

Marie Meyers Dressage

A top quality dressage training and sales barn.

by Kathleen Burke Jensen

Marie Meyers and longtime assistant Marisa Festerling specialize in bringing out the best in their dressage students at their beautiful facility in Moorpark. In addition to training, they have an active sales barn of their own prospects and consignment horses.

Accomplished equestrians, Marie and Marisa have enjoyed significant success with their own horses. Marie and her horse Fandango, a 13-year-old Oldenburg gelding, earned the 2008 USDF and CDS Horse of the Year at Intermediaire II. Marisa and her horse, Big Tyme, an 8-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding, were the 2008 CDS Horse of the Year winners at Fourth Level.



The barn.

World Cup Exhibition

There will be two special demonstrations during this month's World Cup Dressage Finals in Las Vegas and both will involve Marie Meyers Dressage.

The World Championship Young Horse Exhibition will include commentary by Linda Zang and Vincenzo Truppa. This class will showcase the importance of the Young Horse Program in Europe and the role it plays in the United States. Four top quality young horses will be featured, including Big Tyme with Marisa riding. The FEI Six Year Old Test will be used.

The Olympic/Grand Prix Pas De Deux Challenge will feature Olympic riders putting together an entertaining and creative pas de deux exhibition. Each team has complete creative freedom and audience appreciation will choose the winners. Guenter Seidel will ride Fandango and team up with Elizabeth Ball.

Facility

Marie Meyers Dressage offers a full service barn with access to the best veterinarians, farriers and equine specialists. The stalls are large and airy 12'x12's with automatic waterers, full rubber mats, overhead fly spray system and covered cross ties. There are large turnouts, miles of trails and an indoor arena.



The dressage arena.

The facility includes a competition size dressage arena with excellent footing. Marie and Marisa credit Footings Unlimited for helping them build a dressage court with the best footing around. It is a combination of Airfoot™ and Lightfoot™ materials. Airfoot is a mixture of nylon, rubber, foam and fiber designed to reduce compaction, promote water retention, and help bind sand together. Lightfoot is a fabric mixture with some nylon, rubber and foam.

Training Program

Marie and Marisa welcome all levels of riders to their training program. Ambitious beginners ride alongside junior riders and seasoned professionals. Training programs range from three to five days a week and are customized to meet the needs of individuals. Lessons are given with a two-way radio system to make it easy to communicate. Individual lessons and trailer-in students are welcome, and lease programs are

also available.



Marie Meyers Dressage students enjoy a show at LAEC.

Marie, Marisa and their students enjoy going to shows together. They have a wonderful group of positive people in the barn and have a great time supporting each other at the competitions. Grooming, schooling, and braiding services are always available, and make for a fun, stress-free show experience.

Horses for Sale

Marie Meyers Dressage specializes in sales of European and domestic horses for amateur riders. "We do our best to make sure that our horses are sweet, safe, easy to learn on and fun to show," says Marisa. They also take sale horses on consignment with services that include customized training and a marketing program designed to lead to a successful sale.

There are several horses currently for sale including Santana, a very special 7-year-old Oldenburg gelding that stands 17 hh. He's a black, elegant type schooling Prix St. Georges with super movement. Santana is sensitive to the leg with a good temperament and the potential to be a top FEI horse in the future.



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