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Royal Horse Show Selected as One of Two Canadian Venues for 2018-2020 FEI World Cup™ Jumping North American League

Toronto, Ontario – The Royal Horse Show, held annually as part of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in downtown Toronto, Canada, has been invited to host a Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping North American League event for 2018, 2019 and 2020. Of the 14 North American League qualifying events that will make up the next three-year cycle, the Royal Horse Show is one of only two Canadian venues to be included.



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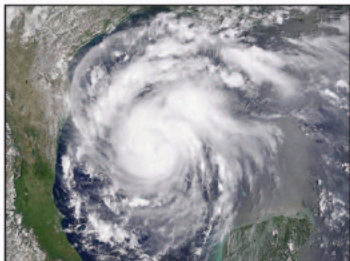
How to Help Those Affected by Hurricane Harvey

Equine organizations offer disaster relief funds

(Washington, DC) - In the wake of one of the worst tropical natural disasters to hit the United States, the residents and animals of Texas need your help. A record 49 inches of rain has fallen in the Houston area, and even more is expected. So what can you do?

There are several equine specific disaster relief funds that you can donate to that will support the efforts of emergency response groups and organizations that are helping horses impacted by the flooding.

United States Equestrian Federation Equine Disaster Relief Fund: Developed in 2005 during the aftermath of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina, the USEF Equine Disaster Relief Fund was formed to help en-



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Christmas At Saddle Creek

New book in the
The Saddle Creek Series by
Shelley Peterson

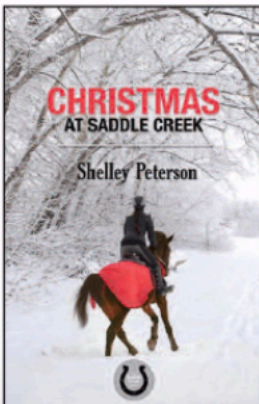
Bird returns to Saddle Creek and her beloved horse Sunny for Christmas

Bird has always dreaded Christmas. For as long as she could remember, her mother Eva would go into a tailspin of selfishness and drama as the holiday approached. This one was no different, and Bird is once again dumped at Saddle Creek Farm with her Aunt Hannah while Eva parties.

At midnight on Christmas Eve, in the midst of an ice storm, Cody (the loyal coyote) alerts Bird that elderly Laura Pierson is in danger down the road. Bird mounts champion show jumper Sundancer, and with Cody, they head out to save her. The family's plans fluctuate due to the storm, but people finally gather for Christmas dinner. Bird unwittingly triggers an emotional firestorm, and a dark, long-held memory surfaces, throwing off the tenuous good cheer.

While the after-dinner bonfire burns, Sundancer pulls the sled for children, and neighbours arrive to witness a blessed surprise. A Christmas miracle unfolds, but at great cost to a loved one. In CHRISTMAS AT SADDLE CREEK, Bird beholds the magic of the universe and the circle of life, and learns the true meaning of Christmas.

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Royal Fair

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Having joined the Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping North American League in 2015, the Royal Horse Show has excelled in attracting top show jumping talent from around the world, making it one of the most coveted events for top-ranked athletes. The Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Toronto has been won in both 2015 and 2016 by Royal Horse Show fan-favourite and two-time U.S. Olympic team gold medalist, McLain Ward, who went on to capture the 2017 Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final in Omaha, USA.

The Royal Horse Shows hosts more than 1,000 competitors and offers more than \$950,000 in prize money over the course of its ten-day run. International show jumping action is highlighted by the \$150,000 Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping

Toronto, traditionally held on Wednesday evening. This year's competition will be a qualifying event for the 2018 Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final in Paris, France, next April.

When the new three-year cycle begins, the 2018 Royal Horse Show, scheduled for November 2-11, will be a qualifier for the 2019 Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final in Gothenburg, Sweden, while the 2019 Royal Horse Show, held November 1-10, will give competitors opportunities to earn points for the 2020 Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final in Las Vegas, NV. The host city for the 2021 Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final has not yet been announced.

In addition to international show jumping competition, the Royal Horse Show is a true celebration of horse sport, featuring the \$125,000 Canadian Show Jumping Championships, which take the stage during opening weekend. The \$20,000 Horseware Indoor Eventing Challenge and the \$20,000

Royal Invitational Dressage Cup, presented by Buttertrot Ridge, also highlight the multi-discipline schedule each year.

For more information on the Royal Horse Show, the marquee event of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, please visit www.royalfair.org/horse-show.

Funding support for The Royal has been provided by the City of Toronto and the Government of Ontario.

About The Royal

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is the world's largest combined indoor agricultural and equestrian event. The 95th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair runs November 3-12, 2017, at Exhibition Place, Toronto, Canada. For competition schedules, live webcasting, results and to purchase tickets, please visit www.royalfair.org.

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