



# The Contact

SUMMER 2018



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## A Classic Summer

It was wonderful to see all of you in attendance at our pride and joy, the Cornhusker Classic show. Our volunteers were expertly managed this year by Diane Fucinaro and Kim Higgins, and the show ran smoothly thanks to our fearless leader, Jennifer Rawlinson.

Despite a bit of a heat wave that overtook our May weekend, the weekend was full of friendship and bonding experiences. Our very own local superstars, Kate Rawlinson and Jane Fucinaro both achieved long term personal goals and earned their Bronze Medals over the weekend. Read their stories of the experience in this issue!

The remainder of our summer is filled with more show opportunities, from schooling shows hosted by some of our favorite local barns to multiple Western Dressage shows, and the anticipated Region 4 Championships.

I wish you all a summer full of happy trails and great times in the arena!

Happy riding,  
**Michaela Schieffer**  
*NDA Editor*



## Packing to Reduce Show Stress

by Shan Lawton

Have you been getting to competitions and finding that you forgot something? Hopefully this hasn't happened to you, but it is very possible to get to the show and discover you left your saddle home! So here is a show packing check list and procedure reminder. You will probably have things that you want to add to it, so by all means do so. The idea is to reduce at least part of the stress of showing. It's supposed to be fun, right?

Something that is not part of the packing procedure but is part of your show organization is the cleanliness of your trailer. When you get to the show, as soon as you have your horse settled in and your trailer unpacked, muck out the trailer and rebed it so that it is ready to load up when you're ready to leave. And do the same as soon as you get home from the show.

Finally, an item of horsemanship rather than packing: Don't wait until the day before the competition to teach your horse to load! It can be a time consuming process, so allow plenty of time. Just remember that the more pleasant you make the trailer for your horse the more likely it is to want to get into it. Treats as a reward for getting into the trailer are a good idea, as are meals in the trailer. And if you have a problem loader, seek professional assistance!

### PACKING PROCEDURE

A day or two before your travel day, pack all grain meals in gallon ziploc bags, including appropriate supplements in each meal. Label each bag with its appropriate meal designation (e.g., Sat AM, Sat Lunch, Sat PM). If you are taking your own shavings and hay, calculate the amount needed and load it onto the trailer. For shavings allow at least 4 bags to bed the stall initially, plus 1 bag per day. For hay make sure to pack enough so that you will be able to fill hay nets for the trip home.

Make sure your show trunk is appropriately packed and that all supplies that should be in the trailer & not in the show trunk are packed. Make sure shipping boots/wraps and tail wrap are clean.

Pack all your show clothes into your vehicle or trailer. Hat, coat, stock tie(s), gloves, show boots, spurs, breeches (1 pr for each competition day, in case of bad weather).

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## SHOW TRUNK

## Brush box

- hoof pick
- soft rubber curry
- metal curry
- dandy brush
- body brush
- clean towels
- mane comb/brush
- tail comb/brush
- detangler (Cowboy Magic or Vetrolin)

## Braiding kit

- comb
- hairpin
- rubber bands or yarn
- pull-through
- scissors
- seam ripper
- spray bottle

## Tack

- show saddle pads (1 for each day of the show, including non-competition days)
- polo wraps or exercise boots
- show bridle, if you have one (not recommended) & extra bridle (for emergency parts)
- show girth & extra girth
- clean tail wrap
- show halter/shipping halter

## Miscellaneous

- double end snaps
- zip ties & bungee cords
- cross ties
- extra towels
- rain gear
- ziploc bags

## First aid kit for people

## First aid kit for horses

- antibiotic ointment
- vetericyn
- Gastrogard
- Banamine
- cotton balls
- alcohol
- Vetwrap & Ace bandages
- gauze pads

## TRAILER

## Bathing supplies

- 5 gallon bucket
- large sponge
- shampoo
- conditioner
- immersion heater
- garden hose with spray nozzle
- box fan

## Feeding

- 2 water buckets
- grain bowl

## Mucking

- muck bucket &/or wheelbarrow
- pitchfork
- broom

## Horse clothes

- stable sheet
- cooler
- shipping boots/wraps

All of the above supplies can live in your trailer. The day before the show you will want to pack the feed and bedding supplies for the show.

