



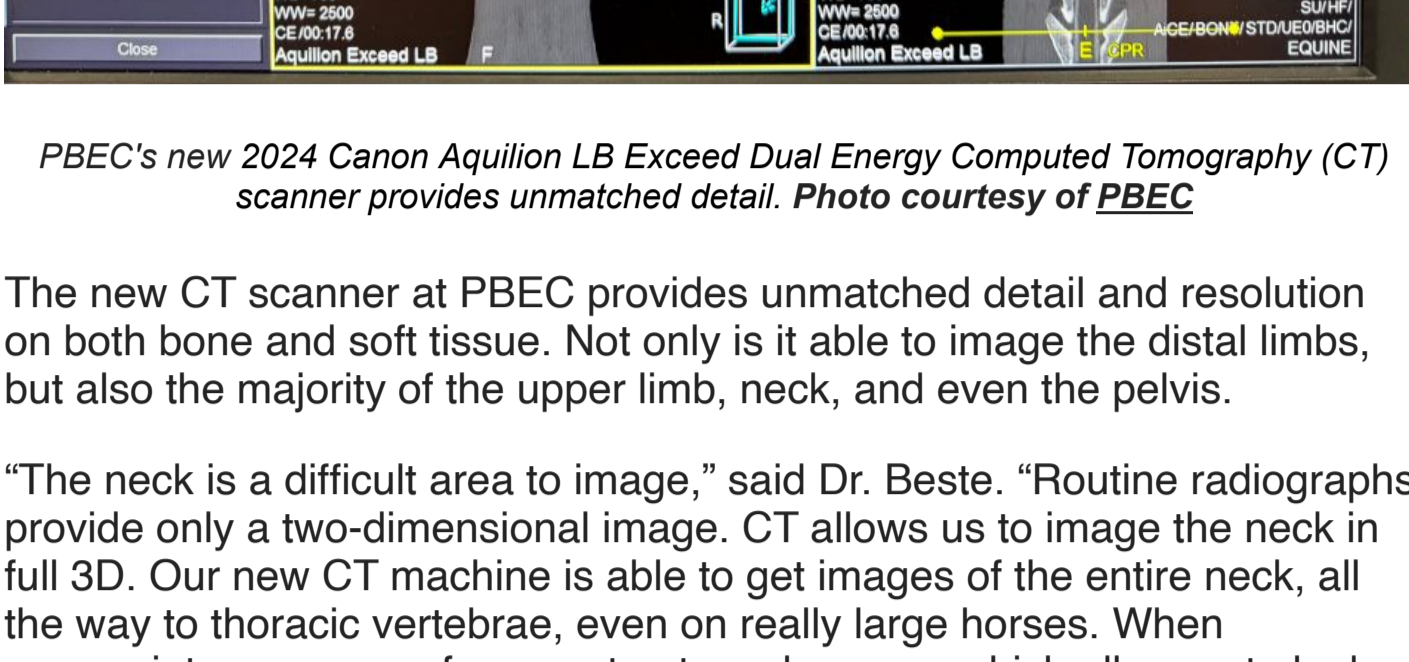
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Heads, Shoulders, Stifles, and Hooves: PBEC's CT Scanner Can Do It All

Palm Beach Equine Clinic (PBEC) is proud to offer the new 2024 Canon Aquilion LB Exceed Dual Energy Computed Tomography (CT) scanner to existing and new clients as well as referring veterinarians. PBEC is the only facility in South Florida with a Canon Aquilion LB Exceed CT scanner. Its state-of-the-art technology makes CT investigations easier, faster, and more precise, which leads to improved patient outcomes.

"The ability to perform advanced imaging can significantly alter the outcome in our patients," said Dr. Karen Beste, a board-certified surgical specialist at PBEC and the head of the imaging team. "CT provides us with precise and detailed information that other imaging modalities simply cannot achieve. For example, recently we were able to use our CT to rule out a potentially life-threatening condition that was initially diagnosed on plain radiographs. We were able to precisely identify the exact cause of the problem and determine the most appropriate treatment, allowing the horse to make a good recovery. Without the CT we would not have achieved such a positive outcome."



