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## ABOUT THE COVER



This issue's cover showcases Sylvia Zerbini surrounded by her renowned Grand Liberté team of horses. Pictured (L-R) are Rico, an Andalusian stallion and 2019 Breyer Horse Special Edition; Arabians Alidar, Chagal, and Gazzi; Beijo, a half-Arabian, half-Andalusian; and Tonner, an Andalusian. Trueno, another Andalusian stallion not pictured, completes her lead team and was honored as the 2024 Breyer Horse Special Edition.

Arabians and Andalusians—two of the most intelligent breeds—have been central to Sylvia's rise to international acclaim. One of the first equestrians to perform with six, then eight horses at Liberty in the early 1990s, she has since expanded her performances to include more than twenty horses moving together in choreographed harmony to music. Each horse is cued individually by name—and in French—demonstrating the extraordinary bond and artistry that define Sylvia's career.

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*Equestrian Directory* was created for YOU - owners, riders, professionals, and businesses of all disciplines - to help you connect within the local horse community. More than just a business directory, it also features content on trending topics, the best practices and innovators in the industry, plus tips from the pros.

*It is with much gratitude that we present you with this 2026 issue.*

This issue celebrates the artistry of Sylvia Zerbini, a ninth-generation performer whose breathtaking equestrian theater in Williston, Florida, has captivated audiences worldwide. At her Grande Liberté Theater, Zerbini brings together more than twenty horses in spellbinding Liberty performances that showcase the profound bond between human and horse. Now, with the release of her new book, *The Greatest Horse Trainer on Earth*, she shares her remarkable journey and the wisdom behind her craft, offering readers an intimate look at the passion and vision that have made her a true icon in the equestrian world. We are honored to present *Where Horses Learn to Fly: Inside Sylvia Zerbini's World of Freedom and Connection*.

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## By Barb DiPalma

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# Champion Barrel Racer

## A Pinnacle of Resilience In and Out of the Saddle

by Anna Sochocky

Lisa Murray knows a thing or two about resilience. As a twenty-three-year law enforcement officer and a two-time National Barrel Horse Association Senior 2D World Champion, Murray faced formidable opponents on the job and in the arena. Yet, weeks before her highest point of success, a far more daunting foe threatened to not only unravel her victories in the saddle, but also in her life.

### The Making of a Barrel Race Champion

Bitten by the bug early, Murray's parents bought her a Paint pony at an auction. Bucking her off at every opportunity, she participated in gymkhanas with Western riding speed events before her family moved to a small community in Massachusetts. Murray's early years wrangling her pony paved the way for her accomplishments in hunter-jumper competitions, as well as three-day event trials and fox hunting, where riders followed a scent rather than the animal.

After her parents developed a love of Arabians, Murray began showing the breed in both English and Western pleasure classes under saddle. After her father's death when Murray was eleven years old, she found solace in the barn brushing her

Left: Champion Lisa Murray poses with her blossoming partner, Commandery.

Photo courtesy of National Barrel Horse Racing Association



Photo by David Rosenthal

Lisa Murray and her six-year-old Commandery were reserve champions at the National Barrel Racing World Championships two years ago.

horse, smelling its coat, and cleaning stalls. Quiet, solitary times in the barn taught Murray the power of a horse to carry a person through difficult times, a lesson that, even in her darkest moments later in life, no human could teach.

### A Four-Legged Tempest

When Murray bought her off-the-track Quarter Horse as a four-year-old, she wondered whether she had made the right decision. A blur of muscle

and motion, the horse was a spectacle of raw power and potential, and would become her champion barrel racing partner.

Bred for speed, Spit Curl Brown—whose barn name is Diesel—had a record on the track almost as stellar as his later reputation rounding barrels. Murray's introduction to barrel racing, courtesy of a friend, piqued her curiosity. Convinced to try barrel racing with a mare she had planned to sell, Murray was hooked

from the start.

"It was so much fun with the adrenaline, and the connection between me and my horse was something I had never felt before. It was different than going over fences, a different feeling. Being a jumper gave me a good seat, although I had to learn to ride more Western and not so forward. Diesel and I went to our first world championship in 2017."

The following year, Murray and Diesel became the barrel racing pair to beat. Collecting buckles and championships like bees mine nectar, Murray looked forward with anticipation and hard work to the 2018 World Championships.

Yet, Murray's dizzying heights of victory would plummet into a health crisis, one that spun out of control, threatening her life both on and off the saddle.

### The Day the World Tilted

Not having the means to hire people to train Diesel and her other horses, Murray takes pride in her work, transitioning her horses from racing to competing in barrel racing. She cites her years in Pony Club as providing her with a solid foundation in equestrian skills.

"Leading up to the World Championships, I was living in the barn. I was working full-time as a sheriff at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and worked a lot of hours. We installed lights on my property so I could work my horse, Diesel."

However, six weeks

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Seasoned in the championship arena, Lisa Murray's horse, Diesel knows his job.

Photo by Phifer



Lisa Murray and her horse Spit Curl Brown, aka Diesel clocking another win.

Photo by David Rosenthal



New to barrel racing but not to speed, Lisa Murray's horse Commandery pauses for his rider's cue.

Continued from page 17 before the opening of the championships, Murray began experiencing aggressive neurological symptoms at work. As Murray describes it, she was sitting at her desk, typing and chatting with co-workers when her body started to shake. In a matter of seconds, her body exploded into a torrent of involuntary spasms. A tide of sickness erupted from her stomach into an uncontrollable wave of vomiting that broke without warning.

Overcome by dizziness,

walk or talk on her own, Murray found herself on a medical merry-go-round, insisting that her symptoms were real. For months, her life was a blur of scans, blood draws, and dead-end conversations.

The terrifying episode at Murray's desk marked the beginning of what would become a medical odyssey.

"I was constantly dismissed to the point where I was having anxiety attacks. I was slurring my speech. I couldn't even walk a straight line properly. I was like a drunken sailor at eight

an answer when she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Beside herself with the news and fearing that the diagnosis would end her dream of traveling to the world championship that year or any year, it would be Murray's deep bond with her horse, Diesel, that would prove the doctors wrong.

Crafting a plan centered on her horses, Murray's determination to return to the barn, not just to ride but to fight for the life she wanted, congealed. Murray knew her horses were more than partners

ride seemed like climbing a mountain in the clouds.

"When I had the episode that landed me in the hospital, all I could think was, oh, my God, we're training so hard. This is what I want. And I'm telling you, when I got home from the hospital, I was so upset and frustrated that I would go down to the barn and pet Diesel. My son was riding him for me. I didn't know what to do. I was scheduled to go to the world championship, but I could barely walk a straight line."

When Murray finally decided to try to mount her horse, she had reduced feeling in her left leg and used a block on Diesel's right side to get on his back. Murray found herself contending with optic neuritis, a symptom of multiple sclerosis where inflammation of the optic nerve results in pain and vision loss. Losing her peripheral vision, Murray compensated by rotating her head to see approaching obstacles.

"He was so patient with me. He took such good care of me. He was amazing. Horses are smart. He knew something was wrong with me. There was a local barrel race, like a local show, and I attended it. I decided then and there that I would go to the world championships. My doctors said I shouldn't drive because it was a nine-hour trip, and the stress

"I thought if there was any cure for MS, it would be in my damn barn, because horses are my drug."

her head spun like a wheel, and Murray lost her ability to speak, stand, walk, or hold a pen. Professionally trained to respond in an emergency, her colleagues rushed to her aid and called 911.

Emergency room doctors ordered a battery of tests that proved inconclusive, although a stroke was ruled out. After a three-day hospitalization and no closer to an answer, Murray was discharged. Still unable to

in the morning. It was very frustrating. Doctors told me I probably wouldn't be able to ride again."

Murray, refusing to walk away from her horses or trying to receive an accurate diagnosis, scheduled a meeting with a neurologist at the Weston, Florida outpost of the Cleveland Clinic. After months of feeling like a lone coyote crying into the wind and more thorough testing, Murray finally had

in the arena. They were her partners in a battle for her life.

### A Fire Refusing to be Extinguished

Ruminating in the hospital and later bedridden, Murray recovered from the MS symptom flare with a dose of steroids to tamp down the inflammation in her central nervous system. Beside herself, Murray's balance was still off, and the prospect of being strong enough to saddle her horse and

wasn't good for me. There were many questions about where I was going and how debilitating the competition would be. I thought if there was any cure for MS, it would be in my damn barn, because horses are my drug."

Murray and Diesel's crowning moment of success arrived contrary to medical opinion when the team won the National Barrel Horse Association's Senior 2D Championship and the open 3D division. The following year, in 2019, Murray repeated her wins in both divisions.

## Finding a New Finish Line

Murray acknowledges that she still wrestles with her balance, noting that at the Florida State Championships last June, she lost feeling in her left leg while riding her new horse, Commander, who had recently come off the racetrack.

"That was a tough ride. My new horse is a baby, so he's not ready to take care of me. He's still learning. We made it through, though. These horses give me such a reason not to give up. Even when I don't have feeling in my left leg, it's like there's a fire inside of me. I want to be with them because they make me feel better. After all the world championships with Diesel, my son has grown, and I gave him my champion horse. I had a couple of other horses that I was trying, but we didn't click. Then, three years ago, I got a gray horse named Commander. He was also off the track and out of Texas. He's even more of a fire-breathing dragon than Diesel! Still, he's coming along and gives me a new reason to keep trying and to not give up, even on my worst days. They give me a reason to not think about my multiple sclerosis and a reason to get out of bed."

Murray notes that horses live in the present and acknowledges their perception



Lisa Murray and Diesel bask in a well-deserved victory claiming the 2D World and 3D National Barrel Horse Association's World Championship wins in the open finals in Perry, Georgia.

as a gift. While people tend to worry about the future and obsess over the past, Murray believes her horses keep her grounded.

"I made the same mistakes, but I live in the 'now' these days. I'm happier. I think I'm healthier because I don't have all the nonsense in my head all the time. My alarm goes off

she might be bedridden, or she could just as easily be walking. Multiple sclerosis is a game of chance, and people living with the disease don't always draw a full house.

"I think horses are the best therapists in the world. I genuinely believe that horses possess a remarkable sense of kindness and empathy. They

have stress. My anxiety is gone, even when I'm at the biggest horse show competition. There's something about these horses. They don't know what will happen tomorrow. They don't know that I spent half my salary on the next horse show, or that I'm going to eat Ramen noodles because they are eating their thirty-five-dollar bag of grain. All they know is that I love them and that they depend on me. I rely on them even more. My horses give me the purpose I want and need to have a future."

**"These horses give me such a reason not to give up. Even when I don't have feeling in my left leg, it's like there's a fire inside of me. I want to be with them because they make me feel better."**

at 6:30 a.m. My horses need me. They're waiting for me to get down to the barn. They're waiting for their grain and hay. Stalls have to be cleaned. My horses give me a purpose that even my job didn't give me."

Murray concedes that her future might not always be filled with championship wins and days training horses. A day may come when Murray says

come to you with kindness, with grace. Even the biggest horses I've seen bring out a calmness in a person.

Horses are very empathetic, and they're forgiving. They live in the moment and take everything in, like when you're hurting or anxious.

Sometimes I feel like I'm normal, but I feel most at ease when I'm with my horses. I don't

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**GreenGuard Grazing Muzzles**

*Obeah Dancer and Penny  
GS photo by Melissa Boutin*

## Melissa Boutin Eventing Uses GG Equine to Keep Horses Healthy, Happy, and Performing Their Best

Based in Quebec, Melissa Boutin is a 4-star eventing rider, licensed High Performance Coach with Equestrian Canada, and the head trainer and manager at Ferme BGR. When she's not training horses or competing, she works full-time in finance as an investment advisor and associate portfolio manager. Balancing a demanding professional career and a thriving eventing program means that efficiency matters—and any product that makes barn management easier quickly earns a place on her must-have list.

Melissa believes turnout isn't a luxury; it's a philosophy. "We're lucky to have a farm with lots of pasture, and I believe even upper-level horses should have as much turnout as possible," Melissa explains. "But with our warmblood geldings being easy keepers, we needed a way to let them graze while keeping weight in check. As eventers, the last thing we want is extra pounds to carry on cross-country."

That balance between freedom and fitness led her

to GG Equine, a discovery that quickly changed daily life at her barn.

### Freedom to Graze, Room to Breathe

Melissa had tried different grazing muzzles before, but none checked every box, so she kept looking. "While researching grazing muzzles, I found GreenGuard and loved the concept. It's roomy, airy, and light," she says. "The horses adapted immediately and even looked forward to wearing them because they knew it meant pasture time."

It wasn't long before several of Melissa's 4-star eventers were wearing GreenGuard muzzles. The results were clear: leaner, healthier athletes enjoying longer turnout without overgrazing. "They've been total life-savers for so many of our horses," she says. "The durability is amazing. These muzzles are worth the investment and hold up season after season."

