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Hannah Selleck's new Descanso Farm website features her U.S.-bred young horses. Photo by Ashley Neuhoof

Hannah Selleck's Descanso Farm launched a new website highlighting Hannah's goal of producing quality U.S.-bred sport horses. Since the first Descanso Farm foal was born in 2012, Hannah and Descanso Farm have been dedicated to developing young horses to the peak of their potential, with the utmost care and attention given to every step of the process. "We want to show that we can produce the horses in the States, having them on the ground as foals and bringing them up through the young horse classes," said Hannah, 30, of Westlake Village, California. At Descanso Farm in Thousand Oaks, California, the young horses include those out of Hannah's former grand prix mare **Tosca van het Lambroeck**, out of another former mount of Hannah's, **Alvarina**, and, by embryo transfer out of **Barla**, Hannah's current grand prix mount. All of Descanso Farm's foals are U.S.-bred and by stallions standing in the U.S., including **Cacique**, **LioCalyon** and FEI **Jumping World Cup™ Final** winner **Flexible**. Descanso Farm-bred young horses currently competing with Hannah and Olympic team gold medalist **Will Simpson** in the irons include 6-year-olds **Elita Toscita DF (Lamarque—Tosca, Casch)** and **Eloise DF (by Cacique)**, and 5-year-old **Rumpleteazer DF (by Flexible)**. See www.descansofarm.com to learn more about Hannah and the Descanso Farm horses.



Positude, an all-natural alternative to Depo-Provera, joins the Equine Elixirs line of supplements.

Equine Elixirs has added another product to its supplement lineup with **Positude**, an all-natural liquid alternative to **Depo-Provera**. Positude joins **Ulceraser**, an all-natural supplement for gastrointestinal health and ulcer prevention, in Equine Elixirs' offerings. Equine Elixirs spent the last year developing Positude, which is FEI- and USEF-safe, requires no injections, maintains an even hormone level via its daily delivery system, and is significantly more affordable than Depo-Provera. Made from plant, berry and root extracts, Positude promotes the maintenance of a balanced temperament in mares, geldings and stallions by working on the pituitary to increase the amount and effects of natural progesterone. Positude also supports healthy muscular relaxation of smooth and skeletal muscles as well as a healthy nervous system, reducing stress and maintaining a quiet disposition. To find out more about Positude and Ulceraser, visit www.equineelixirs.com.



Kiki Umla Photo by Kenneth Kraus/Phelps Sports

For the better part of five decades, it was rare to not be greeted by **Kiki Umla** at the head of hospitality at the nation's top horse shows. A USEF steward, hostess, friend, leader, resource and so much more was lost when Kiki passed away from illness in 2016. To honor Kiki, the **Lake Placid Horse Show Association** is set to open the Kiki Umla Ring to riders at the Lake Placid Horse Show's 50th anniversary in July 2019. The undertaking, which expands one of the riding arenas by 11,000 square feet — creating a 28,000 square-foot riding space with new and improved footing — was the brainchild of LPHS Association Chairman **Philip Richter**. "Kiki was known to be the steward of that ring back there," he said. "There will be a beautiful sign there that will memorialize her for many years to come."

The Lake Placid Horse Show Organization has raised more than \$100,000 to fund the arena, but it is seeking donations to reach its \$150,000 fundraising goal to make the ring a reality. The Kiki Umla Ring will be announced at a cocktail reception preceding the 2019 Lake Placid Horse Show, where Philip and those in attendance will "raise a glass to Kiki." "Unequivocally, I believe she would be very happy with this whole project," Philip said. "I think she would find the whole idea appropriate, and it feels good to know that she would have approved."

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The **FEI World Cup™ Finals** are returning to Las Vegas and to the newly-renovated Thomas & Mack Center in 2020. The world's best show jumping and dressage horses and riders will return to the "Entertainment Capital of the World" on April 15-19, 2020, for thrilling equestrian competition at a world-class facility that is now ideal for one of the sport's premier showcases. The Thomas & Mack Center underwent a \$75 million overhaul including enhanced stabling, new arena seats, new entrances and escalators, upgraded concessions and restrooms, new floors, additional ADA seating, improvements to the sound system and the most notable addition — a brand new 36,000 square-foot, two-story VIP space, the Strip View Pavilion, within which will be the event's VIP Hospitality Center, **The Taylor Harris Club** presented by **Lugano Diamonds**.

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