

Meet Heather Killen, Horse & Country

As part of its mission, the USET Foundation provides resources that make competitive excellence possible for U.S. equestrian teams. A critical component to the mission is fostering support among the equestrian community. With this in mind, the USET Foundation recently partnered with leading international equestrian sports network, Horse & Country (H&C), to leverage H&C's likeminded commitment to the promotion of horse sport in the U.S. and abroad.

For Heather Killen, the CEO of H&C, the opportunity to combine her passions was simply irresistible. Killen first discovered horses as the antidote to a fast-paced executive career as the Senior Vice President of International Operations for Yahoo! in the mid-1990s.

"I was spending way too much time on planes and in front of my laptop and desperately needed a way to exist outside of my brain," said Killen, who is now based in London.

After a stint in California's Bay Area, she returned to the United Kingdom and picked up riding again. H&C was a single, satellite-de-

livered channel when Killen got involved some 10 years ago. Under her guidance, H&C's streaming service, H&C+, is now available on more than 30 platforms around the world and carries hundreds of days of live competitions as well as training, documentary, and entertainment content, all curated for fans of equestrian sport. When she's not planning H&C's next daring exploit, Killen can be found at her farm in the Lower Normandy region of France where she breeds sport horses for jumping and eventing.

"I still need that antidote," she said. "When I walk into the barn all the worries go away."

With many top U.S. events already carried by H&C, the network is continuing to rapidly expand its offerings of both national and international equestrian content.

H&C+ is currently available on web, iOS and Android mobile and connected TV apps, Amazon Fire, Roku, and Comcast's Xfinity and Flex platforms. Visit www.horseandcountry.tv to learn about new programming and to subscribe. — by Jennifer Ward



Heather Killen and her husband Matt Rothman

Photo courtesy of Heather Killen

Jacob Arnold Earns 12th at 2021 FEI Driving World Championship for Pairs

The Land Rover U.S. Driving Team participated in the 2021 Driving World Championship for Pairs in Kronenberg, the Netherlands, which took place September 8 through September 12, 2021. Jacob Arnold, James Miller, and Paul Maye earned an eighth-place finish for the team, with a score of 386.06 penalty points, under the guidance of Chef d'Equipe Marcie Quist. Arnold was honored as the top U.S. finisher in 12th place out of almost 100 competitors.

Arnold of Goshen, Kentucky, partnered with Steve Wilson's Kenji V, a six-year old

Dutch Warmblood gelding; Kian, a six-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding; and Pluto Revans, a 15-year-old Lipizzaner gelding, to secure a 12th-place finish with a final score of 178.04 penalty points. Arnold used a new pairing of horses, Kenji V and Kian, for the dressage phase, and they had a lovely test to earn a score of 52.84 penalty points. He and his horses impressively tackled Jeroen Houterman's marathon course, tallying 120.29 penalty points over the tough track. The cones course was challenging with no drivers finishing with a double-clear round. Arnold and his horses

delivered a smooth round with only 4.91 time penalties to finish 10th in the cones phase and clinch their overall 12th-place finish.

"I was really pleased," said Arnold. "I couldn't have been happier with Steve Wilson's six-year-olds. It was their absolute first competition together where they had to do dressage and cones. The fact that I had to pull that out at a world championship, my expectations were far lower than 12th place overall."

Paul Maye of Fairfield, Virginia, drove the Harmony Amateur Sports Foundation's Harmony's Java, a seven-year-old Dutch Harness Horse gelding; Harmony's Dominic, an 11-year-old Dutch Harness Horse gelding; and Harmony's Ziezo, a 10-year-old Irish Cob gelding, to a 65th-place finish with a final score of 218.07 penalty points. Maye had a respectable dressage test with a score of 64.96 penalty points and a strong marathon phase, tallying 139.36 penalty points. Maye closed out the competition with a solid cones round, collecting 13.75 time penalties on the tough course.

James Miller of Lakewood Ranch, Florida, piloted Gentleman, his 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding; Flavian, his 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding; and Agussto's Armoei, Misdee Wrigley Miller's 16-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, to a 71st-place finish with a final score of 227.16 penalty points.

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Jacob Arnold with Kenji V and Kian

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