

Jumpers Conclude Colorado Horse Park Summer in the Rockies Show Series with the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award

Parker, CO (August 4, 2016) – Show jumping asks horses to use every inch of their bodies to clear a fence and gallop to the next, which is why equine fitness is a crucial factor in the sport. The impressive athleticism and robust performances of Cream and Crunch and Ramdam de Dry at the Colorado Horse Park's Summer in the Rockies show series recently earned both of them the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award.

The TheraPlate Peak Performance Award has been presented throughout the Summer in the Rockies hunter and jumper show series to horses that demonstrate outstanding musculature and fitness. TheraPlate Revolution Therapy Platforms, the Official Therapy Plate of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), is dedicated to helping horses achieve the fitness levels necessary to clear every jump. TheraPlate spent the summer sponsoring the Summer in the Rockies show series at the Colorado Horse Park, and has been rewarding horses with exemplary soundness, fitness, and strength with the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award, which includes an engraved silver plate and ribbon.

Cream and Crunch, owned by Antonio and Carla Abascal and ridden by 2016 NAJYRC Mexico North Junior Team Gold medalist Antonio Abascal Secchi, was selected to win the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award while competing in the Medium Jumper Classic at Summer in the Rockies. The family purchased Cream and Crunch as a four-year-old, and have developed the now 11-year-old mare to the high fitness level she displays today. "She has great scope and flexibility, and she's always willing to work," said 15-year-old Abascal Secchi. After receiving the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award for his impressive mare, he said, "This was the first I've heard of the TheraPlate, and after learning about the benefits it can have, I hope to use it soon."

When horses stand on a TheraPlate platform, they incur benefits including increased bone strength, muscle mass, hoof growth, and circulation; reduced inflammation, injuries, pain, healing time, and stress; and improved balance, joint health, and function. Many top jumpers, including Todd Minikus and David Blake, make sure to put their competition horses on the TheraPlate regularly.

The most recent winner of the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award at the Colorado Horse Park was Ramdam de Dry, owned and ridden by Lina Rojas, a new resident of Denver, Colorado. Ramdam de Dry won the award after placing first in the High JR/AO Classic with Rojas.

"Ramdam de Dry has been traveling with me since I got him four years agofrom Switzerland to Chicago to Denver," Rojas said. "He's not tall but he's super strong. I think he'll be doing the really big classes in a year or so. I know of TheraPlate, which made it even better to learn we'd won both our class and the Peak Performance Award too!"

TheraPlate was proud to reward fit horses like Cream and Crunch and Ramdam de Dry with the Peak Performance Award throughout the 2016 Summer in the Rockies show series. To find out more about TheraPlate and how your horse can reach fitness levels worthy of the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award, visit <u>www.theraplate.com</u> or call (800) 920-3685.

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Photo 1: Ramdam de Dry, owned and ridden by Lina Rojas, wins the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award at the Summer in the Rockies show series at the Colorado Horse Park (Photo courtesy of Sportfot and the Colorado Horse Park)

Photo 2: Cream and Crunch, owned by Antonio and Carla Abascal and ridden by Antonio Abascal Secchi, wins the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award at the Summer in the Rockies show series at the Colorado Horse Park (Photo courtesy of the Colorado Horse Park)