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## **Caroline Roffman Wins Young Adult Brentina Cup Championship At 2011 Collecting Gaits Farm/USEF Dressage Festival Of Champions**

*Gladstone, NJ (September 16, 2011)* – Dressage rider Caroline Roffman added another prestigious title to her growing resume, cementing her place in the history books of dressage riders by winning the Young Adult Brentina Cup Championship aboard Beemer at the 2011 Collecting Gaits Farm/USEF Dressage Festival of Champions in Gladstone, New Jersey. Roffman's Brentina Cup victory comes on the heels of a successful 2011 Markel/USEF National Young Horse Dressage Championships at the Lamplight Equestrian Center in which she rode away with three Reserve Championships aboard San City, Bon Chance and Pie.

As dressage's reigning 'it girl,' Roffman piloted Beemer to a close victory over Olivia Lagoy-Weltz and Riffalino. Roffman said she was thrilled to ride Beemer, a sales horse owned by her trainer Lars Petersen and Global Dressage, and that the 13-year-old gelding has given her a great introduction to the Grand Prix ring.

'I had dreamed of competing at Gladstone in the Brentina Cup for years, ever since the class was developed,' Roffman said. 'To win this award was so exciting, but it was mostly icing on the cake. Just being there and being part of it was thrilling.' While Roffman has been riding Beemer throughout the year, she wasn't certain if he would be available to compete in the Brentina Cup since he was for sale. 'The opportunity Lars gave me to ride Beemer was incredible and gave me so much experience. I am so lucky and I cannot thank him enough,' Roffman said. 'Beemer will now be marketed for sale and with several people already inquiring about him I doubt he will be around for long.'

Roffman added, 'Beemer is a wonderful horse and he showed so much power and brilliance in his tests. His extended trot and canter were highlights as well as his tempi changes and passage and piaffe tour.'

Roffman, who was named the 2010 FEI Rising Star by the International Equestrian Federation, is now focusing on developing herself and her horses for next year. Roffman reports that she is also excited to ride her first 'real' Grand Prix in the fall. 'I will compete on my horse Lux and Beemer, as long as he isn't sold,' Roffman said.

In addition to topping the Brentina Cup, Roffman has proven she has the ability to take young horses from the beginning all the way to championship titles. Roffman has teamed up with dressage rider Endel Ots, also a Petersen student as well as an alternate for the U.S. in the upcoming Pan Am Games, to start a training and sales business. 'Gladstone was really a thrill of a lifetime,' Roffman said. 'I am also really looking forward working with Endel and starting our own business. It's a very exciting time in my life.'

For more information on Roffman, visit her website at [www.carolineroffman.com](http://www.carolineroffman.com).

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*Photo: Dressage rider Caroline Roffman rode Beemer, owned by her trainer Lars Petersen and Global Dressage, to the win in the Young Adult Brentina Cup Championship at the recent 2011 Collecting Gaits Farm/USEF Dressage Festival of Champions in Gladstone, New Jersey. (Photo courtesy of Sue Stickle)*