



Cowboy Dressage World 2015 Top Hand Competition



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***JUST WHEN YOU THINK YOU'VE SEEN IT ALL . . .
ANOTHER AMAZING OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF!!***



**Eitan Beth-Halachmy, Debbie Beth-Halachmy,
Garn Walker, and Lyn Ringrose-Moe welcome you to Cowboy Dressage World's Top Hand
Competition 2015**



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Top Hand

In the tradition of the Cowboy and the ranches of the west there is no higher compliment than being christened the top hand. All Cowboys worth their salt strive to be worthy of such a title. It is not a title given lightly nor one that is awarded to a man that hasn't put in their time. It is a title of honor and respect. While the Cowboy needed to be a man of many skills, including some of the dirtier ground crew work, the highest skill of the Cowboy and the one most respected was the horseman. In all the skills the Top Hand had mastered, it was his skill as horseman that most earned him the title.

In Cowboy Dressage we honor the tradition of the Cowboy and the lifestyle of the West while building partnership and harmony with our horses. We believe that in order to create the ultimate horse we have to be the ultimate partner for that horse. By working to improve communication with the horse through soft feel we aim to create the perfect working partner that is soft and willing and capable and able to take on any job on the ranch or in the arena.

Creating that partnership and relationship with a horse requires a rider that is dedicated to the goal of soft feel. While it takes time to develop true partnership in a horse, a rider that embodies soft feel can cultivate partnership in any horse that he mounts. A true horseman can quickly adapt to communicate with each horse that he comes into contact with. You might say the rider that has embraced the principles of soft feel and partnership in Cowboy Dressage is worthy of being called a Top Hand.

As we in Cowboy Dressage honor the Cowboy we also honor the horseman and no skill in the horseman is as highly valued in Cowboy Dressage as the skill of soft feel and partnership. Do you think you have what it takes to be a Top Hand? Cowboy Dressage World is poised to give you the opportunity to find out.

While the end goal of Cowboy Dressage is not the competition we feel that it is right and fitting to honor the Top Hands out there that have dedicated the time and energy to become worthy of the title. Though we no longer have the ability to prove our worth while riding for the brand each season, we can get together to showcase and honor the work we have done with our horses and recognize the men and women that have made themselves worthy of being deemed Top Hand.



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QUALIFYING JUDGES

The Honorable:
Lynn McEnespy, California
Martina Bone, California
Ivetta Harte, California

TOP FIVE FINAL JUDGES

The Honorable:
Lyn Ringrose Moe, California
Garn Walker, Texas
Eitan Beth-Halachmy, California

SHOW OFFICIALS

Horse Show Manager: Ron Smith
Show Secretary: Kelly Rose
Assistant Show Secretary: Kelsey Morris
Barn Manager: Wyatt Paxton

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACTS

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Ron Smith: 530-268-3881
Kelsey Morris: 530-798-1036
Cowboy Dressage World: info@cowboyydressageworld.com
Cowboy Dressage: eitan@foothill.net

RESOURCES

EMT: Paradise EMT 916-956-9836
Vet: TBA
Shoer: Ben Garcia 916-284-4346
Bedding & Feed: Shady 916-985-7334
RV Reservations: Shady 916-985-7334
Vendors: Shady 916-985-7334

Mail Entries to:

Cowboy Dressage World
c/o Kelly Rose
1313 Westwood Way
Woodland, CA 95695



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STREAMING RESULTS - USE YOUR MOBILE PHONE

Go to www.foxvillage.com

Click on Mobile Results (left side – yellow button)

Select Year and State

Locate the show by its date and name

Click on the show

Now you can search by name of the class OR click the button at the top called “Rider List” and search by Rider

PHOTOGRAPHY

Limited time, so please schedule ahead!

