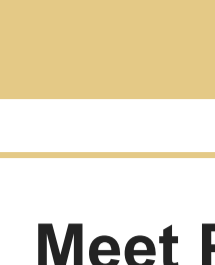


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Meet PBEC Intern Valentine Prié, DVM

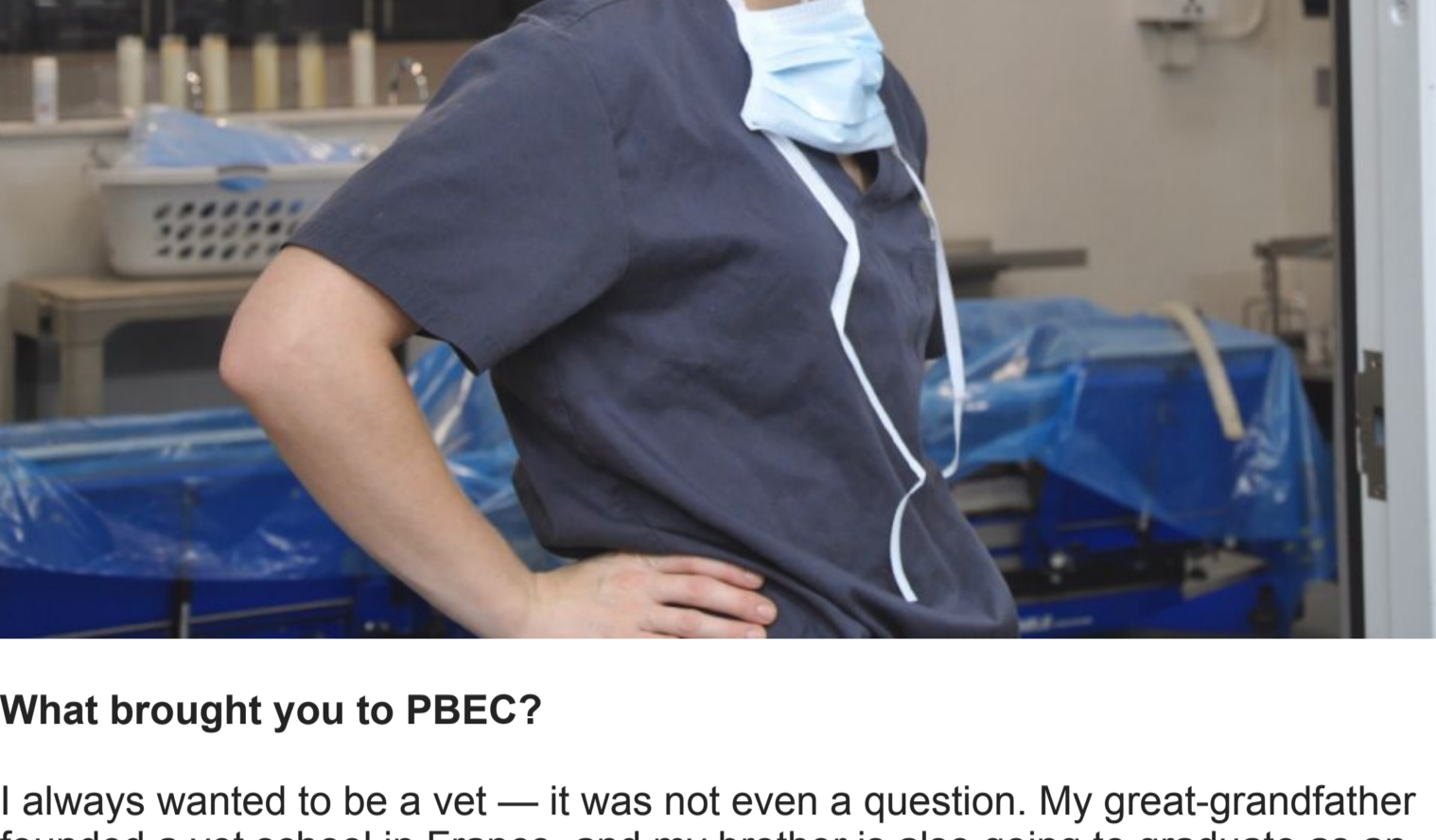
Valentine Prié, DVM earned her veterinary degree in Croatia and spent time in several equine clinics in Europe before heading to the United States in 2024 to broaden her knowledge. She's part of the class of 2024/2025 interns at the Palm Beach Equine Clinic (PBEC) in Wellington, FL.

