

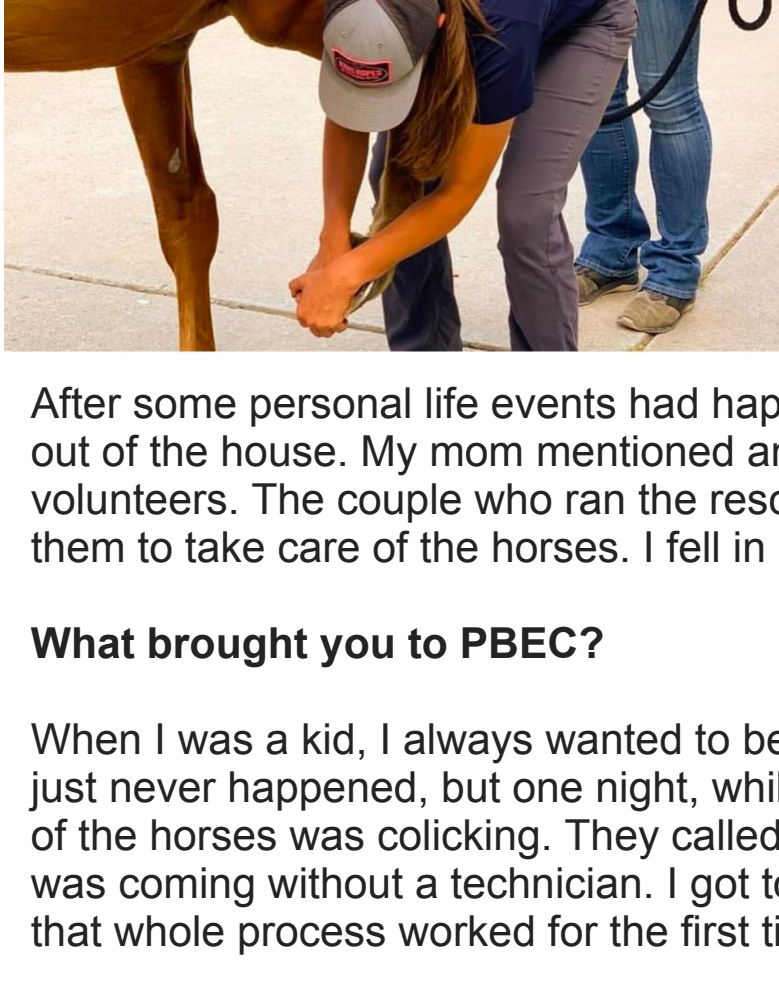
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Meet Vet Tech Meghan Duncan

Meghan Duncan of Ocala, FL, has worked at the Palm Beach Equine Clinic (PBEC) in Wellington, FL, since 2021. Since 2022, she's been Dr. Paul Wollenman's technician, traveling to Wyoming in the summer and based at PBEC in the winter, where she assists clients with polo ponies.



What is your background with horses?

I rode and showed Western pleasure as a kid. As I grew older, I got out of horses and became more involved with school and sports, so horses kind of took a back seat. I always had a love and interest for it, but I just didn't have the resources and the time to make it happen.

I moved to South Florida in 2008 for college, and around 2020, with COVID going on and big changes happening for a lot of people, I found myself in a position where I was no longer able to work my job in hospitality, which I had been doing since I was 15.

After some personal life events had happened, I needed something to get me out of the house. My mom mentioned an animal rescue that always needed volunteers. The couple who ran the rescue were elderly, so it was difficult for them to take care of the horses. I fell in love with being around the horses again.

What brought you to PBEC?