### A Smarter Way to Feed Hay

While GreenGuard muzzles revolutionized turnout, GG Equine's HayPlay Bags

improved hay feeding. "For years, every stall had a hay net to reduce waste," she says. "But the HayPlay Bag changed everything. It's easy to load, thanks to the large top opening, and far more durable than any net we've ever used—and we've tried a lot!"

According to Melissa, the HayPlay Bag's design is "easier on their teeth, the airflow is better, and it helps reduce dust and hay chaff. It's just a better system all around." Now, every stall at MBE has a HayPlay Bag. Feeding is cleaner, horses stay occupied longer, and waste is minimal.



**HayPlay Bag**

*Photo by Horse  
Originals*

### Better Equine Management

As a professional eventer and barn manager, Melissa has to balance performance, nutrition, and time. She says these products help her do all three. "The Grazing Muzzle and HayPlay Bag are incredible tools for managing weight and extending eating time," she says.

They also make management smoother. "I don't have to constantly adjust feed plans or worry about who's eating too much. My horses stay balanced, and I get more peace of mind."

### Bella's Transformation

Among her horses, one story stands out: Bella, a recipient mare who arrived in 2020. "She wasn't just overweight, she was obese," Melissa recalls. "But I still wanted her to enjoy group turnout. Just by wearing the GreenGuard muzzle, she came back to a healthy weight within months. She moved better, felt better, and was visibly happier."

Bella wore the muzzle 24/7 without rubs or irritation. "She never tried to remove it and seemed perfectly content. It truly changed her life."

### Why GG Equine Is a Professional's Choice

Beyond the products, Melissa praises the GG Equine team for their support. "The customer service is top-notch. Whether you have a fit question, a rub issue, or a Houdini horse trying to outsmart the system, they've seen it all and will help you find a solution."

Durability is another major advantage. "Everything GG Equine makes is built to last. That matters when you're managing a barn full of active horses. It's an investment that lasts, and that's rare these days."

### Healthy Horses, Happier Humans

Asked how she'd describe GG Equine to another professional or horse owner, Melissa doesn't hesitate. "Life-changing. These products help horses stay healthy while living more naturally, and that's something every horse owner, from weekend rider to eventing professional, can appreciate."

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# TerraNova Equestrian Center

## Where World-Class Competition Meets Harmony with Nature



Photos by Jessica Buehler Photography

by Sarah Welk Baynum

Set in picturesque Myakka City—Florida’s Gulf Coast countryside—is the uniquely designed and thoughtfully managed TerraNova Equestrian Center. This premier equestrian destination is a place where riders can “live, ride, compete” seamlessly.

Purity of sport, harmony with nature, and a commitment to excellence form the core values that shape every aspect of TerraNova’s vision and operations. Hosting its inaugural event in 2021, the facility combines rural charm with world-class amenities, creating a serene equestrian haven for both horses and riders.

Just a short drive from Sarasota, TerraNova’s location offers the best of both worlds with a local, vibrant arts scene,

award-winning beaches, fine dining, and convenient access to multiple airports.

While the location and grounds of the facility are both convenient and breathtaking, it’s the diverse and well-rounded event programming across numerous disciplines that further sets it apart.

### World-Class Facilities and an Expansive Calendar of Events

TerraNova boasts six all-weather arenas and a sprawling cross-country course—all built with precision to ensure safety, optimal performance, and natural beauty.

“I think TerraNova’s harmony with nature really resonates with our guests—and the horses feel it too,” says Ruby Tevis, TerraNova’s Director of Marketing and Communi-

cations. “It’s peaceful here. There’s plenty of grass for grazing, shady oak trees, and room to relax—whether you’re hand-grazing, using one of our reservable turnout paddocks, or taking a hack on the cross-country course. The barns are also quiet and calm—especially at night. Our barn design, footed horse

paths, and layout prioritize safety and comfort so that horses can settle in easily. We’ve created an atmosphere where the horses truly come first, without sacrificing a spectator-friendly experience for everyone else.”

TerraNova’s facility includes a 300×420 main arena, two 200×300 arenas, a 175×300



arena, and a spacious 175×600 arena. Additional features include VIP pavilions, permanent stabling, multiple wash racks, a show office with a rider lounge, and a scenic four-acre lake that supports both drainage and irrigation.

Since opening, TerraNova Equestrian Center has steadily expanded its calendar to meet the needs of a diverse range of riders and disciplines. Originally established as a premier venue for dressage and eventing, TerraNova has since evolved into a multidisciplinary equestrian destination.

Now, TerraNova hosts a hunter/jumper winter series, numerous rated dressage competitions, and CCI-recognized three-day events each year, including the prestigious CCI4\*-L—one of the highest levels of eventing available in Florida outside of international competition.

“We’ve really expanded in every direction,” says Tevis. “We host a couple of three-day events—one in the spring and the other in the fall. Our fall three-day event includes the CCI4\*-L, which is a huge spectator draw. There are only a handful of venues in the country that run eventing competitions at that level, so we’re proud to offer that kind of opportunity to riders right here in Florida.”

While TerraNova offers an impressive calendar of events, each competition is thoughtfully tailored to provide a personalized experience.

“What really sets us apart from some of the other larger facilities—whether in Florida or elsewhere—is that TerraNova remains a boutique venue. We focus on one discipline competition at a time, rather than running hunter/jumper in one arena and dressage in another, which means competitors aren’t sharing space or stabling across



disciplines,” says Tevis. “When you’re here, it’s all about you, your horse, and your sport. Each competition gets our full attention, creating a truly customized and high-quality experience.”

TerraNova is also deeply committed to giving back to the community. “For every volunteer who works at our events, the TerraNova Equestrian Foundation donates \$20 to a local charity. Sup-

porting causes that matter has always been part of our mission at TerraNova, and it’s something we proudly continue each year,” says Tevis.

## Introducing Combined Driving and Para Dressage at TerraNova

In 2025, TerraNova Equestrian Center added another equestrian sport to its calendar of events—combined driving.

The addition marks a milestone not just for the facility, but for the entire West Coast of Florida. Held in January 2025, the event served as the first FEI Combined Driving Event (CDE) of the year, attracting competitors from across the U.S. and Canada. The marathon phases were staged on TerraNova’s cross-country course—including newly constructed permanent obstacles alongside portable ones.

“It’s the perfect way to kick off the winter season—whether you’re testing new teams, moving up a level, or simply easing back into competition,” says Tevis. “Marc Johnson designed a fantastic CDE course, and the community really showed up for it. We had some of our highest attendance ever at the VIP hospitality brunch, and it was clear there was a lot of local excitement about the event. It was also an honor to have Misdee Wrigley-Miller—Team USA gold medalist and owner of the Sarasota Polo Club—competing and supporting the event.”

In May 2025, TerraNova also proudly hosted its first para dressage competition, furthering its mission to support the full spectrum of equestrian sports. The event highlighted the talent of top para-athletes while also showcasing TerraNova’s intentionally designed showgrounds, where accessibility and a thoughtful layout made the experience smooth and welcoming for both

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competitors and spectators.

“Bringing para dressage to TerraNova reflects our strong commitment to growing both dressage and para dressage in the U.S.,” says Tevis. “Our facilities were designed with accessibility in mind—from the barns and arenas to the bathrooms and hospitality areas. The feedback from our para riders was incredibly positive, and the local community really embraced the chance to watch, learn, and support the sport. It’s not something people see every day, and we’re excited to keep building on that momentum.”

In addition, the Young Horse Trial, featuring only dressage and cones phases, further reflected TerraNova’s

commitment to supporting up-and-coming equine talent.

### **A Premier Hunter/Jumper Experience for Every Level**

Since debuting in March 2022, the TerraNova Winter Series has quickly established itself as one of Florida’s premier winter circuits and a standout destination on the west coast. Spanning five consecutive weeks, the TerraNova Winter Series features national hunter divisions, Level 5 jumpers, and recurring FEI CSI2\* Grand Prix competitions. The finale week includes circuit championship awards and special classes for young horses.

The 2025 season brought exciting new additions,

including the \$25,000 TerraNova Young Jumper Championship and the \$10,000 Young Hunter Finals, offering valuable experience for up-and-coming horses and riders. With classes ranging from 2’6” derbies to international-level jumpers, the series delivers generous prize money and a high-caliber, yet friendly, environment for competitors at every level.

The thoughtfully curated series even attracts top talent from across the country to compete in an environment that blends world-class sport with a friendly, supportive atmosphere.

“Our Winter Series has really grown year after year,” says Tevis. “We host FEI CSI2\* Grand Prix, which are featured throughout the

series. They bring some of the country’s top athletes—as well as a few international riders. We’ve had names like Beezie Madden, Laura Kraut, and Kent Farrington show here. This series also provides a welcoming environment for young or second-string horses to gain valuable experience with less pressure.”

For both riders and horses, TerraNova provides the ideal stepping stone between Florida’s local shows and the other prominent circuits in Wellington or Ocala—which are each just 3 hours away.

While top riders may not always bring their Olympic mounts, they often compete with promising horses on the rise. “It’s exciting for our audience to see that kind of talent up close and imagine

that they might be watching the next Olympic prospect.”

As TerraNova’s reputation expands, it’s evolving beyond a competition venue into a trusted hub for developing young horses and building rider confidence across all levels.

“I think TerraNova is carving out a real niche as a young horse development facility. The calm atmosphere, manageable class sizes, and supportive environment give horses a great experience in the show ring,” says Tevis. “It’s also less intimidating for amateurs and first-time Grand Prix riders, even though we’re running Level 5-rated competitions. We’ve created a space that’s welcoming to riders of all ages, levels, and backgrounds. It’s high-quality competition without the stress—and that’s something people really value.”

## The Estates at Terranova

Set across more than 1,000 acres of rolling Gulf Coast pastures, The Estates at TerraNova are now available and present a rare opportunity to own a spacious country estate—ranging from five to twenty acres—in a serene, nature-rich environment.

This private equestrian enclave blends timeless design with functionality, offering a lifestyle that feels secluded and peaceful, yet still conveniently close to the amenities of Sarasota and Lakewood Ranch.

“The Estates at TerraNova are designed for like-minded horse people who value harmony with nature and a world-class equestrian lifestyle,” says Tevis. “It’s a place to deeply connect with your horse and return to the roots of why we do this. You can custom-build your dream home or barn—whether it’s your full-time residence or a seasonal getaway. What

makes us stand out from other equestrian communities is that we allow boarding and training businesses. Our location offers easy access to all of Florida’s major show circuits—Wellington and Ocala are each just three hours away.”

At its core, the Estates share TerraNova’s guiding ethics: Purity of Sport, Harmony with Nature, and Commitment to Excellence. Designed for riders of all levels, the community pairs thoughtful architecture with a natural setting that suits both horses and families.

## Beyond the TerraNova Show Grounds: Cultural Coast

Between competitions, visitors staying at TerraNova can take advantage of everything the surrounding area has to offer. “There’s so much happening in the Sarasota and Bradenton area—such as our world-class beaches,” says Tevis. “Living or staying on this part of the coast offers a diverse lifestyle, and we’re just a short drive from it all. TerraNova’s location really feels like it’s at the center of everything, while still being peacefully removed from the hustle. You can ride your horse in the morning and watch the sunset at the beach in the evening—it truly doesn’t get any better than that.”

The Sarasota-Bradenton region, known as Florida’s “Cultural Coast,” offers a rich blend of arts, dining, and outdoor adventure. Just minutes away, the Village of the Arts in Bradenton welcomes visitors with colorful galleries, studios, and cafes where artists showcase painting, pottery, and photography. For live performances, the Sarasota Opera House and Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall feature world-class productions ranging from opera and ballet to concerts and Broadway shows.

Shoppers and food lovers

can head to Waterside Place at Lakewood Ranch, a community filled with boutiques, restaurants, and weekly events, such as Ranch Nite Wednesdays, which features food trucks, live music, and family-friendly fun. University Town Center Mall also delivers a premier retail experience with over 150 stores and special holiday attractions.

For those who want to enjoy the Florida outdoors, TerraNova is surrounded by some of the state’s most beloved natural escapes. Siesta Key Beach and Lido Key Beach boast turquoise waters and powdery white sand, while nearby Bradenton Beach on Anna Maria Island captures the nostalgic charm of “Old Florida.”

Adventurers can explore Myakka River State Park, one of the state’s oldest and largest natural preserves, home to wetlands, prairies, and more than 200 species of birds.

## Family-Friendly Features & Visitor Amenities

TerraNova goes beyond competition by offering a wide range of additional amenities and visitor experiences.

“We’ve started to build our own traditions here at TerraNova,” says Tevis. “From our welcome party with a free dinner during show weeks to the dinosaur races at our three-day event, we’re creating something that feels both fun and familiar.”

Families can also enjoy TerraNova Tiny Town, an interactive play village designed just for kids. Additional attractions include a dog park complete with agility equipment for four-legged companions.

Spectators are welcome to attend on Saturdays and Sundays during competition weeks, with a convenient shuttle service and scenic pavilion viewing. Guests can

enjoy everything from a VIP ringside brunch to local food truck fare, and shopping for distinctive, high-quality items at the TerraNova Boutique—offering something for everyone.

