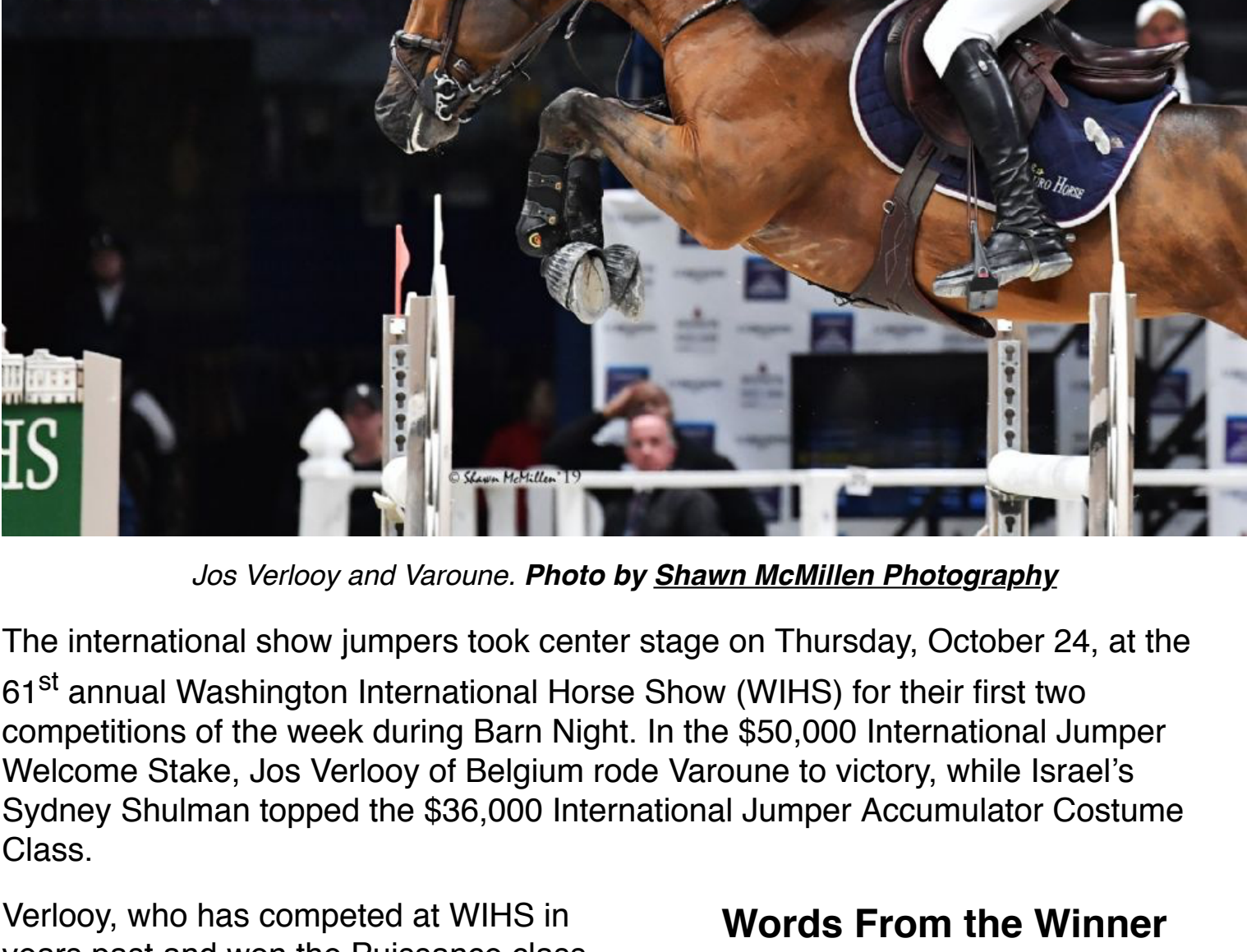




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Belgium's Jos Verlooy Victorious in \$50,000 International Jumper Welcome Stake

