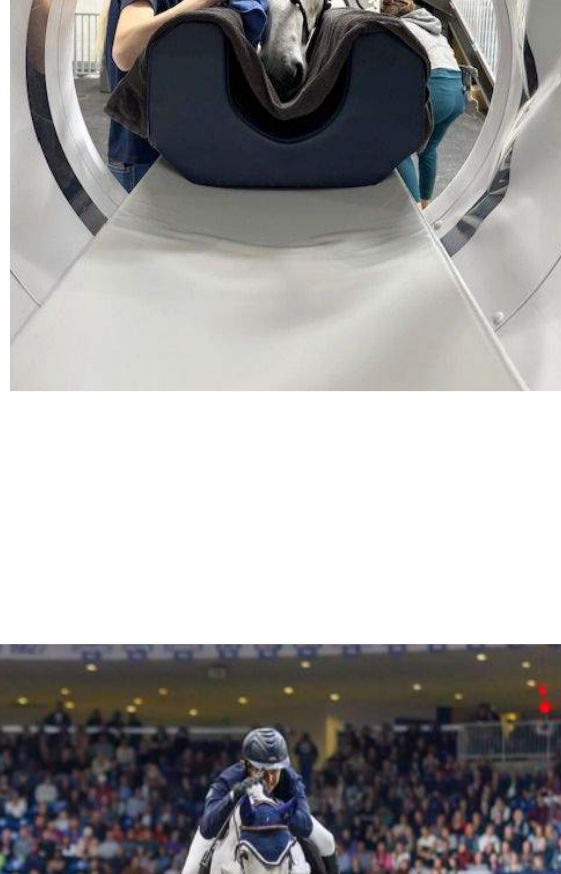


## The Buzz – December 2023

Jump Media is bringing you the best of its best each month, curated for your entertainment. We're showcasing the work that we've enjoyed producing, plus a few extra links for fun! We'd love to hear your comments and feedback, so drop us a line at [jennifer@jumpmediallc.com](mailto:jennifer@jumpmediallc.com).

### IN THE NEWS

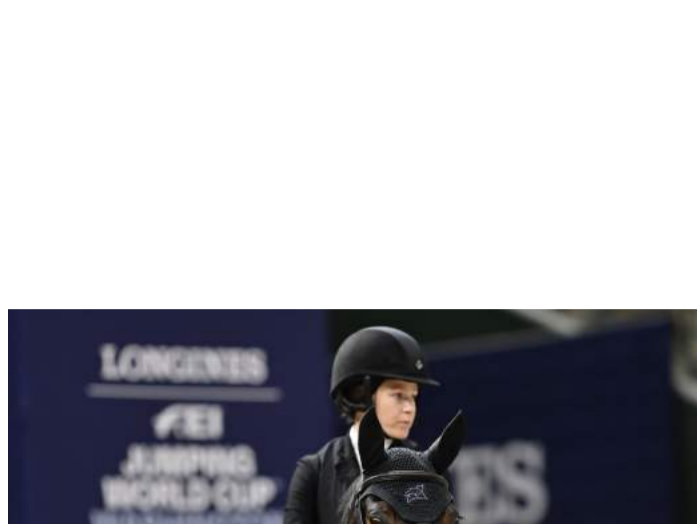


#### Palm Beach Equine Clinic Announces Addition of State-of-the-Art CT Scanner for Advanced Diagnostic Imaging

##### JUMP MEDIA

Palm Beach Equine Clinic recently announced the addition of a 2024 Canon Aquilion LB Exceed Dual Energy Computed Tomography (CT) scanner to its lineup of modern medical imaging modalities. Palm Beach Equine Clinic is currently the only facility in South Florida with a Canon Aquilion LB Exceed CT scanner, which is six times faster than other CT capabilities.

