

TheraPlate Peak Performance Award Honors an Exceptional Horse During Week V of Colorado Summer in the Rockies

Parker, CO (July 17, 2017) —As a part of its tradition of supporting exceptionally fit and sound horses with its TheraPlate Peak Performance Award, TheraPlate Revolution Therapy Platforms has found another winner in Annabella Sanchez's lovely grey mare Zanta Fee Van T Hofferrijckel at the Colorado Horse Park. Known for its revolutionary equine and human therapy platforms, TheraPlate was pleased to present the outstanding mount with the award, which includes a commemorative ribbon and engraved silver platter, during week V of the Summer in the Rockies competition series.

Sanchez, a young and up-and-coming rider based in Chicago, Illinois, and her 10-year-old Holsteiner mare (by Carinjo) also won the High Junior/Amateur-Owner 1.4-meter Jumper class with no faults and in the fastest time. "I got her from Reed Kessler," says young Sanchez. "I've had her for about two and a half years now, and I am just starting to form a partnership with her. She's my first really strong horse, but now I'm starting to know her better. Our partnership is really forming, and it's showing in the ring."

Sanchez says she credits her win to a great deal of perseverance and consistent training behind the scenes. "It was very rewarding to have all that hard work finally pay off," she reflected.

As far as goals for the future, Sanchez has her sights set high. "Right now, my goal is to compete in the high junior successfully. After that, I hope to go to the North American Junior/Young Riders Championships next year, to compete in the high juniors during the Winter Equestrian Festival, and eventually the over-25."

Through the award, TheraPlate recognizes horses such as Sanchez's mare, which demonstrate the superior soundness, fitness, and strength of top equine athletes. The TheraPlate Peak Performance Award is presented once each week throughout the summer.

“I’ve used a TheraPlate and I love it,” says Sanchez. “I think it really loosens up a horse’s muscles and gets them relaxed and not so tense. They definitely need that as top athletes.” Sanchez also credits her horse’s excellent condition to consistent flatwork. “This teaches the horse how to use its back. Then we keep up with their vet work and the farrier. We give them time off, too. Being very consistent is key. It’s all very important.”

A continual supporter of horse health and wellness, TheraPlate was honored to recognize Zanta Fee Van T Hofferrijckel. The company invites riders to try out the TheraPlate for themselves all summer long at its free Therapy Zone at the Colorado Horse Park. There, humans and horses alike can use the TheraPlate free of charge at any time throughout the show series.

The TheraPlate benefits both humans and horses through low-intensity, dynamic movement, which works to stimulate muscle contraction and increase circulation. Standing on the TheraPlate can help to reduce tension, soreness, swelling, stress, inflammation, and pain, while increasing circulation, muscle mass, and hoof growth, strengthening bones, and warming up before exercise. It also aids in speeding healing time after injuries.

For more information on Theraplate Revolution Therapy Platforms, the Official Therapy Plate of the US Equestrian, visit www.theraplate.com, call toll-free (800) 922-3685, or call (817) 629-5171.

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Photo: Annabella Sanchez’s mount Zanta Fee Van T Hofferrijckel received the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award during week V of the Summer in the Rockies show series at the Colorado Horse Park (Photo courtesy The Colorado Horse Park)