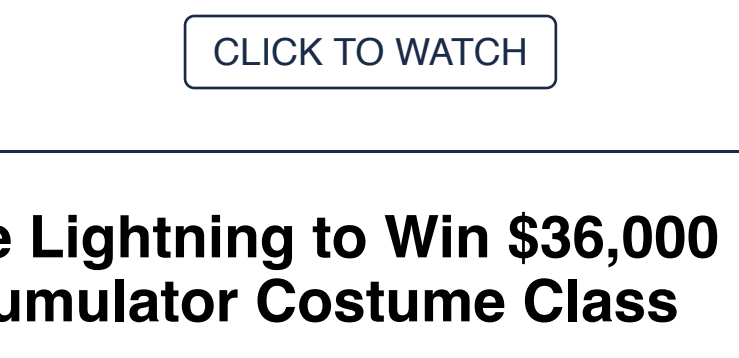


Jos Verlooy and Varoune. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

The international show jumpers took center stage on Thursday, October 24, at the 61st annual Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) for their first two competitions of the week during Barn Night. In the \$50,000 International Jumper Welcome Stake, Jos Verlooy of Belgium rode Varoune to victory, while Israel's Sydney Shulman topped the \$36,000 International Jumper Accumulator Costume Class.

Verlooy, who has competed at WIHS in years past and won the Puissance class in 2015, made a daring turn between fences 3 and 4 in the second round to slice seconds off his time. "In a jump-off you have to take a few risks, and the risk paid off for me tonight," he said. He finished with a time of 41.62 seconds, relegating U.S. rider Alex Granato and Carlichen W to second.

Words From the Winner

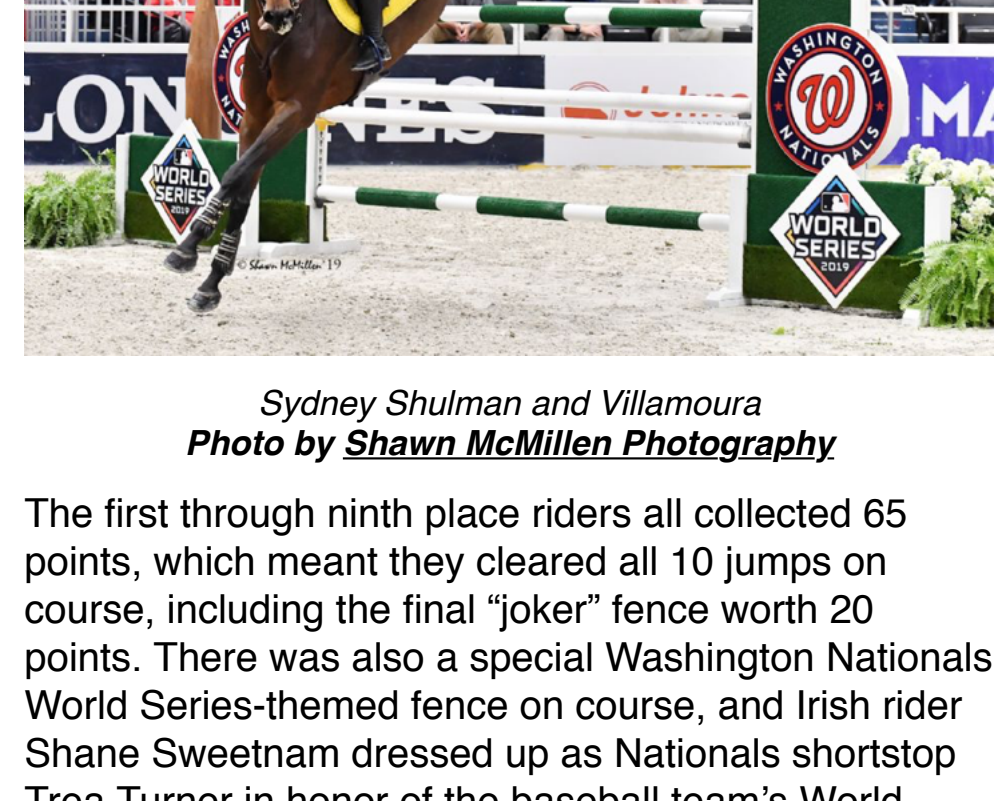


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Sydney Shulman Goes Like Lightning to Win \$36,000 International Jumper Accumulator Costume Class

Sydney Shulman, who rides for Israel, just couldn't stop grinning after picking up the blue ribbon in the \$36,000 International Jumper Accumulator Costume Class in her first year of competing in the international open jumper division at WIHS. She topped the class riding Villamoura as the fastest round of the nine riders who picked up 65 points over the jumps, finishing in 41.04 seconds.