Through its Equilibrium at TerraNova initiative, the facility also invites visitors to experience the power of the horse-human bond. These wellness programs are thoughtfully designed to promote mindfulness, connection, and personal growth—whether you’re a lifelong equestrian or new to horses. Programs include equine-assisted learning, wellness retreats, literacy initiatives, and themed youth camps developed in collaboration with *The Mindful Horse* curriculum.

“Between our family-friendly events and our ongoing support for local charities, we’re bringing a bit of that old-school feel back to the horse show world. Yes, the competition matters—but we’re also here to remind people that the experience goes far beyond the leaderboard,” adds Tevis. “We want TerraNova to be different and to feel like a full experience. One that’s fun, welcoming, and memorable—no matter how your round goes.”

*You can explore TerraNova’s facilities, amenities, and complete event schedule by visiting [terrano-vaequstrian.com](http://terrano-vaequstrian.com).*

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# Papa's Legacy:

## When Love Becomes Purpose

By Kat Chrysostom

One of the most difficult decisions I ever made was to say goodbye to my heart horse, Papa, on an early September day in 2015. It's hard to believe that I just marked the tenth year without him. He will forever be the magnificent, seven-year-old horse with more talent and personality than any horse I have ever met—and I have met a lot of wonderful horses.

Unfortunately, Papa suffered from "Wobblers" syndrome, a terrible progressive disease that affects the bone surrounding the spinal cord causing neurological symptoms, paralysis, and nerve damage. Of course, severity varies from case to case, but for Papa, his was very severe.

Our bond became the driving force behind Benefab®'s entire therapeutic line. In those difficult months, I poured my grief and love into creating the original Smart Poll Pad—if I couldn't cure Papa, I could at least ease his discomfort. He became our patient prototype, helping me perfect every detail.

That early September day was the first time I had ever held the fate of another soul in my hands. The responsibility was

tremendous, and the heartache unbearable. I would have given anything to make it better—to somehow communicate with him, to take his place. I consider myself forever responsible for that which I tame, and this life—so delicately held in my hands—was mine to protect.

The vet did her usual examination and she found that he had significantly regressed, admitting his symptoms were chronic. Second and third opinions were sought, all aligned with the first. Knowing but not accepting what I had to do was my *modus operandi* with Papa. This time, it was inevitable—my best friend's body was failing him. No matter what I did, how hard I tried, how much money I spent, or how much love I gave, the situation would not change. It was, and will forever remain, one of the most difficult decisions of my life.

I vividly remember thinking the entire night before that perhaps faith would prevail, and he would be healthy in the morning. With not a wink of sleep, I watched the hours count down on the clock—closer to the end.

His last day was paradise, and I mean



paradise. He ate an entire bag of his favorite treats, was turned out in a beautiful pasture with lush grass and was curried in "his spot" for hours.

As sad as these words may be to read, always remember, we are better to be a week too early than an hour too late. After the passing of Papa, I have found much comfort in knowing that he is in a better place and he rests in peace with no more suffering.

Although Papa isn't with me anymore, through Benefab®, his legacy lives on—bringing comfort to animals and peace of mind to the people who love them.

Animals are put into our lives for a reason and if we let them, they can better our souls, connect with our minds, and fill an emptiness within us.

Shortly after Papa's

passing, by no coincidence, I stumbled upon Psalm 36:6: "Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals."

I know that other devoted pet owners struggle with this decision. If you are reading this with a decision to make or one you have already made, take comfort in knowing that you have made the right choice—don't allow yourself to forget that. We are our animals' lifeline and we must be there for them in the best of times and the worst of times.

As importantly, as pet owners we must support and comfort each other knowing that "for everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

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# Where Horses Learn to Fly

## Inside Sylvia Zerbini's World of Freedom and Connection

by Angela Durrell

Tucked into a quiet corner of Central Florida is Grande Liberté Farm – as much a retreat and a haven as it is a place for equine performance, collective learning and instruction. Sylvia Zerbini has been here since the late 1990s, creating her home as well as a place where horses and their people can come and

here; it was originally just my training center,” Zerbini says. “But it’s just really nice. My sister was already living here, and it’s lovely and quiet.”

The whole area is mostly family; her sister owns a famous elephant sanctuary on an adjacent property, along with several nephews up and down the quiet drive featuring a Ringling Bros train car, a reminder of the circus family’s past. Part retreat, part show



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aerial disciplines and equine liberty training to countless audiences and students from around the world.

Drawing on nine generations of family circus history and knowledge, as well as her own lifetime of experience, her upcoming book, *The Greatest Horse Trainer on Earth: The Sylvia Zerbini Story* delves into her rich and exotic circus upbringing as one of the greatest trapeze artists and animal performers, resulting in her becoming one of, it not the premier Liberty trainer and performer in the world today.

Back in 1998, Robert Redford made a movie called “The Horse Whisperer”, playing a man with an almost supernatural ability to connect and communicate with horses, and audiences were swooning at both his methodology of gentle training and the equally potent aura of Robert Redford – which okay, fair. In any case, gentle training was popularized by the film.

Sylvia has been working around horses and exotic animals, including lions, tigers, chimps, and elephants, her entire life, but she doesn’t call herself a horse whisperer. “I can tell you how I do it, and how it works for me, and it might work for you,” she explains,

“but I would never call myself a horse trainer. I feel like I’m always learning.”

Born into a circus family that worked and traveled all over the world, her father, Tarzan Zerbini, was the world’s greatest lion tamer and highest paid circus performer. Along with Sylvia’s mother, Jacqueline Zerbini, who was a tiger tamer and renowned trapeze artist from France, the dynamic pair raised Sylvia in the world of the Tarzan Zerbini Circus. Sylvia’s childhood was a practical journey of both discovery and discipline. A top-tier and daring aerialist, she started learning acrobatics and trapeze at around seven years of age. She was performing before sold out audiences by the time she was ten. By the time she was twenty, she was the greatest star in the Greatest Show On Earth, aka Ringling Brothers, combining her skills as a trapeze artist known for catching herself by her heels, always working without safety devices or nets, where one mistake could prove fatal.

“My father had a 20-acre winter quarters in Sarasota and a campground for his circus artists,” she explains. “So it was like a beautiful place where the artists would come in, and they had a flying trapeze and a trampoline set up. There were barns in the back with animals, too,

“Zerbini has performed shows and offered instruction in aerial disciplines and equine liberty training to countless audiences and students from around the world.”

learn how to communicate with each other better.

“My plan was never to live

amphitheater, and part aerial training center, Grande Liberté Farm is where Zerbini has performed shows and offered instruction in



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so it was like an equestrian center.”

If you look at her roots as an aerialist, it’s easy to understand her approach to training. Circus people aren’t the same as most of us; being a circus performer means years of highly specialized work, and trapeze artists are athletes in every sense of the word. Aerialists not only have to have superlative control of their bodies, but also acute awareness of where their bodies are in a space, where everything else is in the space, and have the ability to filter out the audience, and be completely present in the moment. An intrinsic

understanding of trust is essential – whether it’s trust in their fellow aerialists or trust in themselves to know how to deal with unexpected situations in a split second. It also requires a steel will, laser focus, and uncompromising precision.

“You’re taught to block out distractions and concentrate,” she says. “If you’re 30 feet up in the air without any safety devices, you need to think of everything ahead of time, because then your body can react quicker.”

That mental fortitude underlies her ability to stay calm under pressure and trust her own instincts. It

is a foundational aspect of the training philosophy she encourages her clinic participants to use.

A formative period, as a lead trainer and performer with the internationally acclaimed horse extravaganza, Cavalia, was pivotal; it included an exhilarating and fortuitous turn as a bungee performer in addition to the trapeze. It illustrated to her the importance of spatial awareness, which carried over in her equestrian performance.

“Horses need to look around,” she says, pointing out reasonably that, “If you

don’t know where you are, how do you know what to do? It’s pretty basic stuff – so ridiculously simple, but also sensible. Anyone can relate to that.”

She recalls one client’s horse stepping into the training arena and immediately beginning to spin around literally; he was almost impossible for the owner to manage. Sylvia instinctively recognized that he merely needed to get his bearings, without interference or interruption from anyone.

“He just needed to see where he was and for people

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"I can tell you how I do it, and how it works for me, and it might work for you," she explains, "but I would never call myself a horse trainer. I feel like I'm always learning."



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to give him a minute so he could be familiar with a space he didn't know." She shrugs. "We're all like that in a new place."

Once she identified that he just needed to find security in an unfamiliar environment, it didn't take long before he felt comfortable, receptive, and was able to focus. Within half an hour of working with him and his owner, he was performing flawlessly without any need for tack, lead lines, or whips. It was just a matter of figuring out his comfort zone and understanding his thinking. By the time the session was over, horse and rider had forged a wholly new bond, which was gratifying for all three of them.

"It's about fostering confidence that a horse can sense and respond to," Sylvia explains. Part of that is also the owner having patience and a plan, which gives the horse the comfort of knowing that his owner is prepared and unruffled. If the rider doesn't panic when something goes awry, chances are neither will the horse.

"If you think about things and have a plan, your brain already told your body what to do, so your timing will be quicker," Sylvia says. "Okay, my horse is going to tighten up. I'm going to stay with him. I'm going to pull that inside rein. I'm going to touch him with my right heel." It's not just about technique. A horse will follow a person they can sense has confidence."

Sylvia's book, slated for publication by the end of 2025, is a natural extension of her interest in sharing what she has learned with those who want to know more. Initially, she was ambivalent about writing "another training book", but Rebecca Didier, Chief Editor of Trafalgar

Square Publishers, recognized her unique combination of life and performance experiences, and the results of her training work. Rebecca convinced Sylvia to allow her to write the book about Sylvia's rich history, linking the influences of her life as a world class athlete and performer, with her animal work, emphasizing the importance of communication and listening so that both horse and rider can thrive.

The title, *The Greatest Horse Trainer On Earth* was coined by Charlie Cantrell, Sylvia's business manager who has worked closely with her for years. An avid equestrian himself, Cantrell has seen just about everything there is to see in the way of performers, competitors, and trainers in the horse world and truly believes Sylvia is the "Greatest Horse Trainer On Earth." Rebecca Didier immediately latched on to the title as a wink to the famous Barnum and Bailey marquee – as well as a pointed reference to Sylvia's aversion to using the "Greatest" epithet for anything she does.

Sylvia firmly believes that the pursuit of improvement and growth is what's important. Even with a schedule as busy as hers, with clinics, arena shows, and demonstrations she does all over the country – and at Grande Liberté Farm – she says she's always discovering something new. "Real mastery is ongoing; you never stop being a student. It's not about being 'the greatest horse woman in the world,'" she asserts. "It's about the aspiration; that philosophy. The moment you actually start saying or actually believing that's what you are? That's the moment you stop learning."

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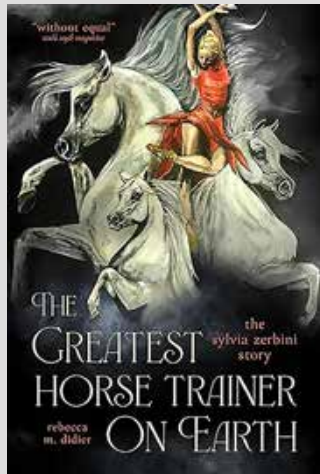
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# The Greatest Horse Trainer on Earth:

The Sylvia Zerbini Story is an intimate look at Sylvia's life as a world-famous circus performer and aerialist, and how the disciplines of circus life influenced her approach to horse training. She explores her journey of developing training methods that prioritize emotional connection and understanding over more aggressive techniques. Emphasizing trust and confidence in horses, she encourages treating them as athletes and mentally preserving them, as well as forging a lasting emotional connection with mutual respect.

Sylvia draws parallels between the intense focus, spatial awareness, and planning required in aerial acrobatics and her methods for communicating with horses. This unique perspective allows her to understand and anticipate horses' needs, fostering a rapid and profound connection. Drawing on a legacy of family knowledge as well as her own experience, she teaches participants in her clinics to approach horses with a plan, instilling confidence and a clear understanding of their intentions, much like a trapeze artist plans every move in the air.

Ultimately, the book is author Rebecca Didier's story of Sylvia, and how she came to live and work the way she does, blending her life in the circus with her passion for horses. It includes quotes and stories



from prominent figures in the circus world, such as the owners of Cavalia and Ringling Brothers, who describe her exceptional abilities. The book's title is a playful wink at the famous Ringling Bros. marquee, reflecting her steadfast aspiration and philosophy that true learning never stops. The book was released in late 2025.

