



## June Competition Highlights



Michael Murphy and Catoki's Son Z earned the top prize in the Bainbridge 1.40m Open Stake at the ESP June I show in Wellington, FL.  
**Photo by Kind Media**



Michael Murphy rode Cerolino to third place in the Bainbridge 1.40m Open Stake during the ESP June I show in Wellington, FL.  
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Wesley Newlands and Maestro Van Het Binnenveld secured second place in the Amateur-Owner Jumpers at the Devon Horse Show in Devon, PA. The pair was also fifth in the \$20,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Amateur Jumpers.  
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Karime Perez piloted Felicie de Coquerie to second place in the 7-Year-Old Young Jumper during the ESP June II show in Wellington, FL. The duo also earned second place in the Medium Amateur/Junior Jumpers.  
**Video courtesy of Ilan Ferder Stables**



Erynn Ballard and Gakhir earned fourth place in the PwC Canada Cup during the CSI5\* Spruce Meadows 'National' tournament in Calgary, Canada.  
**Photo by Sportfot**



Erynn Ballard and Nanini Van d'Abelendreef were ninth in the 1.45m jumpers during the CSI2\* Spruce Meadows 'National' tournament in Calgary, Canada.  
**Photo by Sportfot**



Erynn Ballard and Gakhir secured a place on the Canadian team for the 2022 FEI World Championships with a third-place finish in the CSI5\* \$400,700 RBC Grand Prix, presented by Rolex, at the Spruce Meadows 'National' tournament in Calgary, Canada.  
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Ireland's Conor Swail took over the reins on Chill Ma, owned by Ilan Ferder, and won the \$25,000 Grand Prix during Rocky Mountain Show Jumping in Calgary, Canada.  
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## Five Questions With the Ilan Ferder Stables Team

### Meet Frank Ahearn of Esperanza Imports



Erynn Ballard and Monty Python de l'Amitie, owned by Esperanza Imports, competing at the 2022 Winter Equestrian Festival.  
**Photo by Jump Media**



Sophia Ahearn and Diva Z going over the course with Michael Murphy. **Photo by Kind Media**

#### Why did you name your business Esperanza Imports?

Esperanza means hope in Spanish, which was also the name of my daughter Sophia's first pony.

#### What is your favorite memory as a horse show dad?

I really enjoyed watching Sophia earn second place in the Platinum Performance \$100,000 Hunter Derby at HITS Saugerties when she was 15 years old. It was truly a spectacular moment for my wife Lisa and me.

#### Do you get nervous watching Sophia compete?

Every time! But I know that she is fortunate to have great horses and great trainers in Ilan Ferder and Michael Murphy, which help give her the best chance for success and being safe.

#### What is your favorite part about being an owner?

I love the excitement of watching a horse that was typically imported from Europe while very green progress into a horse that excels and competes in grands prix around the world.

#### What characteristics do you look for in an investment horse?

I look for a horse that is scopey, brave, careful, has a great brain, and has rideability. If we can get that in a horse, with Ilan, Erynn, and Michael, there is a great chance for success!

#### How did it feel to learn that Erynn and Gakhir had been named to the Canadian team for the World Championships?

The feeling was UNREAL! We are so fortunate to have had the opportunity to buy Gakhir, known in the barn as "Curly," have Ilan train and continually work with him, have Erynn – who is one of the best riders in the world – show him, and have Alyssa Furgeson take care of him on a daily basis. We are trying to arrange our schedules to go to Herning, Denmark, to watch them compete. It is every owner's dream!

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## About Ilan Ferder Stables

Ilan Ferder Stables (IFS) is an international show jumping training and sales business based in Wellington, Florida. Owned and operated by Israeli Show Jumping Team veteran Ilan Ferder, IFS offers world-class prospects that are ready to win and has sold numerous riders their next champion. IFS is also home to Canada's Erynn Ballard, one of the top-ranked female show jumping athletes in the world.