

In the News



Photos from top to bottom:
 Laura Ashley Killian
 Photo by Don Stine Photography

Megan Chastain

The Dressage Foundation's **Maryl and Charlie Barnett** Continuing Education for Dressage Instructors Fund has awarded grants for two individuals to attend the USDF's Instructor/Trainer Program. **Megan Chastain** (Fort Gordon, Georgia) and **Laura Ashley Killian** (Wellington, Florida) each received a grant to further their education as instructors. Instructors attending any portion of the USDF Instructor/Trainer Program, including the workshops, pre-certification and testing, can use individual grants through this fund. Individual grants are awarded twice a year and the next deadline for applications is February 1, 2019. Additionally, five \$1,000 grants are available to Group Member Organizations (GMOs) that are organizing an instructor education event. The funds can be used to offset some of the expenses involved in conducting a USDF

Instructor/Trainer Program, or to organize a general educational event for area instructors. These applications must be received at least 90 days prior to the event.



Casey Osborne and Heir Apparent
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BarnManager sponsored a unique Dressage for Jumping clinic taught by U.S. Olympic team bronze medalist **Laura Graves** at **Ohana Equestrian Preserve** in Aldie, Virginia, in August. The clinic was the prize awarded to the winners of the 2017 **Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) Barn Night** video contest, which was won by the riders of **Kama Godek LLC**. Laura taught nine riders from Kama's barn with varying levels, including **Maya Aryal, Nicole Butchko, Erin Gilmore, Kama Godek, Abby Grabowski, Stefanie Oberhausen, Casey Osborne, Stefan Parker** and **Piper Tyrell**. "I think Laura's success is a testament to her approach to the horses and to the sport, and we were lucky to have a full day to learn from her and watch her work with riders of all levels," said **Nicole Lakin**, founder and CEO of **BarnManager**. "We're happy to be involved with WIHS and even more so to be a part of this clinic, which we think was really special." Auditors were also welcome at no cost and the archived livestream of the clinic is available on USEF Network.



Clark Kent at **Vinceremos** with his fans
 Photo courtesy of **Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center**
 Veterinarians at the **Palm Beach Equine Clinic** were able to return one of the beloved stars of the **Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center** in Loxahatchee, Florida, to health after a serious

injury. **Clark Kent**, a favorite of riders at the equine therapy facility for two years, suffered an injury to the right front leg that pierced his tendon sheath at the back of his fetlock. **Dr. Marilyn Connor** of **PBEC** initially treated **Clark Kent**, and then he was transported to **PBEC** for surgery to repair the injury. Following his recovery, he was able to return to helping **Vinceremos** riders. "We are so appreciative of **Dr. Scott Swerdlin** and his team of veterinarians at **PBEC**," said **Susan Guinan**, director of development at **Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center**. "They give so much support to **Vinceremos** and the horses here. They keep them in top shape so we can impact our community in such a special way through equine therapy."



Beth Davidson

The Dressage Foundation (TDF) is pleased to announce that the 2018 **Veronica Holt** Dressage Technical Delegate Grant has been awarded to **Beth Davidson** of **Plant City, Florida**. Beth will be using the \$500 Grant to apprentice at the **Regional Championships** in **Lexington, Kentucky**, in October, followed by additional competitions in early 2019. "I was so very lucky to know **Veronica** and learn from her at the **USDF TD Clinics**," Beth said. "**Veronica** knew well the challenges that many of us face when we're apprenticing for our licenses and promotions. We must travel outside our region and apprentice at multi-day shows at our own expense. I own a farm in Florida, which adds additional costs while I'm traveling. I'll be utilizing the grant funding to pursue my 'R' Dressage TD license. My thanks to the donors and **TDF** for administering so many great programs for riders, amateurs and licensed officials in dressage." For more information about this fund, or to make a donation, visit www.dressagefoundation.org.