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Katherine Bateson-Chandler's Alcazar Wins TheraPlate Peak Performance Award at Adequan Global Dressage Festival

Wellington, FL (April 7, 2016)— International Grand Prix rider and trainer Katherine Bateson-Chandler demonstrated her training program's strength as she piloted Jane Forbes Clark's 11-year-old KWPN gelding Alcazar to several top placings in the Grand Prix and the Grand Prix Freestyle throughout this season at the Adequan Global Dressage Festival. The gelding's impressive body condition was noticed by TheraPlate Revolution Therapy Platforms, who rewarded Alcazar and Bateson-Chandler with the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award at the Wellington, Florida show series.

The hot South Florida show season can be grueling as horses and riders strive to perform flawless tests. TheraPlate, the Official Therapy Plate of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), knows that a high level of fitness and athletic ability is key to helping horses stay cool in heat and under pressure. That's why the company manufactures the popular TheraPlate therapy platforms to help horses attain physical fitness, prevent injury, and heal from existing injuries. It's also why the company presents the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award to riders who share TheraPlate's values of keeping horses in great shape.

During the final week of the 2016 Adequan Global Dressage Festival, TheraPlate, a sponsor of the show series, was proud to award Alcazar and Bateson-Chandler with the award.

“I’ve always been proud that my horses look like they are in really good shape and well muscled to do their job,” Bateson-Chandler said as she accepted the beautiful TheraPlate Peak Performance Award silver platter and commemorative ribbon. She received the award after walking out of the Grand Prix ring after what she felt was their best performance of the season. “We’ve been pushing it this whole season. I’m proud of my horse— at the end of the season, he’s had his best test!”

Alcazar will receive a well-earned break before the pair heads to their summer base at dressage Olympic Gold Medalist Carl Hester’s facility in England. Bateson-Chandler is looking forward to the opportunity to compete across the European continent, which will allow Alcazar to gain more experience at prestigious international competition venues.

During the winter, Bateson-Chandler has been based at Jane Forbes Clark’s facility. While there, Bateson-Chandler said Alcazar actually only goes in the dressage arena about three times per week. “The rest of the time, I ride him around the big Grand Prix field and a big sand track that goes for 1.3 miles. We do a lot of trotting and cantering on the track,” she explained. Her strategy is obviously working for the athletic horse.

“I’ve used the TheraPlate before and it is really an amazing product,” Bateson-Chandler added. “Our horses pound on their feet a lot, and using the TheraPlate really helps them!” Consistent use of the TheraPlate platform increases circulation, muscle mass, bone density, and strength; reduces swelling and inflammation; and encourages rapid healing. Horses that use TheraPlate become more fit and better able to perform at any level of competition.

For more information about TheraPlate’s revolutionary therapy platforms, visit www.theraplate.com or call (800) 920-3685.

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Photo 1: Katherine Bateson-Chandler and Alcazar win the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award at the Adequan Global Dressage Festival (Photo courtesy of JRPR— no photo credit necessary)

Photo 2: TheraPlate Peak Performance Award winners Katherine Bateson-Chandler and Alcazar compete in the Grand Prix at the 2016 Adequan Global Dressage Festival (Photo courtesy of JRPR— no photo credit necessary)