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Adoptable Friends Star in Animal Adoption Day Presented by Gotham Enterprizes at the 2025 Hampton Classic Horse Show

Bridgehampton, NY – August 25, 2025 – The Hampton Classic Horse Show featured **Animal Adoption Day presented by Gotham Enterprizes** on Monday with a distinguished program to mark its 14th anniversary. The event hosted several **dog-cat rescue groups** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Kids Area, including ARF Hamptons, Hope for Cleo Animal Rescue, Last Chance Animal Rescue, Lucky Dog Refuge, Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation, Tylers Rescue and Wags & Walks.

Additionally, the **EQUUS Foundation** welcomed attendees to the Grand Prix Ring from 1:30-3:00 p.m. to provide information on animal adoption and present adoptable horses from Rising Starr Horse Rescue and Super Hero Rescue Horses.

Celebrating 50 years of world-class equestrian competition in 2025, the **Hampton Classic Horse Show** takes place in Bridgehampton, NY, **August 24-31**, featuring FEI CSI5* and CSI2* show jumping and USEF Premier hunter competitions with more than \$1 million in prize money. The highlight of the week is the \$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix, one of the world's premier show jumping competitions, on Sunday, August 31.

Welcoming spectators to the Grand Prix Arena in the afternoon was EQUUS Foundation representative **Valerie Angeli** and award-winning animal advocate, bestselling author and longtime co-host of the EQUUS Foundation's Horse Welfare and Adoption Day presentation **Jill Rappaport**. As part of the festivities, Rappaport was also named the EQUUS Foundation's newest official EQUUSStar.

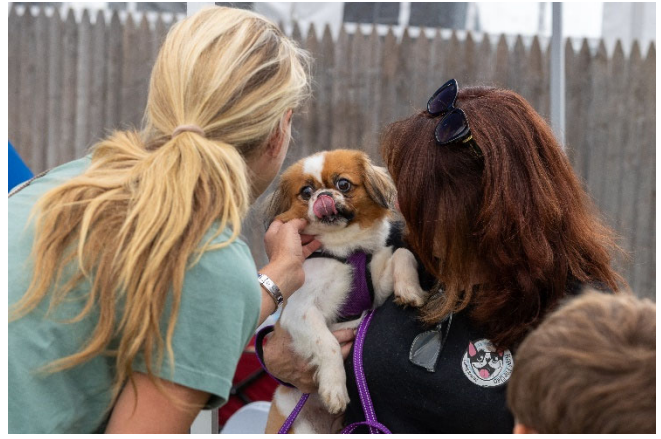
"I'm honored to have coordinated with all these people and organizations who love horses and people who do amazing things for horses; they're all great organizations," said Angeli, EQUUS Foundation VP of Engagement. "Every horse can be at risk, and we want to showcase that and show you what you can do to help – not just adopt but be a voice for them and care about every horse. Every horse is a

champion, and that's why we're here. We are excited to be at the Hampton Classic, and we love that they give us such a great platform to do this.”



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Other notable events included HEART Equine Ambulance tours, a blacksmith demonstration by Tim Fitzgerald, a Q&A with Return to Freedom Wildhorse Sanctuary, various horse handling demos, and a meet-and-greet with the Long Island University Equestrian Team and the new Long Island Lewyt College of Veterinary Medicine. The EQUUS Foundation 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.



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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 28, with the **\$5,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2*** and **\$32,000 CSI5* Two-Phase** and continues throughout the weekend with seven 2*/5* classes. 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 31.

Other competition highlights include the **\$30,000 The Wellington Jumper Challenge**, **\$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper**, **\$40,000 CME Group 1.45m National Grand Prix**, **\$10,000 Hunt & Go Stake presented by The Baran**, **\$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship**, **\$25,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey 1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic**, and **\$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges**, which are now being offered as two separate bonuses: \$10,000 for the FEI 2* division and \$20,000 for the FEI 5* division.

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 30).

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 31, are \$55 per seat and are available on the [Hampton Classic website](#). Tickets for the Classic's new **Judge's Box Lounge**, which offers an elevated experience for watching Grand Prix Ring competition on Thursday-Sunday, August 28-31, are also available. Lounge tickets are priced at \$200 for Thursday, \$300 for Friday or Saturday, and \$600 for Grand Prix Sunday and are available on the [Hampton Classic website](#).

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.