



The Buzz – January 2024

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IN THE NEWS



USET Foundation Awards Presented to Rizvi, McLain Ward, and James McEnerney Jr.

THE CHRONICLE OF THE HORSE

The United States Equestrian Team (USET) Foundation presented the organization's three most prestigious awards to W. James McEnerney, Jr., Zayna Rizvi, and McLain Ward during the organization's "Victory in Versailles" Benefit Gala held on January 19, at Five Rings Farm in Wellington, FL.

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FEI Publishes Olympic and Paralympic Rankings for Paris 2024

FÉDÉRATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE

Following the end of the qualification period on December 31, 2023, the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) has published the Olympic and Paralympic Rankings which are used as the basis for the individual qualification slots for Paris 2024, and where relevant for reallocation and composite team purposes as per the qualification systems inherent to each discipline.

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Six New Members Named to Maryland Horse Industry Board

THE BAY NET

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has announced the appointment of six new members to the Maryland Horse Industry Board, including Erin Ochoa, the Chief Executive Officer of Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR). Two current members have been reappointed to serve. Each member appointed will serve a four-year term on the board. Ochoa has been with DEFHR since 2005. She is certified as an equine investigator and animal control officer. DEFHR is recognized as a national and international leader in equine welfare.

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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

USET Foundation Raises More Than \$2 Million at 'Victory in Versailles' Benefit Gala

USET FOUNDATION



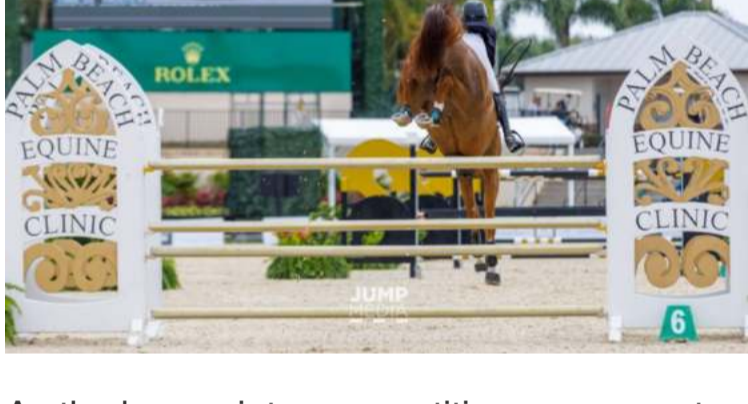
The USET Foundation's "Victory in Versailles" Benefit Gala presented by Lugano Diamonds was a spectacular evening that celebrated our U.S. equestrian teams and raised more than \$2 million! Funds from the event will help ensure our athletes have the resources to be prepared for the biggest stage in sport, the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, France. In addition to supporting the US Equestrian (USEF) High Performance Programs and elite athletes and horses, USET Foundation funding also supports developing athletes through USEF's High Performance Pathway Programs such as the FEI North American Youth Championships and USEF's international developing tours.

[Watch the Recap Here](#)

WHAT WE'RE READING

Foot Soreness in Competition Horses: The Importance of Keeping Your Horse Comfortable Throughout the Winter Show Season

THE PLAID HORSE



As the busy winter competition season gets underway, vets at [Palm Beach Equine Clinic](#) in Wellington, FL, emphasize the importance of staying ahead of physical setbacks with preventative measures. Foot soreness, especially for jumpers, becomes more noticeable after a few months of showing and can lead to further complications. Therefore, the best course of action is to be aware of what impacts the health and condition of your horse's feet and make a plan to help mitigate soreness.

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US To Host Most CDIs of Any Nation in 2024

THE CHRONICLE OF THE HORSE



The United States is set to host 28 international dressage competitions and championships in 2024, the most of any nation. The schedule features three times as many CDI4*s as 2023, including the first CDI4* at World Equestrian Center—Ocala (FL), and the return of CDIs to Del Mar, CA. But the large number of competitions doesn't always equate to a large number of entries.

"We're seeing dressage grow across all the levels, including [Fédération Equestre Internationale] levels, and that means that athletes need somewhere that they can compete, so organizers have stepped up," said Laura Roberts, managing director of dressage for the U.S. Equestrian Federation.

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WHAT WE'RE LISTENING TO

EQB2B's Best Moments From 2023

EQUESTRIAN B2B PODCAST



It was another successful and entertaining year speaking with a wide variety of guests on Equestrian B2B. What makes an equestrian business work and thrive? Take a look back with hosts Jennifer Wood and Jennifer Connor as they revisit the top 10 moments with business leaders and entrepreneurs across the equestrian industry to learn how to start, maintain, and enjoy a successful business.

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LINKS WE'RE CLICKING

😄 As if we don't already have a lot to be excited for this Olympic year, now Snoop Dogg is joining the NBC commentary team to deliver the same excitement he did for Dressage in Tokyo. [Read more about the one and only D-O-double G's appointment for Paris.](#)

🐎 Could you be seeing double? Scientists in Argentina are revolutionizing the sport of polo by cloning legendary polo pony athletes. [See what they're doing to immortalize these four-legged legends.](#)

🏆 2023 was an incredible year of show jumping sport around the world. Look through the lens of the talented photographers who captured these moments in time as they reflect on their favorite shots. Get lost in [part one of the gallery](#), and stay glued to your screen [through part two](#).

A BIT OF GOOD NEWS

Preventing Equine Neglect and Abuse Through Owner-to-Owner Assistance Programs

HORSE NETWORK



Equine rescue organizations are widely known for the rehabilitation and rehoming of horses that have been saved from neglect or abuse.

However, helping an individual transition their horse to a new owner when the animal is a lesser-known but equally important service that few, if any, organizations around the United States can help facilitate.

In February 2022, Woodbine, Maryland-based Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR), a 501(c)(3) equine welfare organization and national leader in equine rescue, rehabilitation, and education, absorbed the Maryland Equine Transition Service (METS), a Maryland-based equine safety-net initiative for horses in need of transition.

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Kim van Kampen Donates Hampton Green Farm in Michigan to Lilley Cares

EURO DRESSAGE



Kimberly van Kampen has donated her 185-acre equestrian property, Hampton Green Farm (HGF), in Fruitport, MI, to the non-profit foundation "Lilley Cares," which was founded in 2020.

Van Kampen is one of America's major investors in high performance sport through Discover Dressage and a founding partner in the Global Dressage Festival and at World Equestrian Center – Ocala. She is also one of the driving forces behind the U.S. PRE association.

Since its inception, Lilley Cares' historic purpose has been to serve the Spring Lake community and its local non-profit organizations through the initiation and support of local events, festivals, and beautification efforts.

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