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Lesley Deutsch

Blue Fountain Farm Photography can be found at

<http://www.bluefountainphotography.smugmug.com/>

VIDEOGRAPHER

Judy Edman

Having your rides videotaped is one of the best ways to monitor your progress. Cost is \$30/ride available on DVD or YouTube. Please be sure to give Judy your contact information (email address and phone number). DVDs will be ready at the end of the show. Please remember to pick up your DVD to avoid postage charges

judyedman@gmail.com

530-304-4724

Find all Cowboy Dressage Rules, Tests and Score Sheets, Call Sheets, videos and information:

www.cowboydressage.com/competition.html.

For questions or clarification, contact eitan@foothill.net



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Please Check Back Often for Updates as Information is Subject to Change

General Information for Top Hand Competition

1. Open to Amateur and Open Riders, Clinicians and Professionals.
2. All riders and wranglers must be 18 years or older.
3. Riders may enter more than one horse. If a rider has more than one horse in top five, then the highest scoring horse **only** must be ridden.
4. All Cowboy Dressage World Rules will apply. www.cowboyydressage.com/competition.html. If there is a conflict in Rule Verbiage – These Top Hand Rules take precedence.
5. Part one of the Top Five Competition will be ridden by each competitor on their qualifying horse(s). All riders are aware that the top 5 competitors will be required to switch horses for the second ride of Top Five Competition on Saturday pm. The switch will be determined by a draw.
6. A separate Release of Liability must be signed for Top Hand Competition
7. Test used for Thursday qualifying round - Cowboy Dressage Challenge Test Walk/Jog/Lope – Test 2.
8. If there is a conflict of drawn ride times for riders with multiple horses then ride times will be managed by show office.
9. **All riders must be members of The Cowboy Dressage World Hand Shake. This is mandatory. It is free.** <http://www.cowboyydressage.com/images/pages/world/signup.html>
10. If you are showing in the Cowboy Dressage Gathering and Finals, as well as Top Hand, a separate entry form will be required. However, only a one time fee is required for stall/tack and drug fees.
11. Wranglers are **required** for Top Five Horses. Wrangler stays with horse during switch.
12. For switch rides, rider may change the saddle but not the bridle.
13. Wrangler may offer water to horses, if needed.
14. All Top Hand Competition Tests will have only maneuvers or combination of maneuvers already required in our approved tests.
15. It is the Rider's responsibility to supply his/her own caller and wrangler.
16. Any top ten or top five qualifying horse may be substituted for another qualified horse if lame or sick with a vet certificate. Substituted horse will be moved into proper scoring position to determine if it will be among the top ten horses. Substitutions must take place no later than 30 minutes prior to start of class.
17. Top scores will be the accumulative scores from all 3 judges in both the preliminary and Top 5 tests.
18. Preliminary scores are not carried over to or added to Top Five scores
19. For any needed clarification or help with Top Hand Preliminary Test, please feel free to contact:
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Lyn – ringrose.lrm@gmail.com 209-747-0984
Garn – garnwalkerstables@gmail.com 530-305-4341@



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Substitution Rules

1. All horse substitutions require a vet certification
 2. All rider substitutions require a medical certification
 3. All vet or medical excuses for substitutions or horse or rider must be filed with show secretary 30 minutes before start of class Thurs Nov. 5, 2015
 4. For top 5 – only a rider who has two horses qualify for the top 5 can substitute their second scoring horse for the top 5 competition. If you do not have two horses in the top five, and one becomes enabled, then you are eliminated.
 5. If a Top 5 horse is withdrawn for any reason and the rider does not have a 2nd placing horse in the Top 5 then the 6th place of the Top Ten will move up to the Top Five number 5 slot. This is progressive 6-10th placing's depending on substitutions needed.
 6. Any Top 5 substitutions must be made by 4:30 Sat, Nov 7th in office.
 7. Riders changes will not be accepted after the close of entries 10/15/15 up through 30 minutes prior to the start of class on November 5th.
- Example #1: A Top 5 rider who had two top 5 horses must show his highest scoring horse in the Top 5. If his first Top 5 horse has a vet excuse the rider can then opt to use his second scoring Top 5 horse. He may not substitute another horse not in the Top 5.
 - Example #2: If a Top 5 rider's horse is not able to compete in the Top 5 due to injury or illness and the rider did not have a 2nd horse in the Top 5, the rider may not substitute another horse.
 - Example #3: If a Top 5 horse is withdrawn for any reason and the rider does not have a 2nd placing horse in the Top 5 then the 6th place of the Top Ten will move up to the Top Five number 5 slot. This is a progressive 6-10 placing depending on substitutions needed.

Schedule for Top Hand Competition

Wednesday, November 4th

1. Draw by office at 3 pm for order of go for Thursday qualifying round. Riders may be present.
2. Order of go for qualifying round posted by Wed. Nov 4th, 7 PM at show office.

Thursday, November 5th

1. Qualifying Rides Take Place
2. Three Judges will Judge Qualifying Rides – placed in 3 separate locations around the court.

Friday, November 6th

1. Top ten will be posted by numerical or alphabetic order by 5 pm at show office.



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Saturday, November 7th

1. Top Ten Riders will be given the test pattern for the final competition at 4:30 PM, Show Office. There will be a member of the ground jury present to answer any questions regarding the execution of the pattern at that time.
2. Top Ten Riders/Horses will be presented in Arena 1 at 6:30 pm.
3. Must be mounted and ready to compete.
4. Top Ten will be announced.
5. Top Five will be announced.
6. Sixth – Tenth Riders will stay in the arena as “buddy horses” with their riders, either mounted or on foot.
7. Draw to take place for order of first go round - Top Five.
8. 6th place rider/horse should be on deck in warm up arena in case of any last second scratches.
9. Top Five Riders to be auctioned off in a Calcutta.
10. Upon completion of Calcutta Bidding Top Five Riders to exit arena to holding area in warm up arena. Wranglers and callers to exit and must stay with their rider.

Judging

1. The combined score of the 1st and 2nd Top Five round will determine the placing of the class.
2. The previous Thursday Qualifying score is dropped and does not count in the final rounds on Sat evening.
3. 50% is on Soft Feel, Harmony and Partnership.

The Top Five Ride

First Round

1. Each rider/ caller/wrangler will enter arena from warm up arena, one at a time, in order of go.
2. The first rider will have 2 minutes before the bell rings to warm up and then 45 seconds after the bell to enter arena at A and begin test. Two minutes will start when rider enters arena.
3. Each rider thereafter will have 2 minutes to warm upon entering arena. They will then have 45 seconds after the bell to enter arena at A and begin test.
4. Official timer will manage the 2 minute warm up.

Second Round-Same Test as First Go

1. All riders, horses, wranglers and callers will return to arena
2. Wranglers will hold horses and riders will draw for “the switch” will take place. Wranglers will stay with the horses. Rider cannot mount or handle horse until the 2 minute **notice is given by official** timer. The rider then has 2 min to prepare on the new horse as well as another 45 seconds to enter arena and begin test after bell.
3. All wranglers, callers, horses and riders must remain in arena for 2nd go tests.
4. If there is a saddle change requested, time will be given on an “as needed” basis.
5. Buddy horses will be present in arena for competition for all rides. Buddy horses will consist of the placing 6-10.



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Presentation of Awards

1. Upon completion of all rides, winners will be announced, and the Calcutta winners will be announced.
2. Riders do not have to be mounted during awards. Wranglers can hold horses.

Tie Breaker

1. In case of tie, a new mystery test will be ridden by the top two riders. The riders will ride their own horses in this case. This is a totally unknown test to both caller and rider. If a tie continues, the Soft Feel Score will break the tie.

AWARDS

Awards are calculated and given to a single horse and rider combination.

Top Hand Champion

Cowboy Dressage Saddle to Top Hand Champion
Cowboy Dressage World Top Hand Champion Buckle
Cowboy Dressage Horseman's Knife
Champion Ribbon

Top Hand Top 2-5 Awards

Cowboy Dressage World Top Hand Finalist Buckle
Cowboy Dressage Horseman's Knife
Top Hand Champion Finalist Ribbons

Top Hand 6-10 Awards

Cowboy Dressage Horseman's Pocket Knife
Top Hand Top Ten Ribbons

All Top Hand Participants

Each Rider will receive a Cowboy Dressage Top Hand Competitors Shirt. **Shirt must be worn during competitions and photo sessions.**

THANK YOU

To our generous sponsors and volunteers: Your financial support is what allows Cowboy Dressage World to present the shows and gatherings held at Murieta Equestrian Center. It is our goal to offer a first class, welcoming, clean, safe and highly functional facility.

