

## Hoog Takes the Long Road and Wins the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award



*Wellington, FL (June 20, 2018)* – The Gold Coast Dressage Association Summer Solstice show was held at the Palm Beach Equine Sports Complex, and featured three top judges, two of which are FEI 3\* and 4\* judges. TheraPlate, a long time sponsor of the Gold Coast Dressage Shows, was on hand to present one top performing pair with their Peak Performance Award, the winning rider and horse received a TheraPlate one month trial, a stunning ribbon, and custom TheraPlate breakaway cross ties. The recipient of the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award this weekend was adult amateur Kathryn Hoog aboard the 18-year-old gelding Tageslicht, better known as Tag.

Hoog a Loxahatchee local came to the show with hopes to get a qualifying score for the USDF Regional Championships aboard her long time partner. Tageslicht a stunning grey gelding, aptly named for the German word meaning “daylight”. Hoog’s family had saved Tag’s mother from an ASPCA rescue organization and learned a lot from “the stubborn little mare”. Eventually Hoog decided to breed her to Hilda Gurney’s top stallion Leonidas. After starting Tag under saddle and showing him successfully in training level, Tag had a ten year hiatus, before coming back to Hoog three years ago, and for the past two years she has been back in the saddle enjoying him, “He’s hot as a pepper, but a good boy that wont buck or spook, he’s just hot and a fun ride”, said Hoog.

The score of 67% that Hoog and Tag earned from Sue Mandas this past weekend gave them a qualifying score for Regionals at Third Level Freestyle. Hoog added, “We would like to try Fourth Level before going to Regionals and hopefully from there qualifying to go to Nationals”. Hoog was ecstatic to be the recipient of the TheraPlate award, as she has had the chance to try one in the past and said Tag was a different horse after using it. “I am really looking forward to trying it again and hopefully getting one,” said Hoog. “Even though he is eighteen years old, Tag that acts like a seven-year-old. I am excited because the TheraPlate can help him out in countless ways.”

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Photo 1: TheraPlate Peak Performance winner Kathryn Hoog aboard Tageslicht and the “pit crew”. (Photo courtesy of JRPR, no photo credit necessary)  
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Photo 2: TheraPlate Peak Performance winner Kathryn Hoog aboard Tageslicht during their Third Level Freestyle. (Photo courtesy of JRPR, no photo credit necessary)