

PRO TIPS

Eagerly EQUINE

Wellington is horse country, and horse country needs world-class facilities like **Palm Beach Equine Clinic**, where Dr. Scott Swerdlin serves as president.

Swerdlin is one of the lucky few who knew what he wanted to do from a young age—at just 8, he could already foresee a future as an equine veterinarian. Raised around horses by a polo-playing father, Swerdlin came by his passion organically. He studied at the University of Miami, graduated from veterinary school at Au-

burn University, and even served with the U.S. Air Force Veterinary Service before returning to Florida and joining forces with Palm Beach Equine Clinic.

Aside from providing industry-leading care in equestrian sport, Swerdlin enjoys playing polo and traveling with his wife, Amy, who co-manages the Palm Beach Equine Sports Complex. Intricately woven into the fabric of the community, the Swerdlins help make Wellington the horse mecca that it is. (*equineclinic.com*)—S.S.



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DR. SCOTT SWERDLIN (PICTURED LEFT WITH DR. JORGE GOMEZ) IS PRESIDENT OF THE PALM BEACH EQUINE CLINIC IN WELLINGTON.



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HORSE HEALTH CARE REMINDERS FROM DR. SWERDLIN

THE IMPORTANCE OF HYDRATION: Living in the Florida heat year-round means equine owners should always pay attention to their horse's water consumption. The average horse drinks between 5 to 10 gallons of water per day.

THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATIONS: The constant travel of competition horses from show to show makes proper vaccination protocols even more imperative as they can prevent horses from contracting life-threatening infectious diseases.

THE IMPORTANCE OF EQUINE DENTISTRY: Dentistry in horses is vital because the mouth is the first part of the horse that is taking in and processing food. It is recommended to perform a dental exam on your horse at least every 12 months.



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PONYING UP

The polo you know and love at the International Polo Club Palm Beach has returned but under new ownership. The United States Polo Association purchased the facility last summer, spent several months developing and improving the property, and renamed it the **National Polo Center - Wellington**. The facilities span five fields, the grandstand, and restaurants, plus a clubhouse, a social club, a swimming pool, a gym, and tennis courts. To the delight of fans, the winter schedule of the club's inaugural year promises both new and returning tournaments, further cementing Wellington as the epicenter of polo in America. Mark your calendar for the 22-goal U.S. Open Polo Championship March 29 to April 23. (*nationalpolocenter.com*)—S.S.



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