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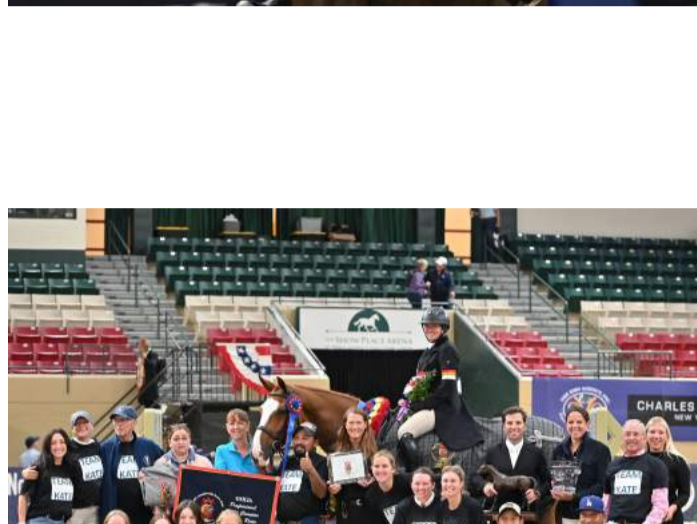


#### Show Time: 2023 Royal Horse Show

##### SIDELINES MAGAZINE

The CSI4\*-W Royal Horse Show, held as part of the 101st Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Canada, from November 3-12, 2023, entered its second century of excellence in style. Top international athletes went head-to-head in front of a packed house in the Coca-Cola Coliseum in a world-class show jumping competition. Take a look at some of the highlights in this photo gallery.

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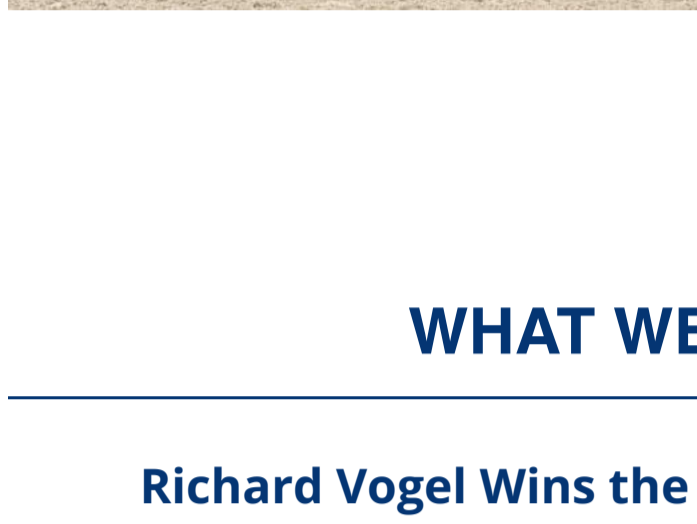


#### Out & About: Washington International Horse Show

##### HORSE & STYLE

The Washington International Horse Show celebrated its 65th anniversary with five-star show jumping, top hunter and equitation competition, plus all of the exciting and fun exhibitions WIHS is known for. Check out some of the best moments in this photo gallery.

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#### Out & About: Capital Challenge Horse Show

