

LONGINES EQUITA LYON

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7th October 2025.

LONGINES EQUITA LYON, CONCOURS HIPPIQUE INTERNATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE DAY EQUINE WELFARE IN EQUESTRIAN CENTRES: BRIDGING THEORY AND PRACTICE!

In France, more than 700,000 horses and ponies are accommodated in the 9,000 equestrian centres identified by the French Equestrian Federation. Equine welfare is a key concern in these educational and sporting environments, and is increasingly the focus of the growing reflection about horses' quality of life." This theme is also highlighted at Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International, which has made equine welfare a priority for more than thirty years. Florence Chaury, in charge of equine welfare at GL events Equestrian Sport, explains what this key happening, taking place on Thursday, 30th October, will involve.

Three questions for Florence Chaury, in charge of Equine Welfare at GL events Equestrian Sport

What made you choose the theme of equine welfare in equestrian centres this year?
Florence Chaury: "2025 marks the fifth edition of the Equine Welfare Day. Since its creation, Erwan Boucher, who is in charge of coordinating this day, and Equita Lyon's organising committee, have been committed to offering different perspectives on equine welfare. After choosing a very sport-oriented theme in 2024, an Olympic year, we were keen to put the focus back on where the passion for horses and riding begins: in equestrian centres. This is where the love for horses and riding flourishes. By sharing their knowledge, the professionals who work there play a key role in teaching students the right way to ride and ensuing they have a better understanding of horses and ponies. So it is important for us, as well as the FFE, with whom we have imagined this day, to highlight equestrian centres' best practices and help those involved in the sector enhance their understanding of them during this day focused on equine welfare."



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How will the day unfold?

Florence Chaury: "Every year, Equine Welfare Day is divided into several parts. Déborah Bardou, Animal Welfare Officer at the FFE, will present the federation's actions to promote horse and pony welfare in equestrian centres. We have also selected several experts, such as Andy Booth, the ethological riding instructor and founder of Horseman Science, Sophie Andrei, a lawyer practising in Lyon, Guillaume Blanc, Director of Support for the Equine Industry at the IFCE, Léa Lansade, Director of Research at INRAE, Alice Ruet, Research Engineer at the IFCE, and Mathilde Felga, a PhD student in management sciences, to discuss the topic from several perspectives, such as ethology, science, and equine law. A panel of guests will also be present to exchange views with the experts and represent all the opinions in the equestrian world, from equestrian centre managers to riders, teachers, and researchers. Hameline Virevialle, President of the AVEF (French Equine Veterinary Association), will conclude the day's presentations. All the discussions will be moderated by Kamel Boudra."

Who is this day aimed at?

Florence Chaury: "The theme is relevant to everyone involved in the equestrian world, so riding instructors, grooms, managers of equestrian facilities, and riders! Like every year, all the exhibition's visitors are welcome to come and share their experiences and learn from our experts. If you have suggestions or opinions on managing equine welfare in equestrian centres or even if you don't, you're welcome to join us!"

EQUINE WELFARE DAY

On Thursday 30th October at 2.30pm in the VIP Village (Hall 4.2)

Free entry with an exhibition ticket

GL events Equestrian Sport and equine welfare

Equine welfare has been at the heart of impassioned discussions in recent years. From the outset, GL events Equestrian Sport has made this fight its spearhead and continues to innovate, due its passion, respect for animals and exemplary practices in an environment in which the company is now a major player at world level.

In 2007, Equita Lyon, the Salon du Cheval de Lyon, led the way by creating its **Health Area**, in partnership with the Equine Hub of the Lyon Veterinary Campus (VetAgro Sup), the Equine Clinic of Champ du Perier, Boehringer Ingelheim, the second biggest company in the world in the animal health sector and the leading one in horse health, and a representative of human



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sports medicine. The Health Area features an educational and fun tour which informs riders and the general public about equine health and dispels preconceived ideas through conferences and demonstrations. In **2025**, Equita Lyon and VetagroSup will offer visitors a unique experience, allowing them to **follow a horse into the operating theatre using a virtual reality system**.

In **2021**, the **Equine Welfare Day**, organised with the FFE, became one of the exhibition's highlights. Its goal was "to gain insight to always do better."

At the end of **2023**, GL events Equestrian Sport created the **Equine Welfare Committee** with the support of the FFE. The group of experts – veterinarians, ethology researchers, sociologists and institutional representatives – works in three areas: informing the public, raising awareness among professionals and making recommendations to the authorities. Its considerations helped the preparation of the equestrian events at the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the most recent modifications introduced by the Fédération Équestre Internationale in terms of animal welfare.

This collective spirit is more than a statement of intent, and has been expressed through sustained actions for many years. Supported by Equita Lyon and GL events Equestrian Sport, it aims to inspire the whole equestrian world so that passion and respect go hand in hand.

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ABOUT GL events Equestrian Sport

GL events Equestrian Sport, the GL events Group's equestrian department, is renowned for its expertise throughout the world. The GL events Group has been involved in all the Olympic and Paralympic equestrian events since 1992. Since it was created, GL events Equestrian Sport has actively supported equestrian sports, while always prioritising equine welfare. Its team has a long-term involvement in the international promotion of equestrian disciplines, organising and installing the facilities of top-class events.

- It is the organiser of Equita Lyon and Longines Equita Lyon CHI,
- It is the creator of Le Printemps des Sports Équestres in Fontainebleau,
- It is the provider and partner of the Saut Hermès at the Grand Palais for the House of Hermès,
- It works in collaboration with the French Equestrian Federation for the Masters Pro Championships,
- And with the Fédération Équestre Internationale, for the 2014 and 2018 World Cup Finals.

GL events Equestrian Sport has also used all its expertise to contribute to the success of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, in particular for the equestrian and para-dressage competitions in the magical setting of the Gardens of the Palace of Versailles.

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

EXHIBITION OPENING TIMES*

- From Wednesday 29th October to Friday 31st October from 8 am to 8.30 pm
- On Saturday 1st November from 8 am to 10.30 pm (*late night opening*)
- On Sunday 2nd November from 8 am to 7 pm

EXHIBITION TICKETS

- Free for children under 6-years-old and disabled people ^{1,3}
- Full price: €25
- Reduced rates: French Equestrian Federation (FFE) licence holders, students and holders of Pass Région cards, groups of 15 people and more, € 21 ¹
- Children from 6 to 12-years-old: €16
- 5 day-pass: €75
- Family pass (2 adults and 2 children under 16-years-old): €65 (only sold onsite)

"SPORT AND SHOW" EVENING TICKETS

- On Friday 31st October, at 7.30pm*, show jumping: from €40²
 - The Longines Grand Prix followed by the equestrian show, *One Night at Equita*
- On Saturday 1st November, at 8 pm*, show jumping: from €40²
 - The Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, followed by the equestrian show, *One Night at Equita*
- On Sunday 2nd November, at 3 pm*, the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ leg,
 - : from €40²

INTERNATIONAL REINING TICKET SALES

- On Saturday 1st November, at 5 pm*, The NRHA European Derby Open Final Section 2: €50

*Times likely to be modified

¹ 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.

² Subject to availability.

³ 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



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