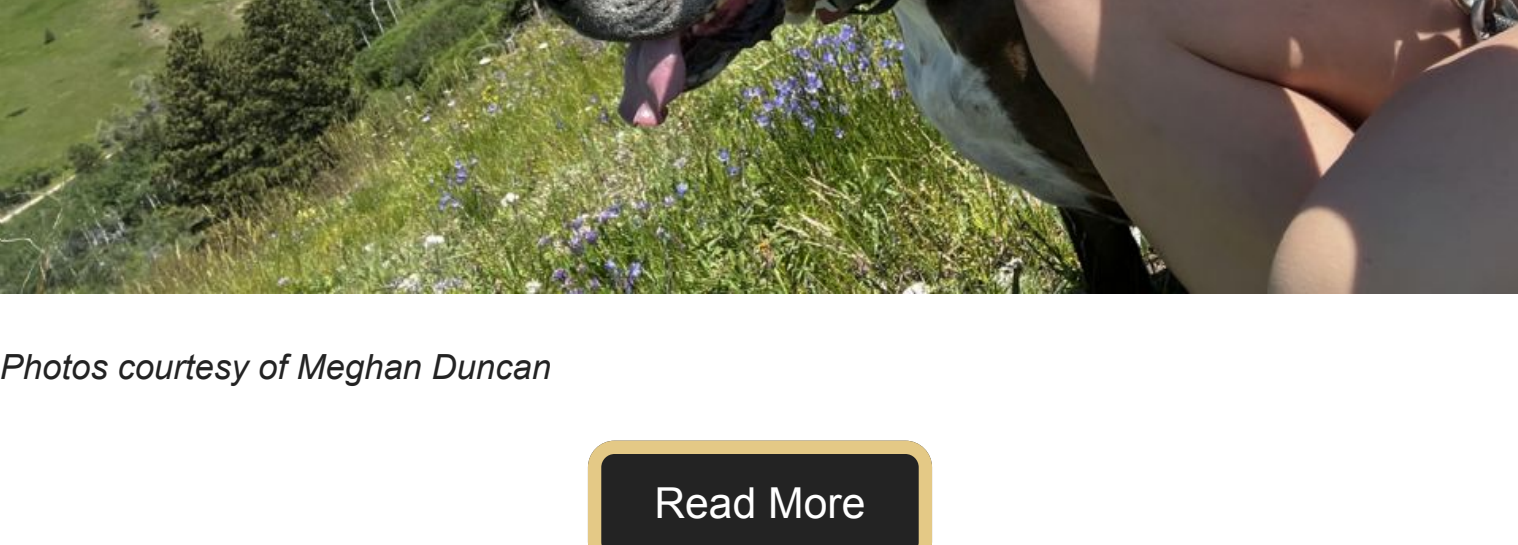
When I was a kid, I always wanted to be an equine vet. That was my dream. It just never happened, but one night, while I was volunteering at the rescue, one of the horses was colicking. They called me to see if I could help the vet, who was coming without a technician. I got to meet the emergency vet and see how that whole process worked for the first time. I was really intrigued.

The vet came out again the next day to recheck the horse and asked me if I wanted a job. I told him, yeah, that'd be great! He needed help on the weekends. He was a large animal vet, so he did horses, cows, goats, and sheep.

I wanted to work with horses specifically, and PBEC had a job post for a hospital technician, and the rest is history. I was hired in March 2021 by Dr. Kathleen Timmins and Holly Hall.

What does your job involve?

In 2022, I had the opportunity to work with Dr. Paul Wollenman, who founded the clinic in 1981. He worked in Florida in the winter and traveled to Wyoming in the summer to continue practicing. It sounded like a dream. I really wanted to take the opportunity to start traveling again.



Photos courtesy of Meghan Duncan

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PBEC Welcomes HorseGrooms



Palm Beach Equine Clinic was thrilled to host a meet-up event for HorseGrooms and welcome 40 grooms working in Wellington, FL, to attend a presentation from Dr. Christopher Elliott on the arrival process, horse inspection, and FEI rules at the Winter Equestrian Festival and Adequan Global Dressage Festival.

Following the seminar, grooms were given a tour of PBEC to see the facility and its highlights, including the surgery center, CT scanner, and more.

