

In The News Continued



Equis Boutique  
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**Equis Boutique**, a shopping experience for the discerning equestrian, will return to the **Winter Equestrian Festival** at Palm Beach Intentional Equestrian Center for the third year. Following its launch in the fall of 2014, Equis Boutique offers unique shopping opportunities of luxury equine brands through pop-up locations and online shopping. Featured brands at the Equis Boutique during WEF 2017 include Animo, Cristina Sport, Dy'on, KASK Helmets, Kentucky Horsewear, Kingsland Equestrian, Manfredi Equestrian and Parlanti, as well as a variety of imported specialty bits and Official FEI and Just World International merchandise. Visit [equisboutique.com](http://equisboutique.com) to shop 24/7.



Heidi Degele

Giddy Up Girl! We spotted **Heidi Degele** doing a bit of shopping at the new Loxahatchee, Florida, Tractor Supply store. After a flurry of horse sales, we caught Heidi gearing up with gifts for Toys for Tots. Love the pink cowgirl hat, and who doesn't want Breyer's American Pharoah!



Michele Hundt with Diamate Farm's Terri Kane

**Show Chic's Michele Hundt** is showing off her artist skills again, this time at "The Show" at **Studio1608**. Michele brings horses to the public through her art and even gets followers to come to the dressage events in Wellington. Bravo!



Cesar on GK Dancing Rubies with Mr. Kamel Ghribi of GK Horses

Exciting news from Piaffe Performance! Cesar Parra is pleased to introduce two very talented young horses and a "big" (17.3 hands big) Grand Prix star named **GK Dancing Rubies** to the Piaffe Performance string.

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The **United States Polo Association (USPA)** Board of Governors recently approved a ban on the use of anabolic steroids in horses playing in **USPA Tournaments**. The effective date of the ban will be January 1, 2017. The **USPA Equine Drugs & Medications Sub-Committee** discussed the topic throughout the summer and presented the ban to the USPA Board of Governors. It was decided that there would be a 6-month grace period ending on July 1, 2017. Drug testing will continue as usual in USPA Tournaments and findings for all drugs including anabolic steroids will be recorded. No conduct violations will be initiated for any discovery of the anabolic steroids in the tests until after July 1, 2017. For questions regarding the ban on anabolic steroids please email [equinewelfare@uspolo.org](mailto:equinewelfare@uspolo.org).



Scott Hassler and Michael Klimke

The recent **Klimke Hassler Dressage Training Symposium** at Riveredge was an overwhelming success. In fact, **Scott Hassler** was so appreciative of **Michael Klimke's** training he said he could kiss him — and he meant it!



Andrea Bayer and her new Twinkie!

Good to see **Dr. Andrea Bayer** is out of the hospital and at the barn. She is the proud new owner of palomino Lusitano who just arrived from California. Since her last horse was named **Cookie**, she wants to call this golden beauty **Twinkie...** sounds like a great name because he is certainly yummy looking!

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The **United States Polo Association** has presented the 2016 **George S. Patton Jr. Award** to **Maj. Mark Gillespie** (USAR Ret.), in appreciation of his work that has gone above and beyond the call of duty in creating opportunities for military members and their families to become involved in the sport of polo. His actions reflect distinct credit upon himself, the Army polo team, and the United States Polo Association. An Airborne Ranger, French Commando and West Point graduate, Mark served as a tank company commander, and later as a Foreign Area Officer serving in the Pentagon as an advisor in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Initially Mark learned his equestrian skills on West Point's equestrian team, later picking up polo in graduate school at Yale in 1983. Maj. Gillespie has served as the **U.S. Polo Association Delegate** and President of the **Army Polo Club** since 1998.