

# EQUITA

## LYON WESTERN HORSE SHOW

LYON  
EUREXPO  
30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER  
2024



Lyon, Rhône,  
18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### **EQUITA LYON 2024** ***EQUINE WELFARE DAY – SHOW YOUR HORSE YOU CARE!***

Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International is organising a day of conferences, exchanges and meetings specifically focusing on equine welfare on 31 October 2024.

The theme of this 4th edition of Equine Welfare Day, which was launched on the initiative of Equita Lyon's Health Area Steering Committee and in partnership with the French Equestrian Federation, will be:

*Show your horse you care!*

For many years now, those involved in equestrian sports have identified horse welfare as a key issue. Riders, trainers, vets and grooms have all long been at the forefront in this area. All those involved in the equine sector every day support and encourage research and development into ways of thinking and tools to better understand the horse and more effectively meet its needs.

These approaches have been partly adopted to optimise top-level performance but today they provide priceless knowledge for the general public and have resulted in that are products accessible to everyone.

In doing so, equestrian sports have acted as a true stimulus in matters about horse welfare and remain the leading force in the research and development of solutions in this area.

Knowledge acquired from the many programmes and tools put in place now provide a scientific and consistent approach to equine welfare, thus overcoming common preconceptions.

For **Sylvie Robert**, the Chairman of GL events Equestrian Sport: *'These meetings are one of the highlights of Equita Lyon. For many years now, they have been a source of quality exchanges, enriching discussions and constructive opportunities to share knowledge. We are convinced that this dialogue between the various players in the equine industry, equine and human health specialists, experts and associations is the key to continuing to move forward together on the issue of Equine Welfare and to reaffirming the central role of our shared passion: the horse.'*



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This year, equine health professionals, athletes, renowned experts and representatives of associations will be discussing their experience and personal accounts to shed light on the three themes addressed throughout the afternoon, hosted by **Axel Bourdin**.

### *Equine welfare and sports performance*

After this Olympic year, it was essential to highlight the major link that has existed for many years between equestrian sports and equine welfare.

#### *Speakers include:*

##### **Thierry Grisard**

an FEI vet, and the President of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Veterinary Committee

##### **Richard Corde**

a vet, horse welfare coordinator of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, of Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International and the Printemps des Sports Equestres

##### **Caroline Gaudin**

an ethologist and a dressage rider

#### *Testimonies:*

##### **Pauline Basquin**

the international dressage and Cadre Noir de Saumur rider

##### **Benjamin Aillaud**

the international driver

##### **Mark McAuley**

the international show jumper

##### **Nicolas Touzaint**

the international eventer

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*Equine welfare and new technologies:  
understanding them better to be more efficient*

**Speakers include:**

**Agnès Olivier**

Institut Français du Cheval et de l'Équitation

**Laurent Gallice**

FFE, Dressage Director

**Jean Morel**

FFE, selector and Chef d'Équipe of the French Dressage team

**Testimonies:**

Specific horse apps presented by **Thierry Grisard**, an FEI vet,  
A study about equestrian footings presented by  
**Paul Jacques Tanvez**, Normandie Drainage

*Explaining equine welfare to dispel misconceptions*

**Speakers include:**

**Richard Rondoux**

a lawyer specialised in animal rights

**Caroline Gropaiz**

an ethologist and a dressage rider

**Testimonies:**

**Sophie Dubourg:**

FFE, National Technical Director

**EQUINE WELFARE DAY**

**THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER FROM 2.30PM TO 5PM IN THE VIP VILLAGE**

**Free admission for exhibition visitors**

Equine Welfare Day is open to all visitors with an exhibition ticket. As the number of places is limited, we recommend that you register via the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/9KBFd7zw6u>



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### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

#### EXHIBITION OPENING TIMES\*\*

- . From Wednesday 30 October to Friday 1 November from 8.30 am to 8.30 pm (access to the International Arena's stands from 8 am)
- . On Saturday 2 November, from 8.30 am to 10.30 pm (late night opening),
- . On Sunday 3 November from 8.30 am to 7 pm

#### EXHIBITION TICKET SALES

- . Free for children under 6-years-old and disabled people <sup>1,2</sup>
- . Full price: €24
- . Reduced rates: French Equestrian Federation (FFE) licence holders, students and holders of Pass Région cards, groups of 15 people and more, € 20<sup>1</sup>
- . Children from 6 to 12-years-old: €15
- . 5 day-pass: €70
- . Family pass (2 adults and 2 children under 16-years-old): €60 (only sold onsite)

#### INTERNATIONAL REINING TICKET SALES

- . On Saturday 2 November, at 5 pm\*\*, The NRHA European Derby Open Final Section 2: €50

\*\*Times subject to change, please consult the [equitalyon.com](http://equitalyon.com) website

<sup>1</sup>Reservations are required for group prices: no group prices will be granted at the entrance of the exhibition. FFE licence holders, students and disabled people must present their card at the entrance of the exhibition.

<sup>2</sup>To facilitate access to the site for disabled people, numbered seats in the stands can be reserved at the following e-mail address [btoblive@fnac.com](mailto:btoblive@fnac.com)

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