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KANSAS CITY DRESSAGE SOCIETY TO SPONSOR SPEAKER

Lenexa, Kansas –

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On Saturday, July 29, 2006, The Kansas City Dressage Society ("KCDS") will host Kristen Patton, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVP, who will give a lecture entitled "Belly Aches and Wheezes" from 1:00 – 4:00, p.m. at 14827 W. 95th Street, Lenexa, Kansas.

Dr. Patton is an Assistant Professor of Diagnostic Medicine and Pathology in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University. Dr. Kristin Patton received her DVM from Oregon State University in 1995. She then went to Cornell University for three years to perform an Anatomic Pathology Residency. Her PhD was performed at Washington State University where she studied the interaction of *Rhodococcus equi* with the lung immune defenses of horses, both adults and foals. Since her receiving her PhD in 2004, she has worked for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture in Albuquerque and then came to Kansas State University as an Assistant Professor in May 2005. Dr. Patton works on all species, but specializes in diseases of the horse. She has ridden dressage for the past 20 years and began dabbling in breeding warmbloods in 1992, producing the Selle Francis mare Du Villimer's Duet, 2001 Alaskan Hunter Association Equitation Horse of the Year. Her focus changed to breeding Hanoverians in 2000 and since she has raised the AHS site champion and Elite Eligible Mare Rotika as well as breeding two outstanding Brentano II foals out of Rotika. Dr. Patton's passions are learning all she can about equine diseases and sharing this expertise

through education of horse owners and veterinary students interested in equine diseases.

Whether you're a seasoned horseperson or a novice on your first horse, this lecture is a must-attend for insight into the proper care and methods for keeping our best friends healthy and performing to their capacity/

Admission is free to KCDS members, but any horse lover is welcome to attend for a \$10 charge at the door. For reservations (for purposes of preparing refreshments), contact Kathy O'Brien at 913-681-0952 or kobrien@kc.rr.com.