



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Marty Bauman, 508-698-6810; marty@classic-communications.com

Animal Adoption Day Brings Hearts Together at the 2026 Hampton Classic Horse Show

Bridgehampton, NY – August 24, 2026 – The 51st Hampton Classic Horse Show celebrated Animal Adoption Day presented by U.S. international Grand Prix rider Georgina Bloomberg and her Gotham Enterprizes on Monday.

Marking its 16th anniversary, the beloved event welcomed spectators to the Aspinall Ring for an inspiring afternoon devoted to animal welfare, adoption and responsible care. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about the rewards of adopting both small and large animals, hear from dedicated advocates, and watch a heartwarming demonstration featuring adoptable horses of all breeds and sizes. The program highlighted the powerful connections between people and animals while encouraging attendees to consider giving a deserving animal a forever home.

Celebrating 51 years of world-class equestrian competition in Bridgehampton, NY, the Hampton Classic features FEI CSI5* and CSI2* show jumping and USEF Premier hunter competitions with more than \$1 million in prize money, **August 23-30**.

“This is the most important day. The Hampton Classic has been so meaningful to me growing up,” said Bloomberg. “I know how lucky I am to have horses to compete here, and it’s our way of giving back and educating on how one can help. I’m so grateful to Valerie (Angeli) for all the year-round work she does and to Shanette (Cohen, the executive director of the Hampton Classic) and the Hampton Classic for letting us take over a ring and giving us the opportunity to help. This is the most meaningful day, and everything that happens after this is a bonus.”

Joining Bloomberg in welcoming spectators to the Aspinall Hunter Ring were Valerie Angeli of RedHorseStar Productions LLC and award-winning animal advocate and bestselling author Jill Rappaport.

“It’s not just a day to adopt. It’s a day to become aware of the issues with animal welfare,” said Angeli. “Our point today is you can adopt, or you can get involved in other ways. Awareness is critical to get the necessary help for horses, dogs and cats. Georgina sponsors this event every year because she knows how important rescue is as an animal lover and how important it is to raise awareness, funds and interest in volunteering. Everyone can do something to help.”

Joining [Rising Starr Horse Rescue](#) and [Superhero Rescue Horses](#) at the Hampton Classic Animal Adoption Day was a diverse group of equine rescue, welfare, retirement, and therapeutic organizations dedicated to improving the lives of horses and the people they serve. Visitors could meet representatives, learn about adoption opportunities, and discover the many ways horses positively impact communities. The participating groups included [StandFast Equine](#), [The Serenity Project](#), [Changing Tides Equine Retirement & Agriculture Learning Center](#), [Global Strays](#), and [Warrior Ranch Foundation](#).



© Incanto Sports Group

Adoption Day also hosted several dog and cat rescue groups in the Kids Area. Partnering rescues included [ARF Hamptons](#), [Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation](#), [Hope For Cleo Animal](#)

[Rescue](#), [Lucky Dog Refuge](#), [Tyler's Rescue](#), [Wags & Walks](#), [Remember Me Rescue NY](#) and [Last Chance Animal Rescue](#).

Other notable events included [#KissAHorsetoHelpaHorse](#) mini horse kissing booth with Bubbles, adopted from [Rising Starr Horse Rescue](#); [HEART Equine Ambulance](#) tours; a blacksmith demonstration by Tim Fitzgerald; a Q&A with [Return to Freedom Wild Horse Sanctuary](#); horse handling demonstrations; and a meet and greet with the [Long Island University Equestrian Team](#) and the new [Long Island Lewyt College of Veterinary Medicine](#). [The Rider's Closet Donation Trunk](#) was also on hand accepting donations of new and gently used riding apparel for equestrians in need at the Der Dau tent in the Stable Row.



© Incanto Sports Group

For live show results, visit HamptonClassic.com. Photos from the event are [available via Dropbox](#) with credits to KindMedia (unless otherwise noted in the folder name).

Each year, approximately 50,000 people – including many A-list celebrities – come to watch the nation's best equestrian athletes compete at the Hampton Classic Horse Show. Rated **USEF 'Premier-6'** for hunters and jumpers with designated **FEI 2* and 5*** jumping classes, 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 showgrounds.

FEI competition begins on Thursday, August 27, with the **\$5,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2*** and **\$32,000 CSI5* BrainJuice Two-Phase** and continues throughout the weekend with seven 2*/5* classes featuring courses designed by Nick Granat (USA) and Anderson Lima (BRA). FEI competition also

includes Friday's **\$32,000 Wölffer Estate 2* Grand Prix Qualifier**, **\$116,100 Douglas Elliman 5* Grand Prix Qualifier**, Saturday's **\$62,500 5* Winning Round**, and culminates with the **\$70,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix** and **\$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix** on Sunday, August 30. The **\$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges** will also be presented on Grand Prix Sunday as two separate bonuses: \$10,000 for the FEI 2* division and \$20,000 for the FEI 5* division.

Other competition highlights include the **\$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper** (Tuesday), **\$40,000 1.45m National Grand Prix** (Wednesday), **\$10,000 Hunt & Go Stake presented by The Baran** (Thursday), **\$10,000 Harrods Junior/Amateur Welcome Stake** (Friday), **\$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship** (Saturday), **\$30,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey 1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic** and **\$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic** (Sunday).

Outside of the show rings, families can enjoy unique shopping in the Agneta Currey Boutique Garden and on Stable Row; hands-on activities, pony rides and petting zoo animals at the Kids Exhibition Tent; and many more fun activities during Kids Day (Saturday, August 29).

Daily entry to the Hampton Classic is \$25 per carload which includes grandstand seating on all days except Grand Prix Sunday. Admission is free on Monday. Admission is also free on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for Seniors, members of the Military and those who bring three or more non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Tickets for **reserved grandstand seats** for Grand Prix Sunday, August 30, are \$75 per seat and are available on the [Hampton Classic website](#). Tickets for the **Classic Club** (formerly the Judge's Box Lounge), which offers an elevated experience for watching Grand Prix Ring competition on Thursday-Sunday, August 27-30, are also available.

For those who can't make it to the show grounds, [complimentary live webcasts](#) of all Grand Prix and Aspinall Ring competitions air on the Hampton Classic website. Produced by ClipMyHorse.TV, the Grand Prix Ring livestreams are sponsored by Longines and the Aspinall Ring livestreams are sponsored by [ClipMyHorse.TV](#). 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](#).

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