The goals of the event included:

- **Education:** Equip grooms with practical knowledge and insights to enhance their skills and confidence.
- **Empowerment:** Help grooms feel more prepared and informed about key aspects of their role.
- **Community:** Foster connections among grooms and with experts like PBEC veterinarians.

PBEC and HorseGrooms are welcoming more grooms on Thursday, January 16, for a second presentation since the initial event was sold out. Any groom can attend; just click below to RSVP!

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SECOND HG MeetUp

FEI Arrival Exams, Jog Do's & Don'ts, Vet Rule Changes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 6 PM

- with Dr. Elliott, Permitted Treating Veterinarian at Wellington International & FEI Vet
- Location: Palm Beach Equine Clinic, Wellington, FL
- Sponsor: Equine Tack & Nutritionals, Palm Beach Equine & HorseGrooms

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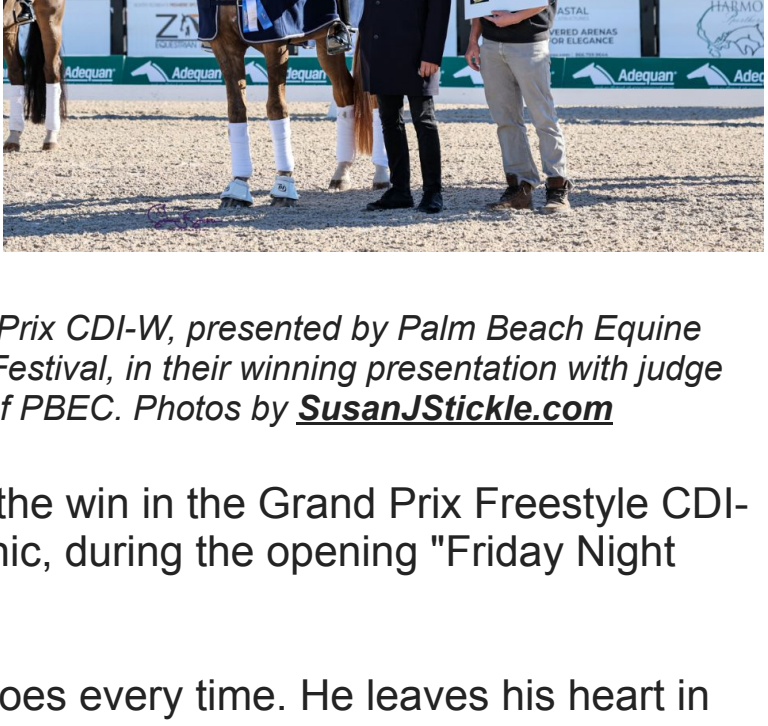
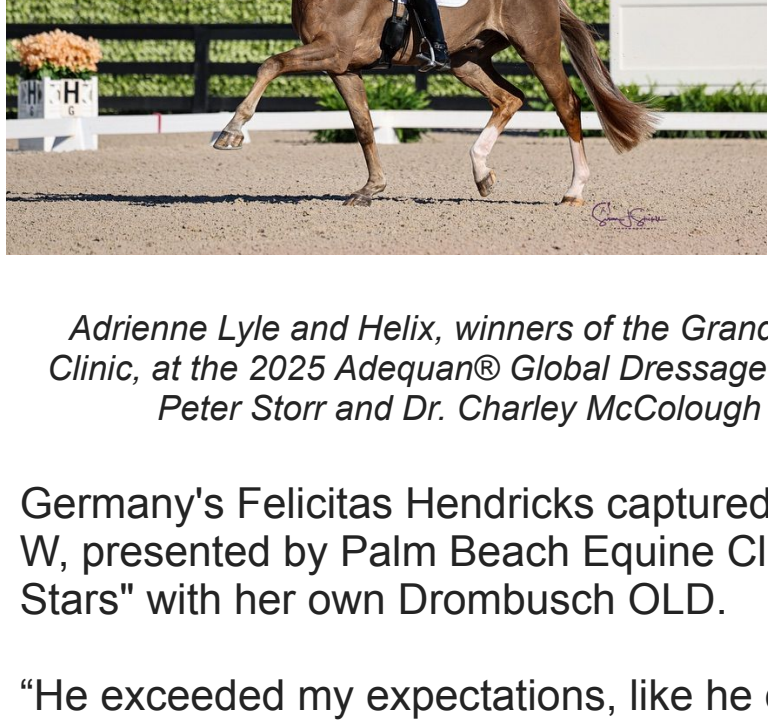
January PBEC Events in Wellington