Where are you from?

I'm from Normandy in the northwest part of France. For the last six years, I have mostly lived in Croatia, where I did both my undergraduate and vet school work. In 2024, I moved to the U.S. and have been an intern at PBEC since July.

What is your background with horses?

I started riding when I was 5 years old. My family were ranchers, and we had a cattle and horse farm, so I was always around horses. I did mostly show jumping.



What brought you to PBEC?

I always wanted to be a vet — it was not even a question. My great-grandfather founded a vet school in France, and my brother is also going to graduate as an equine vet. It's in the family!

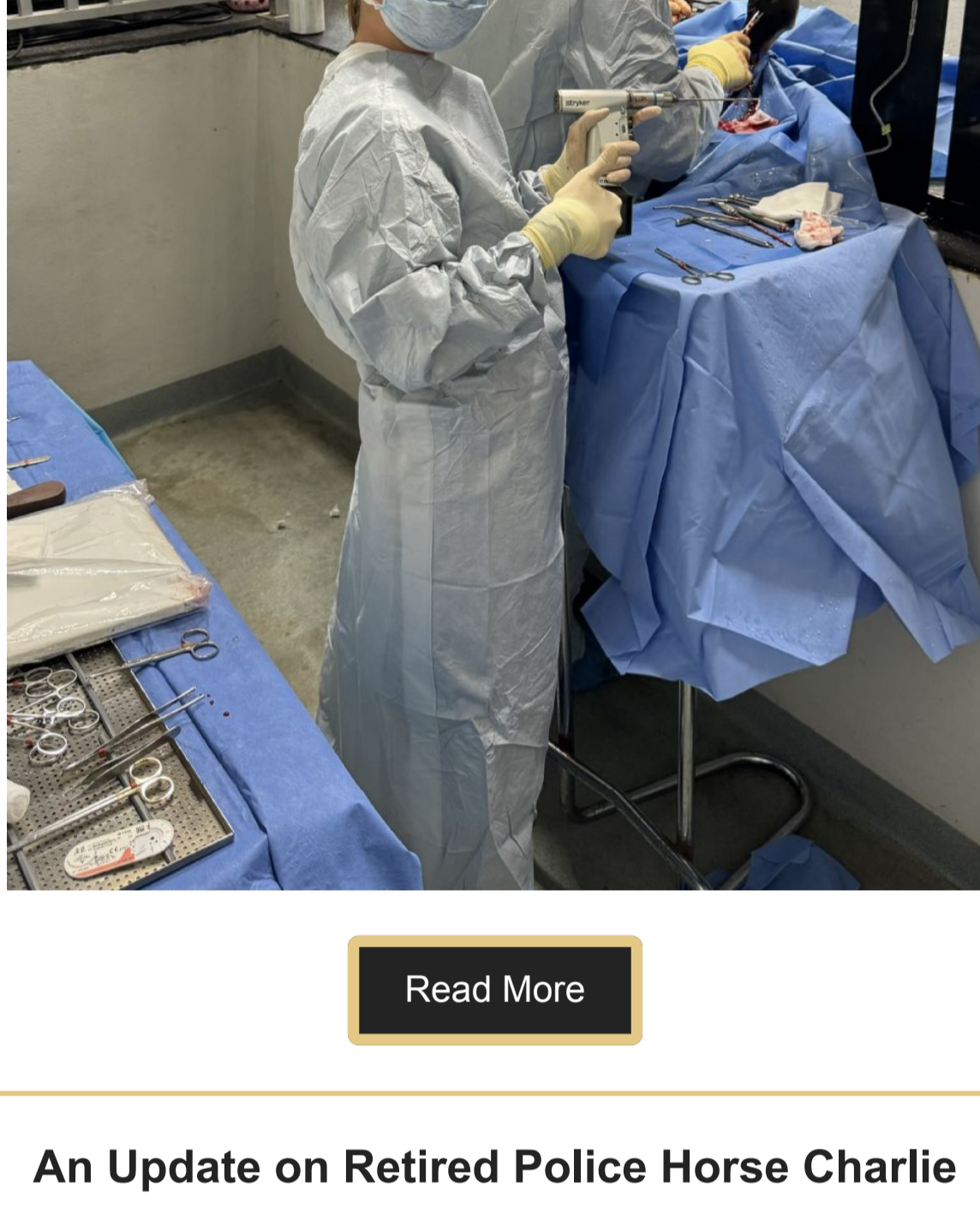
I moved to Croatia shortly after turning 18 and graduated from the University of Zagreb's vet school. During my fifth year, I spent some time in Austria at the University of Vienna. This year, I completed part of my final rotation at the University of California, Davis.

