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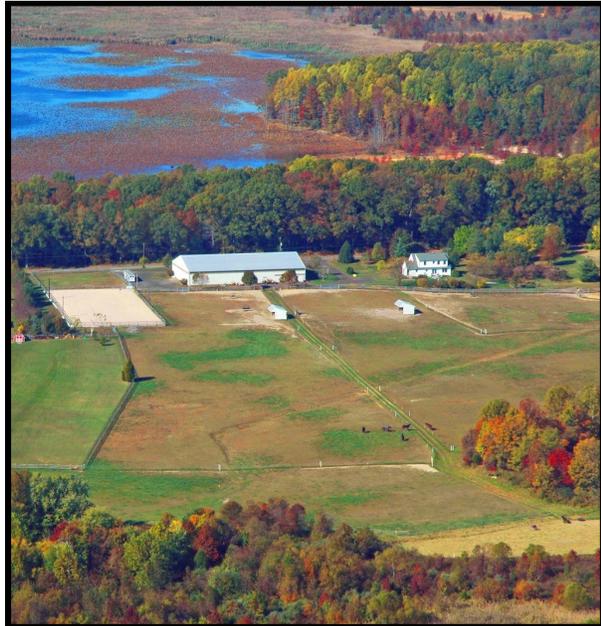
Linda Santomena and Robert Alphin Blue Waters Farm

Husband and wife team, Linda Santomena and Robert Alphin, own Blue Waters Farm in Cecil County, Maryland. Their 43 acre farm has been devoted to breeding and training Hanoverian and Oldenburg dressage horses since 1991. Twenty-five acres are fenced in pasture and eight acres are devoted to growing hay for the farm.

Linda heads the breeding, training, and teaching activities at the farm. A lifelong horse enthusiast, Linda competed in hunt seat equitation, then evented at the lower levels before transforming into a dressage devotee. Linda earned a B.S. in Agriculture and a M.S. in Animal Pathology from the University of Delaware. She continued to compete in hunt seat equitation during college through the Intercollegiate Horse Show

Association. After graduate school, Linda went on to a scientific career studying human viruses and cardiovascular disease, during which she authored or co-authored 13 scientific publications. She retired as a Senior Scientist from the DuPont Pharmaceutical Company in 2001. Now in its 22nd year, her breeding program has produced numerous breed ring and performance champions including the 2006 USEF/Markel Young Horse Dressage National Champion for 4-Year-Olds.

Bob manages the infrastructure of the farm including nutrient management. Bob has enjoyed a long and productive career as a faculty member at the University of Delaware. He is a highly sought after expert in biosecurity and avian influenza containment. Bob has been traveling extensively throughout Europe and the Middle East to train veterinarians and governmental agencies. Bob brings all of his operations experience to the management of our facilities. Bob is also passionate about creating landscaping that invites and supports wildlife using native plants.



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