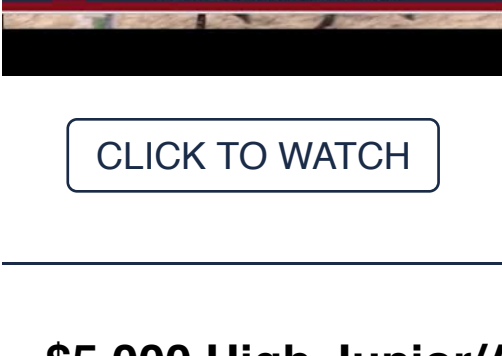


Sydney Shulman and Villamoura Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"I looked at the list of riders and I had dreamed to be in a class with these people, let alone to beat them," Shulman, 24, said. "So I'm going to really remember this! It's special to be here."

The first through ninth place riders all collected 65 points, which meant they cleared all 10 jumps on course, including the final "joker" fence worth 20 points. There was also a special Washington Nationals World Series-themed fence on course, and Irish rider Shane Sweetnam dressed up as Nationals shortstop Trea Turner in honor of the baseball team's World Series appearance the same week as WIHS.

Watch How They Won



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With nine riders out of the 24 starters on the same score, the class results came down to speed. "I watched some horses go, and after Adrienne [Sternlicht] went, I thought, 'There's no way I can be faster,' but I had to try!" Shulman said. "My horse doesn't have nearly the size of stride that she does. I had to think about being faster in the turns and across the ground. I added [strides] in two places that she left a stride out, but for my horse that's what works."

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\$5,000 High Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Winner



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Alexandra Pilet and Helene VE

\$2,500 Low Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Winner



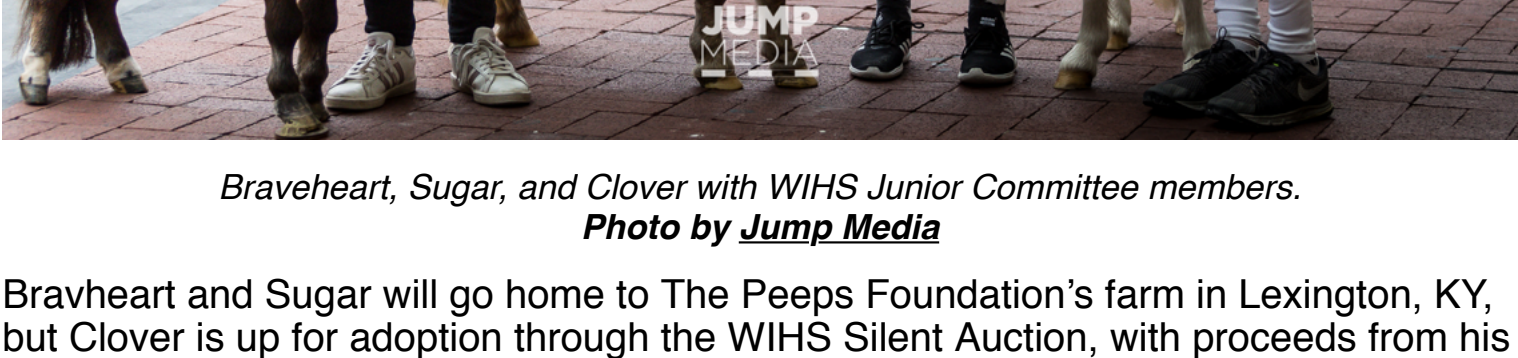
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Class sponsored by the Gierkink Family/Kadley Farm

