



New Dressage CDIs

Pacific Coast CDI announces that it will hold its first CDI*** at El Campeon Farms in Thousand Oaks, California, on March 5-8, and a CDI-W Nov 12-15 of 2020. The new all-volunteer show organizer group, Pacific Coast CDI, is spearheaded by Barbara Biernat with hired show management provided by Centerline Events' Debra Reinhardt. It will work to create a smaller, financially sustainable CDI offering for the West Coast. "We have been running CDIs since 2002, and are looking forward to bringing our customer friendly style to El Campeon for this revitalization of the West Coast CDIs," says Reinhardt.

Visit www.centerlineevents.com for more info.

Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act

On Nov. 25, 2019, President Donald J. Trump signed the Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act, H.R. 724, into law. The bill, led by U.S. Sens. Pat Toomey (R-PA) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and U.S. Reps. Ted Deutch (D-FL) and Vern Buchanan (R-FL) passed the House and Senate in recent weeks without dissent. The PACT Act establishes the first federal anti-cruelty law in American history.

Animal Wellness Action's executive director, Marty Irby attended the signing ceremony in the Oval Office along with U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan.

"We're thrilled to see the first anti-cruelty statute in American history signed into law and applaud President Trump and the Congress for providing the voiceless with a level of protection never seen before," said Marty Irby, executive director at Animal Wellness Action. "The PACT Act will allow federal authorities to crack down on the most egregious of animal abusers and help keep American pets safe from harm."

Animal Wellness Action is a Washington, D.C.-based 501(c)(4) organization with a mission of helping animals by promoting legal standards forbidding cruelty. The Animal Wellness Foundation is a Los Angeles-based private charitable organization with a mission of helping animals by making veterinary care available to everyone with a pet, regardless of economic ability.

For more information, visit www.animalwellnessaction.org.

West Palms Events & Langer Equestrian Group Partner in Woodside

Langer Equestrian Group is jumping into 2020 with a management team for its popular Woodside Spring and Summer Series shows at the Horse Park at Woodside. "Dale Harvey and his West Palms management team are going to manage our five-show series," stated LEG Managing Director Marnye Langer. "I am really excited about the synergies our two management groups can achieve, and I believe the trainers and exhibitors are really going to benefit by this collaboration."

Langer Equestrian Group has a 20-year history of producing shows at the Horse Park at Woodside and was instrumental in the development of the facility as a top-notch horse show venue in Northern California. West Palms produced its first show at the Horse Park in 2017 and added a second week in 2019.

"The West Palms team is really excited to manage the full series of shows for the 2020

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Woodside show schedule. We look forward to working with Langer Group and The Horse Park at Woodside to deliver the best show season yet,” stated Dale Harvey, CEO of West Palms Events.

American Horse Council Internships

In 2020, the American Horse Council will again offer internship programs available to both high school and college students. Students are eligible to apply for one internship per year in the AHC Internship Program. Three programs range from one to two weeks, one to two months or full semester internships, with stipends to help defray expenses. Focus areas include policy and legislation, marketing and communications, equine disease communication (with the American Association of Equine Practitioners), equine welfare, and health and regulatory.

For more information, visit www.americanhorsecouncil.org .