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The 2019 Devon Horse Show & Country Fair Returns With Special Events Sure to Please the Entire Family

DEVON, Pa. – March 29, 2019 – The Main Line is gearing up for another spectacular start to summer with the 2019 Devon Horse Show and Country Fair. This annual treasured tradition has benefitted Bryn Mawr Hospital for the past 100 years, with completion of a five-year \$2 million pledge bringing the total donation to the hospital on behalf of the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair to more than \$18 million.

Complete schedules for the numerous equestrian and Country Fair events as well as ticket, raffle, and vendor information can be found on the Show's website: www.devonhorseshow.net.

From the exceptional equestrian competition to the ever-popular Ladies Day, event highlights for the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair, which runs Thursday, May 23 through Sunday, June 2, include:

- **Thursday, May 23: Community Night, Alumni Night, Dog Show**
The Show kicks off with free admission and free parking after 5PM.

Wear your spirit wear and help support local high school booster clubs promoting Conestoga High School's football, baseball and rugby teams. Clydesdale Corner becomes Alumni Corner, welcoming all local high school grads with fun activities and special themed drinks and food specials.

The Devon Derby is also hosting a special raffle for all those purchasing a raffle book (\$10) during the evening.

The 3rd Annual Dog Show presented by What a Good Dog in the Dixon Oval will feature a crowd-pleasing exhibition and four classes: Walk-Trot with Me, Jumpers, Tricks, and Lead Line Costume Parade. *New this year* are the Halo Awards, honoring dogs who provide service. Owners are invited to nominate their dogs to be professionally judged in

three categories. Winners will be recognized during the Tribute to Heroes event on Memorial Day, May 27

- **Friday, May 24: Border Collies, Sheep, and Ducks**
Don't miss this crowd-pleasing demonstration featuring border collies, sheep, and ducks.
- **NEW! Saturday, May 25: Children's Tea Party, Radnor Hunt Foxhounds**
Bring the littles ones to watch the adorable landline classes and pony hunt teams. Children 12 and under are cordially invited to our inaugural Children's Tea Party, to be held from 11:30 am-1pm. Come in your finest for tea and goodies, plus an English tea cup and plush as souvenirs. Limited to 40 guests.

In the evening, don't miss the Radnor Hunt Foxhounds, when horse and rider will elegantly parade with a lively pack of hounds.

- **Sunday, May 26: Pony Steeplechase, \$50,000 Arena Eventing Class**
Enjoy the fast-paced pony steeplechase in the afternoon followed by the excitement of eventing in the evening.

Beginning at 7 p.m., elite horse and rider pairs will navigate 15 standard cross country jumps and 10 show jumps over an impressive 1,000-meter course designed by Olympic gold medalist Mark Phillips held in the Dixon Oval and the Wheeler Ring. Reserved tables including upscale food and a full open bar provide a unique view of this event with Phillips himself for a special insider's view. Tickets are available online (but sell out fast). Reserved tables can be purchased on website.

- **Monday, May 27: Tribute to Heroes**
Military personnel, First Responders, and their families enjoy free admission and special seating thanks to Patriot Chevrolet Buick GMC Dealerships. A special tribute to our heroes starts at 6:30 p.m., with the winning Halo Award dog recipients honored as well.
- **Tuesday, May 28: Family Day**
The Country Fair offers special discounts on food, midway rides, and souvenirs. Take a peek behind the scenes with free Back-Barn Tours from 3-6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 29: Ladies Day**
An annual favorite, ladies are invited to gather in their best hats to enjoy this year's theme - An Enchanted Garden. Festivities run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and include live music, raffle prizes, an elegant cocktail reception, and beautiful gift bags. Returning this year is celebrity style expert Carson Kressley who will join other local celebrity judges for the Hat Day Contest. **NEW THIS YEAR** – Stay tuned to the website for an upcoming announcement of fabulous lunch and VIP opportunities!

All ladies donning elegant hats receive free general admission to show grounds until 1 p.m. Tickets and details will be on the website in early April.

- **Thursday, May 30: Sapphire Grand Prix of Devon**

This FEI event features the highest caliber of riders including many Olympians competing for a \$250,000 purse. Tickets are \$75 each and sell out fast so reserve your seats now for this not-to-be-missed event. See ticket info below.

- **Sunday, June 2: Family Day/Devon Plant Sale**

Bring your children to the Country Fair for musical entertainment and special activities – including the Itty-Bitty Hat parade led by an area drum corps. After the last horse show event, the popular Devon Plant Sale takes place inside the Main Gate, where plants from the show and fair are available at drastically reduced prices. .

Beginning April 1, tickets to the Devon Horse Show & Country Fair can be purchased in one of the following ways: online at Devon Horse Show Tickets, by phone at (610) 688-2554, or in person on the first floor of the Devon Club, located on the corner of Dorset and Berkley roads. The ticket office in the Devon Club is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Access the 2019 ticket information mailer [here](#).

To reserve group tickets or for Eventing or Grand Prix events, contact Vicki McCue, Development and Sponsorship at (610) 964-0550 x210 or vicki@devonhorseshow.org

Many ticket options are available including an all-performance package, offering the best value for true horse show enthusiasts. Reserved parking for the 11-day event also available online.

About Devon Horse Show and Country Fair

Started in 1896, the Devon Horse Show is the oldest and largest outdoor multi-breed competition in the United States and draws top competitors from around the world. With the grandeur of Philadelphia's historic Main Line as its backdrop, the show continues to reflect the local traditions and lifestyles of the community. The Devon Country Fair, run by more than 2,000 volunteers, offers a variety of boutique shops in miniature cottages, amusement rides and games for kids, multiple dining options, and special entertainment events. Proceeds support Bryn Mawr Hospital.

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