Lauren McCaulley and Tenacious D

On the Rail: Cute Minis for a Cause

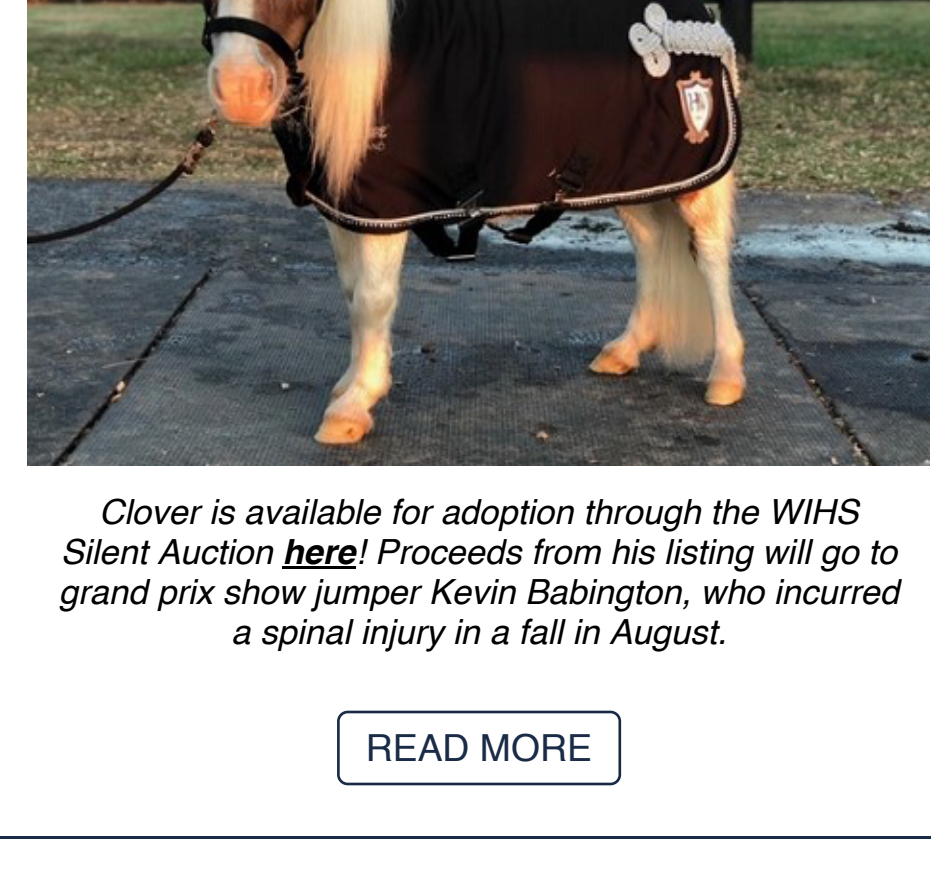
How do you stop busy city commuters in their tracks? Lead three adorable dwarf miniature horses onto the sidewalk. Braveheart, Clover, and Sugar have been getting a lot of attention at the Washington International Horse Show. They are at WIHS representing The Peeps Foundation, a 501c3 organization dedicated to helping any miniature horse in need, and they are inspiring squeals of delight and plenty of petting from everyone who encounters them.



Braveheart, Sugar, and Clover with WIHS Junior Committee members. Photo by Jump Media

Braveheart and Sugar will go home to The Peeps Foundation's farm in Lexington, KY, but Clover is up for adoption through the WIHS Silent Auction, with proceeds from his listing going to grand prix show jumper Kevin Babington, who incurred a spinal injury in a fall in August.

"I've been trying to think of a way to help Kevin," said Josh Dolan, who, along with Alex Granato, founded The Peeps Foundation. "We donate a mini every year to the silent auction for Danny and Ron's rescue, and it raises thousands for them. It's a fun thing, so Washington's silent auction was the perfect fit."

