



Beverly Blues Wins Connaway & Associates High Point North American-Bred Horse Award at the 2025 Capital Challenge Horse Show

In a special presentation on Thursday, October 2, 2025, Beverly Blues became the seventh annual recipient of the Connaway & Associates Equine Insurance Services, Inc. High Point North American-Bred Horse Award at the Capital Challenge Horse Show in Upper Marlboro, MD.

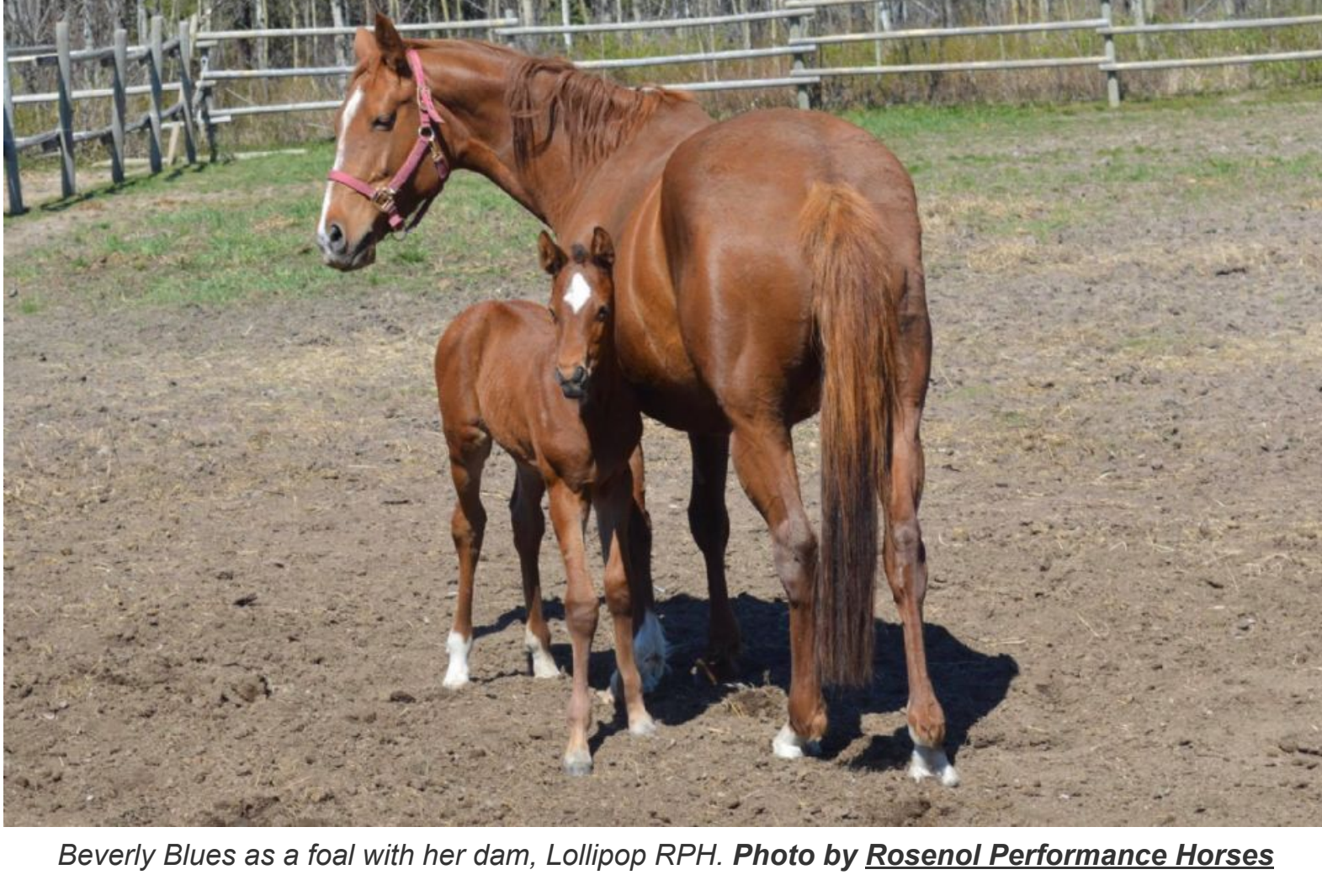


*The Canadian-bred five-year-old mare Beverly Blues, by Atlas RPH, produced an 86 in the Green Hunter Mares 3'-3'3" division under Meghan Knapic to scoop the 2025 Connaway & Associates High Point North American-Bred Horse Award at the Capital Challenge Horse Show. **Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.***

The five-year-old mare is ridden and trained by Meghan Knapic and owned by Jenna Weinfurt's First Blue LLC of Bluepoint, NY. With Knapic in the saddle, the Canadian Warmblood scored an 86 in the Green Hunter Mares 3'-3'3" division to capture the 2025 accolade. This is the second consecutive year that a mare has taken the coveted title, which was awarded to Ondine D'Orleans in 2024.

The award, which is open to horses bred in Canada, Mexico, and the United States, recognizes and rewards top-quality hunter horses bred in North America.

Weinfurt and Knapic spotted Beverly Blues — then named Aquila RPH — in a Canadian Warmblood Auction sale in 2021. She is by the Aquilan Calypso son Atlas RPH and out of the Leeto Z mare, Lollipop RPH. She was bred by Lana Smith of Rosenol Performance Horses in British Columbia, Canada.