I wanted to explore as many different approaches to equine medicine as possible. Things here in the U.S. are done differently, not just technique, but the approach to patient care and communication and the use of medications. My goal is to have, as much as possible, an open mind to veterinary practice.

When I complete the program at PBEC, I will head to going to Hagyard in Kentucky for a specialized internship.

What is the process of becoming an intern at PBEC?

I came to PBEC two years ago for a summer externship. After staying in touch with some previous interns and employees at the clinic, I applied last winter, had my interview in February, and in March, Dr. Swerdlin started helping me with the visa process. I began the internship in July.



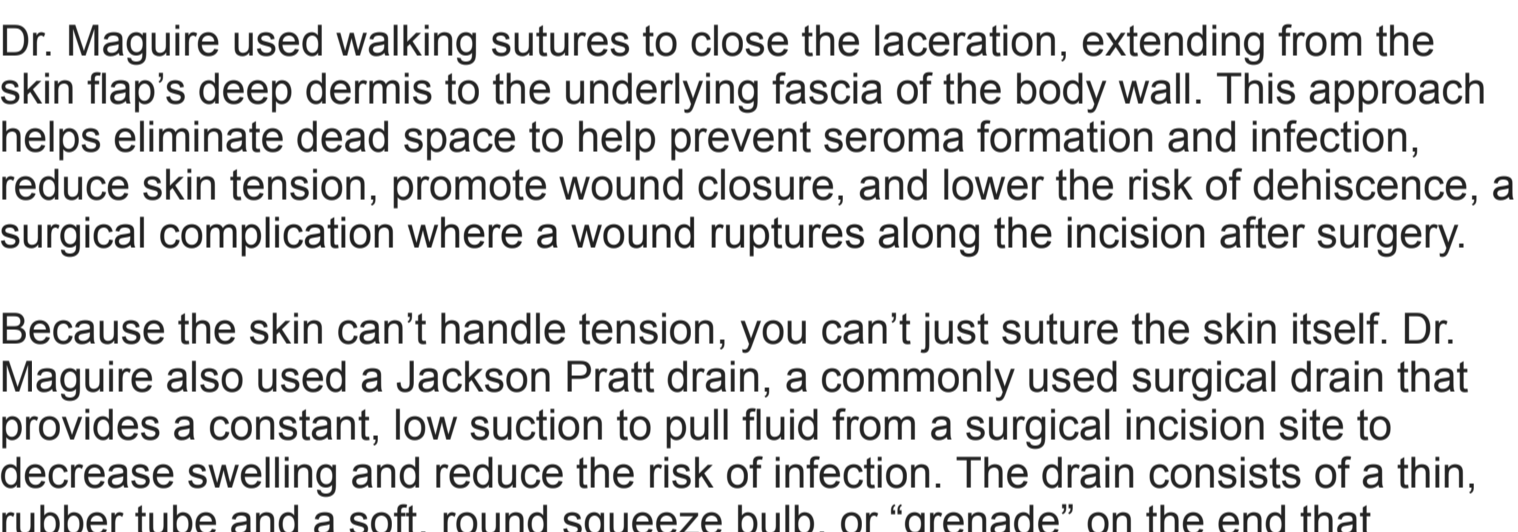
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An Update on Retired Police Horse Charlie