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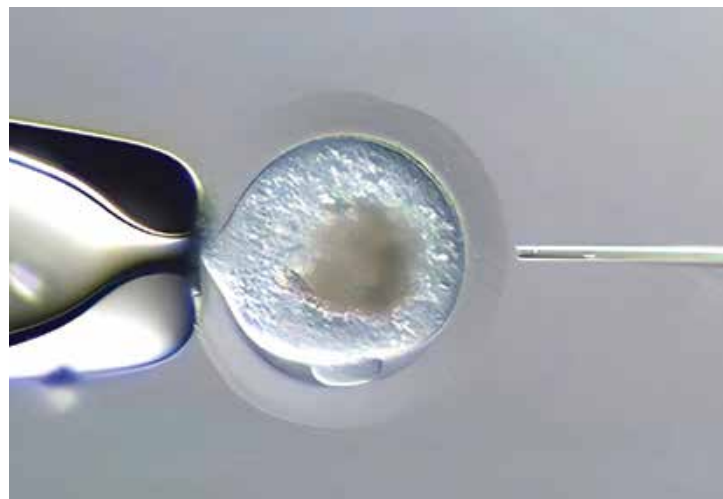
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# From Lab to Life:

## *The Seamless Science Behind Equigea's Modern Breeding Approach*



### by Emma Van Riper

Every great horse begins as a vision: a flash of potential, a glimpse of something extraordinary waiting to be realized. But between that first spark and the foal standing on the straw, there is an entire world of science, timing, and trust. At Equigea, that world exists under one roof. Nestled in Summerfield, Florida, just half an hour from Ocala's legendary horse country, Equigea is quietly redefining what is possible in equine reproduction.

In the high-stakes world of horse breeding, few processes demand more precision than ICSI (Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection). The technique allows breeders to produce foals from performance mares, older stallions, or bloodlines that might otherwise fade away. Typically, it is a fragmented process: a mare is aspirated in one facility, oocytes are shipped to a lab for maturation and injection, and then any embryos produced

are sent elsewhere for transfer into a recipient mare. Every step means a new team, a new risk, and a little more distance from control.

Equigea was designed to close those gaps permanently. It is currently the only facility in Florida that integrates every stage of the ICSI process—aspiration, fertilization, embryo development, transfer, and pregnancy monitoring—within a single, vertically aligned operation. The same hands and minds oversee each step, ensuring complete continuity and accountability from start to finish.

Equigea operates from within the Peterson Smith Advanced Fertility Center, part of Peterson Smith Equine Hospital + Complete Care, one of the most respected equine medical facilities in the United States. That connection gives Equigea access to unparalleled diagnostic capabilities and an entire network of board-certified veterinarians dedicated

to excellence. Yet despite being based in a laboratory, Equigea's approach feels personal.

The lab is one of only a handful of equine ICSI facilities worldwide, uniquely offering world-class science close to home. For Ocala-area horse owners, it is an easy drive to the facility, not a shipment across states or a gamble on the unknown. The same people who guide your mare through aspiration are often the ones monitoring her recipient's pregnancy in the months following. That proximity, both geographic and relational, builds something few labs can claim: a truly integrated, all-in-one experience. Dr. Prell, the director of Peterson Smith's Advanced Fertility Center, grew up locally and returned after becoming a board-certified specialist in reproduction. She has guided Equigea to consistently strong results, averaging 2.5 embryos per aspiration across all mares and stallions, with individual

outcomes varying based on reproductive history and pairing.

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# Making Manure Pay

by Kristin Pitzer

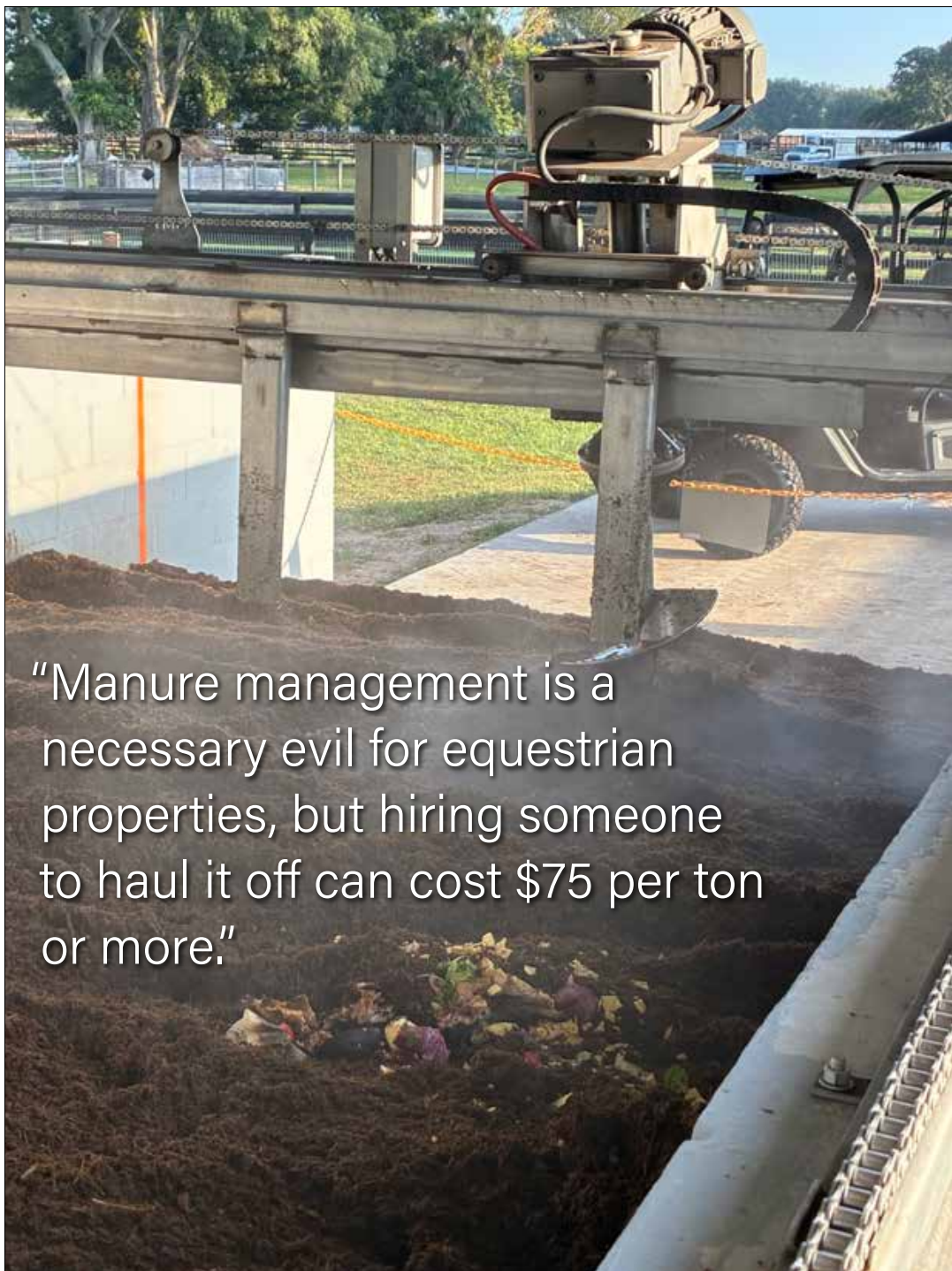
By turning a common farm problem into profit, Blu Sky Farms tackles manure management with cutting-edge composting technology while saving money, reducing odors, and creating a valuable resource for pastures and gardens.

Many equestrians dream of owning large farms where they can keep their horses at home. The idea is idyllic; stepping outside to feed and care for them, watching them graze from the window, and riding whenever the mood strikes.

But along with that dream comes a less glamorous reality – manure, and lots of it. Manure management is a necessary evil for equestrian properties, but hiring someone to haul it off can cost \$75 per ton or more. Considering that a single 1,000-pound horse can produce nine to 10 tons of manure each year, those costs can add up quickly.

Steve Talbott, owner of Blu Sky Farms in Ocala, Florida, faced this problem firsthand. For years, Talbott relied on waste removal companies to collect and landfill dumpsters full of manure. The process was costly and harmful to the environment, and Talbott was looking for a solution.

He found his answer across the country with Green Mountain Technologies (GMT),



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a company located on Bainbridge Island in Washington that specializes in composting systems.

After two years of research, Blu Sky Farms became the first farm in Florida to implement GMT's cutting-edge Earth Flow™ in-vessel composter. A year later, Talbott is grateful he made the leap to a practice he hopes will catch on in the

Horse Capital of the World, and beyond.

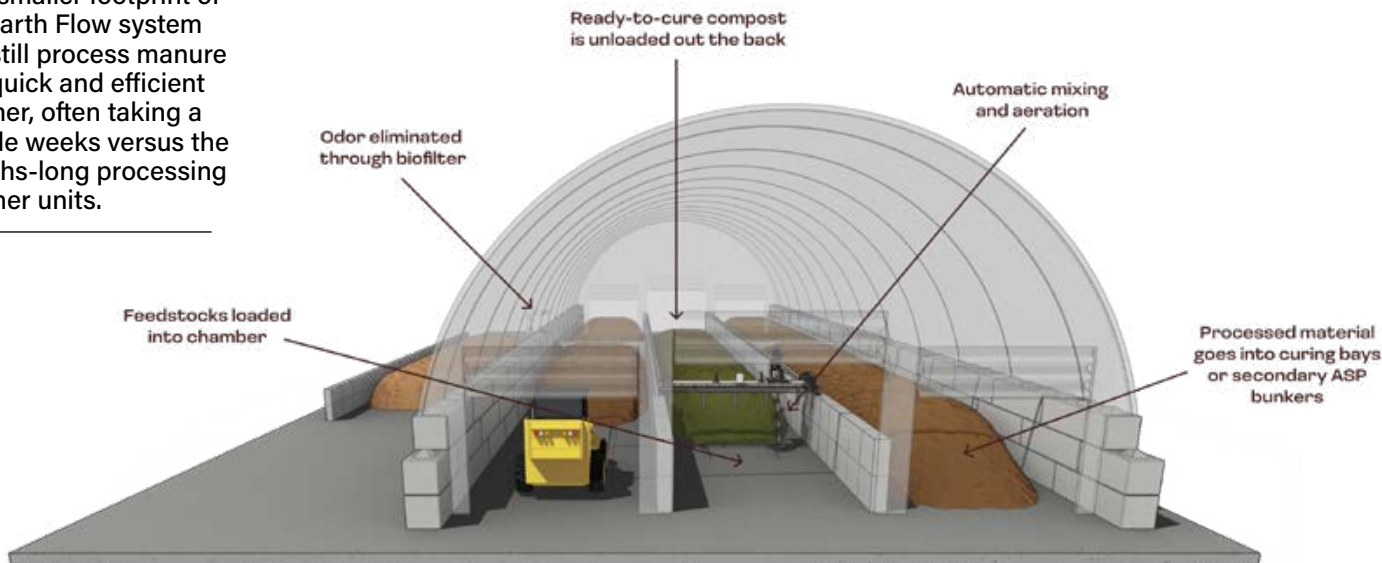
## The Manure Challenge

Blu Sky Farms is part of the Ocala Horse Complex, an equestrian community made up of a diverse group of horse farms spread across hundreds of acres. According to Talbott, there are usually 20 to 30 stalls in use on his property.

Unhappy with his current practice of waste disposal, Talbott started looking into composting systems in 2022.

At the time, most of the systems he found either necessitated static piles of manure that had to be manually turned, or aerated static piles that took up a significant amount of space and required long processing times.

The smaller footprint of the Earth Flow system can still process manure in a quick and efficient manner, often taking a couple weeks versus the months-long processing of other units.

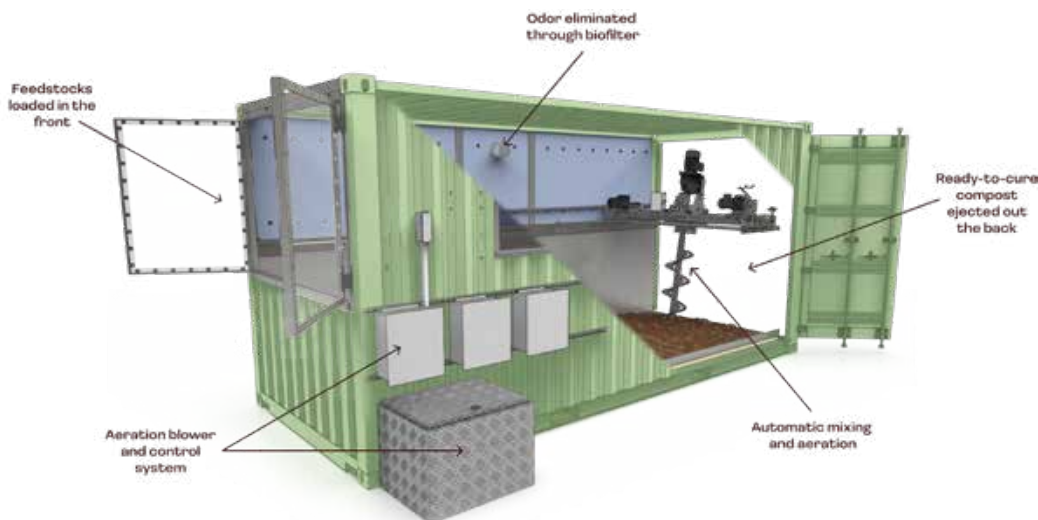


“What made me choose GMT was the rapid process for turning horse manure bedding waste into a high-grade, quality commercial compost in minimal time — 12 days — all in a small footprint,” Talbott said.

