex---bits-saddlery-equipment.pdf](#)

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***SVDA MERCH - ORDER DETAILS! PERFECT
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<https://southeastvda.itemorder.com>. You can
place orders directly to the shop, pay, and
items will ship right to you.

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<u>SIZE</u>	<u>RATES</u>	
	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Full page	\$15	\$150
Half page	\$10	\$100
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Business card	\$ 5	\$50
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TREATS FOR YOUR EQUINE PARTNER:

Horse-Friendly Apple-Carrot Muffins



A wholesome, occasional treat made with horse-safe ingredients—perfect for training rewards, barn gatherings, or a thoughtful gift for an equine friend.

Ingredients

- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 large carrot, finely grated
- 1 small apple, finely grated and seeds removed
- 1 ripe banana, mashed
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup unsweetened applesauce
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon, optional
- 2–4 tablespoons water, as needed

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to **350°F (175°C)**. Lightly grease a mini muffin pan or line it with paper liners.
2. In a large bowl, combine the oats, grated carrot, grated apple, and cinnamon.
3. Stir in the mashed banana, egg, and applesauce until well mixed.
4. Add water a tablespoon at a time until the mixture is thick and holds together.
5. Spoon the mixture into the muffin pan, filling each cup about three-quarters full.
6. Bake for **18–22 minutes**, or until the muffins are firm and lightly golden.
7. Cool completely before serving.

Serving & Storage

Serve **one mini muffin at a time**, depending on your horse's size, diet, and health needs. Store in the refrigerator for up to **five days**, or freeze for up to **three months**.

Barn note: Treats should be given in moderation. Avoid adding sugar, molasses, chocolate, raisins, or other ingredients that may be unsafe for horses. For horses with metabolic conditions or dietary restrictions, check with your veterinarian before introducing new treats.