

DHD & CT Halloween Benefit Dressage Schooling Show October 18, 2026



Judge	Opening Date	Closing Date
Trisha DeRosa	September 24	October 8

Wickham Park Equestrian Center
2500 Parkway Drive
Melbourne, FL



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<https://www.dancinghorsesdressage.com/>

All profits to benefit "The Painted Horse Rescue"
<https://www.paintedhorerescue.com/>



ABOUT OUR BENEFICIARY: The Painted Horse Rescue is located in Malabar, FL and is dedicated to rescuing horses from neglect, abuse, abandonment, and slaughter. They strive to improve the animals' lives by providing a safe haven for healing, rehabilitation, and to restore their trust in humankind.

They also have equine-assisted therapy programs, and work with Veterans and children to support emotional healing, personal growth, and stronger connections between people and horses



ENTRIES: Online at <https://www.dancinghorsesdressage.com/2026-show-series>. Submitted entries must be **complete** and submitted on or between the opening and closing dates of the show being entered to be accepted.

A **complete** entry includes **ALL** of the following:

- Fully executed entry from
- Online payment for entry total
- Signed waiver via Dropbox Sign (for both rider and owner if owner is not the rider)
- Copy of current negative Coggins (BLOOD DRAWN ON DATE within past 12 months of show date)

ONLY COMPLETE ENTRIES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR SCHEDULING and entries will be prioritized based on the timestamp of electronically submitted entries. Complete entries which cannot be scheduled due to the capacity limits of the show will be prioritized based on time and date the entry was submitted and placed on a waiting list.

ENTRY/STABLING FEES:

Office Fee - \$30 per horse and rider combination

Class Fee - \$30 per class for DHD & CT Members

\$40 per class for non DHD & CT Members; either the rider or the horse owner must be a DHD & CT member to qualify for the member class fee

Non-competing horse - \$10 schooling fee **plus office fee and stall fee** (if applicable); must complete an entry (including Coggins and Waiver)

Horse and Tack stalls - \$35 per stall for the day of the show. No stall bedding is provided, and footing is sand. Stall fees include cleaning by DHD. In the event of a full barn, stalls will be prioritized in the order of competing horses, non-showing horses, and tack stalls. Refunds will be provided for stalls when not available or not used.

RIDE TIMES: Ride Times will be posted on the Dancing Horse Dressage Website, <https://www.dancinghorsedressage.com/show-resources> after noon on the Wednesday prior to the show.

CANCELLATIONS: In case of impending severe weather, a committee consisting of the President and Show Manager may cancel a show. Any cancellation due to weather will be posted on <https://www.dancinghorsedressage.com> no later than noon the day preceding the show. The show may be rescheduled at a later date, not necessarily at the same venue. Competitors will be refunded all fees in the event of cancellation for inclement weather.

WEATHER DELAYS: In case of severe weather such as rain, thunder, lightning or hail, the Show Manager or their appointed representative may call for a delay of the show without consulting other committee members. When the show is resumed, it will continue in the order of go as listed in the program. IF A COMPETITOR HAS LEFT THE SHOW GROUNDS, IT WILL BE CONSIDERED A SCRATCH AND NO REFUND OF ANY KIND WILL BE MADE. If the show cannot be resumed due to unsafe weather conditions, the show committee will determine if the remaining classes can be rescheduled at a later date or if the remaining classes will be cancelled. Competitors will be refunded the class fees for any classes which cannot be ridden due to show management's decision to cancel those classes after the start of the event.

RING PROCEDURES: NUMBERS must be worn at all times while a horse is being ridden, lunged, or hand walked in any arena or designated warmup area. Arena is open on show day for you to walk your horse in-hand around the perimeter of the dressage arena at these two times:

1. Immediately after setup until 10 minutes before the first scheduled ride, and
2. During the scheduled lunch break until 5 minutes before the first scheduled ride after the lunch break

TACK AND ATTIRE: The DHD & CT Benefit Schooling Show will follow the USEF, USDF, FEI, or WDAA rules as appropriate, with a few exceptions as documented on our website (<https://www.dancinghorsedressage.com/show-rules>) and noted here. Each competitor is responsible for knowing the rules.

