

## Dothan Boots & Saddle Club Inc. PO Box 7114 Dothan, AL 36302 1347 E. Saunders Road

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Dear Sirs.

I would like to take a moment of your time and introduce a unique facility in Dothan, AL. It is D.B.S.C. (Dothan Boots and Saddle Club) most people and/or companies do not realize that Dothan AL has their very own Equestrian Facility. We are the oldest and only member owned equestrian saddle club in the United States, and we are located right here in Dothan, AL. D.B.S.C. was established in 1946, the land for D.B.S.C. was donated in 1955 for the Youth and Equestrian lovers in the wiregrass community. Our members and sponsors play a major role in the operations of Dothan Boots & Saddle Club. D.B.S.C. is operated with 8 active board members and 4 active officers who hold open club meetings on the second Tuesday of each month in our club house located at 1347 East Saunders Road, Dothan AL at 7:00 P.M. All members, sponsors, horse owners and other interested parties in learning more about D.B.S.C. are invited and encouraged to attend our monthly meeting.

D.B.S.C. will be hosting at least 10 to 12 shows this next year, as well as many free equine clinics for our youth of all ages to learn more about their sport. Our many free clinics include clinics from hoof care, correct feeding programs to free clinics with instruction of showing different event classes, are all for horse owners and other interested parties in the community to attend. We also host our annual Saddle up Santa event at Christmas for free to the community. This event has been held for the past 12 years in efforts to help those celebrate the true meaning of Christmas who may not be able to. This event is free to all who attend and has many games, activities, lunch, wagon rides and visits with Santa for all ages. Last year Santa handed out over 465 Christmas gifts to children from the Wiregrass and all at no charge. We also, use this event as a benefit to help support the Wiregrass United Way 2-1-1 system in Dothan, our way of giving back and helping others in our community. We held a pet supply and pet/livestock/equine food drive for the victims of Hurricane Michael, collecting and delivering over 56 trailer loads of needed supplies and feed to those hit by Hurricane Michael. We were able to help families from Dothan, AL, Donalsonville, GA, Panama City, FL and all areas in between. We also serve as a warming station during the winter and evacuation site, all at no charge to those in need. Everything that we do from the shows to Saddle up Santa is put on by the help of board members, club members and volunteers from the Wiregrass area.

Over the years we have had a decline in donations and sponsorships, which we depend tremendously on to keep the facility going throughout the year. This year is being affected tremendously by Covid - 19 we are reaching out to get support from new and returning sponsors. All proceeds and donations go towards utilities, insurance, maintenance to our facility, improvements to our arena and repairs to the building and barns, yearend awards for those who participate in our shows and events, (the youth love the belt buckles, trophies, sashes and other awards). With the cancellation of several of our shows due to Covid 19 and weather this past show season which ended June and will start again in September, we were able to maintain the insurance, utilities and other expenses with sponsorships from generous people like you.

Some of the things we are in need of accomplishing this season are repairing our announcer's booth (rotting floor joist, leaking door, leaking windows, and repairing the roof), building a pump house for our well, replacing the shower in the club house, staining the front wood fence, painting the outside of the club house, repairing stall doors, hinges and locks on the horse barn. These are only a few of the much needed repairs that we currently are in desperate need of.

Even if you are or are not involved in the Equestrian world we would love to promote your business and could use your support. The equestrian industry is a good clean sport for kids and young adults to be involved in. In this type of sport it teaches responsibility (having and taking care of a horse), good sportsmanship, strong work ethics and the art of working together. It's a good healthy environment. At DBSC we are about faith, family, community and friendships, we thank you for supporting our tradition.

We greatly thank you for your time and consideration, **Dothan Boots & Saddle Club Inc.**Brittany Davis – President

Matt Davis – Vice President

Dawn Greathouse – Treasurer

Kristy Arnold - Secretary