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A Week in the Life of Palm Beach Equine Clinic's Dr. Christopher Elliott at LGCT of Miami Beach

Palm Beach Equine Clinic served as Official Treating Veterinarian during the Longines Global Champions Tour (LGCT) of Miami Beach in Miami, FL, from Sunday, April 9 through Sunday, April 16, 2023. Dr. Christopher Elliott was on-site daily during this international competition. Keep reading to learn about Dr. Elliott's week while at this one-of-a-kind venue.

Arrival of International Horses – Sunday, April 9, 2023

The first day started at the airport with the arrival of the international horses. During this process, Palm Beach Equine Clinic veterinarians worked alongside the government veterinarians from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to make sure all the horses arriving were happy and healthy. While the horses were still on the airport tarmac, a team of government and local veterinarians performed the first two steps of the arrival process. First, we checked and cross-referenced microchips to confirm each horse's identity. Then we took blood samples from each horse.



Dr. Christopher Elliott of Palm Beach Equine Clinic was on-site daily at LGCT of Miami Beach. Photo courtesy of Dr. Christopher Elliott

All horses entering the U.S. had to be in quarantine for 48 hours under USDA government control. There are very strict veterinary protocols to ensure no diseases are inadvertently introduced into the country. Upon arrival in quarantine, horses were inspected by the USDA veterinarians for any evidence of illness or injury. All the horses in quarantine had their temperature taken and were inspected for any ectoparasites.

After being strictly monitored, including twice-daily veterinary inspections and temperature checks, the international horses were released from strict quarantine into the controlled competition environment. The international horses were housed in separate stables from domestic American horses. They were also kept separate in the training arena. Throughout the duration of the competition, all international horses were strictly monitored by both government veterinarians and the official veterinarians of the competition. All of these procedures are designed to prevent the inadvertent introduction of foreign or infectious diseases and protect the U.S. horse population. Fortunately, all of the international horses that arrived in Miami had no health concerns.

Arrival Examination Day for National Horses, Horse Inspection, and Arena Familiarization – Thursday, April 13, 2023

I began Thursday at the competition venue with the arrival examination for all FEI horses who were already in the United States.

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Management of Thrush, Rainrot, and Scratches



Thrush, rainrot, and scratches can become major problems as temperatures and humidity levels rise. Photo by Jump Media

Thrush, rainrot, and scratches are problems that most equestrians have encountered, especially during the hot and humid months of summer when these issues can incessantly plague horses and their owners. While different in their presentation, thrush, rainrot, and scratches have a lot in common. For horse owners, there are several problems that arise due to environmental factors or predisposing conditions, but these issues can easily be prevented or treated with proper care and management.

Palm Beach Equine Clinic's Dr. Bryan Dubynsky shared his expertise on the causes, treatment, and prevention of thrush, rainrot, and scratches.

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Congratulations to ESP Spring Winners



John Angus and W. Tonix Hero won the \$5,000 NAL Medium Junior/Amateur Jumper Stake sponsored by Palm Beach Equine Clinic. Photo by Sportfot

John Angus and W. Tonix Hero, owned by Stephanie E. Angus, claimed top honors in the \$5,000 NAL Medium Junior/Amateur Jumper Stake sponsored by Palm Beach Equine Clinic (PBEC) during the Spring I Charity show at Wellington International in Wellington, FL. The pair successfully navigated the first round to advance to the jump-off. Angus and his mount stopped the timers at 34.022 seconds to top the podium.

During the Spring II show, Kat Fuqua and her own Gagarin bested a field of 18 competitors to win the \$5,000 NAL Medium Junior/Amateur Jumper Stake sponsored by PBEC. The duo produced a winning jump-off time of 39.332 seconds.

Angus once again secured the top prize in the \$5,000 NAL Medium Junior/Amateur Jumper Stake sponsored by PBEC during the Spring III show, this time aboard Fou de Vous, owned by Sigma Stables LLC. The pair crossed the timers at 42.350 seconds for the win.

Catch Up With PBEC on Instagram



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pbequineclinic Dr. Jorge Gomez and his beautiful family on a well-deserved vacation in Hawaii. A great husband, a great dad and a great veterinarian. We are fortunate at Palm Beach Equine Clinic to count Dr. Gomez as one of our leaders in the Wellington community.

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