##### HORSE & STYLE

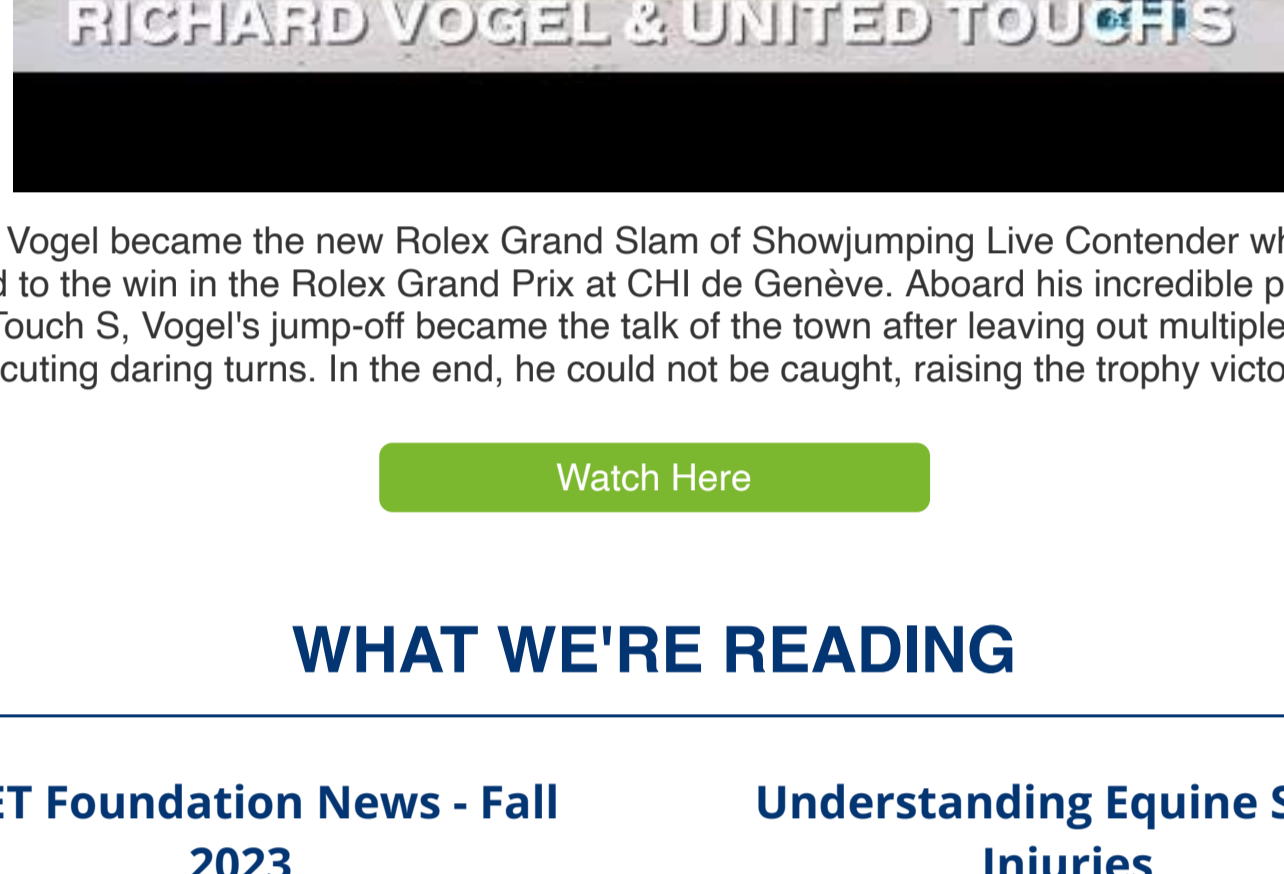
Capital Challenge Horse Show once again showcased the country's best hunters, elite equitation classes, and speedy jumpers as the best of the best descended upon The Show Place Arena for the esteemed show's 30th anniversary. Click to see more super snapshots in this photo gallery.

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### WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

#### Richard Vogel Wins the Rolex Grand Prix at CHI Genève

##### HORSE & COUNTRY



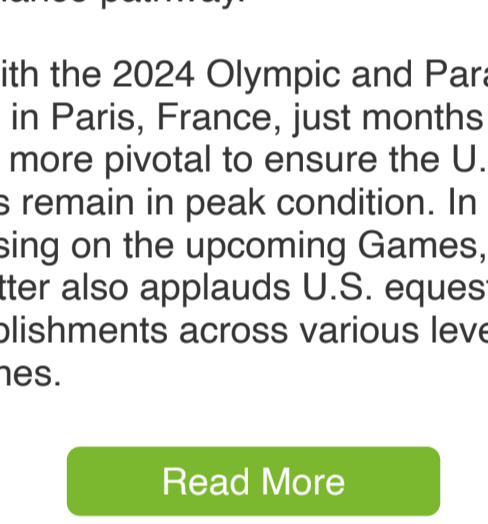
Richard Vogel became the new Rolex Grand Slam of Showjumping Live Contender when he galloped to the win in the Rolex Grand Prix at CHI de Genève. Aboard his incredible partner United Touch S, Vogel's jump-off became the talk of the town after leaving out multiple strides and executing daring turns. In the end, he could not be caught, raising the trophy victoriously.

[Watch Here](#)

### WHAT WE'RE READING

#### USET Foundation News - Fall 2023

##### USET FOUNDATION



This year marked 20 years of the USET Foundation. Since its inception in 2003, the USET Foundation has awarded grants in the amount of \$55,834,000 to US Equestrian (USEF) High Performance Programs and Direct Athlete Support over the past 20 years.