*Beverly Blues as a foal with her dam, Lollipop RPH. **Photo by Rosenol Performance Horses***

"Beverly Blues was so consistent the whole week, and we're super proud of her," said Knapic, a 25-year-old professional rider who has been riding with the team at First Blue since she was 12. "I set my expectations high and put small goals in place for the show, which I achieved. This cool award was the sugar on top."

Connaway & Associates President Laura Connaway said, "I am proud to continue sponsoring the Connaway & Associates North American-Bred Horse Award at Capital Challenge. I'm passionate about supporting and celebrating the talent of North American-bred horses, and seeing this lovely mare, Beverly Blues, take home this year's honor at such a young age is really exciting."

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Practical Horseman

What Types of Insurance Does Your Equine Operation Need?

In this [Practical Horseman](#) article, Carolynne Tanner of [Connaway & Associates](#) explains the risks equine businesses face and breaks down the types of insurance coverage available to help make sure your operation is covered.

Equine businesses face unique liability risks, including injuries to both riders and horses, property damage and professional liability. Taking out a basic Equine Commercial General Liability (CGL) insurance policy is often the first step in protecting yourself and your equine operation. However, it's crucial to understand that this base policy will not provide coverage for wrongful acts as a professional or if you are found liable for the injury to or death of a non-owned horse in your care, custody or control.

Here, we take a comprehensive look at what coverage you might need for your operation and break down equine insurance terminology to help you better understand your coverage options.



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The Base Policy Coverage

A standard Equine CGL policy provides coverage for bodily injury and property damage to third parties. This means that if a guest or client is injured or if you accidentally damage someone else's property during the course of your business operations, your CGL policy can help cover legal costs and settlements if you are found liable.

Many equine professionals are surprised to learn that the basic Equine CGL policy does not cover liability arising from wrongful acts as a professional, liability involving non-owned horses or injuries to employees. These important risks require additional endorsements or, in the case of employees, a separate policy altogether.

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Podcast Corner

Listen Up: Catie Staszak — "Riding Was the Root of My Eating Disorder, But It Was Horses That Saved Me"



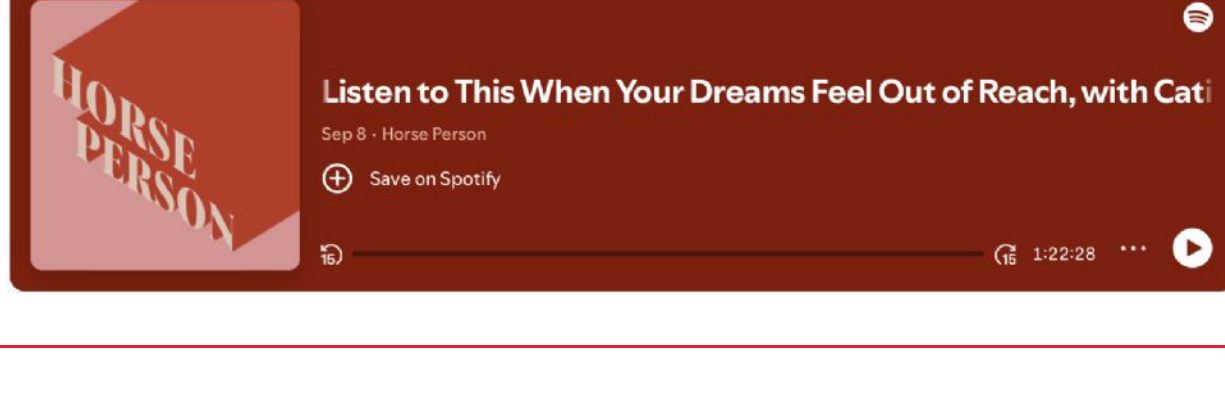
*Catie Staszak fought hard to achieve her dream of jumping internationally, which she did in the spring of 2025, despite facing setbacks and personal struggles. **Photo by Erin Gilmore Photography.***

A new Connaway & Associates-sponsored episode of the Horse Person podcast features journalist and equestrian sports commentator Catie Staszak, who recently achieved her life-long ambition of jumping at Grand Prix level. You've likely heard her on FEI TV, CBS Sports Network, ESPNEWS, or ESPN.

In this insightful and honest episode, Catie opens up about the financial strain she's faced in trying to pursue a career in the horse world, her battle with an eating disorder, and becoming a caretaker for her father after his Parkinson's diagnosis — all while continuing to chase a dream that often felt just out of reach. If you need to hear one story today about why you shouldn't give up on your dreams, make it this one.

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Latest Winners of the Connaway & Associates Sponsored ExEL Sportsmanship Awards

The team at [Connaway & Associates](#) congratulates the latest recipients of the [Connaway & Associates sportsmanship awards](#) at the [Experience Equestrian League](#) (ExEL) at the Germantown Charity Horse Show Grounds in Germantown, TN, in September.



*Award winners Piper Rose Hilde (left) and Olivia Almand. **Photos courtesy of ExEL***

Junior Sportsmanship Award: Piper Rose Hilde

Piper Rose was a team player throughout the September show, always checking in with her gate person and eagerly volunteering for tasks to keep things running smoothly. Her love and care for her horse, Valkryie II, shone through, reflecting the same dedication and kindness she showed to others.

Amateur Sportsmanship Award: Olivia Almand

Olivia's positive attitude and exceptional dedication to her horse, Frostbite (stable name, "Snow"), stood out. Her kindness and teamwork perfectly captured the true meaning of sportsmanship.

The next ExEL show takes place October 31-November 1, 2025, and two further recipients of the Connaway & Associates sportsmanship award will be crowned.

About Connaway & Associates Equine Insurance Services, Inc.

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