



## 2009 PVDA Ride for Life Silent Auction

*ALL proceeds will be donated to the Johns Hopkins University for breast cancer research.*

### Silent Auction Rules:

1. OPENING BIDS - Silent Auction begins on Friday at 3:00 p.m. Tables will close at 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening.
2. PROCEDURE - Items for the silent auction have bid sheets attached or affixed nearby. Bidders must write their names, phone number, and bid amounts in dollars on the first available line of the bid sheet. Each new bid must equal or exceed the minimum increase amount stated on the bid sheet to qualify as a valid bid. No bid sheet may be removed from the Silent Auction table.
3. VALUE - Values set on goods and services are donor estimates and are not warranted by the Potomac Valley Dressage Association for tax purposes or general value.
4. EXPIRATION - All goods and services must be used within the time period restricted by donor on certificate, unless there is no restriction. Donors must be contacted within one month of the event, by July 28, 2009.
5. RESTRICTIONS - All items are sold "AS IS." Products and/or services may have restrictions or qualifications which may affect value, application of use thereof to the bidder. Purchasers are bound by restrictions specified by donor. Terms are not negotiable. Items such as vacation and weekend packages may not be transferable. Please read specifications and limitations carefully before purchase.
6. WINNING BIDS - The closing bid circled by an auction official after the table closes constitutes the winning bid. In the event of a dispute, the auction official shall act as the final authority and shall determine the winning bidder. This decision is final. Auction officials solely retain the right to disqualify and/or nullify a bid.
7. PAYMENT - Payment from the winning bidder will be accepted beginning at 9:00 p.m. Saturday evening. Cash or check made out to Johns Hopkins University will be accepted for purchases. All items must be paid IN FULL auction night.
8. TAKING YOUR ITEMS - All auction items must be removed from the premises by 10:30 p.m., Saturday, June 28, 2009. Items may be removed by showing a receipt for payment at departure. PVDA cannot assume responsibility for items left after 10:30 p.m. auction night. Items not picked up by 10:30 will be offered to the next highest bidder listed on the bid sheet.
9. ALL SALES FINAL - Goods and services purchased at auction may not be exchanged altered or returned for refund to PVDA or the donor. The Auction Committee reserves the right to establish and maintain minimum bids.

*A SILENT AUCTION, with opportunities to bid on (and win!) wonderful items, will take place in connection with the 2009 Ride for Life on the Show Place Arena Grand Concourse.*

### What is a Silent Auction?

A silent auction is often used in charity events like the PVDA Ride for Life. Items such as dressage clinics, tack, jewelry, artwork, gift certificates, etc. are donated by companies and/or individuals. The items, or a facsimile, as well as a bidding sheet, are displayed for viewing. Bids are written on the bidding sheet, starting with the first (and lowest dollar value) bid at the top. Subsequent bidders write bids for increasing dollar values. When the silent auction is closed, the individual with the highest bid "wins" the auction item for that price.

All proceeds from the R4L Silent Auction will be donated to the Johns Hopkins University for breast cancer research. Bidding begins Friday, June 26, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Bidding ends, Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 8:30 p.m. Winning bidders will be able to pick up their items between 9:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday evening. Payment will be accepted by cash or check made out to Johns Hopkins University.

Dressage Show and Benefit for Breast Cancer hosted by the Potomac Valley Dressage Association

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