

## Jan Simmonds ADA Lifetime Recognition Award Presented in 2021

### Contributions to ADA:

“Jan was a visionary with great organizational skills who inspired people to expand the Alberta dressage world into the provincial structure it is today, the Alberta Dressage Association. Once the ADA was formed, Jan orchestrated the development of the Mission and Vision Statements for the association which are still in place today.” She was president of ADA for many years, and a past chairperson of the ADA’s annual casino fundraiser, the Association’s primary source of funding to this day. Besides the many hours of volunteer time managing the many facets of ADA, she was passionate about preserving the history of ADA by collecting and collating the organization’s historical records.

### Contributions to EA/ADA:

Jan is a cherished past president of the EA/ADA, and could always be found doing multiple volunteer tasks at Edmonton dressage shows, often scribing, and preparing gift baskets for the judges. The judges were always very excited to go back to their hotel rooms to investigate what Jan had placed in their famous gift baskets. She orchestrated the club’s merchandising program to promote EA/ADA which also helped the finances of the area group.

With Jan’s artistic skills, she created the beautiful EA/ADA logo which remains a proud symbol that embodies the love Jan has for the club, and the sport she loves. She has given us permission to continue to use this logo for years to come. With her writing skills, Jan was a major contributor to the EA/ADA Newsletter along with proof reader prior to publication. Jan’s educational background transitioned into the organization for many Scribe Clinics including a variety of educational sessions as well as practical opportunities for apprentice scribes to hone their skills.





She was awarded an Edmonton Dressage Association "Lifetime Membership" for her dedication to the sport of dressage and the EA/ADA area group. Jan embodies the true spirit of volunteerism.

**Nationally:**

Jan managed Group memberships for USDF for interested dressage people. Jan was honored by being chosen the Equestrian Canada Dressage Volunteer of the Month for June 2017.

**A Personal Note:**

Jan is also a dedicated horsewoman. In December 2016 she lost Sky, her beloved equine partner of 36 years.

*"Somewhere, somewhere in time's own space, there must be some sweet pastured place where creeks sing on and tall trees grow. Some paradise where horses go."*

*(Poet – Stanley Harrison)*