## For each trip

Grain (pack each meal, with supplements in a gallon ziplock bag labelled for the specific meal—e.g. “FRI AM, FRI NOON,” etc.)

Hay (enough for all days at the show plus hay bag for trips to and from show)

Shavings (4 bags for initial bedding plus one for each day at the show)

**SADDLE!** (and bridle if it's the same for show)

Dover Saddlery sells some nice plastic trunks with wheels. Stanley also makes some very functional wheeled trunks for a fraction of the price. You can find them on line or sometimes at Home Depot.



## Bronze Stars

By Jane Fucinaro and Kate Rawlinson

You can't always get what you want, but you get what you need!" The Rolling Stones knew what they were singing about, that's for sure. Years ago, I made the tough decision to let go of my personal horse, save up some money, and focus on developing in my education. At times, I thought I'd never be able to ride dressage horses again, but man was I wrong!

For the past couple years, I've been extremely fortunate to borrow and ride lovely horses from clients on a regular basis. Earning my Bronze Medal at NDA's Cornhusker Classic was a culmination of the wonderful experiences I've had on SO many different horses, and from the support of their owners believing in me. It felt incredible, too, to earn this at our "home" show that some of my closest friends, family and colleagues managed...it was so rewarding. Cheers to the many owners, trainers and horses that have made this first stepping stone achievable, and especially to the sweetest gelding, Malachi, who got pulled out of his long vacation and was a great sport in the heat. My deepest gratitude to you, Mali!

Finally, congratulations to my friend, Kate! It was an honor to share the day with you and Image!

Jane Fucinaro

At the Cornhusker Classic I & II, Image and I earned our two final scores (in Third level) to earn our USDF Bronze Medal! This was our biggest goal as a team and, even with setbacks, we finally achieved it!

It was the culmination of a lot of hard work. Image and I went from showing Intro level to Third level in just over three years, which really just underlines how lucky I am to have a dance partner who loves his job and tries his heart out for me every day.

I was especially excited that Jane and I got to celebrate the same milestone together! It was fun to cheer on my fellow competitor and both reach success at this level.

This Fall, Image and I are planning to work on solidifying our flying changes and work on becoming overall stronger to improve our Third level work. I am excited at the possibility of earning the right to ride in a double bridle this winter!

Kate Rawlinson



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## Scholarship Corner - 2018 Winners!

At the end of June, I have the opportunity to ride my horse, Wiley, in a clinic with George Williams. I'm very excited to get feedback from someone who has so much experience working with young riders. This clinic will push me towards my goal of competing at Second Level and, eventually, earning a Bronze Medal. I'm very thankful to have received this scholarship which will make riding in this clinic possible for me.

**Rebecca Barry (Jr./YR)**



I am overjoyed and thankful to be chosen as one of the 2018 Nebraska Dressage Association's Scholarship Recipients! I am grateful for the opportunity to be able to attend an amazing 4 day clinic at La Riata Ranch this July! I look forward to strengthening my partnership with my beloved horse Pfilario. Thank you NDA!

**Bess Binfield (Professional)**



Receiving the NDA Scholarship will allow Skye and I to take the next step in our partnership as well as help me assure we both have the tools to allow her to enjoy her work, making her a better teacher for the students who utilize her in their learning. We can't wait to work with Pete Rodda, and Sarah and Clayton Martin!

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Alejandra Roca

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## Western Dressage Corner

This spring, we had the opportunity to hold a Western Dressage clinic in Grand Island. We had a wonderful turnout, most of those new to Western Dressage. It was a full day of info, lessons and ride a test. We started the morning out with WHAT is Western Dressage with input from myself, Gracie Huenefeld, Deb Wilke and Kimmie Peterson. Gracia was the our instructor while Kimmie and myself helped anyone while they were waiting for their lesson.

I have also implemented a Western Dressage School show at the 2018 NE State Fair in conjunction with the Working Equitation show. So I wanted to get folks around her the opportunity to be a part of that if they so wished. Just trying to get the word out in this area and hoping for support at the State Fair show.

