

TheraPlate Honors Exceptional Horses During Weeks III and IV of 2017 Colorado Summer in the Rockies Series



Parker, CO (July 7 2017) — TheraPlate Revolution Therapy Platforms, an official sponsor of the Colorado Horse Park Summer in the Rockies competition series and the Official Therapy Plate of US Equestrian, is shining a spotlight this summer on exceptionally fit and sound horses with its TheraPlate Peak Performance Award. Known for its revolutionary equine and human therapy platforms, TheraPlate was pleased to present its award to two outstanding horses during weeks III and IV of the summer-long competition, which took place at the Parker, Colorado facility. The award is presented once every week throughout the summer, and includes a commemorative ribbon and engraved silver platter.

The first winning horse recognized by TheraPlate was J.E.S. Quito, a stunning 10-year-old bay gelding (Quinar x Quinta) owned and ridden by Colorado-based jumper and trainer Nicki Wilcox. The duo accepted their award after claiming the 3rd place title in the \$20,000 Open Welcome Stake during week III of the Colorado show series.

Wilcox and her winning mount have a long and special history together as a horse-and-rider team. The duo first met when J.E.S. Quito was an inexperienced youngster, and Wilcox herself was a working student. From the beginning, Wilcox took a keen interest in developing the young prospect, shouldering almost all the tasks of caring for, grooming, and training him. Over the years, the pair has developed a strong and successful partnership, eventually going on to earn their share of successes and competing together in the Grand Prix.

The second horse to garner the award from TheraPlate was Cumana, a Canadian warmblood bay gelding (Black Diamond x Step) owned and ridden by Little Rock Arkansas-based jumper Mattie Hatcher. Hatcher and Cumana rode to victory in the Adequan 1.40/1.45m Open Jumper Class during week IV of the summer competition series, claiming the blue ribbon just before accepting their award from TheraPlate.

Hatcher, who trains with Michael Tokaruk of Tokaruk Show Stables, is extremely pleased with Cumana's performance so far this year at the Colorado Horse Park.

"My other young rider horse got hurt, so I got Cumana to step up in the levels, and he has just exceeded all my expectations. He has scope beyond what you think a horse could have.

He is also very forgiving, and though he can be a little crazy outside the ring, he's awesome whenever you're on his back."

Hatcher, who was excited to accept her award from TheraPlate, has tried the TheraPlate before on herself, as well as tested it on some of her horses. "It makes my body feel like I just took an ice bath, and it relaxes your muscles. I think it would be really good for my horses because of all the pounding and stress on their joints, especially in their lower legs. Standing on the TheraPlate loosens them up."

A continual supporter of horse health and fitness, TheraPlate was honored to recognize J.E.S. Quito and Cumana at the Parker, Colorado show series. The company also invites riders to come try out the TheraPlate at its free Therapy Zone at the Colorado Horse Park, where humans and horses alike can use the TheraPlate free of charge at any time throughout the show series.

By standing on the TheraPlate, both humans and horses benefit through low-intensity, dynamic movement, which works to stimulate muscle contraction and increase circulation. Among its many benefits, 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 1: J.E.S. Quito, ridden by Nicki Wilcox, wins the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award at the Colorado Horse Park (Photo courtesy of the Colorado Horse Park)

Photo 2: Cumana wins the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award at the Colorado Horse Park (Photo courtesy of the Colorado Horse Park)