A Heart Felt "THANK YOU" to our Generous Sponsors

Without their support and commitment to Cowboy Dressage our shows would not be possible. If you see them at the show please tell them "thanks."

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CHARGES

Please Note CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Must be POSTMARKED by October 15, 2015.

A \$250 Post Entry Fee is added for any entry postmarked after October 15, 2015.

CHANGE IN HORSES or RIDERS -See Substitution Rules - \$20 will apply

NOTE: There will be no refunds for Top Hand after closing date of 10-15-15

Refunds requested before closing date must have Vet Certification – Office Fee is NOT refundable

Show Entry Fees

Class Fee	\$250
Post Entry Fee after 10.15.15	\$250
Substitution Fee (Read Rules)	\$20

Mandatory Fees

California Drug Fee	\$5	Per Horse
Office Processing Fee	\$20	Per Horse

Haul In / Stall Fees

Haul In Fee	\$50	Per horse for entire show, if not stalled
Stall/Tack Fee	\$110	Per stall for entire weekend – includes haul in fee

Sponsorship – THANK YOU!

Our Show Depends on Your Support \$50/\$100/\$150

A \$25 service fee will be charged for any returned checks.

STABLING

- Stall/Tack Fee:** \$110 each for entire weekend – includes haul in fee.
- Check In:** 12:00 PM Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Early arrival fee of \$25 per horse per day will be charged and paid prior to the close of entries for check in prior to November 2, 2015
- Check Out:** 8:00 PM Sunday, November 8, 2015. If a Sunday night stay is required, arrangements must be made with Cowboy Dressage World, and a \$25 per horse fee applies.
- Bedding/Feed:** *No bedding is provided in the stalls.* Bedding and feed can be purchased via www.murietaequestriancenter.com. Shavings are available at current market value and are subject to change.

SCHOOLING HORSES

- Due to liability concerns, horses brought to the show to school are required to register the horse through the office and sign a release.
- Mandatory fees apply (office and drug fees).
- Horse will be given an assigned number, which must be worn at all times when riding.

REFUND POLICY

- Pre-closing Date (before 10/15/15): A refund for scratched classes, stalls, and drug fees will be issued with a veterinarian certification.
- Post Closing Date (10/15/15 or after): No refunds available after closing date.
- Office Fees are non-refundable



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Show Sponsorship Packages

Cowboy Dressage World Gatherings 2015 Corporate Sponsorship Options

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\$5,000

Includes for each Gathering:

- Up to 4 banners placed in arena's or on grounds (sponsor responsible for supplying banners, delivery and pick up)
- Ad and Banner on CDW Website for a full year
- Link on CD website for a full year
- Listed on CDW website as sponsor for a full year
- 2 Reserved Table (6 ea) at 2015 Gathering and Finals show
- Sponsorship announced over PA during Gathering and Finals show daily
- Four buckle sponsorship at Gathering and Finals show
- 10 X10 Booth at 2015 Gathering and Finals Show
- Promotional material placed in exhibitor packets
- Arena named in their honor with sign
- Logo and web address in online show premium

\$3,000

Includes for each Gathering:

- Up to 3 banners placed in arena's or on grounds (sponsor responsible for supplying banners, delivery and pick up)
- Ad and Banner on CDW Website for a full year
- Link on CD website for a full year
- Listed on CDW website as sponsor
- 1 Reserved Table (6 ea) at 2015 Gathering and Finals show
- Sponsorship announced over PA during Gathering and Finals show daily
- Two buckle sponsorship at Gathering and Finals show
- 10 X10 Booth at 2015 Gathering and Finals Show
- Promotional material placed in exhibitor packets
- Arena named in their honor with sign
- Logo and web address in online show premium



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Cowboy Dressage World Gatherings 2015 Sponsorship Options (cont.)