Now, with the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, France, just months away, it is even more pivotal to ensure the U.S. athletes remain in peak condition. In addition to focusing on the upcoming Games, this newsletter also applauds U.S. equestrian accomplishments across various levels and disciplines.

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#### Understanding Equine SDFT Injuries

##### THE HORSE



The "super" in superficial digital flexor tendon (SDFT) relates to the fact this energy-packed tendon lies just under the skin on the back of horses' legs, where we can easily feel it with our hands. In other words, it's "superficial," as opposed to deep.

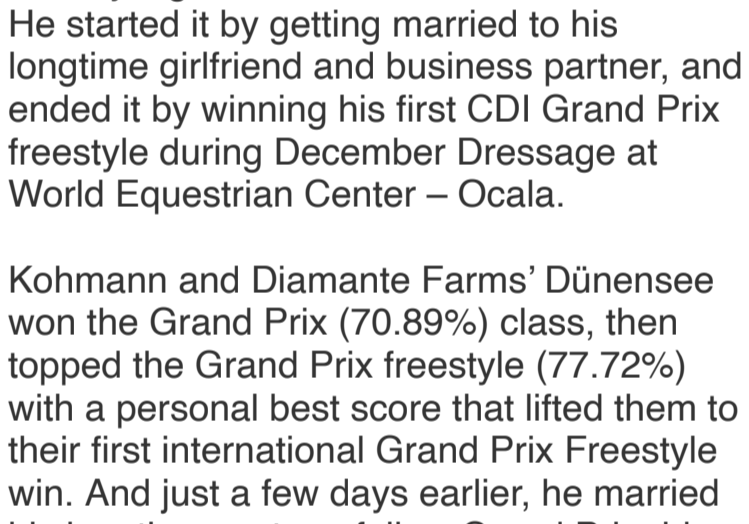
"The tendon is really like this big group of lots of elastic bands," explains Christopher Elliott, BVSc (hons), MANZCVS, Dipl. ACVSMR, of Palm Beach Equine Clinic, in Wellington, FL.

Though this super tendon equips the horse to accomplish stunning athletic feats, it is by no means perfect. The SDFT is prone to traumatic and especially overuse injuries with a very high re-injury rate after healing.

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#### Winner of the Week: Kohmann Caps Epic Week With Sale Horse That Never Sold

##### THE CHRONICLE OF THE HORSE



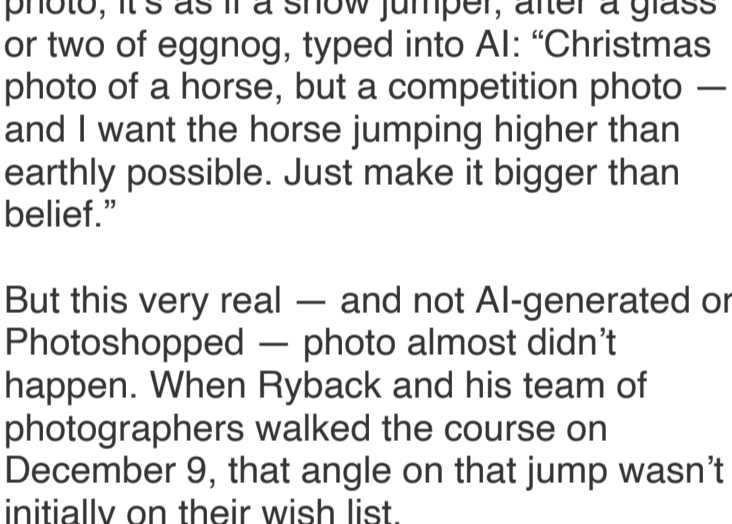
Kevin Kohmann, who is originally from Norway but rides for the United States, had a really big week to kick off his December: He started it by getting married to his longtime girlfriend and business partner, and ended it by winning his first CDI Grand Prix freestyle during December Dressage at World Equestrian Center – Ocala.

Kohmann and Diamante Farms' Dünneew won the Grand Prix (70.89%) class, then topped the Grand Prix freestyle (77.72%) with a personal best score that lifted them to their first international Grand Prix Freestyle win. And just a few days earlier, he married his longtime partner, fellow Grand Prix rider Devon Kane.