PBEC is proud to support the Winter Equestrian Festival and Adequan® Global Dressage Festival as the Official Veterinarians as well as title sponsor of events. See below what is happening in January 2025 and be sure to watch in person or online.



Congratulations to U.S. Olympian Adrienne Lyle and Helix, owned by Zen Elite Equestrian Center, for their personal-best victory in the Grand Prix CDI-W, presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic.

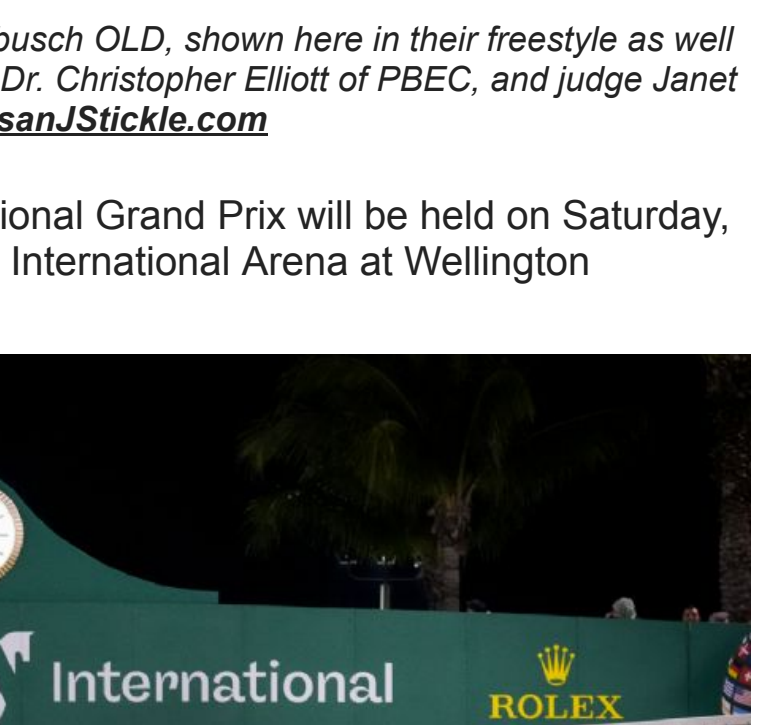
"In our test today, I thought there were places we were able to show continued improvement in the self-carriage and a better frame. We will go step by step with Helix. He's still a relatively young grand prix horse with a lot of years left in him hopefully, so we're just looking to keep slowly building him for the future." - Adrienne Lyle



Adrienne Lyle and Helix, winners of the Grand Prix CDI-W, presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic, at the 2025 Adequan® Global Dressage Festival, in their winning presentation with judge Peter Storr and Dr. Charley McCollough of PBEC. Photos by [SusanJStickle.com](#)

Germany's Felicitas Hendricks captured the win in the Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic, during the opening "Friday Night Stars" with her own Drombusch OLD.

"He exceeded my expectations, like he does every time. He leaves his heart in the ring. I can tell that he's very happy to be back, and he was loving the crowd. He was a little spicy, but in a good way." - Felicitas Hendricks



Congratulations to Felicitas Hendricks and Drombusch OLD, shown here in their freestyle as well as the presentation with groom Yannick Schmitz, Dr. Christopher Elliott of PBEC, and judge Janet Foy. Photos by [SusanJStickle.com](#)

The \$50,000 Palm Beach Equine Clinic National Grand Prix will be held on Saturday, January 18, at 7 p.m. under the lights in the International Arena at Wellington International.