Hand Shake Sponsorship Package

\$2,000 Includes for each Gathering:

- Up to 4 banners placed in arena's or on grounds (sponsor responsible for supplying banners, delivery and pick up)
- Ad and Banner on CDW Website for a full year
- Listed on CDW website as sponsor
- 2 Reserved Table (6 ea) at 2015 Gathering and Finals Show
- Sponsorship announced over PA during Gathering and Finals show daily
- Two buckle sponsorship at Gathering and Finals show
- Logo and web address in online show premium

Soft Feel Sponsorship Package

\$1,500 Includes for each Gathering:

- Up to 3 banners placed in arenas or on grounds. (sponsors responsible for supplying banners, delivery and pick up)
- Ad and Banner on CDW Website for a full year
- Listed on CDW website as sponsor
- One Reserved Table for 6 at 2015 Gathering and Finals Show
- Sponsorship announced over PA during Gathering and Finals show daily
- One buckle sponsorship for Gathering and Finals show
- Logo and web address in online show premium

Partnership Sponsorship Package

\$1,000

Includes for each Gathering:

- Up to 2 banners placed in arena or on grounds (sponsors responsible for supplying banners, delivery and pick up)
- Ad and Banner on CDW Website for a full year
- Listed on CDW website as sponsor
- One Reserved Table for 6 at 2015 Gathering and Finals Show
- Sponsorship announced over PA during Gathering and Finals show daily
- Logo and web address in online show premium
- Two Class sponsorships



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Cowboy Dressage World Gatherings 2015 Sponsorship Options (cont.)

“Try” Sponsorship Package

\$500

Includes for each Gathering:

- One banner placed in arena or on grounds (sponsors responsible for supplying banners, delivery and pick up)
- Ad and Banner on CDW Website for a full year
- Listed on CDW website as sponsor
- Sponsorship announced over PA during Gathering and Finals show daily
- Two Class sponsorships

Friendship Sponsorship Package

\$300

Includes for each Gathering:

- Ad and Banner on CDW Website for a full year
- Listed on CDW website as sponsor
- Sponsorship announced over PA during Gathering and Finals show daily
- 2 class sponsorships

Supporter of CDW Sponsorship Package

Includes for each Gathering:

\$100

- One class sponsorships
- Ad and Banner on CDW Website for a full year
- Listed on CDW website as sponsor with a web address if desired.
- Sponsorship announced over PA during Gathering and Finals show daily

Sponsor a Class

\$40

- One class sponsorships – you tell us which one!
- Promote your name and/or facility on Sponsorship Handout to all Registrants
- Sponsorship announced over PA during Gathering and Finals

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS DESIGNED BY COWBOY DRESSAGE WORLD, ALL OF WHICH CAN BE FOUND AT www.CowboyDressage.com AND WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE HEREWITH.

Rules and Regulations – “RESPONSIBILITIES” The OWNERS, RIDERS, AND TRAINERS are responsible for the knowledge of and compliance with the rules of Cowboy Dressage.