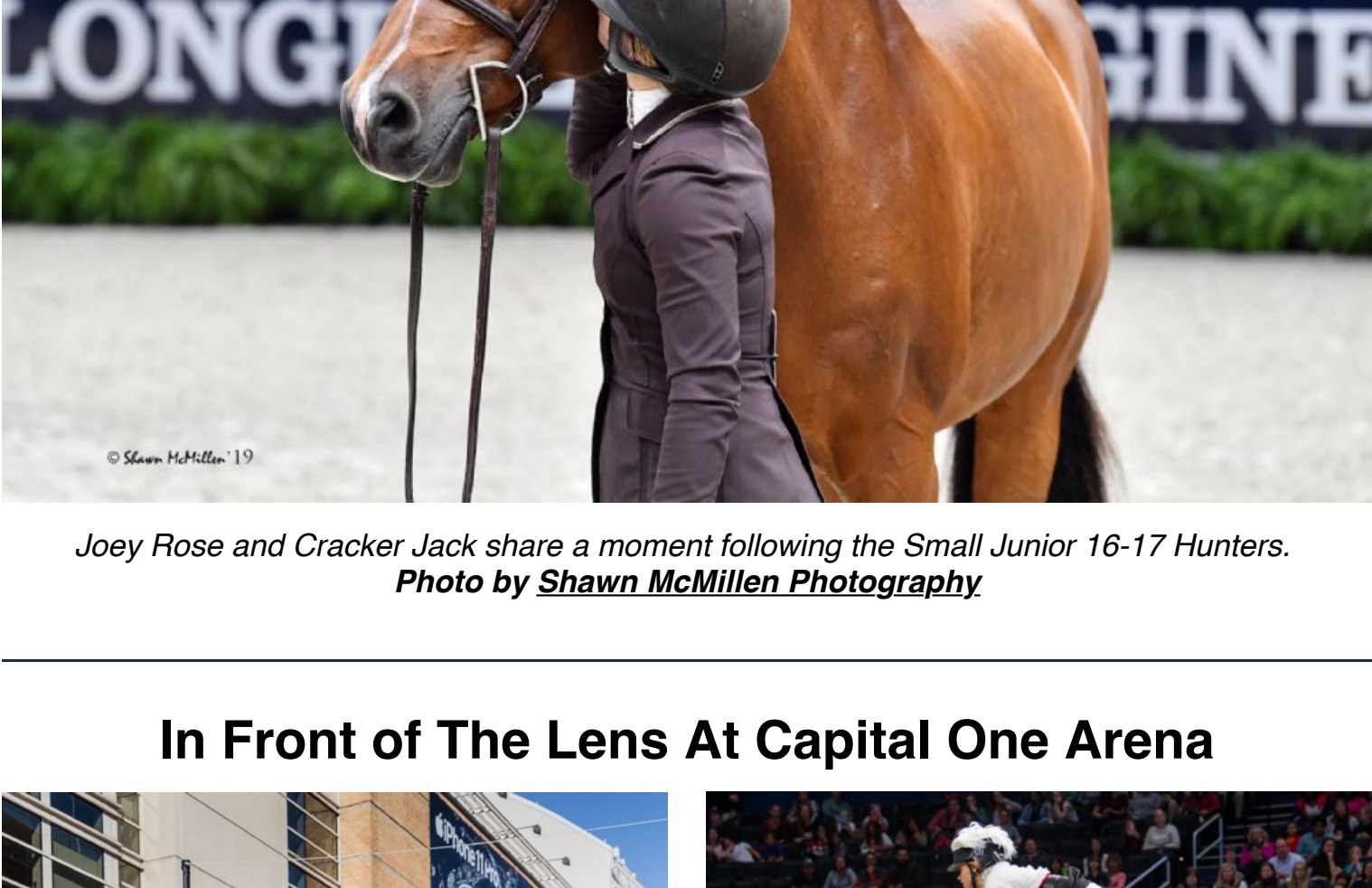


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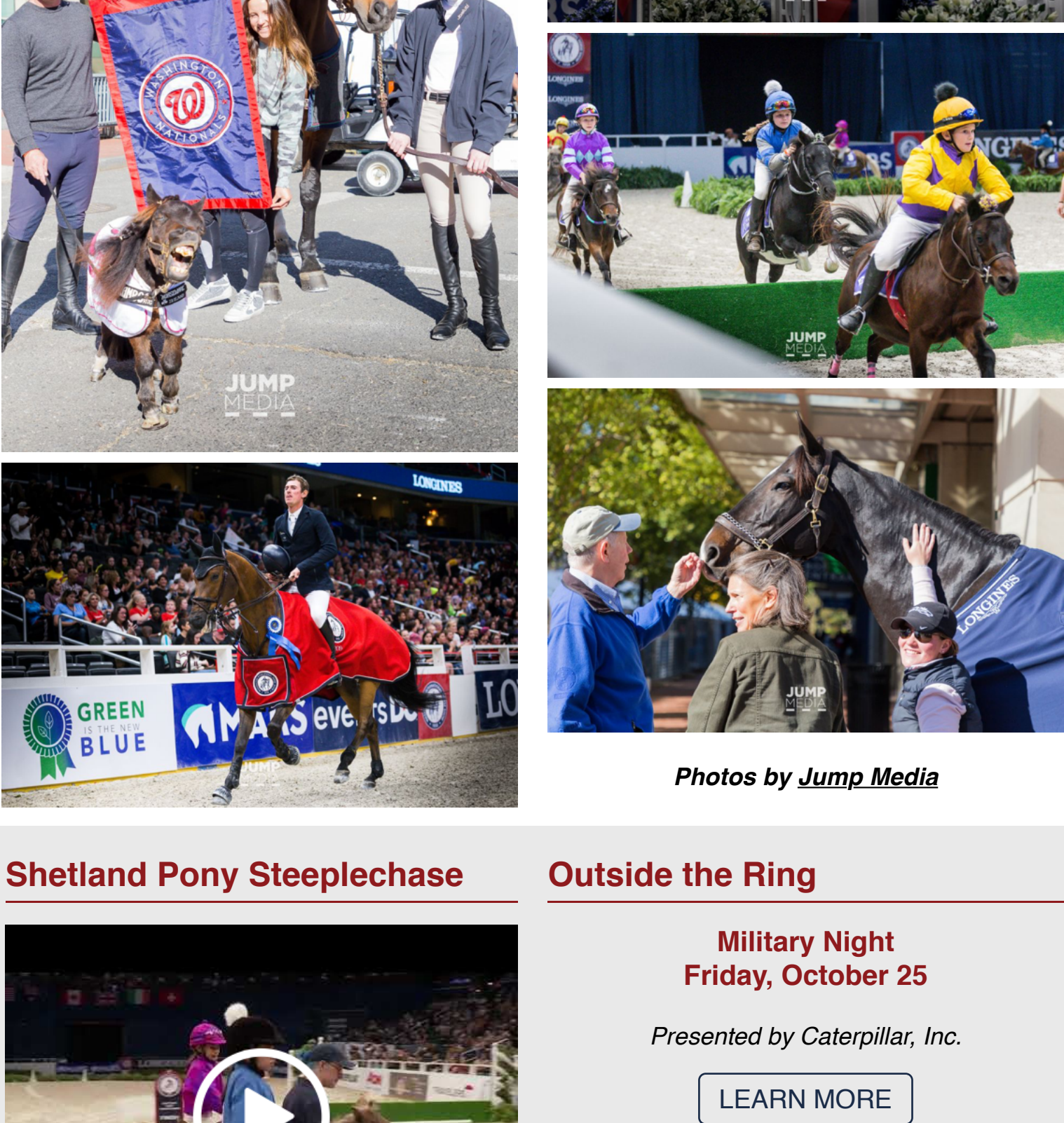
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Photo of the Day



Joey Rose and Cracker Jack share a moment following the Small Junior 16-17 Hunters. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

In Front of The Lens At Capital One Arena



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Shetland Pony Steeplechase



The win in the seventh running of the WIHS Shetland Pony Steeplechase Championship, presented by Charles Owen, went to Paige Wyatt and Olney Smarty Pants. The Safest Ride award, which included a new Charles Owen helmet, was presented to Noelle Railey.

Outside the Ring

Military Night
Friday, October 25

Presented by Caterpillar, Inc.

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WIHS Kids' Day
Saturday, October 26
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Friday's Schedule Highlights

Beginning at 7 a.m. - Junior Hunter Championships

11 a.m. - Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals - Hunter Phase

7 p.m. - \$50,000 International Jumper Speed Final

8:15 p.m. - Exhibitions

9:30 p.m. - \$25,000 Land Rover International Jumper Puissance

Champions' Corner

Barn Night Video Contest, presented by BarnManager - Garrison Forest School



Watch the winning video here!

Barn Night Largest Group - Overall, presented by The Clothes Horse - The Loft at Meadowbrook

Barn Night Largest Group - Maryland, presented by US Equestrian - Wheaton

Barn Night Largest Group - Virginia, presented by US Equestrian - Bull Run

Barn Night Largest Group - DC/Other, presented by US Equestrian - Rock Creek Park Horse Center

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