

To: KHC Members

RE: Kansas team qualifies for 2010 FEI World Breeding Championships

The KHC office does not ordinarily forward these types of requests. However, the accomplishments of this young woman and her young stallion are worthy of our recognition and assistance. I witnessed Emily and WakeUp in a competition recently and they are a beautiful team. Visiting with her I learned what a remarkable person she is; friendly, intelligent, and hard-working. She is a lovely young woman who will be an excellent ambassador for Kansas as she travels to Germany for the 2010 FEI World Breeding Championships.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN FAIRY TALES?????

Emily Wagner does and she needs our help to keep her fairy tale alive....will you help??

The Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Selection Trials concluded the 2010 qualifying season with competitions held across the country in Illinois, California and Virginia to select the U.S. representatives for the 2010 FEI World Breeding Championships to be held in Virden, Germany, August 5 - 8, 2010. In order to qualify for the Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Short List, horses must have earned an overall score of 8.2 or better at one of the Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Selection Trials or via international competitions. Qualifying for this year's Short List is 5 year old stallion, WakeUp, and Emily Wagner of LaCygne, Kansas.

The qualification process is a trying one that tests both the mental and physical potential of the horse. In the United States, a horse and rider combination must first receive a 7.2 in a qualification show in order to attend the selection trials. There are three selection trials within the U.S. (California, Chicago and Virginia in 2010). The same panel of 3 judges attends each of the trials and only horse/rider combinations that receive an overall 8.2 average are then long listed for the World Championships. The top two horses of the long list are then sent invitations to represent the U.S. In 2009, not one U.S. based horse met the 8.2 requirement.

Emily and WakeUp Qualifying to Represent the US in Germany is a HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT!!!!

WakeUp has challenged the odds to become the only five year old in 2010 to make the short list for the World Championships. WakeUp and Emily Wagner have been a team from the very onset. WakeUp's father is Wagnis. Wagnis was purchased in Germany by Emily's mom, Jana, at the ripe old age of 1. Wagnis has produced many delightful offspring as well as being a competitive horse in his own right. In 2004, Beverly McLean of Missouri decided to breed her mare Maiden Montreal to Wagnis. Fully supportive of this match, Jana Wagner asked for a first right of refusal should Beverly ever want to sell this foal. So... in 2005 along came WakeUp and at 3 weeks old, Jana went to look at him. Emily went along with the full intention of preventing her mother from buying another horse! Fortunately, Emily didn't hold up her side and very quickly WakeUp became a part of the family at Wally Woo Farm where Emily has guided his training and development.

WakeUp was very successful as a 4 year old but has really blossomed in his fifth year. He received an 8.3 at the Kansas City Dressage Society March Show, which qualified him for the selection trials. The selection trials were held in Wayne, Illinois at the Lamplight Equestrian Center. This was the first of the selection trials and no one had ever qualified from a Midwest selection trial before. With an 8.04 in the preliminary test and an 8.36 in the final test, WakeUp and Emily received the over 8.2 average needed and were officially named to the long list for the World Championships. After the east and

west coast selection trials resulted in no other 5 year old horses achieving the 8.2, WakeUp was officially on the short list and invited to Germany!

In 2009, 40,000 people attended this spectacular event which brought horses from 21 nations. Only 50 horses are allowed in each division (5 and 6 year old). WakeUp has been selected to represent the United States and could be considered one of the fifty best 5 year olds IN THE WORLD!!!

Emily, a 22 year old student at the University of Kansas and graduate of the Young Rider Program, and WakeUp would love to continue this fairy tale of a young dressage rider and young horse from a modest Midwest background making it to the pinnacle of dressage for Young Horses. They represent the future! Not only would Emily and WakeUp gain invaluable experience and knowledge and represent American and Midwest breeding, but they would also bring it back to the area and create growth for dressage in the heart of the U.S. However, they need help. The trip over is expected to cost around \$30,000. This includes the flight for Emily, Jana and WakeUp, board and training while in Germany, show fees, quarantine costs, and transport to and from show grounds among other things. In the past, the USEF has chipped in for a large portion of the costs. However, due to budget cuts and a poor economy, they will not help at all this year.

Please do not let money hold them back after they have come so far! Here is how you can help!!!!

- To be a part of this exciting journey, join Emily and High Performance Equine for a silent auction and wine dinner at Piropos in Parkville, MO on June 28, 2010. Tickets are \$125. Make your reservation at <http://www.hpequine.com/sponsorships.html> but hurry as space is limited!!
- Donate an item to the June 28th Silent Auction. Contact Maggie Stonecipher at (913) 908-6992 or stoneymeadow@earthlink.com to donate an item.
- Make a monetary donation to support Emily's journey. Donations can be made at <http://www.hpequine.com/sponsorships.html>