A recent popular post on PBEC's social media was about retired Davie County, FL, police horse Charlie, who injured himself in true equine fashion – spectacularly and with no one knowing how – during the night while turned out in a field. Charlie was adopted by the mother of one of the Davie County police officers who also works for the Sheriff's Department. They brought Charlie to PBEC to repair a large laceration on his side.

Dr. Michelle Maguire was on hand to care for Charlie and explained the steps it took to get him back to healing. Dr. Maguire and her team administered intravenous sedation in order to repair with him standing up then injected local anesthesia around the circumference of the laceration, which measured approximately 12 by 18 inches.

"This case was particularly challenging because it was a very large area with multiple flaps and went through many layers, including skin, subcutaneous tissue, and the muscle layers overlying the thorax," said Dr. Maguire. "Luckily there was no penetration into the thoracic cavity."



Dr. Maguire used deep walking sutures to close the laceration, extending from the skin's deep dermis to the underlying fascia of the body wall. This approach helps eliminate dead space to help prevent seroma formation and infection, reduce skin tension, promote wound closure, and lower the risk of dehiscence, a surgical complication where a wound ruptures along the incision after surgery.

Because the skin can't handle tension, you can't just suture the skin itself. Dr. Maguire also used a Jackson Pratt drain, a commonly used surgical drain that provides a constant, low suction to pull fluid from a surgical incision site to decrease swelling and reduce the risk of infection. The drain consists of a thin, rubber tube and a soft, round squeeze bulb, or "grenade" on the end that maintains negative pressure and allows for an active drainage system.

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Attention FEI athletes, trainers, owners, grooms, managers!

If you have a horse that competes in an FEI discipline, it is now a REQUIREMENT for all FEI registered horses to have their vaccinations recorded on the FEI HorseApp at the time of vaccination, as well as in the horse's passport.

Your administrative veterinarian will be able to record vaccinations in both the FEI HorseApp and in the horse's passport at the same time, but please be aware:

1. Ensure that the horse's FEI passport and national passport is available on the day of your appointment.
2. The attending veterinarian will need to photograph the FEI passport on the day of the vaccination.

Further information about the FEI HorseApp can be found here:

[FEI HorseApp for Veterinarians](#)

[FEI HorseApp for Athletes](#)