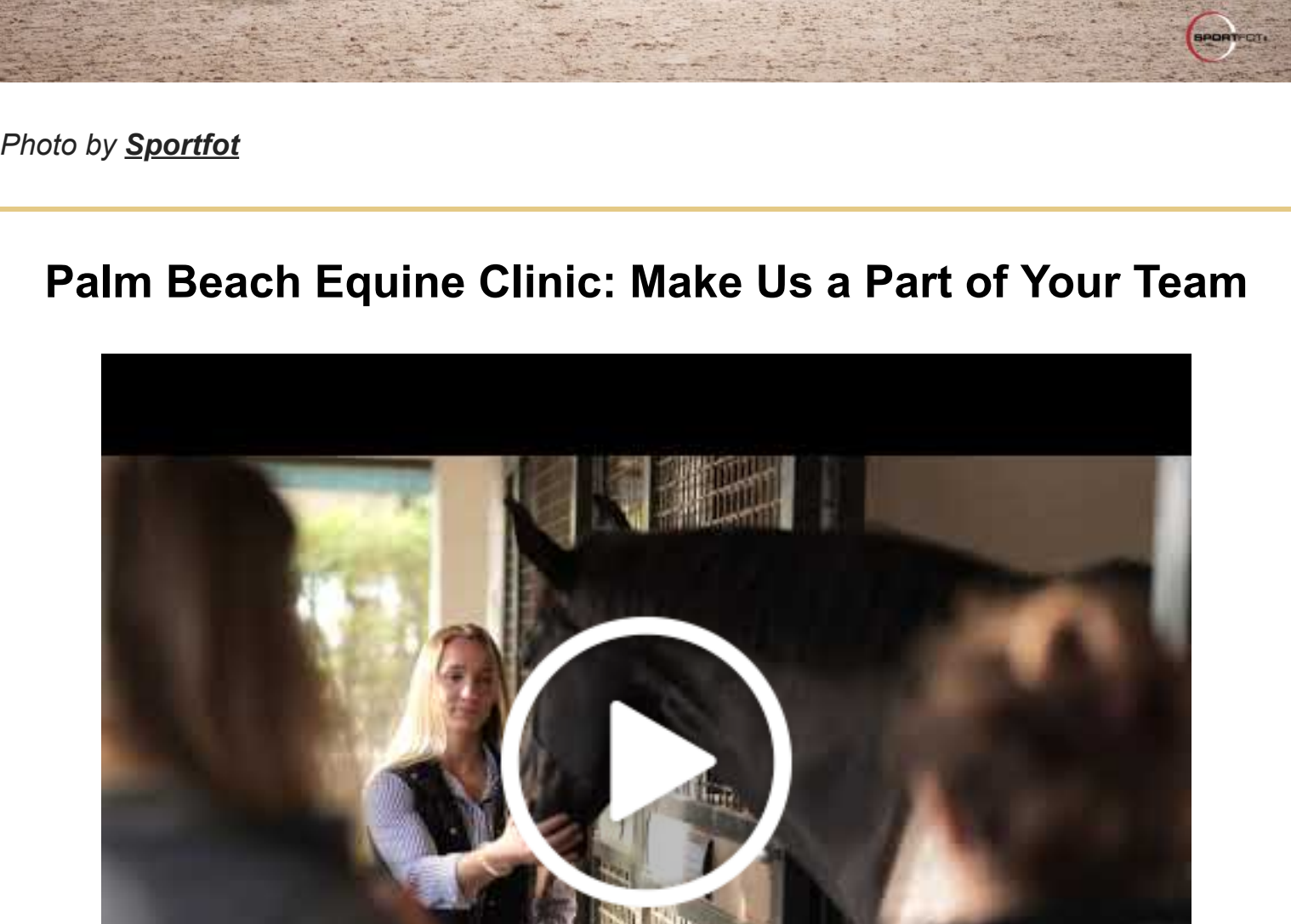


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Palm Beach Equine Clinic: Make Us a Part of Your Team

