

## In the News

World-renowned veterinary facility **Palm Beach Equine Clinic** will return as the Official Veterinary Practice of the **2020 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF)** and **Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF)** running January 8–March 29 at the **Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC)** in Wellington, Florida. The expertise and dedication of Palm Beach Equine Clinic’s veterinarians will be available to all competing horses at WEF and AGDF thanks to a state-of-the-art clinic and an annex office located adjacent to the WEF stabling office on the PBIEC show grounds. Palm Beach Equine Clinic veterinarians are on call at the annex office daily to assist competitors with diagnostic evaluations and treatments, as well as emergency and standard horse care needs. Palm Beach Equine Clinic’s goal is to provide a definite diagnosis and not have to refer a case, making it the equivalent of the **Mayo Clinic** for horses. To make Palm Beach Equine Clinic a part of your team this winter, visit [www.equineclinic.com](http://www.equineclinic.com) or call 561-793-1599.



Aaron Vale and Finou 4  
Shawn McMillen Photography

Riders at the **Garrison Forest School** in Owings Mills, Maryland, will enjoy a clinic with show jumping athlete **Aaron Vale** thanks to their winning entry in the **Washington International Horse Show (WIHS)** Barn Night Video Contest, sponsored by BarnManager. Area equestrian groups, barns and schools were invited to submit a video that fit the 2019 WIHS Barn Night theme of “Halloween on Horseback,” with the large field of entries then narrowed down to three prize recipients. The Garrison Forest School earned the grand prize clinic with Aaron, sponsored by BarnManager, thanks to its “Halloween Shenanigans” submission. The top three video entries can be viewed at [www.BarnManager.com/blog](http://www.BarnManager.com/blog).



Kayles Kinetic Karisma  
Photo by Days End Farm Horse Rescue

**Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR)**, a non-profit facility in Woodbine, Maryland, which recently celebrated its 30-year anniversary, has received accreditation from the **Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA)** for its success in providing Thoroughbreds with aftercare, rehabilitation and retraining. TAA-accredited organizations undergo a thorough application and inspection process prior to accreditation being awarded to ensure they meet the TAA’s Code of Standards, which covers five key areas: operations, education, horse health care management, facility standards and services, and adoption policies and protocols. “The process isn’t easy, and every accredited organization should be proud to reach these high standards of operation,” said TAA President **Mike Meuser**. Learn more about DEFHR’s aftercare and adoption program at [www.defhr.org](http://www.defhr.org).



**Nicole Mandraccia** at the National Horse Show  
The **Grooms Award, Ltd.** paid tribute and provided gifts to jumper and hunter grooms at both the **National Horse Show** in Lexington, Kentucky, and the **Las Vegas National Horse Show**. Gifts were presented to grooms of horses in the \$50,000 National Horse Show Hunter Classic and \$225,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ at the National Horse

Show and in the \$25,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby and \$100,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Las Vegas in Las Vegas. Included among the gifts were SmartPak’s Out Smart bug spray, Limber Up LiniMint and shampoo and a \$50 gift certificate from Back On Track, a Firefly Farm hat, a #groomsrock T-shirt, a collection of Purina items and towels, Top Turnout’s All-In-One Shampoo and a Grooms’ Award wool beanie hat sponsored by **Mason Phelps**. The grooms of the winning horses received a SmartPak embroidered Grooms’ Award tote bag filled with a wonderful collection of gifts including a medical bag of horse show necessities donated by former groom **Susan Crush (RN)**, R&D Custom Bead Jewelry (**Dina Santangelo**), items from Got Salt?, Sterling Essentials Leather Cleaner and Leather Conditioner, a Boy-O-Boy Bridleworks embroidered belt, a Grooms’ Award and USHJA embroidered hat, and Flavor Fix donated by HoofFix.

