

TheraPlate Ambassadors Collier and Peavy Named to U.S. Paralympic Equestrian Team



Thousand Oaks, CA (June 16, 2016) — TheraPlate Revolution Therapy Platforms, the Official Therapy Plate of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), congratulates TheraPlate Brand Ambassadors Sydney Collier and Annie Peavy for being named to the U.S. Paralympic Equestrian Team.

Collier and Peavy were named to the team after earning respective Champion and Reserve Champion titles in the High Performance Division of the USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage National Championships. The competition was hosted this month at the Waterloo Hunt Club in Thousand Oaks, California.

Collier, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, rode Western Rose, owned by Wesley Dunham, to consistent scores at the USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage National Championships, culminating in a 73.167 percent score in the final FEI Freestyle class. The 2014 World Equestrian Games Para-Dressage U.S. squad rider said, "I don't know if there are words to describe how proud I am of my horses and how thankful I am to have such a supportive team in my family, sponsors, trainer Wes Dunham, and amazing groom Satu Greer! It does take a village to be successful, and I am lucky to be surrounded by incredible sponsors like TheraPlate, who has cheered me on from the start of my ParaQuest six years ago, while keeping my horses and myself fit and ready for the show ring."

Collier credits part of her ability to compete to the therapeutic products manufactured by TheraPlate. “TheraPlate has been a fundamental part of my success, as well as my horses’ success,” Collier explains. “Decreased circulation and endless muscle spasm are a part of my life due to my AVM’s and my stroke. I often have grey fingers and skin that is ice cold—quite painful— and often triggers painful muscle spasms all over my left side. I spend time on the TheraPlate before and after my rides to help warm up my muscles and calm my spasms. I can actually see pink in my fingers after ten to fifteen minutes on the TheraPlate, which is super exciting and looks so much better, too!”

Collier trains at Woodstock Stables in Millbrook, New York, where the TheraPlate platform is integral to her daily program. “Many days my horse and I spend our time together on the TheraPlate, and sometimes my service dog Journey squeezes on, too! We can get a warm up on the TheraPlate before our lesson and are ready to get down to the real work much more comfortably and safely.”

Annie Peavy, of Avon, Connecticut, rode Lancelot Warrior, owned by Rebecca Reno and Heather Blitz, at the National Championships. Peavy earned the highest (75.833 percent) Freestyle score of the event, securing her overall place as Reserve Champion of the High Performance Division. “Lance was truly a warrior,” she said. “After a long trip from Wellington (Florida), he got off the trailer ready to compete. I couldn't have asked more of him. I have to thank Heather for helping me train and take the judges' impressions and translate that to the arena, and both my horses are well taken care of by Alex Philpin. A happy, healthy horse makes my job easier.”

Peavy and her horses also rely on the TheraPlate to keep in peak form for the show ring. TheraPlate was thrilled to see two TheraPlate Brand Ambassadors take top honors in the High Performance Division of the USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage National Championships.

Collier with Western Rose and Peavy with Lancelot Warrior have been selected to represent their country on the U.S. Paralympic Equestrian Team alongside Rebecca Hart with Schroeters Romani and Margaret McIntosh with Rio Rio.

TheraPlate Revolution, based in Weatherford, Texas, is devoted to helping America's Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls attain the strength and conditioning necessary to deliver peak performances and reduce injury, soundness, and pain issues. With consistent use, TheraPlate Revolution therapy platforms increase circulation, bone density, and muscle mass.

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Photo: After taking the Championship title in the High Performance Division of the USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage National Championships, TheraPlate Brand Ambassadors Sydney Collier is named to the U.S. Paralympic Equestrian Team (Photo courtesy of Anna Collier)