

Andrew leads the Pantomime Horse Derby



Andrew riding Jordan's Glamour Girl

International dressage rider Andrew Gould was proud to support the Breast Cancer Campaign by performing at the inaugural RSA Pantomime Horse Derby. Held at Royal Windsor Racecourse on Wednesday 30th July, Andrew rode Katie Price's horse Jordan's Glamour Girl performing for the pantomime horse competitors and spectators to demonstrate the finer points of dressage.

Andrew performed various dressage movements to explain how a real horse moves, before the pantomime horses attempted to emulate the movements. Andrew was accompanied by his wife Polly Gould, who commented on how the horse's movements are executed and the level of

difficulty that Andrew and Jordan's Glamour Girl were working at. Andrew and Polly were then invited to judge the pantomime dressage horse competition with celebrity commentator, Dr David Bull.

Andrew said: "It is great to be able to support such a worth while charity, but when I agreed to ride at the event I had no idea of what I was letting myself in for! The pantomime horse teams have been great sports and I hope we can raise lots of money for the charity."

Amanda Williams, Director of Fundraising, Breast Cancer Campaign, said: "Andrew and Polly were fantastic showing us how dressage should be done and really entering into the spirit of the day with their judging skills helping us raise £17k for breast cancer research."

The wonderful event was organised by the RSA to support the Breast Cancer Campaign and raise funds to help beat breast cancer. Twenty-three teams battled it out in 100m races and had a go at performing pantomime horse dressage much to the enjoyment of the crowd.

Beating the Bangs on Bonfire Night

Leading on-line EquestrianClearance.com have provided some top tips to help you prepare for Bonfire night.

Preparation is the key and with displays starting earlier each year, you need to plan well in advance. Read your local press and look in shop windows to find out where and when public displays are in your area.

Routine is very important to horses so try and stick to this and keep your horse with his usual companions.

For stabled horses check thoroughly for anything that could cause potential injury if your horse becomes frightened such as nails, string and protruding wood.

Leave stable lights on and radio turned up to lessen the noise of the fireworks.

Ensure your horse has plenty of hay to keep him occupied. If you know your horse

reacts badly to fireworks, maybe ask your vet about sedatives.

Depending on the horse, some feel more settled with the top door of their stable shut, but this depends on the individual.

For horses that are turned out, check that the fencing is very secure and that there is nothing the horse could damage itself on.

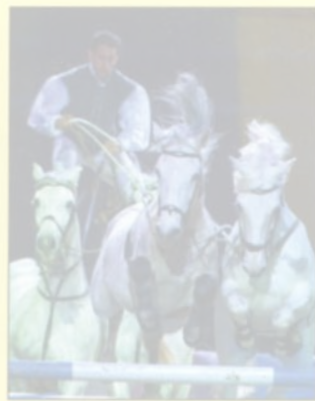
Stay with your horse as this should have a calming effect, even if you horse appears calm and relaxed make sure you check on him throughout the evening.

Check you have a fire procedure in place just in case!

Do you have insurance? If your horse escapes and causes damage or injury you could be held liable.

Before turning horses out the morning after the night before check your field for any stray fireworks.

Olympia Lines up Lorenzo and King's Troop Displays



Olympia, The London International Horse Show has confirmed the display acts for this year's event to complement the competition on offer. Lorenzo, 'the flying Frenchman' and The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery are the two acts set to stir up much excitement.

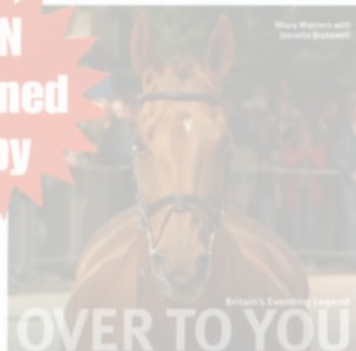
The popular Osborne Refrigerators Shetland Pony Grand National will also be back. Since its inception this yearly series of races, which culminates at Olympia, has raised £350,000 for charity. The chosen charity for 2008 is Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Olympia, The London International Horse Show has a full seven day programme this year, following its centenary celebrations in 2007. The show opens on the evening of Tuesday 16th December with the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Qualifier Grand Prix supported by Horse and Hound, and runs through to Monday 22nd December.

For further information and confirmed programme of events please visit www.olympiahorseshow.com. For tickets, call the box office on 0844 412 4634.

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