Even though GMT didn’t have a presence in Florida, their global success in creating composting systems, particularly in the U.S. and Canada, gave Talbott confidence that the company’s Earth Flow system was the right choice to accomplish his goals.

“I made my decision to use GMT after numerous calls and emails with them and other companies, and by getting input from some of their past project owners with similar setups to mine,” Talbott said. “GMT had the best technology and history of successful projects, from small farms to large industrial composting projects.”

Talbott chose the Earth Flow system not only for its speed of processing compost, but also because it requires minimal labor beyond loading and unloading.



The Earth Flow composting system can be built into a 20-foot or 40-foot shipping container, where material is loaded in at the front, processed through the interior and ejected out the back as high-quality compost.

*Illustrations courtesy of compostingtechnology.com*

The system is easy to use — stall waste goes directly into the composting vessel, and depending on the characteristics of the material, environmental factors, and goals in terms of quality, compost emerges typically in two to three weeks or less, depending on the system control settings.

“The system was created to maximize the speed of the composting process while minimizing odors,” said Gaelan Brown, marketing and business development at GMT. “Any farm with animal manure, or any

institution or business that has food waste, can have great financial benefit from the Earth Flow.”

The Earth Flow composter requires oxygen and mixing to decompose material into stable compost, Brown explained. It has aeration channels built into the floor, through which it blows air up into the manure and stall waste. Then, the auger system, which looks like a screw, automatically mixes the material while gradually moving the resulting compost toward the exit of the system. Other

composting methods can take two-plus months to complete a cycle, but with the Earth Flow, high-quality compost is produced in a matter of weeks.

“One of the best long-term features is the ability to handle the never-ending horse waste without the need for unsightly dumpsters and the flies they attract,” Talbott said. “It creates a more pleasant farm environment.”

### A Smart Solution

Saving money on having manure hauled off isn’t

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the only reason to consider a composting system for a farm. Raw manure can be a liability, especially if the intention is to use it in a gardening capacity.

Uncomposted manure and bedding harbor pathogens and weed seeds, which can make people sick or destroy gardens. It can also contain herbicides that are harmful to plants, burn plants if it's high in nitrogen, or even leach nutrients from the soil as it decomposes.

Because of that, raw manure is of very little value as a fertilizer. When composted, though, it becomes a rich and effective product that can be sold for \$50 to \$100-plus per ton, depending on how it is marketed. This can help save on costs or even lead to extra money in owners' pockets, something that is always welcome in the horse world.

"Composting with an Earth Flow saves an equestrian property a lot of money on manure disposal and creates a new revenue stream via sales of compost," Brown said. "The compost can also be used to increase grass yields on pastures and hay fields, saving the facility money on horse feed."

Using a composting system is also beneficial for the environment. Composting diverts waste from landfills, and the compost itself prevents soil erosion, improves soil health, and combats climate change by cutting down on greenhouse gases, like methane, entering the atmosphere.

"Composted manure or food waste provides a stable nutrient base for agriculture, including some nitrogen and other nutrients — especially carbon," Brown said. "Carbon, or soil organic



Ron Losasso and Steve Talbott inspecting first load of stable waste into the Earth Flow composter.

matter, provides a matrix for life in the soil, while helping soils retain nutrients and water. Heavy applications of

Flow system can process more than 900 tons of manure a year and results in a product that is valuable

hand, in my opinion," Talbott said. "Horse manure should be treated as an agricultural resource, not a waste product."

According to Brown, Blu Sky Farms sold its first batch of compost in 2025 for \$75-plus per ton. That means that eventually, as it processes more and more manure, the system could even start paying for itself.

"Marketing is still in the early stages, but so far, just by word of mouth, I've gotten enormous interest from my local community," Talbott said. "When compared to big box garden centers' bagged compost, people quickly see the huge difference in the Earth Flow's fine, fluffy, rich, dark brown compost mix. The best part is, I'm selling at about half the price when compared to a yard of the other available products."

A composting system like the Earth Flow can be a great investment for equestrian farms looking for manure management solutions.

"Composting with an Earth Flow saves an equestrian property a lot of money on manure disposal and creates a new revenue stream via sales of compost."

compost on pastures and crop fields can significantly reduce stormwater runoff, helping preserve watershed health."

### A Valuable Byproduct

The ability of the Earth Flow to create a high-quality compost was a strong selling point for Talbott. His Earth

to the local horticultural industry. Rather than continuing to pay companies to haul off manure, Talbott can use the compost on the farm or sell it to the community.

"Taking care of horses and taking care of the environment go hand-in-

Depending on the size of the farm and how much manure it is producing, systems can generally process between three to 50 tons of manure per week. "Even smaller facilities can take part by building small aerated bin systems that use controlled aeration to handle the



Steve Talbott and his neighbor, Under the Oaks Farm owner Ron Losasso, met with the GMT team — Cameron Snow, engineer, and Nick Shiflet, production assistant — to get trained on how to use the Earth Flow composter.

composting process,” Brown said.

As suburban neighborhoods encroach on ever-shrinking horse properties and prices continue to skyrocket, the need for better manure management will continue to arise. If your current process isn’t working for your needs, it might be time to consider a composting system.

“The GMT Earth Flow system should be considered for any farm my size or larger that desires a more sustainable, longer-term solution to waste management,” Talbott said. “As waste haul-off costs continue to rise, along with restrictions imposed by counties and municipalities, it’s only a matter of time until farms have to look for and implement better methods. I wish I had done it sooner.”

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# The Foundation of Excellence:

## Why Top Competitors Return to the Basics

### By Parelli Natural Horsemanship, Inc.

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### The Competitive Edge You're Missing

In the pursuit of competitive excellence, it's easy to focus solely on discipline-specific skills. We drill patterns, practice leads, refine our positions. But many competitive riders hit a plateau—not because they lack technical skill, but because something fundamental is missing in their partnership.

That "something" is often the quality of communication itself.

For over 40 years, Parelli Natural Horsemanship has worked with riders across every discipline—from dressage and reining to jumping, eventing and racing. What we've learned is that the horses who perform with brilliance, consistency, and heart share one common denominator: their riders speak their language fluently. They don't just know their sport. They understand how horses feel, think, act and play, naturally, and they use this knowledge to transform their relationship into a true partnership.

### Beyond Mechanics: The Language of Partnership

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You've got 20 minutes before you're in the ring. Do you:

Push through and hope for the best?

Longe aggressively to "get the bucks out"?

Pull on the reins to enforce discipline and submission?

Or, do you have the tools to read what your horse is telling you, address the root cause, and transform that tension into willing partnership—all in those crucial warm-up minutes?

The difference between a good ride and a great one often comes down to these moments. The horses who shine in the arena are the ones who've been heard, understood, and prepared—not just drilled.

### The Four Pillars That Support Every Discipline

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#### 2. Harmony and Lightness.

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We've watched Parelli students earn championships in reining, excel in dressage, win hunter derbies, and compete successfully in eventing. What sets them apart isn't just technical prowess—it's

the quality of their partnership.

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### Your Next Level Awaits

If you've hit a plateau, if your horse is talented but inconsistent, if you're fighting for every ride—the answer might not be more lessons in your discipline. It might be returning to the foundation of communication itself.

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## What We Learned Competing at Road to the Horse in 2024 and 2025

**by Tik Maynard: Competitor and Nick Rivera: Pen Wrangler**

*In this article Tik and Nick share what they learned while preparing for, and competing at, Road to the Horse (RTTH), the World Championships of Colt Starting.*

### Catching

#### TIK

Most unhandled horses, like those we work with at RTTH, are initially scared of people, so the first obstacle I faced in both 2024 and 2025 was to have the colt I drew learn to be okay with me getting closer to him, with him touching me, and then eventually with letting me touch him.

Prior to the events, I practiced three different ways to bridge that gap, and used aspects of all three both years:

1. Approach and retreat.
2. Steering the colt with two 12-foot telescoping poles.
3. Roping. This was a difficult skill to learn, but it proved to be helpful.

### My takeaways:

The learning for TomCatt and Suncatt began as soon as they could see me (or hear me, or feel me, or smell me). Even before they were “caught,” the relationship building had already begun. The faster I wanted to go, the more important it was to find tiny improvements. I found it much smoother to make ten 1% improvements, than to make one 10% improvement.

#### NICK

- When it comes to catching a green, untouched horse, I like to think of it as how you might run a competitive 400m dash. The breakdown (or how I was instructed many years

ago) while working in a round pen was something like this:

- The first 100m is about positioning yourself where you feel a bit of confidence. Here is where you might ask the horse to move his feet a bit, and position yourself in a place of relevance in his mind. Using tact and timing is important here—it's not just a mindless "run-around." If he looks in at you, let off the gas. If he shows relaxation or curiosity, let him explore those feelings. Be present and aware of how he may be changing his outlook on sharing space with you.
- The second 100m is about lengthening stride, where you might think of it as "hitting the cruise control." Here is where you start to take the baby steps of developing some communication and relationship with a horse. The adrenaline has worn off a little bit, and the colt's mind is starting to open to learning and communicating. You are approaching and retreating, maybe target training, maybe tossing the loop of a lariat around and building his confidence with that exposure.
- In the third 100m, the stride shortens and you hit the gas. Well, it's a bit more dramatic on a track than in the round pen (and you certainly don't want to go as fast as you can), but here you really are testing the limits of how the horse may accept your presence. He is allowing you to get closer, he is curious and thinking about touch without really offering it yet.
- The final 100m may as well be a marathon, a psychological and physical test of endurance and grit. This is perhaps the hardest part of both running a 400m dash and catching a green horse, and that is the horse is now thinking about touching you, and begins to offer it. Where this takes some real psychological strength is to not touch the horse. We've all seen it: the horse is leaning back, but his neck is stretched out like a giraffe towards the human's hand. The distance between the muzzle and the back of the hand is maybe only an inch. That inch may as well be a mile. We can reach across an inch, but we can't reach across a mile. The most important thing in that moment is just don't try it. Back up before he does. Retreat. Let him feel really good about that choice to try to connect with you. Your presence still holds a certain amount of pressure, and you choosing to try and close that gap before he has is like talking about your wedding song on a first date. Just back up.

### **My takeaway:**

Trust the process, put the relationship first, and you'll have a more willing partner, even in the pressure cooker of a competition like RTTH.

### **Saddling**

#### **TIK**

One of the first major mistakes that can happen in starting a horse is in the first saddling. One of the worst-case scenarios is when the saddle is partially girthed (cinched) up and the horse moves nervously away, causing the saddle to slip under the belly.

I needed to prepare my horse for that possibility, but I also needed to learn to be both quick and smooth at getting a saddle on his back.

Once the saddle was on, the next step was to walk, then trot, then canter. Many horses will buck the first time under saddle, so I had a few options:

1. Move the colt off and...let him buck.
2. Try to keep movement and progress slow enough that he doesn't feel the need to buck.
3. If he bucks, send him forward.
4. Or, if he bucks, allow/encourage him to stop and rest/think.

I asked a lot of colt-starting experts (including Martin Black, Jake Biernbaum, Tom Pierson, Glenn Stewart, Honza Blaha, and Stacey Westfall) about my four options in this situation. In the end, I set the colt up for success as well as I could, trying to make the saddling itself feel smooth and slow, and if the colt still got worried and looked like he was about to buck, I encouraged him to stop and think. Rest and reset. Previously, I would have immediately driven him forward through the buck to get him "forward thinking." At RTTH I learned to wait and much later—eventually—if the bucking continued, but without the colt showing signs of worry, I would start to encourage him to move forward through it.

### **My takeaway:**

Getting used to the saddle is like a lot of things: they learn better at the halt and walk. Once they understand the exercise, then later on I'll try it at the trot and canter.

#### **NICK**

Of the many things I wish there was more time for in an event like Road to the Horse, a big one would be saddle prep. The time constraint is hard to manage, and it is a big step in the horse's development. It's pretty rare that I would advocate for just putting a piece of tack on a horse and letting him wear it, and I think Tik would agree. As with most things, there are degrees of complexity to the saddling process. You can make it as simple as "strap it to him and let him get used to it", or as thorough as isolating every type of pressure the horse might feel and building confidence with each of those before mixing them together. For both 2024 and 2025 at RTTH, the plan for Tik and his colt was somewhere in the middle: get the horse used to touch with hands and body on the back and around the belly; touch him with tools like a flag or stick; then touch him with a saddle pad, then a bareback pad.

Letting the colt feel the constriction of the cinch with the bareback pad before adding in all the flaps and flops of the saddle is a smart idea. Without the constraint of time, you might add in using a rope around the horse's barrel to build confidence there; you might use an English saddle first without stirrups and then add them in. There are a number of ways to break the saddling process down further, as it would normally stretch many sessions. Thankfully, in both years Tik and I competed, the horses offered some grace and accepted the saddle without getting too emotional—though they did buck.

