

## UWE SPENLEN DRESSAGE HORSE OF THE YEAR

Introduced for the 2010 season - the concept of the award is to inspire Western Australian dressage riders and their mounts to consolidate their training at ALL levels as they strive for success in the 60 x 20 rectangle.

The Aim of the Award – which has been endorsed by UWE SPENLEN, is to encourage riders and owners to consolidate the training of their horses at each level to the highest possible standard before moving on to the challenges of a higher level.

In creating the award - Dressage WA and the High Performance Pathway also wished to recognise and honour the extraordinary services made to riders, judges and many other members of the Western Australian dressage community by International “I” level judge and trainer, UWE SPENLEN.

It was with great excitement that Dressage WA and the High Performance Pathway introduced the award for the 2010 season and beyond (“the Award”):

The essential terms of the Award are:

1. The horse must be Western Australian domiciled (ie the horse must have been resident in Western Australia for not less than 6 months of the award year);
2. The winner will be the horse that has achieved the highest percentage scores in official competition at any level for which they are eligible over 4 competitions during the award year (commencing 1/1 and ending 15/12 each year);
3. The horse **MUST** have competed at either the WA State Dressage Championships and/or at the National Dressage Championships during the award year and received a score at that level over 62%; (one score of which must be included in the percentage average calculations);
4. All scores must be achieved with the same rider; and
5. The High Performance panel and Uwe Spenlen (during his lifetime) also reserve the right in any given award year to present the award to a horse they consider has made a special contribution to the dressage sport on behalf of Western Australia on the international stage (for example Applewood Odorado at the WEG) at their discretion.
6. Subject to paragraph 5 above (in which case runners up would be the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> horses) – the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> runners up would be horses that had achieved the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> highest percentage at any level in an award year – provided also that they have complied with paragraph 3 above.

The Award will be announced each year at Equestrian Western Australia’s Awards Night and will include for the winning horse, rider and/or owner:

- \$500.00 Cash Bursary to the Rider of the horse;
- An embroidered rug for the horse recognising the horse as the “Uwe Spenlen Dressage Horse of the Year”;
- A trophy;
- A perpetual trophy (to be handed back each year);

The second runner up will receive:

- \$250.00 Cash Bursary to the Rider of the Horse;
- An embroidered rug for the horse recognising the horse as the “Uwe Spenlen Dressage Horse of the Year – Runner Up”

The third runner up will receive:

- \$150.00 Cash Bursary to the Rider of the Horse;
- An embroidered rug for the horse recognising the horse as the “Uwe Spenlen Dressage Horse of the Year – Runner Up”

The Award is sponsored by Alistair and Heidi MacKinlay of Hermitage Dressage.

WINNERS:

2010	Applewood Odorado	(Special services to sport – medallist WEG Kentucky)
2011	Skywalker	Competition Average 74.48%
2012	Don Dancier	Competition Average 74.90%



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