1. **Entries must be paid prior to the show or at check in.** Any unpaid entries will not receive a number.
2. **Entries must be made on the form provided herein,** fully completed, with all required signatures, and accompanied by a check or money order in the full amount, payable to the “Cowboy Dressage World”-any unpaid entry shall not be recorded. **No entries will be accepted at if postmarked after 10/15/2015 unless the additional post entry fee of \$250 is paid.**
3. **Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors** and those of their agents in preparation of entry blanks. A horse will not be given a number unless it is entered in at least one class
4. **All horses must be registered** through the horse show office brought to the show by trainers or exhibitors.
5. Management reserves the right to **change or alter the officials** listed without notice prior to or during the show.
6. The **age of a Junior/Youth Exhibitor** must be 18 years or younger as of date of the show.
7. Only assigned cars, trucks and/or trailers will be allowed to park in main barn area, as approved by Show Management. This will be strictly enforced. **SHOW MANAGEMENT WILL REQUEST THE MOVING OF RV's OR VEHICLES INAPPROPRIATELY PARKED.** Failure to remove vehicle or trailers when requested by show management or Rancho Murieta personnel will result in towing of vehicles at owner's expense.
8. **Stalls will be assigned by Horse Show Management and will be available on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at noon.** Exhibitors may identify on their entry forms who they would like to be stabled next to but requests for specific stalls will not be considered. Permanent 10' x 12' stalls with full doors (metal) will be available. All stalls used by exhibitors must be returned to their original condition prior to leaving the grounds. Exhibitors will be billed for the cost of repairing any damage to any stalls they use. Any stall used, regardless of reason, shall be subject to the regular stall fee. Only management may reassign stalls. Reassignment may be necessary if an exhibitor cancels after stall assignments have been made or does not use all stalls assigned. Failure to abide by management's stabling assignments may result in an exhibitor being prohibited from competing.
9. **Arrival and Unloading.** Due to insurance coverage and the Equestrian Center contract, Cowboy Dressage Finals Show entrants may not move horses **in before Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Early arrival fee of \$25 per horse per day will be charged and** paid prior to the close of entries.
10. **Drug Fees** - The California Department of Food and Agriculture (\$5.00). Actual testing at the show may be done by California Department of Food and Agriculture. Exhibitors shall advise of all drugs administered within 72 hours prior to, or during, show. Forms for this purpose will be available in the show office.
11. **Use of whips/crops/spurs** – only one whip may be carried during a ride. A crop or standard dressage whip not to exceed 4' in length is allowed. Excessive use of the whip or spurs will be penalized.
12. **Dogs must be on a leash or confined at all times.** To all dog owners: Due to safety and liability issues, we are increasingly concerned about loose dogs on the show grounds. To prevent accidents or resulting lawsuits, please keep your dog(s) under restraint at all times, and keep us from doing what many shows have been forced to do for insurance reasons, which is to ban all dogs from shows. Thank you!
13. **Health Certificates.** All out of state horses (one year old and older) must have a health certificate issued within thirty (30) days prior to show. The state of California requires Coggins papers.
14. **Bedding and feed can be purchased on site from MEC - Contact Shady at 916-985-7334.** Shavings are available



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at current market. Hay (Grass and Alfalfa) available at a current market value. Please call for pricing.

15. **Description of Stalls:** Horses will be stalled in Sections 1 – 10 comprising of wood and metal structure 10 x 12.
16. Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a **motorized vehicle** in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, ATVs or farm vehicles, on the competition grounds. Because of the risk of injury to horses and people, scooters, skates, and skateboards will not be permitted in the vicinity of barns and arenas. Laser beams are not permitted on the competition grounds and will be confiscated
17. This show encourages **feedback** from it's owners, riders, and trainers. Please feel free to stop by the office and fill out our feedback form to provide us with your experience and offering constructive input for future events.
18. **Food Service** is provided on the show grounds during the entire show schedule.
19. **Footing** – Sand and Soil mixed base.
20. **RV Spots** with full hook ups available. Contact Shady at 916-985-7334 or shady@murietaequestriancenter.com
21. **Hotels** can be found at www.murietaequestriancenter.com
22. **Over night trailers** can be rented for those who wish to stay on grounds. Contact Shady at shady@murietaequestriancenter.com



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DIRECTIONS

From San Francisco:

Highway 80 to Sacramento
Highway 50 to Bradshaw exit
South (right) on Bradshaw Jackson Highway
East (left) on Jackson Highway
8 miles to Murieta Equestrian Center

From Stockton:

Highway 99 North
Exit Dillard Road
Northeast (right) on Dillard Road to Jackson Highway
East (right) on Jackson Highway to
Murieta Equestrian Center

From Reno:

Highway 80 toward Sacramento
Exit Sierra College Blvd. (becomes Hazel)
South on Sierra College Blvd (Hazel) to Highway 50
West on 50 to Sunrise Blvd. South
Sunrise Blvd. South to Jackson Highway
East (left) on Jackson Highway to
Murieta Equestrian Center

