



TheraPlate Partners with International Show Jumper Amanda Derbyshire

Wellington, FL (March 24, 2017) – International Grand Prix show jumper Amanda Derbyshire brought an impressive string of horses to the 2017 Winter Equestrian Festival this season in Wellington, Florida. Based at David and Becky Gochman’s Baxter Hill Farm – close enough to the Wellington show grounds to walk to the competition rings – Derbyshire has enjoyed a successful season, with wins and top placings throughout the acclaimed show series.

Because top equine fitness is such a crucial factor in the sport of show jumping, and to keep all of Baxter Hill Farm’s horses comfortable and performing their best, Derbyshire relies on TheraPlate Revolution Therapy Platforms. TheraPlate counters the effects of chronic inflammation, speeds healing, and aids in the prevention of injury. TheraPlate Revolution Therapy Platforms, the Official Therapy Plate of the US Equestrian, named Derbyshire an official TheraPlate Brand Ambassador this season.

Many top jumping riders make sure to regularly put their competition horses on TheraPlate therapy platforms, which offer tremendous physical benefits and enhance recovery after strenuous exercise. Derbyshire discovered TheraPlate about six months ago. “I had noticed TheraPlate becoming increasingly popular as something being used in the FEI stabling areas at the bigger shows, as both a

pre- and post-competition routine for a lot of top barns. I find TheraPlate a great routine for the horses while they are drying off or after exercise; not only for the physical benefits after exercising, but also for relaxing, which is great for them before going back into their stalls,” she said.

While TheraPlate is newer to Derbyshire, life in the show ring as a successful jumper rider is not. Originally from Lancashire, England, Derbyshire was a pony rider from the start. She enjoyed a very successful pony jumper career and won her first Grand Prix in Istanbul, Turkey as a Young Rider. “My childhood days were devoted to ponies,” she said, “and I soon developed a great passion for these animals.”

Now stateside and dividing her time between the Gochman’s Florida and northeast locations, Derbyshire has had tremendous success over the past seven years on the family’s jumpers, and assists the couple’s daughters, Mimi and Sophie, in their riding, as well. She commented on the good fortune she has enjoyed since coming to the United States as a 21-year-old. “I was presented with what would turn out to be a life-changing job opportunity, and since 2010 I have worked for the Gochmans in the running of their farm alongside my fellow colleagues.”

Along with Derbyshire’s impressive history in the irons and decades of horse care experience, the addition of TheraPlate into her training program has only enhanced her winter show season. While campaigning a relatively new team of horses, Derbyshire scored a win during the Winter Equestrian Festival Week 6 aboard her new mount, Sibell BH, winning the FEI 2* 1.45m speed class. Derbyshire and nine-year-old mare Luibanta BH competed on Great Britain’s Nations Cup team at the Winter Equestrian Festival, helping the team to fourth place. “She’s a young mare, but has already been very competitive for me,” Derbyshire said. She’s also proud of the results of another nine-year-old mount this season. “Cornwall BH is my newest mount, also a nine-year-old, and he jumped excellent in our first Saturday Night Light’s class together, where we finished fifth in the \$100K Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix.” Derbyshire has also been successful this season on Lady Maria BH. “She continues to be a very reliable horse for me,” said Derbyshire. “During Week 7 she placed third in the \$35K FEI 2* ranking class, and fourth in the \$35K 5* ranking class. Of all the horses in the barn, I have had the longest partnership with her.” Lady Maria BH has produced stellar results at some of the biggest shows in the United States; specifically, last year, the pair won the 2* Grand Prix at the Longines Global Champions tour in Miami Beach.

Now officially sponsored by TheraPlate, Derbyshire is delighted to be associated with a product she believes in. “When I first got the plates I tried them and felt great after standing on them,” she said. “It is nice when you can try an equine product yourself and feel the results, as it really helps me to believe in the benefits of the product.” By simply standing on the plates, users can increase blood circulation, build muscle, reduce inflammation, and create many other health benefits. With zero impact to the body, the therapy plates can be used daily and are ideal for highly competitive horses in full work, as well as for older, less active horses to help them retain body condition.

When the Winter Equestrian Festival finishes on April 2, Derbyshire will begin making plans for the move to her summer base in New Jersey. She will next focus on the summer/fall circuit, which includes competing in Kentucky and Michigan, as well as taking on Devon, the American Gold Cup, the Hampton Classic, and the fall indoor circuit.

Based in Weatherford, Texas, TheraPlate Revolution offers therapy platforms for both horses and their human teammates. To learn more about how the innovative TheraPlate can improve horses’ health, or to arrange a no-obligation trial, visit www.theraplate.com or call toll-free (800) 922-3685 or direct (817) 629-5171.

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