Wednesday, January 5, 2011

United States Para-Equestrians Prepare for WEG Debut at Kentucky Equine Research

Written by: Lindsay McCall
Client: United States Para-Equestrian Association
Release Date: 2010-09-29

Lexington, KY-September 29, 2010- Excitement fills the atmosphere at the Kentucky Equine Research (KER) Facility in Lexington. The KER/United States Para-Dressage Team fielded by the United States Equestrian Federation last week of preparation for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. Riders have been practicing their tests, working with their horses a getting ready for the challenge. As the week moves along the rider with a mock jog and a mock show judged by Janet Foy. On Septem the KER/United States Para-Dressage team will officially be named to see.

The facilities at KER have given the riders a place to work together. Executive Director of the United States Para-Equestrian Association commented, “KER is like horse heaven; it is unbelievable. We are in a brand new beautiful big stalls that even include automatic sensors to tell us th each horse drinks. There is a beautiful indoor and an outdoor ring, pastures and the typical Kentucky rolling hills. The setting for them very calming and a wonderful place to be before entering the park.

KER has been a strong force in promoting and encouraging the new the World Equestrian Games. For 2010 they made a decision to spc and their relationship has gone further than just sponsorship. The l has been extremely accommodating to the Para-Equestrians includ open houses and inviting the media into their facility so interviews conducted with the riders.

During the week, riders had their own mock jog in preparation for I horse show on September 30, 2010. Janet Foy will be graciously do time to judge the riders during their mock show. This mock show w riders mentally and physically to what they will experience on the K Park grounds.

On October 4, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. the KER/United States Para-Dres: have their official jog at the High Hope Inspection Center on the Ke Park grounds. The first day of Para-Dressage competition gets undi October 5, 2010, with the Individual Team Test. October 6 and 7 w
Individual Championship Tests and the week will finish with the Freestyle Tests. All five days of competition will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be located in the Covered Arena.

For those interested in visiting KER, the next open house at the KER facilities will be October 7, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. There will be a facility tour and an exhibition of the high-speed treadmill used in nutrition and exercise physiology research.

If visitors would like to interview the riders or visit the residences during their stay, they may contact Kim Brown at KBrown@ker.com, or call the KER office at 859-873-1988.

Kentucky Equine Research has long been affiliated with top equestrian athletes. With the proper training, care, management, and nutrition, high performance horses will perform better and maintain their peak condition. Kentucky Equine Research (KER) is an international equine nutrition, research and consulting company serving both the horse producer and the feed industry. It advances the industry’s knowledge of equine nutrition and exercise physiology and applies this knowledge to produce healthier, more athletic horses. Bridging the gap between the equine nutrition research and its applications benefits equestrian professional, and horse enthusiasts.

On an international stage, KER’s founder and president Dr. Joe Pagan has overseen the nutritional needs of world-class horses at several international competitions, including four Olympics Games (1996 Atlanta, 2000 Sydney, 2004 Athens, and 2008 Hong Kong) and two World Equestrian Games (WEG, 2002 Juarez, 2006 Aachen).

About the United States Para-Equestrian Association:

The USPEA includes every equestrian discipline that is practiced by athletes with physical disabilities. Each rider or driver competes under the eighth discipline, the Para-Equestrian discipline, of the United States Equestrian Federation. For the first time at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™, the Para-Equestrian discipline will make history. The USEF High Performance Para-Equestrian Dressage team will compete as an FEI sport for the first time at the FEI World Equestrian Games™ held in Lexington, KY.

The USPEA is a recognized affiliated of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF). The USPEA provides programs, clinics, and competition opportunities for athletes with physical disabilities. Riders compete under the USEF and FEI rules during international competition and many of the athletes compete at the highest level of their sport.

For more information about the USPEA or for donation opportunities contact Hope Hand, President of the USPEA, email Wheeler966@aol.com or by phone: (610)356-6481.

To view online information about the USPEA please visit http://www.USPEA.org.

Photo Credit: Kentucky Equine Research © 2010 Logo Courtesy of Kentucky Equine Research. This photo may be used free of charge only in relation to this press release.
Photo Credit: Riders Prepare at Kentucky Equine Research© 2010 Equine Research. This photo may be used free of charge only in relation to this press release.