

The Hope 4 Hooves Silver State Dispatch
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From Horseman's Park to Guthrie: Hope 4 Hooves-Silver State Riders at WDAA Worlds

GUTHRIE, Okla. — The 14th annual Western Dressage Association of America World Championship Show wrapped September 15–19 at the Lazy E Arena, drawing more than 238 horse-and-rider combinations from 28 states for 170 classes across 31 divisions. Judges Carol Bishop, Michell Combs, Marie Maloney, Janice Mumford, and Lynn Palm officiated 1,123 tests over five days in four arenas. Forty-eight breeds competed, from Intro walk-trot through Level 5, including exceptional and therapeutic rider divisions.

For Hope 4 Hooves / Silver State Western Dressage exhibitors, Worlds is the destination many of our Las Vegas-area tests point toward. Qualifying scores earned at H4H-SSWD recognized shows — including March Madness and the Colonel Richard I. Porter, MD Memorial — appeared on the official 2026 qualifier lists. Showing at Worlds does not automatically qualify a horse for the following year; the horse must qualify at each level it will enter, during the published qualifying window.

The 2026 show was a USEF fully licensed competition. That meant competing membership (or a one-time show pass) and current Safe Sport training for riders and owners — a change exhibitors planning 2027 should keep on the checklist. The inaugural USEF Western Dressage Seat Medal Final was held on opening day H4H-SSWD, Blue Ribbons own junior rider Jocelyn Brattain and Haitiano YM placed 8th!!

WDAA's own description of the week still fits what we try to build at Horseman's Park: superior horsemanship, happy horses, and exhibitor camaraderie, open to every breed and every honest partnership. Live coverage ran on Total Horse Channel. Official recaps and results are on USEF and WDAA channels. Future World Show dates at the Lazy E are already posted: September 7–11, 2027; September 5–9, 2028; September 18–22, 2029; September 17–21, 2030.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 16-17 H4H/SSWD
Dr. Jodi Larsen Memorial USEF Lite Show

Horseman's Park
5800 East Flamingo Rd.
Las Vegas, NV
WDAA, CAWDA, AQHA, approved
Judge Paula Briney

October 18 H4H/SSWD "AN INTRODUCTION TO WORKING EQUITATION OBSTACLES!"

Judge/Clinician Kathleen en Elliot- number of rider slots available 20 only 3 left!

Horseman's Park
5800 East Flamingo Rd.
Las Vegas, NV

November 13-15 H4H/SSWD Col. Richard I Porter Memorial USEF Lite Show

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5800 East Flamingo Rd.
Las Vegas, NV
WDAA, CAWDA, AQHA, approved
Judges Friday- Carolyn Lindholm
Saturday/Sunday-Mary Mahler



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HORSE AND RIDER ROUNDUP! Valerie Porter and Little Doc San Peppy

This corner belongs to the pairs who keep showing up — at Horseman's Park, on the road, and in the quiet work between shows.

Valerie Porter and Little Doc San Peppy are one of those pairs. Val is the force behind Hope 4 Hooves and Silver State Western Dressage: rescue, re-homing, and a recognized show series that has given Southern Nevada, California, Utah, and neighboring states a place to earn WDAA scores without leaving the desert for every outing. Little Doc San Peppy "Sam" rescued in 2020 from a kill pen, is her own partner in that work — a 2018 chestnut American Quarter Horse whose papers run straight through the San Peppy and Doc country that built so much of the modern western performance horse.

On the sire side, Little Doc traces to Little Josey Wales and Little Peppy Blast, and from there to Peppy San Badger — "Little Peppy" — the King Ranch son of Mr San Peppy who won the 1977 NCHA Futurity and 1978 NCHA Derby and went into the AQHA Hall of Fame. Mr San Peppy, himself an NCHA and AQHA world champion cutter and Hall of Fame stallion, sits close in the pedigree as well. On the other side sit Doc's Prescription and the Doc Bar / Tivio lines. That is cow-horse and ranch horse blood asked, in this ring, to walk, jog, lengthen, collect, and stay soft in a 20-by-60.

That is the point of Western Dressage, and of H4H-SSWD: the same horse that could hold a cow can also carry a test. Little Doc is eight this season — still young enough to be building strength and confirmation of the aids, old enough to be a real partner. Val's program has always treated the show ring as part of a longer journey, not the whole story. Rescue horses in the series prove that every week. A foundation-bred Quarter Horse in the same rings proves it from the other direction.

Huge thanks to my Coach Carolyn Heaton, assistant Amina Rouas for hours of coaching/training, and to the world show crew who supported us the entire week, and then some, Lisa/Abelino Gabaldon, Annette Spinetti, Dania Spor, Sharon Fiato, Lin Hokana, Jocelyn Brattain, Eddie Hirtenstein, Dawna Kuhlmeier, Emma Thalgot my husband Bill, my Mom Marlys and Bizzy Bee, plus the entire H4H-SSWD family, I am so grateful for each and every one of you.....Valerie

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