## Show News



Laura Kraut and Fleurette  
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

**Laura Kraut** finally added the **President’s Cup** title to her riding resume at the 61st annual **Washington International Horse Show (WIHS)**, presented by MARS Equestrian™. Riding **Fleurette**, Laura jumped to victory in the \$136,300 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington, presented by Events DC for the President’s Cup, on the final night of the six-day horse show in the heart of Washington, D.C. “It’s been a class that I wanted to win for many, many years,” said the Olympic team gold medalist who placed fifth in the 2018 class riding **Confu**. “I think I’ve been jumping in the international division at WIHS since the late ‘80s. I’ve had quite a few seconds and thirds and fourths, but the win just always seemed to elude me. I said at the beginning of the week, ‘I think this is going to be my week.’” Laura first competed at WIHS in 1978 in the pony hunter divisions.

Show News Continued



Sam Walker and Waldo  
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Canadian rider **Sam Walker**, 17, claimed the prestigious **Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund Washington International Horse Show Equitation Finals** win riding **Waldo**. A field of 40 entries started in the competitive year-end equitation final, which spanned over two days. Sam joked that his preparation for this year's win began immediately after the class last year. "I was 10th place here last year and third the year before, so I was a little bit hungry to get back in the ring here," said Sam, who claimed the ASPCA Maclay National Championship in 2018. "I want to say thank you to the Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund for sponsoring this class and always making it a great event every year."



Eric Lamaze and Fine Lady 5  
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

Canadian Olympic gold medalist **Eric Lamaze** made a triumphant return to the CSI4\*-W Royal Horse Show in Toronto, Ontario, claiming the **Leading International Rider**

and **Leading Canadian Rider** titles, both presented by GroupBy, in his first visit to the prestigious show since 2011. Eric and his 2016 Rio Olympic individual bronze medal mount, **Fine Lady 5**, won the \$37,000 McKee Family International Challenge before also finishing second in Thursday night's \$85,000 Big Ben International Challenge and second in the \$50,000 Canadian Open on Friday night. For her consistent performances throughout the week, **Fine Lady 5**, owned by Artisan Farms and Torrey Pines Stables, was recognized with the **Leading Canadian Horse Award**, presented by Lothlorien Farm.



Karl Slezak and Fernhill Wishes  
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

Victory in the extremely popular \$20,000 Horsecare Indoor Eventing Challenge at the Royal Horse Show in Toronto, Canada, went to **Karl Slezak** and his 2019 Pan American Games partner, **Fernhill Wishes**. Karl and the 10-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding, owned by **Kirk Hoppner** and the rider, sat in third place following the opening round of competition on Friday night but a heart-pounding round in front of a sold-out crowd the following evening catapulted them to the top of the leaderboard. Fellow Canadian **Kendal Lehari** held the lead coming into Saturday night's final riding **Totally Frank** but a cumulative time over the two rounds left the pair in second place while third place went to Toronto's own **Brandon McMechan** riding **Oscar's Wild**. Once again, **Mark Phillips** designed the courses, which incorporated a mix of cross-country obstacles and traditional show jumping fences.



Beth Underhill and Count Me In  
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

Canadian Olympian **Beth Underhill** was crowned the **2019 Canadian Show Jumping Champion** following two nights of competition during opening weekend of the Royal Horse Show in Toronto, Canada. The \$125,000 Henry Equestrian Canadian Show Jumping Championship was held over three rounds, with Beth's consistent performances earning her the win aboard **Count Me In**, a 12-year-old Hanoverian gelding (**Count Grannus x Sherlock Holmes**) owned by **Sandy Lupton** and **Robert Caswell**. "It means the world to me," said Beth, 57, of her victory. "It was fantastic to compete in front of a sold-out crowd, and you really, really felt it. As a rider, you step into that ring and there's nothing like it. It's why we do this. It was a wonderful start to the week."



Dr. Stephen Norton, Margie Engle, and Martha Jolicoeur  
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

U.S. Olympian **Margie Engle** was named the **Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider** during the award's debut at the **Royal Horse Show**, held as part of the 97th Annual Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Canada. The **Leading Lady Rider Award** was presented