



2008 USEF DRESSAGE TEST FOR 4-YEAR-OLD HORSES (Updated 2009)

Competition : _____

Date : _____

All trot work may be ridden sitting or rising, unless stated.

Arena 20 x 60 m

	Test
A	Enter in working trot
X	Halt - salute, proceed in working trot
C	Track to the right
B-X	Half circle 10m returning to the track at M
E-X	Half circle 10m returning to the track at H
MXK	Lengthen stride in trot
K	Working trot
A-C	3 loop serpentine width of arena
C	Medium walk
C-H	Medium walk
H-B	Free walk
B-K	Medium walk
K	Working trot sitting
A	Working canter left lead
B	Circle left 15m
HXF	Change rein
X	Working trot sitting
F	Working canter right lead
E	Circle right 15m
MXK	Change rein
X	Working trot
FXH	Lengthen stride in trot
H	Working trot
C	Circle right 20m, allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward
Before C	Shorten the reins
C	Working trot
B	10m half-circle to X
X	Straight ahead
G	Halt - immobility - salute

Leave arena at A in walk on a long rein.

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Marking Sheet - including directives

Assessment of individual tasks	Commentary	Mark
Trot Rhythm, looseness, suppleness, swinging back, ability to bend the joints of the hindquarters		
Walk Rhythm, relaxation, activity, ground cover		
Canter Rhythm, looseness, suppleness, natural balance, uphill tendency, ability to bend the joints of the hindquarters		
Submissiveness , contact, straightness, obedience, responsiveness to the aids of the rider		
General impression As a young dressage horse, standard of training on the basis of the "scale of training" according to the age		
Total marks		
Divided by 5 = TOTAL SCORE		
1 st error of course : 0.1 pts (Total possible score reduced by 1%) 2 nd error of course : 0.2 pts (Total possible score reduced by 2%) 3 rd error of course: Elimination		
TOTAL SCORE		
FINAL SCORE IN %:		

The idea is to find horses with elastic natural gaits, trained in a correct way, according to the age which can reach higher dressage levels.

Marks from 0 to 10, decimals allowed (e.g. 7.3 or 8.7)

Judges' signatures (1)

(2)

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