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#### Behind the Photo: The Best Way To Spread Christmas Cheer Is Jumping High With Trees in the Rear

##### THE CHRONICLE OF THE HORSE



To describe the composition of the viral photo, it's as if a show jumper, after a glass or two of eggnog, typed into AI: "Christmas photo of a horse, but a competition photo — and I want the horse jumping higher than earthly possible. Just make it bigger than belief."

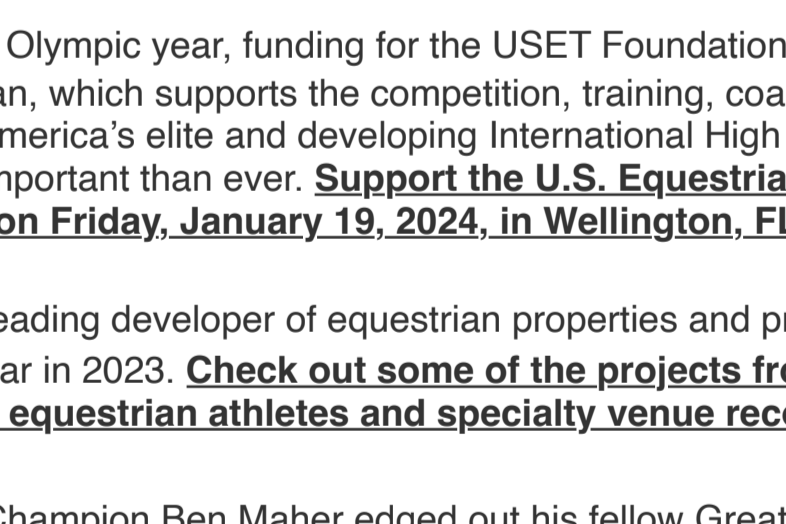
But this very real — and not AI-generated or Photoshopped — photo almost didn't happen. When Ryback and his team of photographers walked the course on December 9, that angle on that jump wasn't initially on their wish list.

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### WHAT WE'RE LISTENING TO

#### Back Pain Management With Dr. Christopher Elliott

##### DISEASE DU JOUR



Many equine practitioners will encounter horses experiencing some degree of back pain, especially if their practice treats performance horses. In this episode of the Disease Du Jour podcast, Christopher Elliott, BVSc, MRCVS, MANZCVS, DACVSMR, of Palm Beach Equine Clinic, talks about diagnosing, treating, and rehabilitating horses with back pain.

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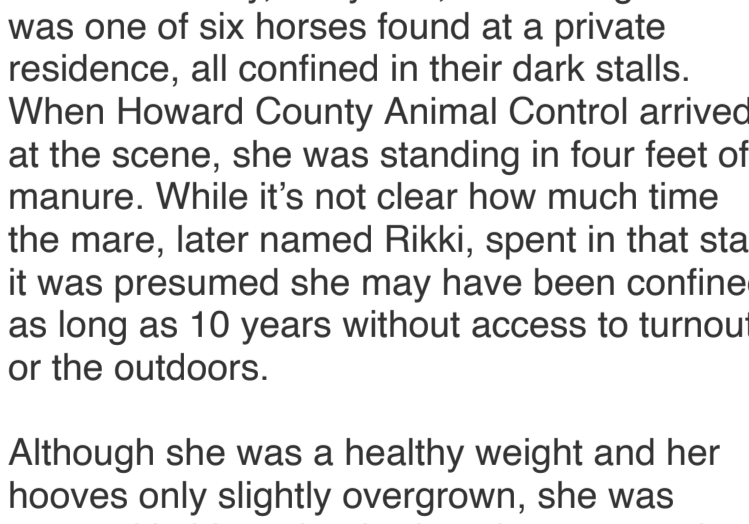
### LINKS WE'RE CLICKING

