Dressage, Hunt Seat And Western Horseback Riding Lessons  
Summer 2019 Program

**OBJECTIVES:** To provide instruction for beginners, intermediates, and advanced riders, including students, adults, and children (*age 11 or older or who will be at the 6th grade level in the fall of 2019*). Younger students who have an intermediate or higher level of experience may enroll with advanced permission from the instructor.

**INSTRUCTOR:** All lessons are under the supervision of Alena Meacham, Lecturer and Director of UConn’s Equestrian Riding Programs. Alena is a member of the UConn faculty with a BS in Equine Business Management from Johnson and Wales University. She teaches the Horse Practicum lessons to students and coaches the Dressage, Hunt Seat and Western teams in intercollegiate competitions. She competes in the Jumpers and has shown through 1.25 meter competition. Alena has worked with the top Jumper riders in the United States and brings a strong background in Dressage to her instruction. Contact information: alena.meacham@uconn.edu or call/text 860-377-3779.

**GROUPING OF RIDERS:** Riders will be placed into ability groups such as beginner, advanced beginner, intermediate I & II and advanced. There will be a max of 8 riders in each group with 2 instructors in most lessons.

**CLASSIFICATION OF LEVELS:**  
*HUNT SEAT:*  
**Beginner** - Individuals who have never been on a horse or who would like a refresher course.  
**Advanced Beginner** - Those who have walked, trotted, and started to canter and have had previous lessons in hunt seat. Riders will be working on diagonals, leads, and cross rails.

**MORE INFORMATION ON BACK SIDE**
Intermediate I & II - Will be divided into two groups. Individuals who have walked, trotted, cantered and have jumped 2’ (I) and those who have jumped 2’6” fences (II).
Advanced - Individuals who have walked, trotted, and cantered, have a strong seat and have jumped a course of at least 3’ fences.

*DRESSAGE:
Lower Level LL- Riders who are working on Training level Dressage.
Upper Level UP- Riders who are working on First level and higher Dressage movements.

*WESTERN:
Beginner – Individuals who have never been on a horse or who have only ridden a few times and prefer a refresher course.
Intermediate – Individuals who have ridden Western, walked, jogged and loped, and who feel confident with lead changes and trail.

*Prior approval is necessary to advance to the next level of riding in a future session.

RATES AND SESSION SCHEDULES:
Rates are calculated by individual session. Each session is two or three weeks long. You may ride once a week (Fridays only), twice a week, or three times a week. **Lessons are not held on holidays and session is discounted.**

FACILITIES:
Weather conditions will determine if the lessons will be given in either the large outside ring at the UConn Horse Barn I or in the Horsebarn Hill Arena. These areas are located at the University of Connecticut, Storrs campus.

REQUIREMENTS:
Riders must be able to independently tack and mount horse with supervision. Riders are required to wear long pants and hard-soled shoes with heels. **NO SNEAKERS!!!** All will be required to wear a hard hunt cap, which will be provided by the instructor at the time of the lesson.

ENROLLMENT:
Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please fill out the Registration Form, read and sign the required ACKNOWLEDGEMENT / CONSENT FORM (form can be found at UConnSummerRiding.uconn.edu) and send along with a check for full amount or a $75 deposit for each session to reserve a space per session or pay online. **Information on our *NEW* online payment system can be found at UConnSummerRiding.uconn.edu.** **DEPOSIT WILL NOT BE REFUNDED UPON CANCELLATION.**

Any remaining balance must be paid at the first lesson. You are considered registered upon receipt of registration form. Refunds are handled on a case by case basis by the Department Head. Refunds or transferring the balance of payment to future sessions are not guaranteed.

PROCEDURE:
All riders should report to the UConn Horse Barn Unit I 30 minutes early to tack up and start on time for their lesson. Horses will be assigned to riders. In addition, all riders must have returned the required Acknowledgement / Consent Form prior to the first lesson (a guardian or parent must sign if rider is under 18 years of age). Please call or text at (860) 377-3779 if you are unable to attend your lesson; make-ups only available with a legitimate excuse and not guaranteed.

To print the required Acknowledgement / Consent Form and/or to view our Frequently Asked Questions page regarding the Summer Riding Program, visit UConnSummerRiding.uconn.edu

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### 2019 SUMMER REGISTRATION FORM - DRESSAGE, HUNT SEAT (HS), AND WESTERN

Please indicate the lesson(s) you would like to enroll in by circling the time and day (M&W or T&Th or Fri.). Please choose just one riding level per session; do not mix levels (example: a rider can enroll to ride in HS beginner and Western beginner in the same session because they are the same level).

It is recommended that beginner riders who want to ride in more than one session stay in the beginner riding level for at least two sessions before progressing to Adv. Beginner. If you have questions regarding level changes from one session to the next, please call or text 860-377-3779.

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**Session I – Mon. May 13 – Fri. May 31 (3 weeks) M&W = $181.25**

**T&Th = $217.50  Friday = $108.75 (No class on Monday, May 27th)**

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**Session II – Mon. June 10 – Fri. June 28 (3 weeks) M&W = $217.50**

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**Session III – Mon. July 8 – Fri. August 2 (2 weeks) M&W = $145**

**T&Th = $145  Friday = $72.50 (No class the week of July 22)**

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**Session IV – Mon. August 12 – Fri. August 23 (2 weeks) M&W = $145**

**T&TH = $145  Friday = $72.50**

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Please mail this form, the Acknowledgement/Consent Form and payment (if not paying online) to:

University of Connecticut – Department of Animal Science  
Attn: Jennifer Simoniello, 3636 Horsebarn Hill Road Ext.,  
Unit 4040, Storrs, CT 06269-4040

Checks Payable to “UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT”

NAME: ___________________________________________

CIRCLE: ADULT/CHILD  CHILD’S AGE: ________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________

TOWN: __________________STATE: ____ZIP: __________

PHONE #: ________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: _________________________________

FULL AMOUNT OR $75 DEPOSIT: $___________________

PAID ONLINE? Y _______ NO ________

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT: ____________________

PHONE #: ______________________________________

Additional riding experience please explain:

_____________________________________________

How did you learn about this program?

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I acknowledge that I have read and signed the required ACKNOWLEDGEMENT / CONSENT FORM, will abide by all rules of the UConn Horse Barn, and understand that NO REFUNDS are guaranteed.

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Signature of Rider (over 18)/Parent/Guardian (circle one)

*Session is prorated for the holiday.*