## Donegal V Gives Jaimey Irwin a Special Birthday Grand Prix Win and Honored as TheraPlate Sport Horse of the Month



*Wellington, FL (March 7, 2018)* – For Team Irwin Dressage, one's equestrian goals can be achieved through determination, teamwork and following proven plans. Jaimey and Tina Irwin, a Canadian couple who have formed a dynamic duo in the dressage industry, crafted a winning training program at their Ontario, Canada based facility, Stoney Lake Equestrian, and brought the fruits of their labor to Wellington, Florida for the winter season. Part of their training program includes daily sessions for their horses on the TheraPlate, a therapy platform that utilizes dynamic movement to improve circulation, foster healing and maximize performance. Exhibiting true athletic ability, ideal fitness and conditioning of their horses, the Irwin's mount Donegal V was spotlighted as the most recent winner of the TheraPlate Sport Horse of the Month Award. The Irwin's were presented the award at the farm they work out of during the winter season in Loxahatchee, FL.

The head-turning Donegal V, a 17.1 hand 2008 Dutch Warmblood (Johnston x Remy – Gribaldi) gelding, is owned by the syndicate Team Irwin Supporters Group and ridden by Jaimey Irwin. The pair competed successfully in the small tour last year in Wellington, Florida, with ambitions to enter the Grand Prix arena in 2018. On March 3, the pair celebrated a special win on Irwin's birthday with Donegal V taking first place in his debut FEI Grand Prix class at the Adequan Global Dressage Festival. Recognizing the exceptional training efforts that take place every day behind the scenes, TheraPlate representatives were pleased to honor the evident athletic conditioning of Donegal V and present Team Irwin with a commemorative ribbon.

"With our horses, we put them on the TheraPlate everyday," Irwin stated. "I think that the benefits are huge, and the long-term benefits that we do not see right away are excellent. It really stimulates circulation all the way up the legs and helps with foot growth. I feel with any injuries, it really helps the healing process and helps everything stay supple and loose."

TheraPlate Revolution Therapy Platforms, the official Therapy Plate of the US Equestrian, is a vital tool in the arsenals of top riders of all disciplines. The TheraPlate has numerous proven benefits as it gently, and rapidly, helps horses reach ideal body conditions with zero impact. As horses, other animals and people stand on the TheraPlate platform, they experience increased blood circulation, build muscle, reduce inflammation and incur other health benefits.

Donegal V and the other horses of Stoney Lake Equestrian embrace their daily TheraPlate sessions as Irwin remarked, "The one big thing we noticed with the TheraPlate is that the horses love it. Once they are on it, they want to stay on it. The horses relax and seem to really enjoy their treatment on it every day."

Donegal V joins an extensive group of top equine athletes that enjoy their time on the TheraPlate. Top dressage riders such as Heather Blitz, Adrienne Lyle, Debbie McDonald, Cesar Parra and Kasey Perry-Glass are several of the company's ambassadors whose horses utilize the conditioning benefits of consistent TheraPlate sessions. To see more follow this link <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvrbbOO-dKs</u>

In addition to honoring impressive equine athletes with the Sport Horse of the Month Award, TheraPlate regularly sponsors equestrian events such as the Gold Coast Dressage Association show series and The Colorado Horse Park. For more information on TheraPlate Revolution Therapy Platforms, the Official Therapy Plate of the US Equestrian, visit <u>www.theraplate.com</u>, call (800) 920-3685, or email <u>theraplate@gmail.com</u>.

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Photo: TheraPlate Sport Horse of the Month for March 2018 recipient Donegal V with trainer Jaimey Irwin at the farm in Loxahatchee, FL. (Photo courtesy of JRPR – no photo credit necessary).