PBEC's new 2024 Canon Aquilion LB Exceed Dual Energy Computed Tomography (CT) scanner provides unmatched detail. Photo courtesy of PBEC

The new CT scanner at PBEC provides unmatched detail and resolution on both bone and soft tissue. Not only is it able to image the distal limbs, but also the majority of the upper limb, neck, and even the pelvis.

"The neck is a difficult area to image," said Dr. Beste. "Routine radiographs provide only a two-dimensional image. CT allows us to image the neck in full 3D. Our new CT machine is able to get images of the entire neck, all the way to thoracic vertebrae, even on really large horses. When appropriate we can perform contrast myelograms, which allow us to look for dynamic compressions in the spine. We can see detailed changes that may impact a horse's ability to perform and be a safe horse to ride. Because acquisition times of images are so fast, horses are under general anesthesia for a very short time, which is better for any horse but particularly for a neurologic horse."

While PBEC's Canon Aquilion LB Exceed CT scanner has incredible technology, it's nothing without the experts to manage the scanning process and correctly interpret the scans. Our diagnostic imaging team includes board-certified radiologists Dr. Sarah Puchalski and Dr. Stacie Aarsvold.



The imaging team is led by Dr. Karen Beste, Board-Certified Surgeon, who will coordinate and communicate with all referring veterinarians. Photo courtesy of PBEC

"Images are viewed by world-renowned radiologists the moment the images are obtained," noted Dr. Beste. "The imaging team at PBEC is exceptionally well trained and has a lot of experience. In addition to that, some of the best surgeons in South Florida can be present during the scan. If needed, horses can be taken directly from the CT straight into surgery, where surgeons can perform CT-guided surgeries. It is especially helpful if a horse is already under general anesthesia because they can go right into surgery in one anesthetic episode. The CT can make a surgical approach more precise, and the surgeon is able to perform it more quickly. The surgeon knows exactly what they need to do and doesn't have any guesswork."

If you or your veterinarian would like to take the guesswork out of diagnosing your horse, reach out to the PBEC team today to learn more or make an appointment for a scan at 561-793-1599.

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World Cup Wins for Hendricks at AGDF

In the first week of the 2024 Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF), young German star Felicitas Hendricks, 23, and Drombusch OLD went two-for-two, notching wins in the FEI World Cup™ Grand Prix and the FEI World Cup™ Grand Prix Freestyle, both presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic.

In the FEI World Cup™ Grand Prix, Hendricks's test set the tone, earning scores in the 70s across the board from the judges. Ultimately, her 70.652% reigned supreme to claim her first Big Tour win. Second place was awarded Great Britain's Susan Clay and Harmony's Eclectisch, a 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood stallion she owns with Harmony Amateur Sports Foundation, with a 70.587%. Sweden's Caroline Darcourt was third aboard Lord Django, a 14-year-old Hanoverian gelding owned by Lövssta Stuteri, with a score of 69.478%.



Felicitas Hendricks and Drombusch OLD were presented as the winners of the PBEC FEI World Cup™ Grand Prix by judge at C Peter Storr and Dr. Bryan Dubynsky, DVM of Palm Beach Equine Clinic. Photo by Susan J Stickle

"The win was definitely unexpected," said Hendricks. "I started with my junior wins at AGDF and now winning an [FEI] World Cup™ class here in Wellington is something I never dreamed of, honestly, and it's exciting."

Hendricks inherited the ride on her 13-year-old Drombusch OLD (Destano x Dimaggio) from her trainer and uncle Christoph Koschel when the talented Oldenburg gelding was six. Over the years, their partnership has grown and was on full display in their Friday Night Lights debut.

"It felt awesome," enthused Hendricks of her winning ride in the FEI World Cup™ Grand Prix Freestyle. "Drombusch was on fire but 100 percent with me and 100 percent focused. I think that's kind of rare. Sometimes when horses are so electric, they start looking at stuff and being not 100 percent concentrated, but he was really trying his heart out."

