



"Some horses are being trained with mechanical and technical devices in the shortest time possible...The goal of training should be to further the horse's capacity to perform, and optimize his physical beauty as well as his overall well-being by taking enough time [in the process]." –Gerd Heuschmann, DVM, in the preface to "Tug of War".



Tug of War: Classical Versus "Modern" Dressage

A Clinic and Workshop with Dr. Gerd Heuschmann (Germany)

Presented by Wacky Nut Farm, Bainbridge Island, WA

Workshop/lecture: Aug 20, 5:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.

Co-sponsored by Equestrians Institute. At Redmond Inn, Redmond, WA

Three day clinic Aug 21 – 23, 10:00a.m. – 6:00p.m. at Wacky Nut Farm

Workshop/lecture and clinic by Advance Registration Only

Open to riders and auditors, this half day workshop (August 20) and three day clinic (August 21-23) includes a lecture and lessons with nine horses and riders. Dr. Heuschmann will address the major topics in his recent book, *Tug of War*:

- Who's responsible for today's training problems?
- Riding according to classical principles: What does it mean?
- Basic equine anatomy
- Functional connections and their importance in correct training
- Correct physiological training
- Training from a veterinary point of view
- The fact that riders working with horses in international competitive sport are frequently contradicting the well-being of the animal
- The use of schooling and training measures which ignore significant aspects of animal rights
- Equestrian judges not adhering to the valid principles of classical equitation, thus failing to observe the rules and regulations of the International Equestrian Federation, and National Equestrian Organisations.

We have arranged for a variety of horses at different levels so that Dr. Heuschmann will be able to demonstrate exercises that will most benefit the horse. By describing the basic anatomy and physiology of the horse, Dr Heuschmann will identify widely-used incorrect training methods—especially in dressage—that can undermine a horse's health and well-being and will offer solutions that do not cause pain or fail to respect the mental habits and physiological needs of the horse.

This event will be of interest to:

- Equine Health professionals, including veterinarians, and physiotherapists
- Coaches
- Technical Officials
- Junior and Senior Riders
- Parents

Wacky Nut Farm is a beautiful new equestrian facility with large indoor and outdoor arenas with state of the art footing. All stalls have SoftStall floors with attached paddocks.

The fees are as follows:

Riders: \$315/lesson, including lecture and stabling (bedding included).

Lecture only (August 20, 5:00pm – 9:00pm): \$85 (E.I. members \$75)

Lecture and auditing all 3 days: \$150 (E.I. members \$140)

Excellent lodging is available at Wacky Nut Farm:

Double room w. bath \$ 110/day Bed in shared bunkroom \$30/day

Several hotels and many restaurants are located within 12 minutes driving distance.

Fees must be paid in advance and are non-refundable if cancelled after 7/1/09

If you have questions, please write to ulla@wackynutfarm.com or call (206) 999-8884

To register, send your fees made payable to Wacky Nut Farm together with this form to:

Ulla Boysen, Wacky Nut Farm, 10821 Wacky Nut Way, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Rider: ___ Number of lessons ___ Please provide description of your horse and yourself on a separate paper.

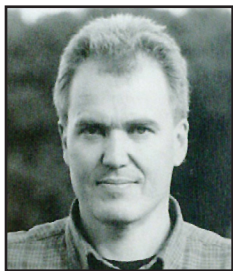
Lecture only: ___ Lecture and three days auditing: ___

E.I. member number _____

We will send you an e-mail with more detailed information, directions, times and other pertinent information upon receipt of your registration.

We wish to support all equestrians in our community with continued education and have several partial scholarships available to help those who need financial assistance.

DR. GERHARD HEUSCHMANN trained as a Bereiter (master rider) in Germany before qualifying for veterinary study at Munich University. There he specialized in equine orthopedics for two years before accepting a post as the head of the breeding department at the German Equestrian Federation, which he eventually left to start his own practice in Warendorf. He has been an active member of the “hyperflexion” (previously referred to as Rollkur) debate, weighing in at the 2005 USDF National Symposium and the 2006 FEI Veterinary and Dressage Committees’ Workshop. His arguments have been featured in many magazines, including Dressage Today and Horse and Hound. Along with Klaus Balkenhol and other prominent figures in the dressage community, Dr. Heuschmann is a founding member of “Xenophon,” an organization dedicated to “fighting hard against serious mistakes in equestrian sport” (www.xenophon-classical-riding.org). [From *Tug of War...*]



He is the author of the following book which is the basis for this workshop:

Tug of War: Classical Versus “Modern” Dressage: Why Classical Training Works and How Incorrect Riding Negatively Affects Horses’ Health, Trafalgar Square Books (September 2007) 144 pages. Will be available for sale at this clinic.

He also provides margin notes and commentary in the book:

Classical Schooling with the Horse in Mind: Gentle Gymnastic Training Techniques, Trafalgar Square Books (October 2007) 192 pages.