### **My takeaway:**

The saddling process isn't black and white. Some horses tolerate a faster progression, some horses really need the time to process how they relate to the saddle.

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## Riding

### TIK

After I got the colt used to a tarp, a flag, and my hands running all over him, as well as my body lying on him (commonly called the Jeffrey's Method), and the pressure of the saddle and cinch, the next step was the first ride.

In 2024 I was still recovering from a pulled groin, and I was scared of the pain that I knew was coming. Just thinking about getting on a horse would often make my body brace in anticipation. I had begun riding defensively, and not in a good way. I knew it would be a struggle to stay relaxed and supple for that first ride on TomCatt.

I prepared the colt as well as I knew how, and then...I had a decision to make. Was I going to get on?

My heart rate was through the roof.

I got on.

Things were going well.

Then I got bucked off, hard.

I knew the colt was just nervous. I didn't allow myself time to think, or fear might have overwhelmed me. Instead, I eased back up to him, gave him a rub, and remounted.

One of my biggest fears was that first ride. But I was also acutely aware that the training that came after that—steering, the obstacles, or working on bending or yielding—should not be overly done until I had found the balance between forward-thinking and relaxation.

I've seen it too many times: The rider starts working on details before the horse is ready. The horse feels overwhelmed, nitpicked, then he starts to shut down. What a horrible feeling when a horse starts to go inside himself, his eyes glazing over as he reacts less and less to any attempts by the rider to move off.

### My takeaway:

Even though there might be a lot I want to get done when starting a colt, I have to go at the horse's pace and remember the priorities. My priorities for that first ride were: relaxed, understanding, forward thinking.

### NICK

What I learned about this part of the competition was, I was glad it was Tik who had the first ride on these colts!

The first ride is especially challenging at RTTH given the time constraint. The colts are a bit worn out mentally and physically by the time the first ride comes around. Their feet are a little "sticky." The hard part about that is, if they don't move forward, they can get not just physically stuck, but

mentally stuck as well, and that can be a really hard thing to move past.

### My takeaway:

Joking aside, I think one of the biggest takeaways for me was the importance of finding forward and relaxation through every preparation step, so the "ask" once you are on isn't such a big one. Can the colt move forward off the driving pressure of the tool? Can he move forward with the bareback pad? Move

forward with the saddle?

Eventually, hopefully, he will move forward with the rider.

### Final Takeaways

#### TIK: Follow Your Heart

There were so many reasons not to take on the Mount Everest that is RTTH. There were so many questions I had. Should starting horses even be a competition? Should it be a timed event?

Should we even be riding horses at all?

Was I okay with starting a horse in front of a crowd? On livestream? In front of my peers and with a group of judges?

In the end, after days of speaking with my wife, after nights of soul searching, I decided to do it. There was part of me, a small flame,

that believed I could do it, and that I could do it my way.

Early on, I created a list of principles that I shared with Nick and the other members of our team.

It is in the planning that we try to win. On the day, once the planning is finished, the goal is to be in the present, the focus on the process, the execution, and these principles. The horse should not know I am trying to win.

The goal is to improve not to prove. (Thanks, Glenn Stewart, for this one!)

Stay nimble-minded, don't get caught in direct-line thinking. That is where I have seen most mistakes happen.

As of this moment until then, be the best prepared.

Don't make life any harder than it has to be: Pick the easiest horse.

### We are a team.

For the person that has the skills, the competition is mainly about two things. The first is reading the horse. (Even though I don't have the experience of others, this is something I'm good at.) The second is the test of character, not letting the crowd, and judges, and prize money change my plan. Stay authentic.

Listen to my gut. Watch the horse's eyes. These two things will keep me from getting hurt.

Stay above the Copperline. This idea originated from a coach

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we listened to. I'll try to remember his name. But the idea is to stay over the Copperline line in everything we do. No gossip. No wishing other people bad luck. No excuses.

More than anything, I just want to be able to leave saying I did the right thing, and I tried my best, in that order. And that's a pretty sweet feeling actually, win or lose, when that happens.

**NICK: Pride in Purpose**

*"You have to be wise enough to know when you are living your dream, and humble enough to know when you are living in someone else's."*

—Dave Chappelle

I was watching a Dave Chappelle stand-up special on Netflix a few months before Road to the Horse 2024 when I heard this line. I was not expecting to find a nugget of wisdom I could relate to the upcoming competition when I started the episode, but there it was.

When Tik first asked if I would be his pen wrangler at RTTH, my knee-jerk reaction was, "Yes, of course!" I didn't immediately say yes, though, feeling a need to both study the meaning of the position, and also the implications for my family. Living on the opposite side of the country from Tik meant that to prepare for the event, I would either be away from home for a time or we'd all have to pack up and relocate for a short while.

My wife was her usual self—completely supportive—so that took some of the pressure off the latter decision. I had some space to figure out what the role meant. Could I be Sam Gamgee to Tik's Frodo Baggins? Could I accept my role wholeheartedly and reflect the words Dave Chappelle said in that Netflix special?

I would come to love being a part of the preparation for RTTH, and I appreciated the forethought that Tik put into the task. The ten principles he provided the members of our team were sound and in line with my own. I also began to compile a list of priorities in my mind of how I would live the role of pen wrangler and what my responsibilities would be.

**Inside the arena I would:**

1. Be vigilant in observation. Write things down as they are noticed.

2. Prepare, don't react. Use observation to anticipate a need.
3. Understand that I am not just a reflection of myself, but how I carry myself reflects on my friend, our team, and an industry under scrutiny.
4. Try to encourage decisions that empathize with a horse in a new and intimidating environment.
5. Be honest and forthcoming about what I am seeing in the training session.

**Outside the arena I would:**

1. Support my friend in his dream. I am in a supporting role, as a friend first and a horseman second. I am not driving, I am in the passenger seat reading the GPS, telling Tik how many miles to the next exit, and where he missed his turn.
2. Make sure my actions and attitude are a positive reflection, given they reflect something other than myself.
3. Give credit where credit is due.
4. Offer no criticism to, or about, others. To offer unsolicited critique is presumptuous at best.
5. Be a sponge to the experience and the massive amount of horsemanship knowledge and expertise brought to, and demonstrated at, Road to the Horse.

I did my best to adhere to these things as principles, some I can say I did better than others. What is important is that we go into positions with a realistic understanding of what they mean, and throw ourselves wholeheartedly at whatever challenges we face. If we do that, then at the end, no matter the outcome, we can be proud of the effort. For this effort, I can say without hesitation that this was certainly the case. I am proud of what Tik and our team accomplished at Road to the Horse, and the sound beginnings two colts took away from the experience.



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# Why Would I Need an Equine Appraisal?

By Sara Ballinger

A certified equine appraisal can provide an unbiased report for a variety of purposes. An equine appraisal establishes the monetary value of a horse for a specific purpose. Each appraisal is different, and each appraisal has different valuation factors to consider. Equine appraisals can be used for a multitude of purposes as diverse as divorce settlements, litigation cases, IRS nonprofit tax deductions, horse sales, bankruptcies, estate settlements, insurance cases, establishment of business partnerships, contract disputes, and bank collateral. Each requires substantial research.

Equine appraisers gather information on the subject horse such as pictures, videos, pedigree paperwork, registration paperwork, passports, show records, bills of sale, training records, and vet records. Onsite inspections of the horse are often necessary as well. In each circumstance, appraisers must find comparable horses that have sold with closely matching criteria to that of the subject horse. Moreover, the purchase price of the subject horse is also taken into consideration, along with time and money invested during its ownership.

After considering what criteria is most important to each equine appraisal, certified appraisers create a grid system to compare the subject horse to carefully selected sold comparable horses. Calculations will determine value for each specific area that is adjudged to be the most important for each appraisal report. An equine appraiser is trained in what criteria is most appropriate and how to calculate an overall value. With over thirty years of experience in the sport horse industry, I determine what criteria is most



important for each specific discipline.

Since becoming a certified equine appraiser in 2012, I am aware of the specifics in the wide variety of their uses. Equine appraisals can be used for IRS tax deduction purposes to nonprofits such as colleges, therapy barns, mounted police units, and to hospitals for research purposes. I have also provided numerous equine appraisal reports for litigation purposes involving veterinary malpractice, pharmaceutical company representation, trailer accidents, and crime scenes involving horses. Appraisals are also utilized to settle bankruptcy filings, divorces, and large estate settlements. An equine appraisal for an estate can be used for several reasons. The owner of an estate may have passed away, and

the appraisal is used to either sell the horses or divide the assets among family members. Estate appraisals also cover one family member transferring horses to another family member per IRS guidelines. Further, an equine appraisal report may be needed for more basic matters such as valuing a horse for sales or insurance valuations.

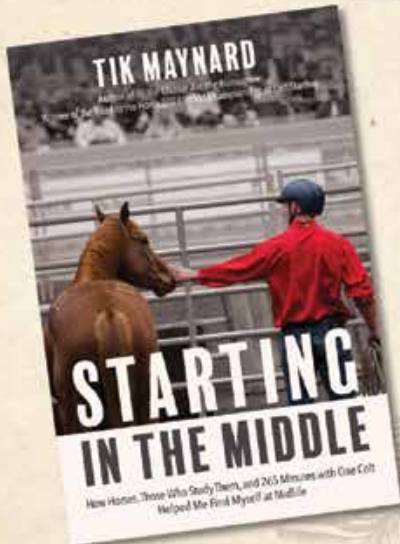
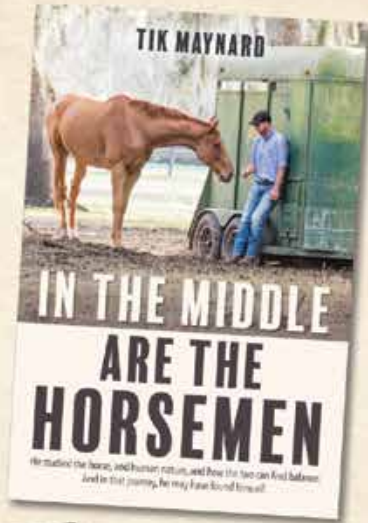
Not only are equine appraisals used for a multitude of reasons, but each appraisal also has its own specific set of focal points depending on the purpose. For example, a high-level jumper may be stepping down to a lower jump height as it gets older, and its value may be affected. Sold comparable horses would need to be found that are similar in age, gender, breed, health, soundness, and competition history. In another appraisal, litigation over a stallion that passes away in a trailer accident necessitates a different set of focal points. The breeding history and pedigree may be more of a factor in this case versus the information needed for the high-level competition horse. In yet another example, an older trail horse may be involved in a divorce case. In this situation, the pedigree and gender of the horse may not be as important as it was for the other equine appraisal reports.

Each equine appraisal has its own set of circumstances, and each requires a certified equine appraiser who takes the time to research and determine value. In the ever-changing world of equine ownership, precise appraisals are a priority for both professional horse people and business professionals alike who need accurate assessments of their assets. Attention to detail is of utmost importance.

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**by Shannon Wilkens,  
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Now that CBD and CBG have hit the equine market in a big way, it has created a lot of questions.

So, you've done your research and decided to try giving your horse CBD/CBG. Now you need to decide how to administer it to your beloved partner, but how do you decide which of the countless products is best for him? Ultimately, you and your horse will have to decide, but understanding the differences between two of the main methods of ingestion is helpful in guiding you to make the best choice.

There are two common methods of CBD/CBG ingestion for horses. It can be consumed as an ingredient in a chewable or through the mucosal tissues in the mouth via a tincture. In a chewable, CBD/CBG is mixed in with other ingredients that have favorable tastes and can be administered like a treat. In tinctures, CBD/CBG is dissolved in oil (often hemp oil) and

typically administered under the tongue or the cheek of the horse using a dropper or syringe.

When your horse consumes CBD/CBG as an ingredient in a chewable, the CBD/CBG travels through the digestive system just like the rest of the ingredients in the treat. It is exposed to all the acids and enzymes and other digestive juices in the stomach before the body sends it to the liver to be metabolized. In this first pass through the liver, much of the CBD/CBG is broken down, while some makes its way into the bloodstream.

When your horse consumes CBD/CBG as a tincture, the CBD/CBG is absorbed through mucosal tissue in his mouth and passes directly into the bloodstream to work globally through the body.

The second ingestion method clearly provides the most direct route to the bloodstream, which also allows the CBD/CBG to begin interacting within the endocannabinoid system (ECS) faster. The tincture method also allows more of the consumed CBD/

CBG to be used by the body before it is broken down and eliminated as waste, which makes it possible for the horse to consume less CBD/CBG than he would need to in a CBD/CBG chewable to achieve the same potential effects. Less of the CBD/CBG is discarded before it makes it to the bloodstream, where it can travel throughout the body and interact with receptors in the ECS.<sup>3</sup>

The tincture method is appealing from a logical standpoint and can be a perfectly appropriate way to administer CBD/CBG to your horse. Many people start with this method, as it is faster and more direct. In practice, not all horses may be amenable to this, which is why Brave Horse has developed a third method, Kelso's Cubes.