**Janelle Stelk**

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I had the privilege of teaching a Western Dressage clinic in Grand Island, hosted by Janelle Stelk and Kimmie Peterson. We had a wonderful turnout of 18 riders, many of them who have never set foot in a Dressage ring.

We started out with the first hour going over Western Dressage from the beginning. From associations/memberships to rules/tack/apparel to how a test is scored and the levels, etc. Deb Wilkie also came and helped answer questions and share information during that time. The interaction was fantastic from the riders and we had a great time.

The rest of the day was spent in group classes. We went over the training scale and how it applies to their work as well as working on exercises to better suppleness, bend, and straightness. At the end of the groups, each rider was given the opportunity to ride through a test. Again, this was a first for many of them.

As the instructor for the day it was so fun to teach such an enthusiastic group of people and I'm so excited to see and help the sport grow across our state!

**Gracia Huenefeld**

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The Lancaster County Fair Open Schooling Show - August 11 - 12 - Lincoln, NE: WDAA and USEF approved show, so great for National and local points.

New this year is the Nebraska State Fair Western Dressage Show - August 30th - Grand Island, NE: WDAA approved show so WDAA and local points are up for grabs. There is a clinic opportunity to learn from the Judge after this show.

If we want to encourage the show managers to offer these opportunities for us in 2019, we need to show up and ride and/or volunteer in 2018! Let them know, we appreciate all the hard work and offerings for the western riders!

We continue to work on options for future educational opportunities. We would love to hear more about what you would like to see and learn more about.

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## Junior Corner

Showing at the International Omaha Local Day Dressage show was exhilarating. I was not sure I was going to be able to participate as my horse had undergone surgery to remove a sinus cyst the first week of March and had complications with her recovery. However, she was recovered enough by show time and performed well, handling the distractions of the large show venue with aplomb. I was so proud of her, even though she embarrassed me during the awards by throwing her head around in front of the judge.

Fellow NDA members were there to cheer me on and help me prepare for my ride. It was a heady feeling to be

there with the lights, sounds, and Megatron, knowing that I was showing where world-class riders had and would be performing. I thought I would be nervous but was surprised to find myself giddy.

Reflecting on my experience, I am grateful to the organizers, volunteers, and sponsors of this show. I hope it becomes an annual event so other local riders have the opportunity to participate in the future.

Aussia Stander

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## Calendar of Events

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| <b>JULY</b>      |  |                 |   |
| 7                | Summer Solstice Dressage Schooling Show, S&L Stables   | 27-30           | WDAA Western Dressage World Championship Show, Lazy E Arena - Guthrie, OK |
| 9                | NDA Board Meeting, 6:30 North Misty's Steakhouse   | 29-30           | Maffitt Lake Fall Harvest I & II - Cumming, IA                            |
| 21-22            | KCDS Summer Dressage at Longview I & II - Kansas City, MO                                      | <b>OCTOBER</b>  |   |
| 28-29            | Two Rivers Dressage Classic I & II, Maffitt Lake Equestrian Center - Cumming, IA               | 5               | Deadline to submit scores for year-end awards                             |
| <b>AUGUST</b>    |  | 8               | NDA Board Meeting, 6:30 North Misty's Steakhouse                          |
| 11-12            | Lancaster County Fair Open Dressage Show, Lancaster Event Center - Lincoln, NE                 | <b>NOVEMBER</b> |   |
| 13               | NDA Board Meeting, 6:30 North Misty's Steakhouse   | 8-11            | USDF National Dressage Finals, Kentucky Horse Park - Lexington, KY        |
| 30               | Nebraska State Fair Western Dressage Show & Clinic, Grand Island NE State Fair, Thompson Arena |                 |   |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |  |                 |   |
| 1-2              | Advancing Western Dressage Ride-A-Test, Mountain Rose Ranch - Kearney, NE                      |                 |   |
| 6-9              | USDF Region 4 Championships, North Iowa Events Center - Mason City                             |                 |   |
| 10               | NDA Board Meeting, 6:30 North Misty's Steakhouse   |                 |   |
| 16               | NDA Schooling Show Championships, Lancaster Event Center - Lincoln, NE                         |                 |   |



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