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Client Spotlight: Megan McDermott

The phrase, "It takes a village," is commonly heard in the equestrian world. From the groom and barn manager to the professional rider, there are multiple individuals who help a horse reach its full potential and continue performing at its best. Although many people may think you only call veterinarian when tragedy strikes, Palm Beach Equine Clinic's (PBEC) team of veterinarians pride themselves on being an integral part of a horse and rider's success. For Megan McDermott, a young show-jumping professional, Palm Beach Equine Clinic's team of professionals has been there every step of the way.



Megan McDermott competing with Tizimin LS.
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McDermott, who started riding at the age of seven, originally planned to have a career in the film industry after graduating college while continuing to ride as an amateur. However, after a fateful meeting with Daniel Bluman and months under his mentorship, McDermott began spending more time in the saddle and eventually made a full career switch. "I remember my first Winter Equestrian Festival Saturday Night Lights class was a three-star grand prix and at the time, I had just turned pro so I didn't have a trainer," shared McDermott. "Dr. Richard Wheeler of Palm Beach Equine Clinic was the last person to speak to me before I went into the ring and the first person I saw when I came out.



Dr. Richard Wheeler
 Photo courtesy of [PBEC](#)

"Not only is he a fantastic veterinarian, but he also acts as an advocate and understands that you're doing this because you love horses and that there's a business aspect to it as well," she continued of her primary veterinarian. "He's able to give phenomenal advice and really understands the rider's perspective. He also understands the trajectory of the horses' careers and at what point they need to peak and is very conscious of your money, your time, and of course, your horses' careers. He's more than just a veterinarian, and I think all his clients feel that their wins are his wins."

During the summer, McDermott spends a lot of her time traveling to different shows in the Northeast, sometimes making it difficult for her horses to be seen by their primary veterinarian. "If Richard can't see me where I am during the summer, he's extremely willing to collaborate with other veterinarians," she noted.

McDermott recalled when her horse Tizimin LS sustained a severe injury while competing at HITS Saugerties in 2018. "Tizi was my first FEI horse, and we shared a really special bond," she commented. "We were competing in a big jumper class and going clear, and then at the last jump, something happened, and his hind end just gave out. At the time, people thought he was going to have to be put down in the ring. It was horrible."

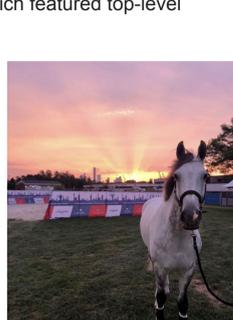
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Palm Beach Equine Clinic Provides World-Class Care as Official Veterinarian of the Longines Global Champions Tour of New York



Dr. Elliott and Dr. Dubynsky were onsite at LGCT New York.
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PBEC was the official veterinarian of the Longines Global Champions Tour (LGCT) of New York, which took place September 23-25, 2022, on Governors Island. Dr. Christopher Elliott and Dr. Bryan Dubynsky were in charge of providing veterinary care during the event, which featured top-level international show jumping competition.



Palm Beach Equine Clinic provided top veterinary care as the official veterinarian at LGCT of New York.
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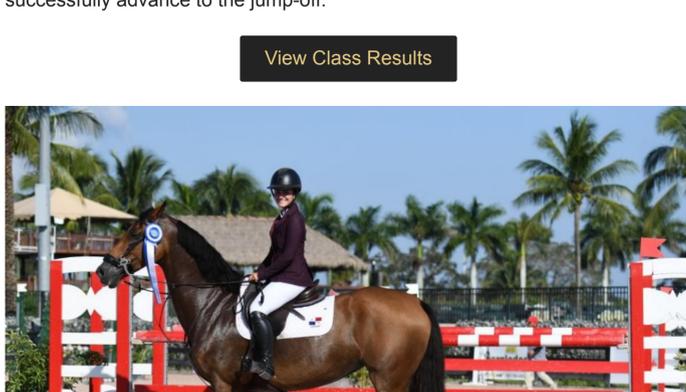
Congratulations to ESP Winners



Hadley Becker and Lyranta Van't Gebroekt won the Medium Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic. Photo by [Anne Gittins Photography](#)

Hadley Becker and her own Lyranta Van't Gebroekt were victorious in the Medium Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic on Sunday, September 18, 2022, during the ESP September show in Wellington, FL. Becker and her mount were the only pair in the class to successfully advance to the jump-off.

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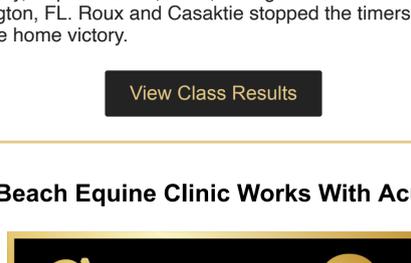


Dominique Roux and Casaktie topped the \$2,500 Medium Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic. Photo by [Anne Gittins Photography](#)

Dominique Roux and her own Casaktie earned the top prize in the \$2,500 Medium Amateur/Junior Jumper Classic presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic, on Sunday, September 25, 2022, during the ESP Florida State Fall show in Wellington, FL. Roux and Casaktie stopped the timers at 41.325 seconds to take home victory.

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