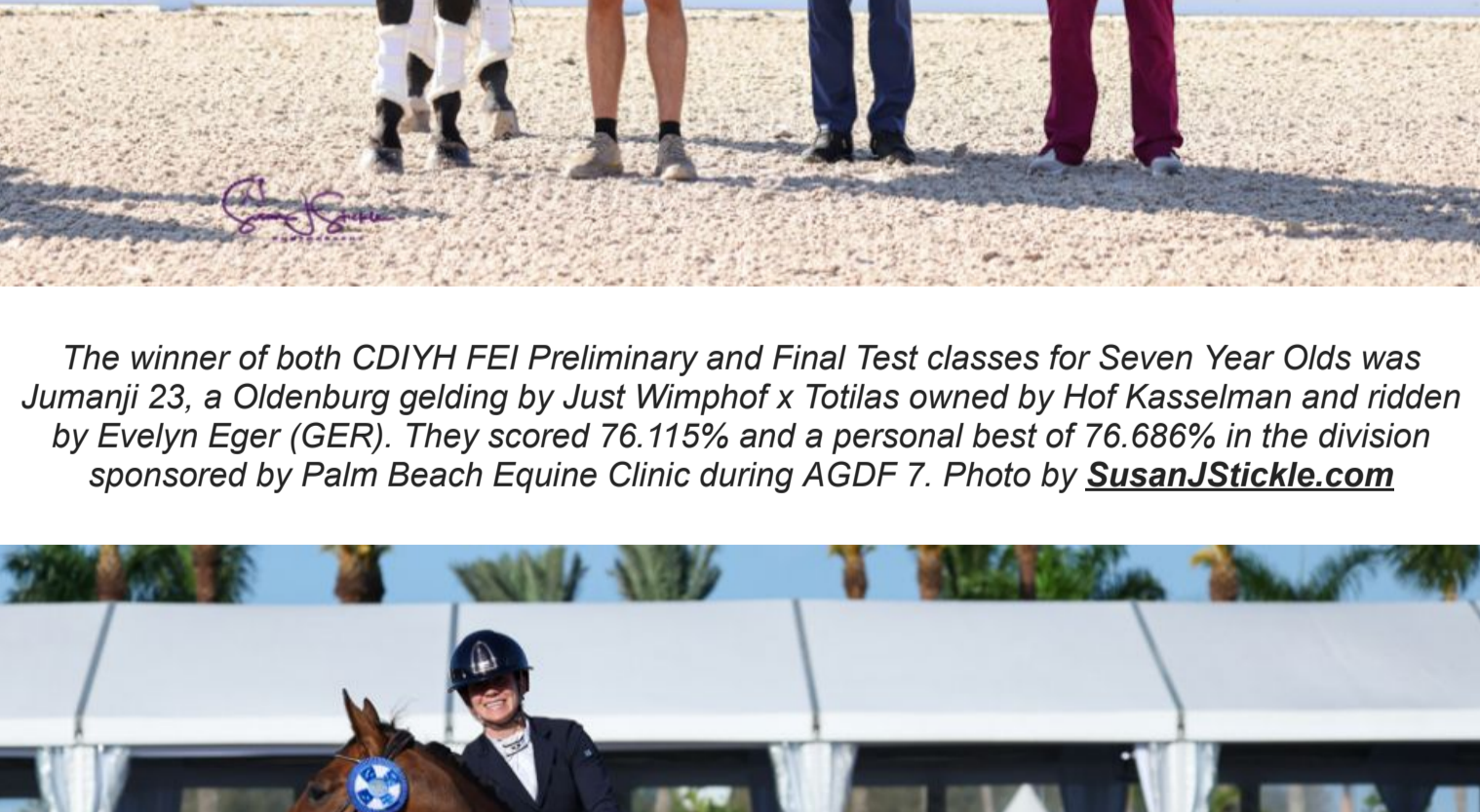
Please contact Palm Beach Equine Clinic at 561-793-1599 for more information or visit the Palm Beach Equine Clinic Annex on the Wellington International show grounds – the wooden barn next to the Stabling Office – to speak with a veterinarian, ask questions, or schedule vaccinations.



