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**Four-Legged Friends Searching for Forever Homes on Animal Welfare and Adoption Day at the 2022 Hampton Classic Horse Show**

*Bridgehampton, NY – August 29, 2022* – Animal Welfare and Adoption Day Presented by Gotham Enterprizes celebrated its 11th anniversary at the Hampton Classic Horse Show on Monday, welcoming dogs, cats and horses from a variety of rescues on Long Island and beyond.

Animal Welfare and Adoption Day hosted seven dog-cat rescue groups from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Kids Area while the horses and mini donkeys of the EQUUS Foundation Guardian Program stole the show in one of the main hunter rings from noon to 1:00 p.m. The Rider's Closet also offered visitors a Donation Trunk where they could drop off much-needed equestrian apparel to provide to riders in need.

Participating rescues and shelters included: ARF Hamptons, Nassau County SPCA, Mustang Heritage Foundation, New England Equine Rescue North, No Dogs Left Behind, Retired Racehorse Project, Rising Starr Horse Rescue, Ruff House Rescue, Second Chance Rescue, Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation and Tyler's Rescue Inc.



Grand Prix rider Georgina Bloomberg, EQUUS Foundation “EQUUSStar” and Sponsor of Animal Welfare and Adoption Day, was on hand greeting visitors and spending time with the animals. She was joined by fellow Grand Prix rider Brianne Goutal-Martreau, Clementine Goutal and Jill Rappaport of the EQUUS Foundation.

“I love coming to the Hampton Classic every year, and Adoption Day is probably my favorite day of the week,” Bloomberg said. “It’s so important for these animals to find good homes. We’re only here because of our horses, and we should always find ways of giving back to them, including doing what we can to help the ones in need.”



*Jill Rappaport of the EQUUS Foundation and Grand Prix riders Brianne Goutal-Martreau and Georgina Bloomberg continued their onsite support of Animal Welfare and Adoption Day. © KindMedia*

The EQUUS Foundation also returned with its **\$35,000 donation matching campaign** through September 4 for America’s at-risk horses, thanks to the prize money won by EQUUS Equine Ambassador *Lafitte De Muze*, one of the nation’s leading hunter horses owned by Cheryl Olsten and ridden by Amanda Steege. EQUUS Equine Ambassadors are sport horses whose owners donate a portion of their winnings in equestrian sport competitions to help ensure that all horses are safe, healthy and treated with dignity as partners.

“Animal Welfare and Adoption Day is a staple for the Hampton Classic every year,” said Shanette Barth Cohen, Executive Director of the Hampton Classic. “We are always so thrilled to support participating rescues and shelters in finding these animals forever homes, and we greatly appreciate the help of Georgina Bloomberg and the EQUUS Foundation in achieving that goal.”



The 46th annual Hampton Classic Horse Show takes place August 28-September 4 with a full schedule of world-class equestrian competition offering more than \$1 million in prize money. For live show results, visit [ShowNet.biz](http://ShowNet.biz).

Each year approximately 50,000 people come to watch the nation's best equestrian athletes compete at the Hampton Classic. The Classic is rated USEF 'Premier-6' for both hunters and jumpers with FEI 2\* and 5\* classes. Ireland's Alan Wade serves as Grand Prix Ring course designer.

The Hampton Classic features more than 200 competitions in six spectacular show rings, the Agneta Currey Boutique Garden with more than 70 vendors, and a wide selection of dining options, all on its world-class 60-acre show grounds. Offering more than \$1 million in prize money, the Classic is highlighted by the **\$410,000 Hampton Classic 5\* Grand Prix** on Sunday, September 4.

The Hampton Classic's FEI competition begins Thursday, September 1, with the **\$10,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2\*** and **\$37,000 Hampton Classic 5\* Speed Stake** and continues throughout the weekend with seven 2\* and 5\* classes. FEI competition also includes Friday's **\$37,000 Wölffer Estate 2\* Jumper Classic** and **\$74,000 Douglas Elliman 5\* Grand Prix Qualifier**, Saturday's **\$74,000 Hampton Classic 2\* Grand Prix** and **\$74,000 5\* LONGINES Cup** and the culminating **\$410,000 Hampton Classic 5\* Grand Prix** on Sunday, September 4.

The Hampton Classic continues to support several charitable organizations including Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, the Kevin Babington Foundation and Sag Harbor Food Pantry. Everyone who comes to the Classic on Tuesday and Wednesday with three or more non-perishable food items for the Sag Harbor Food Pantry will have their entire car admitted free.

Daily admission to the Classic is \$20 per carload (cash at the gate only). Admission is free on Monday; seniors and military are also admitted free on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Grandstand tickets for the \$410,000 Hampton Classic Grand Prix on Sunday, September 4, are \$55 per person for reserved bucket seating. Grandstand tickets are electronic only; E-Tickets are provided thanks to support from Green is the New Blue.

The Hampton Classic is pleased to continue its relationship with ShowNet by offering its services FREE to all exhibitors. Services include: Orders of Go; Live Ring Status; and Live Results.

For those who can't make it to the show grounds, complimentary live webcasts of all Grand Prix ring competitions air on the Hampton Classic website, produced by ClipMyHorseTV and courtesy of LONGINES. ClipMyHorseTV is also producing a live webcast of all Anne Aspinall ring competitions, available for free on the Hampton Classic website, thanks to Pacaso. In addition, WVVH-TV, Hamptons Television, broadcasts up to five hours of competition and highlights each day during the Classic. These broadcasts can also be seen online at [www.wvvh.tv](http://www.wvvh.tv).

For more information on the Hampton Classic Horse Show, please visit the Hampton Classic website at [www.hamptonclassic.com](http://www.hamptonclassic.com) or call 631-537-3177. Hampton Classic Horse Show, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation.