

# Journey's End, Here we Come

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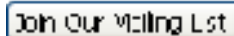
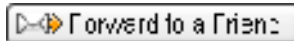
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## SFD's Blog

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## Spread the word

Know anyone who would be interested in what we are doing? Send this issue along by clicking below.



## Quick Links

[Straight Forward Dressage Homepage](#)

## Come Join Us

### **Is Reading About the Fun Just Not Enough? Come Join Us!**

With our move to Red Bridge, we have room two more! Come board and train with us. Customized care, understandable dressage training for horse and rider, and a correct start for young sport horses. Interested? Contact me at [ange@straightforwarddressage.com](mailto:ange@straightforwarddressage.com) or 484-467-0879



Hi Everyone,

How did it end up October already? Oh, yea, September starts the year-end big-shows run...more on that below.

But now the big news....drum roll please.... Straight Forward Dressage has a new home. We move to Journey's End farm in Glennmore, PA Oct 27th. I am relieved, excited, anxious, relieved, all in alternating emotions.

This move not only gives us stability, it means SFD is *finally* accepting new horses in training (I didn't think it was fair to start a horse in training, then uproot them with a new barn, so I haven't taken on any new horses until we got our address settled). We have room for 2 through early December, and for one more in December--once the tune-them-up-before-they-head-south horses leave for Florida. If you want your youngster started over the winter, now's the time to book it.

This move also means I will be accepting a limited number of off-farm locations again. We are limiting Journey's End to horses and riders that take a required minimum number of lessons, therefore I need to be available for students who want weekly or twice-a-month lessons-like my eventing students who take jumping lessons too, or the crazy endurance folks who must go gallop hills in between their dressage.

As of now, we are pitching and packing up for the BLMs this week, then for the big move. Keep an eye on our [facebook page](#) and [our blog](#) for up-to-the-minute details

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## Warm-up Ring Safety

### The Scariest Part of Showing--Warm-up

A year ago, at the OVCTA Big Fall Show, an accident occurred in warm-up. A competitor was seriously hurt. She was life-flighted from the show grounds and spent several months recovering. She has made a complete recovery. Thankfully, her story has a happy ending.

A few months back, she came to our OVCTA board meeting to discuss warm-up safety. Not etiquette, safety. Her thoughts and resulting suggestions made extremely good sense. Since then, I've been preaching it to my students ad nauseam. Of course, riding a youngster at Dressage at Devon got me even more fired up about this particular soap box.

The soap box goes like this-when you get on a horse, you are responsible for the safety of everyone around you. You cannot blame the horse, or the left-shoulder-to-left-shoulder rule that half of the world forgets. You, as pilot, .... [For the rest of this article, click here.](#)

## Dressage at Devon results

### Slingshot's Trip to the Big Show

Dressage at Devon is a magical show each year. Take the largest DSH breed show in the country, complete with tons of cute, nervous babies, add a prestigious CDI with the fire-breathing FEI horses, then top it off with a kick-butt trade fair, and you have a A LOT going on. Then cram the whole thing on a show grounds the size of a city block. Yes, this is a recipe for craziness, and yes, it is an intense show, but somehow it works.



This year, Slingshot, Wendy Adam's super-star 4-year-old was my ride. Sling, more than any other horse I ride, has a fan club. Wendy owns Glory Springs Farm, a big, active boarding barn in Wernersville, where I teach a couple times a month. We joking call it SFD West. Wendy bought Sling in utero from Marilyn Cormier, another student, and he grew up at Glory Springs, so all of the boarders know him. He's been with me at Red Bridge since January, and his fun personality combined with his loud snore (this boy can saw some logs) as endeared him to the home SFD crowd. So when we show, ... [for the rest, click here](#)

## Results from the Region 8 championship

### NEDA/Region 8 Championship

Secret, Ockie and Figi joined Cara, Linda and I at the NEDA Region 8 Championship in Saugerties, NY in September. We had a great time. It's a fabulous facility, with excellent footing, footing worthy of driving around NYC to get there.

Here's the two blogs I wrote about the show --

[Our tack room and results](#)

[The photo spread](#)

## 10/26Boarder news

### Stuff to interest those who board with us:

Worming with Ivermectin Gold 10/25

Shoes due 10/26/10

Moving 10/27/10

Lessons resume 10/29/10