- As we head into an Olympic year, funding for the USET Foundation, the philanthropic partner of US Equestrian, which supports the competition, training, coaching, travel, and educational needs of America's elite and supporting International High Performance horses and athletes, is more important than ever. [Support the U.S. Equestrian Team at the "Victory in Versailles" benefit on Friday, January 19, 2024, in Wellington, FL.](#)
- Wordley Martin, a leading developer of equestrian properties and premier riding surfaces, celebrated a banner year in 2023. [Check out some of the projects from the year, including private arenas for top equestrian athletes and specialty venue reconstructions.](#)
- Reigning Olympic Champion Ben Brash edged out his fellow Great Britain countryman Scott Brash in the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ London in front of the home crowd at London International Horse Show. [See the head-to-head jump-off that had the audience on the edge of its seat.](#)
- Three-time GRAMMY-winning recording artist Megan Thee Stallion starred in NBCUniversal's fall campaign to promote its coverage of the Olympic Games. Megan seemingly performed at the Palace of Versailles with U.S. High Performance dressage horses as her backup dancers, including U.S. dressage athletes Katherine Bateson-Chandler, Anna Buffini, Susie Dutta, Laura Graves, Kasey Perry-Glass, and Ashley Holzer. [Watch it here and read more about the making of this masterpiece.](#)
- December 1, 2023, marked the start of a new year for United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) competitors. Know before you go — [look at the rule modifications before heading to your first show this season.](#)
- Ten teams have been named for the inaugural Longines League of Nations™, with North America's only stop taking place at World Equestrian Center – Ocala on March 23, 2024. [Find out more about what you can expect to see in this exciting new competition series.](#)

### A BIT OF GOOD NEWS

#### Rescue Rikki Is Ready for Her Forever Family

##### HORSE NETWORK



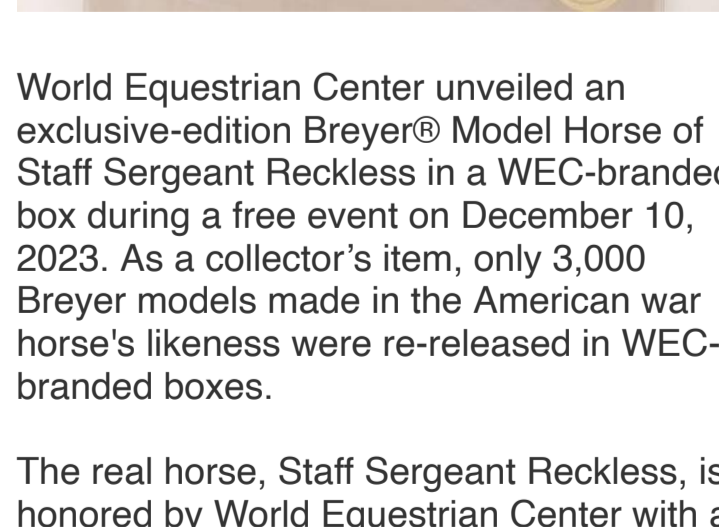
In May 2022, a 20-year-old Warmblood mare was seized by animal control officers in Howard County, Maryland, due to neglect. She was one of six horses found at a private residence, all confined in their dark stalls. When Howard County Animal Control arrived at the scene, she was standing in four feet of manure. While it's not clear how much time the mare, later named Rikki, spent in that stall, it was presumed she may have been confined as long as 10 years without access to turnout or the outdoors.

Although she was a healthy weight and her hooves only slightly overgrown, she was covered in hives that had not been treated. The veterinarian at the scene deemed the untreated hives grounds enough to seize the mare from the property. As a result, animal control officers transported Rikki to Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR), in Woodbine, MD.

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#### Honoring America's War Horse: Celebrate the Re-Release of an Exclusive Edition Breyer® in a WEC-Branded Box

##### THE EQUINE CHRONICLE

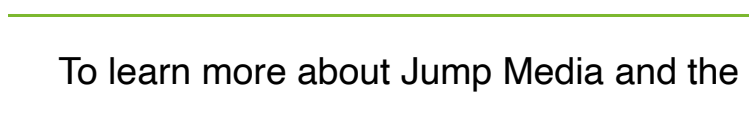


World Equestrian Center unveiled an exclusive-edition Breyer® Model Horse of Staff Sergeant Reckless in a WEC-branded box during a free event on December 10, 2023. As a collector's item, only 3,000 Breyer models made in the American war horse's likeness were re-released in WEC-branded boxes.

The real horse, Staff Sergeant Reckless, is honored by World Equestrian Center with a bronze monument of the equine hero that welcomes guests and visitors on the Grand Plaza — one of just six sculptures in the world.

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### SOCIAL WE'RE SHARING



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