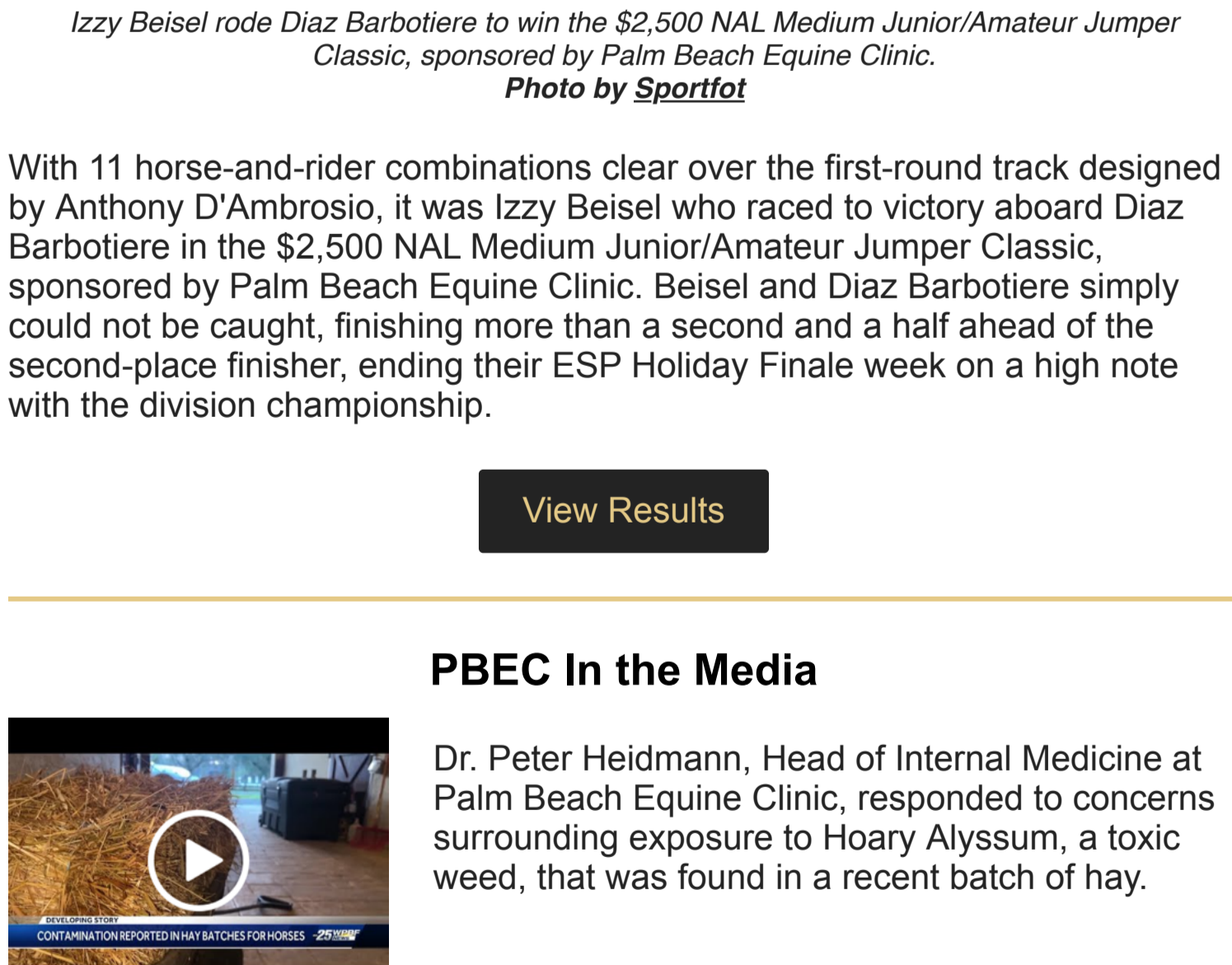


Felicitas Hendricks and Drombusch OLD with groom Lauren McNabb were presented as winners of the PBEC FEI World Cup™ Grand Prix Freestyle by (left to right) Dr. Scott Swerdlin, DVM, MRCVS, Amy Swerdlin, Judge at C Dr. Evi Eisenhardt, and Melissa Brusie. Photo by Susan J Stickle