Kelso's (Sugar) Cubes offer an option that is between the chewable and the tincture routes. While the horse crunches on the sugar cube, his saliva melts the sugar and allows the CBD/CBG oil to be deposited on the mucosal tissue in the mouth. This allows for

more of the CBD/CBG to be absorbed directly into the bloodstream, but offers an easier administration method for horses that do not tolerate tincture administration.

Lastly, Brave Horse OatBites are developed for horses that are insulin resistant or just picky eaters who do not tolerate the tincture or sugar cube routes. The OatBites are a chewable that allow horses to consume the CBD/CBG that is then processed by the liver prior to entering the bloodstream. Brave Horse OatBites are a great option for horses suffering from Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS).

Choosing the best way to administer CBD/CBG to your horse may take some trial and error but understanding the common methods of ingestion can serve as a solid starting point. The Brave Horse team is always available to answer questions and provide advice when needed. Please feel free to contact us at 312-296-7900 and check out our website at [www.bravehorsecbd.com](http://www.bravehorsecbd.com).



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# Inside Out

## **The Vluggen Institute for Equine Osteopathy and Education**

by **Angela Durrell**

Janek Vluggen doesn't do anything by halves; he's the sort of person who puts every ounce of effort into a commitment or goal, and does it with little to no fear of failure. Failure is just another word for "do it better" – not "stop trying".

The Dutch-born boy with a solid streak of independence eventually became the respected founder of the Vluggen Institute for Equine Osteopathy and Education, working with countless horse breeders, trainers, and veterinarians to find ways of improving long-term health and recovery through holistic practice. Today there are two locations – one in Germany and one in Ocala, Florida – that offer accredited education for medical professionals and therapists through the Dutch Society of Veterinary Medicine and the International Register for Equine Osteopaths.

Equine Osteopathy, like human osteopathy, is a hands-on, drug-free manual therapy that focuses on the muscular and skeletal systems of the body – joints, ligaments, muscles, while also widening out to look at how the circulatory, nervous, and digestive systems connect to a particular issue or problem. It's about the bigger picture of treating the cause, not just the symptoms of an illness or disease. Symptoms can be temporary and changing, whereas the reasons for them aren't, and that takes time and diligence to find and address.

"It's very simple," Janek says. "There are no shortcuts; you have to look at the whole horse. It's one of the principles. If you have a headache and say, 'Real quick, can you adjust my neck?' – yeah, I can do that.

"Once in a while a horse is initially apprehensive, but after a few minutes they seem to say, 'Oh, okay. I like this. This is cool, proceed.'"

But that's not really going to help you. It helps you for a few minutes, but there's probably a whole lot more that's causing your neck to hurt."

Osteopathy is a more holistic perspective that balances the way traditional medicine often focuses on more isolated pathologies.

The two disciplines are sometimes diametrically opposed in approach, but have the goal of doing the same thing – treating and solving the problem. They just have different methods and processes of getting there; that doesn't mean they can't complement each other and

make each other better at what they do.

"It's about empowering the body to heal itself and not about us doing the healing," he explains. "You could treat the symptom, but if you're not looking at the bigger picture of what's causing the symptom, then you're gonna have to come back later and do it again. And we all make mistakes; I make mistakes, and the students make mistakes. But that's not the point. You have to be patient."

Patience is something Janek is extremely good at and has a lifetime of experience practicing. When he was just a teenager, he struck out on his own and attended physical therapy studies. Books were expensive for a struggling student with limited funds, so he honed

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his studies by drawing anatomical diagrams to help himself understand the complexities. His work was so impressive that he caught the eye of an art teacher, who subsequently hired Janek to create illustrations for a book. That turned into a sort of unexpected scholarship that enabled him to pay for his own education.

At 24, he became a physical therapist and started his own practice, which quickly grew to employ ten people in just under a year. After nearly two decades of success, he began exploring osteopathy as an alternative and supplement to the limitations of traditional PT. Studying at the University of Liège in Belgium, he needed to do hands-on practical work to refine and use the techniques and kind of stumbled on a solution.

"We had horses at home, so we had to practice," Janek says. "That's how we start learning and figuring it out. It's an actual thing on a horse; you know when it's working because the horse is telling you, 'Hey, this is better.' And it was ultimately great for them, too."

Janek divides his time between the U.S. and Europe, traveling for work that includes both teaching new students, offering clinics, and collaborating intensively with medical professionals and veterinarians. It's not just professional courtesy, either; there's a real partnership that yields demonstrable results between the two disciplines. Veterinarians, he says, provide essential diagnostic and medical expertise, while osteopaths like himself bring a nuanced understanding of the body's interconnected systems. "You could use it on a dog, you can use it on a rabbit," he points



Janek and student work together on a client's horse.



Classroom at the Ocala Institute

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out. Together, they form a comprehensive, effective team for education and innovation.

He remembers one case he was called to consult on, when some horses had been deemed "pasture ornaments" and unsuited to riding anymore. Teaming up with veterinarians, Janek was able to get almost all of them back to form again – two of them at Olympic performance levels.

"We were very happy to work together," Janek says,

pointing out that each brought out the other's strengths and showed the good both could do. Plus it was immensely beneficial to the owners and trainers. "They can learn how to do this for their horses as well; they can actually help."

Watching one of his clinics is fascinating; there's a respectful, calm, almost zen vibe in the stable as Janek and his team go to work. One at a time, a horse is led into a stall as Janek quietly speaks

to the owner to ask or answer questions and make sure he understands the particular issue or problem, while a veterinarian focuses on vitals and test results on a computer. Everyone watches as Janek carefully and gently works on the horse – who, by the looks of it, is perfectly relaxed and comfortable as their body responds to the treatment. Once in a while a horse is initially apprehensive, but after a few minutes they seem to say, "Oh, okay. I like this. This is cool, proceed."

It's a fascinating exercise in non-verbal communication. There's a focused silence, but it's not tension – just a sort of serene waiting. Even the other horses up and down the aisle of stalls seem affected, angling their heads out and looking towards Janek's team with intense interest and curiosity, but they're all relaxed. It's like they're just waiting to get a good massage.

"We're all doing our thing," he says later. "Everybody knows what to do, including the horse."

His dedication extends into shaping the upcoming generation of equine osteopathic professionals; the Vluggen Institute runs a vigorous four-year program and emphasizes that this is and can be a profession, not just a set of courses to take.

"I need to make you able to use your brain and see the signals and hear things and recognize patterns. Use your whole senses and your common sense," he explains. "If you want to see, and you want to listen, there's a whole lot."

The curriculum is extensive and includes preparatory education in anatomy, physiology, and neurology alongside hands-on practicum that he considers "maybe the



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most important” element of training. He does four courses of training a year at his Ocala location, where he has two older rescue horses he sometimes uses in demonstrations – “We use them in class every now and again, but otherwise they’re just hanging out and enjoying life” – and another four modules he does in Germany.

Next year he’s hosting a 25th Anniversary Conference here in Ocala from May 29-31, 2026, where professionals from all over the world will be appearing to speak, give demonstrations, and offer instruction, including Dr. Richard Johnson, Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida; John Lewis, DO, author of *From the Dry*

*Bone to the Living Man*; Dr. Robert Thompson, author of *The Calcium Lie*; Tony Nevin BSc/OST/DO, who is an elephant therapist; and equine dentist Dr. Elizabeth Foss and farrier Clayton Wilbur, with whom Janek will be partnering in workshops during the conference.

It’s an opportunity for people to not only have a look at what Janek does, but also to see how osteopathy and other disciplines work together in real-time situations. It’s also a practical demonstration of osteopathy’s professional opportunities to an ever-widening sphere of interested students.

“We’re seeing people straight out of high school or college come straight into

osteopathy, saying this is what they want to learn and do professionally,” Janek says, and he’s happy to see more people understand the positive impact his chosen field is having on a new generation. It’s not necessarily a big money career that makes millions, but that’s not important. He’s built the life he wanted, lives in a home he loves, and has a job he wouldn’t trade for the world.

“You just keep working and the rest follows,” he says. “Just be the best you can, and really, what else do you need?”

For more information about *The Vluggen Institute* visit [www.vluggeninstitute.com](http://www.vluggeninstitute.com). For information about the 25th Anniversary Conference, email [marnie.dressage@gmail.com](mailto:marnie.dressage@gmail.com).

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by Andrea Gillespie

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- The IEA website, [www.RideIEA.org](http://www.RideIEA.org), has maps of current teams under each discipline. Look for FIND A TEAM.
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## When is the best time of year to join an IEA Team?

- IEA membership for the new season opens in June each year. Teams and Riders may join anytime during the season, but the ideal time to join is between JUNE and AUGUST so that teams are ready to start showing when the season opens.
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# Thoroughbred Kindergarten

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**How Thoroughbreds learn to be ridden,  
and why so many of them head to Central  
Florida for their juvenile schooling.**

## by Jen Roytz

Thoroughbreds are a breed like no other. Known for their speed and athletic prowess on the racetrack, their abilities beyond racing are no less impressive. They routinely go on to compete in disciplines like eventing, jumping, barrel racing, polo, dressage, and more, but they are equally common as lesson horses, trail mounts, and beloved family pets.

With all of that on-track talent and off-track versatility, have you ever stopped to think about how such a well-rounded horse gets its start?

While The Jockey Club reports that nearly half of the Thoroughbreds born in North America each year are foaled in Kentucky, the Florida Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders' Association estimates that an incredible 75 percent of the North American foal crop finds its way to Central Florida each year to receive their first under saddle sessions and foundational training.

### The Right Start

Thoroughbreds are typically started under saddle toward the end of their yearling year and into their two-year-old year. For states like Kentucky, New York, and Maryland that have robust Thoroughbred breeding populations, the weather that time of year is anything but predictable and typically involves freezing temperatures, snow, and frozen ground.

That's why many horse owners opt to send their future racing stock south to Florida, where the mild climate, limestone-rich grass and seemingly endless acres of gently rolling hills offer the perfect environment for a young horse to learn and thrive.

According to the Florida Department of Agriculture, the



### Allsop's trainees doing one of their first breezes

state is home to more than 600 Thoroughbred horse farms and training centers, the majority of which are in Ocala and the surrounding area. Many of these farms focus partially, if not primarily, on starting young horses under saddle and developing them as racing prospects.

With so many horses coming to Florida each year, it's no wonder many of the world's top two-year-old conditioners call Florida home as well.

One such example is English-born Carl Allsop. Born into an equestrian family, Allsop gravitated to racing with aspirations of being a jockey.

"I rode and showed horses as a child, but I always wanted

to go faster. I got my jockey's license as soon as I was of age and rode in steeplechase races, because it wasn't enough to just go fast in big circles, I wanted to jump over things too," said Allsop, with a laugh.

Allsop had a certain knack for getting along with all types of horses, and that talent quickly got him noticed.

"I rode some races in Europe, but at 21 years-old, I got an opportunity to go to Dubai with Shadwell Farm to start horses under saddle with Kiaran McLaughlin," said Allsop. "That's one of those 'once in a lifetime' opportunities, so I hopped on a plane. That decision changed the course of my life."

Allsop stayed with McLaughlin, a multiple Grade 1-winning Thoroughbred trainer, through his tenure in Dubai. Allsop then came with him to the United States, where he worked as an exercise rider for McLaughlin and as a traveling assistant (going with his trainees when they traveled to train and race at other tracks) at the track in New York for more than five years, taking horses to Florida each winter to train and race.

Working for McLaughlin was like getting an Ivy League education in how to start and bring along young horses, but Allsop much preferred the mild Florida climate to others he'd experienced, so after a stint as a private trainer in Virginia, he relocated full-time to Florida, where his specialty is starting young horses under saddle.

Allsop's All Thorough Rehabilitation, Training and Sales, which he operates in partnership with his wife, veterinarian Elizabeth Weber, DVM, is based out of Oak Ridge Training Center, one of Central Florida's larger private training facilities. There, trainers like Allsop can rent barns and

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Allsop likes to give his young horses a liberal turnout schedule to support their growth and development.

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have access to their facilities, which include a one-mile dirt track, 7/8-mile turf track, large pastures, small private paddocks, and lots of open space for hacking.

Allsop explained that when he starts young horses under saddle, the first few weeks center around groundwork and manners, teaching the horses how to lunge and long line, and accept a bit in their mouth. He says after 10 to 14 days of groundwork, they're usually confident enough in the basics of stop, go, and turning that they are ready to do it with a rider on their back.

"It's important to have consistency during this process. That's one of the great things about being here in Central Florida. You don't miss many days due to bad weather," said Allsop. "My goal is to work with them every day, building on what we did the day before and introducing something new every day. If one of them struggles with a concept and needs a day here and there to just review what we did the day before, that's completely fine, but I find making that forward progress at a steady clip when they're that age helps them not to get bored or sour about training and learning."