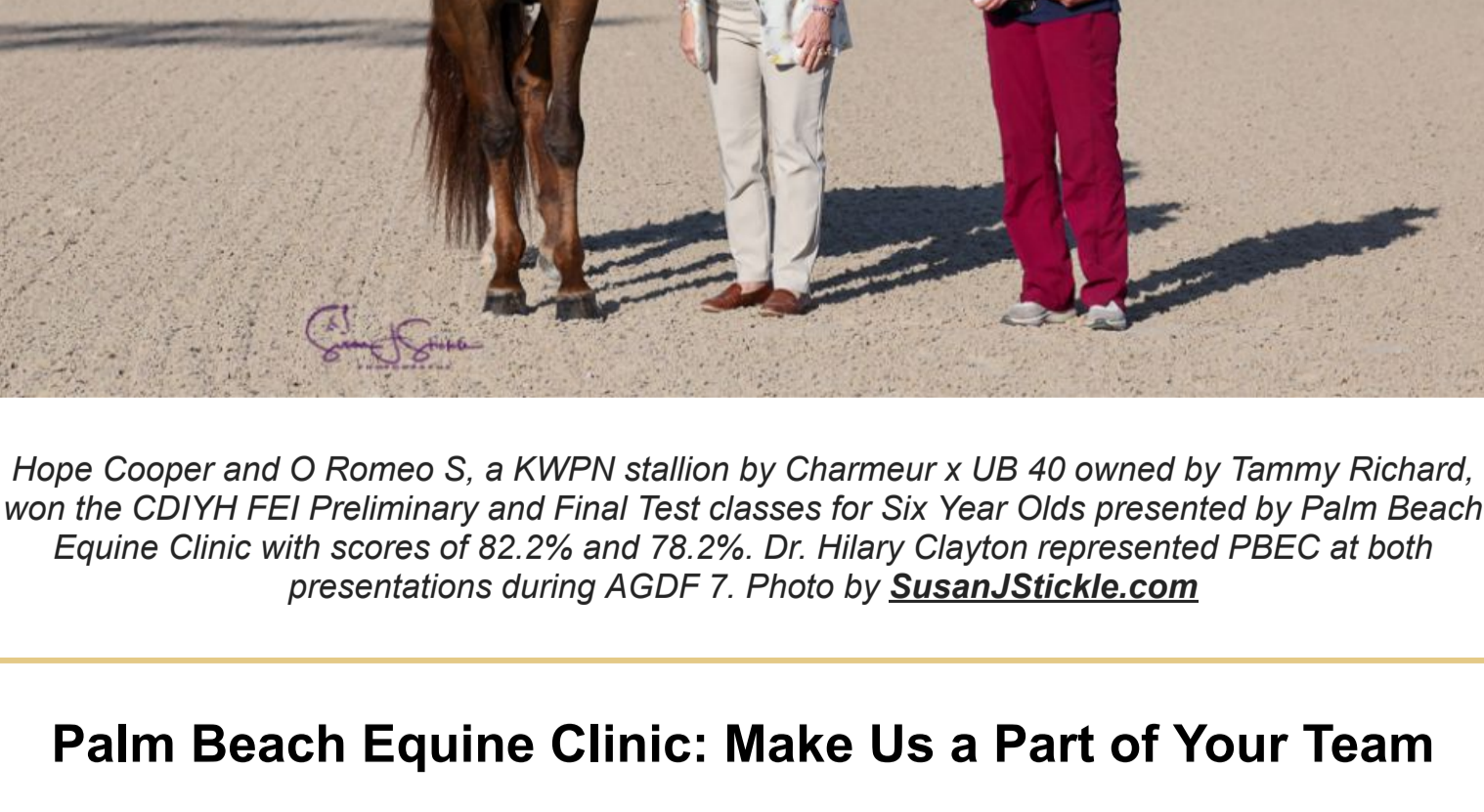
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Congratulations to Wellington Winners



The winner of both CDI/YH FEI Preliminary and Final Test classes for Seven Year Olds was Jumanji 23, a Oldenburg gelding by Just Wimphof x Totilas owned by Hof Kasselmann and ridden by Evelyn Eger (GER). They scored 76.115% and a personal best of 76.686% in the division sponsored by Palm Beach Equine Clinic during AGDF 7. Photo by [SusanJStickle.com](#)



Hope Cooper and O Romeo S, a KWPN stallion by Chameur x UB 40 owned by Tammy Richard, won the CDI/YH FEI Preliminary and Final Test classes for Six Year Olds presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic with scores of 82.2% and 78.2%. Dr. Hilary Clayton represented PBEC at both presentations during AGDF 7. Photo by [SusanJStickle.com](#)

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