- Costumes may be worn for any class, but rider must be attired in regulation helmet and footwear. Costume may extend to horse as long as costume does not interfere with the view of the horse's movement and will not be so flamboyant as to spook other horses.

MUSICAL FREESTYLE: There are NO prerequisites for riding a Freestyle test at any level.

CLASS PLACING AWARDS: First place prize and ribbons for first through sixth place. If not picked up at the show, unclaimed class ribbons/awards will be returned to the club inventory.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Dancing Horse Dressage is a volunteer organization and depends on club members to help support its activities. Contact volunteercoordinator@dancinghorsedressage.org to sign up for a volunteer position.

COSTUME CONTEST

Perfect Pair Award: Recognizing the horse and rider team whose costumes complement one another to create the most cohesive, coordinated, and memorable presentation.

Creatively Unbridled Award: Celebrating the most imaginative and original costume design, showcasing exceptional creativity, innovation, and attention to detail.

Judges' Choice Award: Presented to the entry that stands out for its overall impact, charm, entertainment value, or unique qualities that capture the judges' attention.

Best Supporting Character Award: Awarded to the best costume worn by a participant **without a horse**, including spectators, family members, trainers, grooms, volunteers, or other attendees who join in the fun.

Judging will be by silent committee, and costume winners will be awarded for both the morning and the afternoon participants.

Class List

Class #	Rider Division	Class Name (TOC indicates Test of Choice)
1	AA, JR/YR	USDF Introductory Test A
2	AA, JR/YR	USDF Introductory Test B
3	AA, JR/YR	USDF Introductory Test C
4	AA, JR/YR	USEF Training Level Test 1
5	AA, JR/YR	USEF Training Level Test 2
6	AA, JR/YR	USEF Training Level Test 3
7	AA, JR/YR	USEF First Level Test 1
8	AA, JR/YR	USEF First Level Test 2
9	AA, JR/YR	USEF First Level Test 3
10	AA, JR/YR	USEF/FEI Second Level & Above TOC
11	Open, AA, JR/YR	USDF Introductory Level TOC
12	Open, AA, JR/YR	USEF Training Level TOC
13	Open, AA, JR/YR	USEF First Level TOC
14	Open, AA, JR/YR	USEF/FEI Second Level & Above TOC
15	Open, AA, JR/YR	USEA Starter TOC
16	Open, AA, JR/YR	USEA Beginner Novice Level TOC
17	Open, AA, JR/YR	USEA Novice Level TOC
18	Open, AA, JR/YR	USEA Training Level & Above TOC
19	Open, AA, JR/YR	USDF Musical Freestyle TOC
20	Open, AA, JR/YR	DHD 2026 Prix Caprilli Introductory Level *
OR		
21	Open, AA, JR/YR	DHD 2026 Prix Caprilli Training Level TOC **

Note that all USDF Introductory Level tests; USEA Starter, USEA Beginner Novice and USEA Novice Level tests will be ridden in the short arena. All other tests will be ridden in the standard arena.

Classes do not have to and probably will not run in the order listed above.

Test of Choice classes may be entered multiple times for **DIFFERENT** tests; i.e. TR Level Test 1; TR Level Test 2.

***** DHD 2026 Prix Caparilli Introductory Level test: All fences are set at 18” Cross Rails and all fences are taken at a trot.

****** DHD 2026 Prix Caprilli Training Level TOC: This class includes two tests (18” Cross Rails and 2’ Vertical). As a TOC class, horse rider combinations may ride both tests. In both tests, fences are taken at a canter.

A horse rider combination may enter either Class 20 or 21 but may not enter both classes.

Horses are limited to 3 dressage tests per show day (including Prix Caprilli tests).

Horse and rider combination may enter no more than two consecutive levels, Freestyle levels included. An individual horse or individual rider is not constrained to consecutive levels.

Links to tests at the following website:

<https://dancinghorsesdressage.com/show-rules/>