

Deborah Meraw ADA Lifetime Recognition Award Presented in 2022

Participation 25+ Years:

Deborah joined Edmonton Area/ADA over 25 years ago. Throughout this time, she has participated as a rider, competitor, volunteer, and executive member.

Contributions to the sport of dressage:

Deb volunteered for the EA/ADA's CDI and Sparkle & Spurs shows which included the Alberta Provincial Championship for a number of years. Under her leadership, the EA/ADA Executive developed initiatives to support dressage in the Edmonton area including roving lectures. Deb helped to organize and facilitate an ADA Coach's Seminar. In keeping with her interest in teaching and mentoring, a Youth Ambassador was added to the EA/ADA Executive. Currently, Deb is a committee member of the Alberta Junior Young Riders/ADA's newest program, the Alberta Youth Dressage Development Program. This committee has organized several camps for youth ages six to twelve in 2021 and 2022.



Active Member of local club or Area Group:

Deb was president of EA/ADA for at least 10 years until 2022. Her passion for keeping the club moving forward was infectious. She generated great discussions that brought forward many good ideas for shows, clinics, lectures and the like. She organized a fashion show with local tack stores which was a unique fund raiser for the EA/ADA's CDI show. Deb continues to produce an interesting and informative club newsletter. She held many executive positions with EA/ADA, and was their ADA Director while in the EA/ADA president's role.

Ambassador for Dressage:

Deb's passion for dressage has brought many good ideas for shows and clinics over her many years of involvement in the sport of dressage. She is a strong supporter of youth development in dressage. Deb is also a strong believer in the True Sport Principles – "Go For It, Play Fair, Respect, Keep It Fun, Stay Healthy, Include Everyone, Give Back".

Other Contributions:

Deb's contributions to dressage in Alberta are a commitment to her dedication and shared volunteer time. ADA is please to acknowledge Deborah as a "Builder" of dressage in Alberta.