Once the horses are ready to carry a rider, Allsop starts by walking and jogging in the shedrow of his barn, then progresses to a paddock where he does figure-eights and the walk, trot, and canter, before taking them to the track or hacking around the property, often with other groups of horses from the barns of other trainers based at Oak Ridge.

He explained that when training young horses, you want to make doing the right thing easy and obvious, with clear cues from the hands, legs, and voice. If they do the wrong

thing, such as buck or throw a temper tantrum, the rider need not over-react, but rather calmly redirect their energy and effort back to the task at hand.

Once they start going to the track regularly, trainers like Allsop monitor their progress carefully based on a number of factors, such as how mature they are, both physically and based on their actual birthdate (a horse born in February

strengths and weaknesses are makes all the difference in how they develop [as adults]," said Allsop. "One of the fun parts of the job is when the lightbulb comes on and they want to go faster, but it's our job to know when to let them. It's important, as they're developing, to only let them go for short bursts of speed and not pound on them or let them do too much."

Making sure young horses

exposure to the things they see around the farm – other horses, cattle at the farm next door, horses training on the track from afar – it's all so important so they aren't just focused on the racetrack and speed. It's about developing a confident, well-rounded individual."

## Giving Them What They Need to Succeed

While some horsemen like Allsop prefer keeping their operation small enough to manage themselves, there are others who operate on a larger scale. One such horseman is noted juvenile conditioner David Scanlon. For years, Scanlon had operated his two-year-old training and sales business out of one of Oak Ridge Farm's divisions, going from starting 30 horses under saddle each year to 130 or more regularly for some of the leading owners in the business.

That number still wasn't meeting the demand he was getting for his services, so just last year, he and his wife, eventing trainer and competitor Blair King, purchased a 240-acre training center formerly owned by lauded horseman Eddie Woods.

Now under the banner of Scanlon Training and Sales, the property features 200 stalls, a one-mile racetrack, 7/8-mile turf course, 41 paddocks and pastures, an equine swimming pool, walking machines, multiple round pens and open pathways throughout the property for hacking.

"The farm was designed by Eddie Woods, an icon in the two-year-old training business over the past 50 years, and until his retirement [last year] served as his base of operations, so the thought, planning, and horsemanship that went into the design is unparalleled," said Scanlon.

Like Allsop, Scanlon is a strong proponent of liberal

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The footprint of Scanlon's new facility.

the year prior, for example, will likely be more physically mature than one born in May or June), how they are handling the training mentally, and how they are looking and feeling physically, checking their legs and watching them walk and jog daily.

"Looking at each horse as an individual – figuring out what they need and how they learn best – is a very important part of the process. These are big, powerful animals, and the time you put into them on the front end to help them learn and understand what their

get enough turnout is a key factor in bringing them along at this stage of their training, said Allsop. Florida's mild winter temperatures and expansive, agriculturally rich land are ideal for that.

"At this stage of their lives, these horses are growing a lot, so we try to turn them out as much as we can," said Allsop. "That's another reason the Ocala area and where I am at Oak Ridge in particular, is such a good spot for what I do. There's ample turnout, and you can hack everywhere, as it's all double fenced. Giving them

turnout for his equine pupils and says one of the biggest advantages of his new farm compared to many others he and his wife considered had to do with not only the amount of pastures and paddocks the farm had, but the land itself.

"This farm has a roll to it like a Kentucky farm with a lot of gentle hills," Scanlon said. "Bone density is really important when it comes to developing young horses and thinking about their long-term soundness. There are numerous studies that have shown that horses need to be out moving around, running, and playing to build that bone density. The less active they are, the more you lose the ability to build strong bones at a critical stage of their lives."

Nutrition plays a key factor in developing equine athletes as well. Scanlon explained that for young horses, you want to have a careful balance of meeting their caloric needs for their stage of life and activity level, but you want it to be the right types of calories and nutrients.

"We feed a concentrated feed with a 10 percent fat and low starch content, and we buy really good hay. I want them to have proper forage in front of them at all times, which helps them develop in so many ways, but also protects their gastrointestinal system by constantly digesting that forage," said Scanlon. "You don't want babies to have too much alfalfa early, but as they progress in their training, you want to add in more of that richer alfalfa hay."

Scanlon says his team also top dresses each horse's feed with an oil blend that offers Omega-3 and Omega-6 fatty acids, flax, wheat germ, and rice bran.

"We are big believers in DAC oil, which has all of the good oils you want mixed into one product," said Scanlon. "Some oils are more inflammatory, and the last thing you want in any

horse, but especially a young horse just beginning its athletic career, is inflammation. Fat is really important for young horses too. It keeps them calmer and really does wonders for their coat and digestion."

Of the 180 or so horses sent to Scanlon each year to start under saddle and train for a future career as a racehorse, he estimates 50 or so come with the intention of being pointed to one of the two-year-old sales held each spring and summer. Of those 50, some are horses he personally selects at the fall yearling sales as pinhooking prospects (horses that are

purchased with the intention of developing and selling the following year), while others are sent to him by their connections, many of which have done the same.

"We get all kinds of horses in for breaking, but I like to buy a certain kind of horse for pinhooking; one with a good hind end, maybe a straighter hind leg so they have good propulsion," said Scanlon. "When you're shopping for yearlings [to pinhook], you're always looking at their birthdays, then you're thinking about which sale or sales to point them at based on that

initially. But then, you get them home and start working on them, and it's more about how they're handling stuff physically and mentally."

Scanlon said that while the horses he gets in to be started under saddle and trained for the first few months of their two-year-old year come with a wide array of sizes, shapes, and values, they all get the same individualized care to help them reach their potential as racehorses...and beyond.

"We have some high-end clients that spend seven figures on a horse and you say 'wow, that's what you get when you spend a million bucks' - they're often physically mature and just impressive to look at," said Scanlon. "But whether they cost twenty thousand, two million, or anywhere in between, they all get treated as equals. And sometimes, that twenty-thousand-dollar horse is the one that jumps through all the hoops easier and quicker than the rest."

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*Jen remains a passionate advocate for Thoroughbred aftercare and regularly speaks on the topic at both the local and national levels. A lifelong equestrian, Jen enjoys competing in the hunter/jumper arenas and specializes in the transition and retraining of Thoroughbreds into amateur-friendly show and recreational mounts.*

## Getting the Big Horse

**Over the years, some of the sport's biggest stars have passed through David Scanlon's care, including Sierra Leone, the 2024 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner and Eclipse Champion Three-Year-Old Male.**

**Other notable horses that Scanlon and his team have prepared for their racing careers include Bernardini (Travers Stakes (G1), Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1), Preakness Stakes (G1) winner and Champion Three-Year-Old Male, who went on to be one of his generation's most prolific sires); Rags to Riches (2007 Belmont Stakes, Kentucky Oaks (G1), Santa Anita Oaks (G1) and Las Virgenes Stakes (G1) winner and Champion Three-Year-Old Filly); Afleet Alex (Preakness Stakes (G1), Belmont Stakes (G1) and Hopeful Stakes (G1) winner, and the 2005 Eclipse Champion Three-Year-Old Male; and most recently Splendor, winner of the 2025 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (G1).**

**One of the most meaningful for Scanlon, however, is Grade 1 winner-turned stallion, Army Mule.**

**Scanlon purchased the son of Friesan Fire out of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling Sale in 2015 for \$35,000 - a bargain in terms of Thoroughbred yearling prices - with the intention of pinhooking him in one of the following spring's two-year-olds in training sales.**

**"That horse changed my life," said Scanlon. "It was his walk that first made me notice him. He was just so athletic, and during the time we had him, he just continued to impress me as he developed and matured."**

**Offered for sale by Scanlon the following May at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, he brought \$825,000, a remarkable return on his investment and validation of what he saw in the horse.**

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### Combatting Increased Tolerance

With warmer seasons lasting longer and cooler seasons shorter, insects have an opportunity to reproduce

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# Equine Colic:

## Understanding it and Managing with Light Therapy

by Donna Woods

Colic is not a specific disease but rather a symptom that encompasses any form of gastrointestinal pain in horses. It can vary in severity—from mild gas buildup to life-threatening twisted intestines. In this article, we explore how light therapy, particularly the use of red and green lights, can support the care of horses suffering from colic.

### Understanding Equine Colic

Colic is often classified into different types based on the cause, such as gas colic, impaction colic, or twisted intestines. Horses are especially prone to colic due to their unique digestive systems. Factors like abrupt dietary changes, sudden weather changes, lack of hydration, stress, or insufficient exercise can all contribute to the onset of colic.

Traditionally, colic treatment may involve pain relief medications, administering fluids, walking the horse to reduce discomfort, or even surgical intervention in severe cases. However, these methods, while effective, often only treat symptoms or work as reactive measures.

### The Role of Light Therapy in Colic Care

Light therapy, a form of photobiomodulation, uses specific wavelengths of light to promote healing at the cellular level. In the case of colic, light therapy can play a key role in reducing inflammation, promoting relaxation, and aiding in digestive regulation—all without harmful side effects.

### Red and Green Light: Why These Colors Matter

The use of red and green lights in light therapy for horses dealing with colic has shown promising effects. Each light frequency interacts with the body differently, and when combined, they can offer complementary benefits:

**Red Light (660 nm):** Red light penetrates deeply into the tissue and has strong anti-inflammatory properties. It stimulates cellular energy production (ATP), increases blood flow, and reduces muscle spasms. When applied along key areas associated with the gastrointestinal tract, red light can help alleviate the muscular tension and cramping that are characteristic of colic. Additionally, its effectiveness in boosting circulation helps to support the movement of fluids and gases through the intestines, helping relieve the painful bloating or impactions often experienced in colic episodes.

**Green Light:** Green light is primarily used for its calming effect. Horses can easily become stressed when experiencing abdominal pain, and that stress often exacerbates colic symptoms. The calming effect of green light can help reduce overall anxiety, which is crucial for allowing the horse's parasympathetic (rest and digest) nervous system to function optimally. Green light also helps support gut motility, encouraging the gentle movement of the intestines and aiding in digestion.



### Using Light Therapy to Manage Colic

Light therapy is best used as both a preventive measure and as an intervention during the early signs of colic. It's important to be equipped with the right tools, such as Photonic Health devices that incorporate both red and green light settings. Depending on the type of colic (gas, impaction, spasmodic), the acupuncture points used will vary. Applying red and green light to these points can help alleviate colic symptoms by stimulating digestion, reducing muscle tension, minimizing pain, and promoting relaxation.

Regular use of red and green light therapy can also help prevent colic by maintaining digestive health and reducing stress. Illuminating key acupuncture and fascia release points serves to maintain overall health and balance that supports gut function, while green light can be used to encourage relaxation during stressful periods.

### The Role of Serotonin and How Light Therapy Enhances It

Serotonin plays a vital role in gut health as it regulates intestinal movements and

influences mood, which affects the gastrointestinal tract. Light therapy, particularly red and green light, enhances serotonin production by stimulating specific points and improving blood flow, which helps regulate gut motility and promotes calm, reducing the chances of colic.

### Why Light Therapy Works for Gut Issues and Colic

Studies show that red light therapy increases cellular energy production and reduces oxidative stress, while green light therapy calms the body, supporting gut motility and aiding in recovery.

### Conclusion

Light therapy can effectively stop colic in most cases and minimize its severity in others. Photonic Health's red and green light therapy devices provide a natural, non-invasive way to alleviate pain, reduce inflammation, and support recovery during colic episodes. When combined with veterinary care and proactive management, light therapy is a powerful tool for immediate relief and long-term gut health support. Learn more and download a free colic chart at [PhotonicHealth.com/colic](http://PhotonicHealth.com/colic).

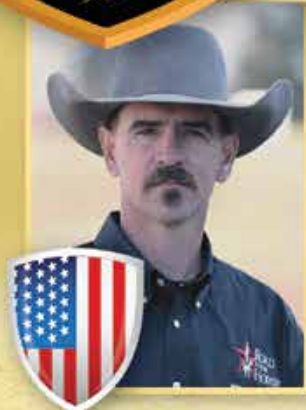


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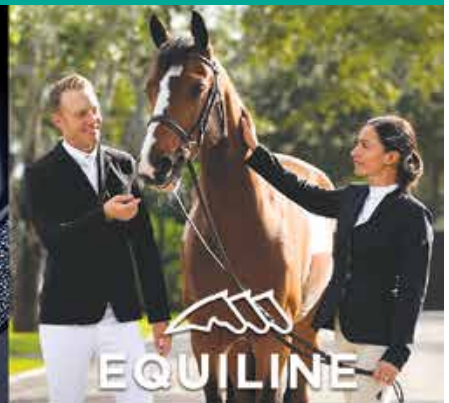
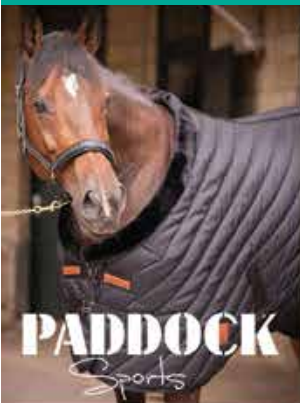
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