Their test hit all the high notes, including double pirouettes, changes on a curve and down the centerline, piaffe fans and passage half-pass – carrying a challenging degree of difficulty score of 9.7. Featuring music from KC & The Sunshine Band, The Floaters, and INXS, Hendrick's freestyle earned an impressive 78.49% for the victory.

Riders from the USA filled the remaining two places, with Anna Marek and the 14-year-old Fayvel (Zizi Top x Houston) setting a new career high of 77.715%, far exceeding their previous best of 75.235%, set in Ocala in December. Kevin Kohmann secured third place from final draw on Diamante Farms' Dancier x Davignon gelding Dünensee with 76.305%.

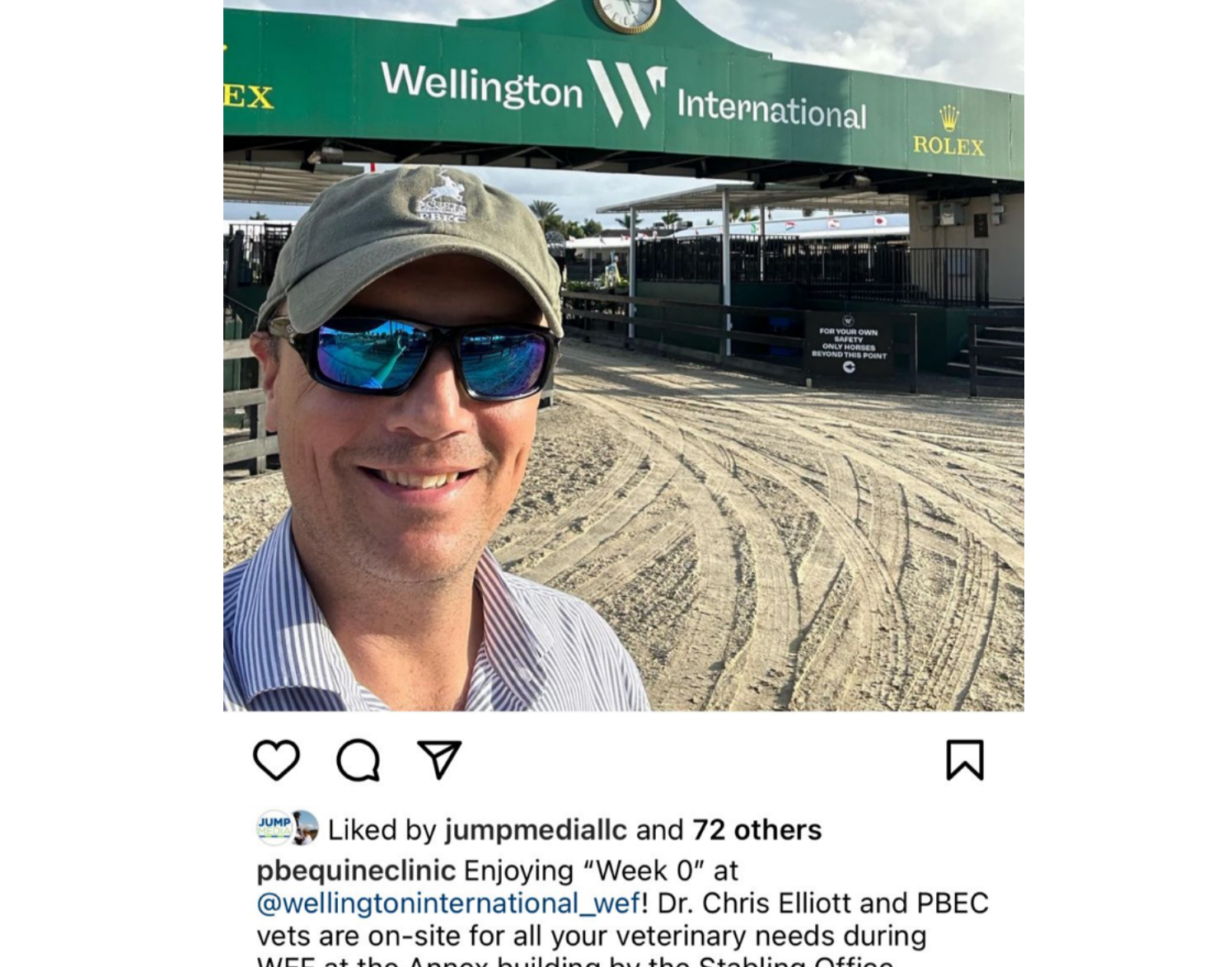
In addition to top CDI action, Palm Beach Equine Clinic sponsors the American Old West Horse Show. Frederic Wandres (GER) and Diamor 4, a seven-year-old Westphalian stallion by Desperado N.O.P. x Fürst Piccolo 2 owned by Hof Kasselmann GmbH & Co.KG, won the Preliminary test class for seven year olds with a score of 73.550%.



