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## **Katie Poag's Zonnekoning Wins TheraPlate Peak Performance Award at 2016 Adequan Global Dressage Festival**



*Wellington, FL (January 22, 2016)* — At his first CDI competition, 12-year-old bay Dutch Warmblood stallion Zonnekoning turned heads and won the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award, proving he is truly ready to step up to this high level of competition. The striking stallion attracted the attention of the award selection committee at the first installment of the 2016 Adequan Global Dressage Festival competition series held in Wellington, Florida. The prestigious competition series draws top competitors from all over the world who compete for some of the largest purses in dressage. Show sponsor TheraPlate is adding even more prize-winning opportunities throughout the 12-week show series.

TheraPlate Revolution Therapy Platforms— the company behind the popular and effective therapy plate that promotes healing, fitness, and soundness— is a proud sponsor of the Adequan Global Dressage Festival. During each CDI week, the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award is presented to one horse that most strongly exemplifies TheraPlate's core principles of soundness, fitness, performance, and strength. As winner, Zonnekoning and his human partner

Katie Poag were presented with a beautiful ribbon and a commemorative silver plate that will serve as a lasting reminder of this accomplishment.

Zonnekoning is owned and competed by Katie Poag of South Carolina. Poag has owned the extraordinary stallion for almost six years, and has carefully managed his development every step of the way. “I’ve done all of the training on him since I bought him in the Netherlands when he was six,” she said proudly. Like TheraPlate, Poag noticed Zonnekoning’s athletic ability as soon as she met him. She decided this was the horse for her. “He is talented, and the piaffe and passage are easy for him,” Poag added.

In 2014, the pair competed in the Grand Prix Developing Horse classes. Last year, they competed in their first Grand Prix. Now, they have risen to the international Grand Prix ring. Poag commented, “He is very smart. We just have to gain some mileage.” Poag believes in good nutrition and a well-rounded exercise program to keep her horse in top condition.

TheraPlate, the Official Therapy Plate of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), is a popular choice across all equestrian disciplines because of its ability to reduce the chances of injury and promote healing for a spectrum of issues— from tendon and stifle injuries to founder. TheraPlate also improves the overall body condition of horses. TheraPlate is devoted to helping horses and people reach the health and body condition needed to deliver peak performances, and is happy to have the opportunity to congratulate those who demonstrate that they share in TheraPlate’s values by displaying true fitness in the show ring.

Through consistent use over time, benefits of the TheraPlate therapy platforms include increased circulation, increased bone strength, increased muscle mass, reduced swelling and inflammation, rapid healing, and reduced pain. TheraPlate is effective on horses, humans, and other animals.

Look for TheraPlate at the 2016 Adequan Global Dressage Festival with the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award. For more information on these revolutionizing therapy platforms, visit [www.theraplate.com](http://www.theraplate.com) or call [\(800\) 920-3685](tel:8009203685).