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## **Western Dressage Association® of America Welcomes Australia as Gold Alliance**

**Parker, Colorado** – The Western Dressage Association® of America (WDAA) proudly welcomes the Western Dressage Association of Australia (WD-AUS) as a Gold International Alliance Partner. Alliance Partners work jointly to provide educational curriculum, events and competition which correspond with the educational mission of the WDAA. This new Alliance is a formal organization in Australia and will address the needs of Western Dressage enthusiasts throughout the continent of Australia.

### **Words from Ann Hughes, WDA-AUS President:**

Western Dressage Association of Australia (Inc.) is delighted to have achieved Gold IAP status and thank WDAA for their consideration. With the establishment of a professional board and a sincere commitment, our intent is not only to promote, but also ensure effective governance and consistency with Western Dressage in Australia – this includes judging, training, competition and management. And whilst Western Dressage has been operating in our country for over a year with two state affiliates and a number of smaller clubs, **our journey has now truly begun...**

As the national organization, we are enthused to support the development of this exciting discipline with the all-important structure and strategy, which has been crafted to enable sustainable progress and growth for the betterment of all Western Dressage members in Australia. Visit their website at <http://www.westerndressage.com.au/>

**About the Western Dressage Association® of America:** The Western Dressage Association® of America is a 501(c)3 educational non-profit organization focused on providing a model of horsemanship which optimizes the partnership of horse and rider for their mutual benefit. The mission of the Western Dressage Association® is “to honor the horse, to value the partnership between horse and rider and to celebrate the legacy of the American West” which it focuses on through its offerings of educational opportunities and events to the equestrian community. To discover more about the WDAA, please visit [www.westerndressageassociation.org](http://www.westerndressageassociation.org).