Frederic Wandres and Diamor 4 in their winning presentation with judge Sarah Geikie and Dr. Richard Wheeler of Palm Beach Equine Clinic. Photo by Susan J Stickle

Palm Beach Equine Clinic is the Official Veterinarian of the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival in Wellington, FL. Week 1 of the 12-week event featured the Grand Prix CDI-W and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic. You can view results, live stream replays, and more at gdf.coth.com.

Congratulations to Wellington International Winners

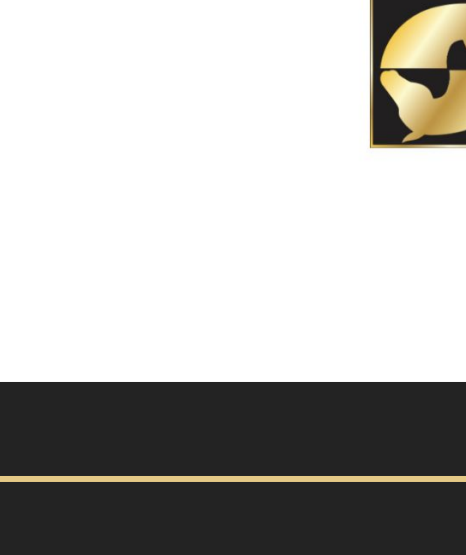


Lizzy Beisel rode Diaz Barbotiere to win the \$2,500 NAL Medium Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic, sponsored by Palm Beach Equine Clinic. Photo by Sportfit

With 11 horse-and-rider combinations clear over the first-round track designed by Anthony D'Ambrosio, it was Lizzy Beisel who raced to victory aboard Diaz Barbotiere in the \$2,500 NAL Medium Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic, sponsored by Palm Beach Equine Clinic. Beisel and Diaz Barbotiere simply could not be caught, finishing more than a second and a half ahead of the second-place finisher, ending their ESP Holiday Finale week on a high note with the division championship.

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PBEC In the Media



Dr. Peter Heidmann, Head of Internal Medicine at Palm Beach Equine Clinic, responded to concerns surrounding exposure to Hoary Alyssum, a toxic weed, that was found in a recent batch of hay.

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pbequineclinic Enjoying "Week 0" at @wellingtoninternational_wef! Dr. Chris Elliott and PBEC vets are on-site for all your veterinary needs during WEF at the Annex building by the Stabling Office.

Palm Beach Equine Clinic Works With AcutePlus

AcutePlus is a veterinary Wellness Membership Plan offered through Palm Beach Equine Clinic. The program is designed to give veterinarian practices a way to create a customized annual plan that they can offer directly to their clients and patients. AcutePlus provides veterinary discounts, equine protection, and equine loss protection.

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