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We are so pleased to host Kyra Kyrklund for this year’s Symposium. A Six-time Olympian, Kyra’s influence as a revered competitor and trainer spans the world. The list of influential modern instructors and coaches simply would not be complete without Kyra Kyrklund’s name included, and we are so fortunate to have her with us this weekend.

The last time that Kyra joined us was in 2011. Some of our members may remember that this was the year that auditors and demo riders braved an early, surprise snow storm that blanketed New England and left a lot of us without power. During that memorable weekend, Kyra made a lasting impression on those who attended, and many have asked for her return since then.

An event like this takes an enormous amount of support. We are delighted to express our appreciation to Absorbine®, which is returning for the second year as our Title Sponsor. We also would like to thank our Grand Prix Sponsor Misty View Equestrian; Presentation Sponsors Atlantic Equine Services, and HYgain Feeds; Intermediate Sponsors, L & M Boots, Kaityn Naughton, AFIS - a Markel Horse & Farm Insurance Specialist, Hilltop Bio, and Dressage 4 Kids.

To our facility host, Mount Holyoke Equestrian Center: thank you for once again sharing your beautiful facility with us this weekend. And to our army of volunteers, you are amazing and we could not pull together an event like this without your help.

We hope that you enjoy the Symposium and take home new inspiration for your own riding and training!

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Cheers to our NEDA volunteer board and all our volunteers. Without your tremendous efforts we could not hold such a wonderful event. A special thank you to the Intercollegiate Dressage Association Team and IHSA team members.
W.F. Young, the parent company of Absorbine, has been finding a better way to care for animals for over 130 years. The family-owned and operated company, based out of East Longmeadow, MA, has been a pioneer in global animal health since 1892. Today, the company continues to embrace the innovative spirit and values of its founders and is known for their health and wellness products for horses, livestock, and pets. The company’s vision is to create the most trusted animal health products in the world and they continue to develop and launch new products each year.

Humble Beginnings Lead to Innovation

At W.F. Young, a love for animals has always been the heart of the company. It was a love of horses and a belief that there was a better way to care for them that led Mary Ida and Wilbur Young to create the company’s very first product: Absorbine® Veterinary Liniment. Mary Ida and Wilbur set out to find an alternative to the common 19th-century practice of “blistering” lame horses. Knowing there had to be a better more humane way, Mary Ida developed a special blend of herbs into an essential oils tincture, and Wilbur rounded out the formula with a few more natural ingredients using knowledge he gained working part-time for a pharmacist.

Together they developed and bottled Absorbine Veterinary Liniment to ease the aches and pains of horses. Wilbur was a businessman and earned a living delivering pianos via a horse-drawn wagon. He began selling Absorbine on the road and quickly realized success. Farmers and friends were soon using Absorbine on themselves to ease sore muscles and arthritis. In 1903, Absorbine Jr. for people was created. Absorbine liniments became a staple in all medicine cabinets, foot lockers and tack boxes. Today, Absorbine products can be found in over 40 countries around the world.

Carrying the Legacy Forward

Every day at Absorbine is a celebration of a legacy that began with Mary Ida and Wilbur F. Young. The company is still driven by a commitment to find better ways to care for animals and is relentless in researching new ingredients, formulations, and technology to achieve their mission. Regardless of the type of product the company develops, they follow a rigorous process for all of the products they bring to the market.

The first step in the research and development process for Absorbine is understanding customer needs and conducting market research. In this stage, the company conducts customer surveys and focus groups to deep dive into the needs of horse owners, what they like and don’t like about the available products on the market and understand the challenges owners face in caring for their horses. Amy Cairy, Vice President of Marketing for Absorbine notes, “Placing the needs of the customer first is our North Star in everything we do, including product development. Luckily, we have a lot of horse owners at the company and no one is shy about sharing their ideas and opinions on what types of products we should put into R&D. We also take regular trips to barns so that all staff members have training on our existing products and can better understand the needs of today’s horse owner.”

Market research is also done to look at the products already available on store and digital shelves. With their commitment to pioneering innovation, Absorbine avoids bringing what they call “me-too” products to the market. Cairy advises, “Our focus is on true innovation and we have an incredibly high bar when it comes to product development.”

How Absorbine Brings New Products to the Market

BY AMY CAIRY

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If a product carries the Absorbine name, it has to deliver superior quality but it also has to deliver a unique value proposition to the horse owner or provide a substantial improvement over similar types of products already available in the marketplace.”

After collecting customer and market research, all of the ideas that were generated get put into what Absorbine calls its product development pipeline and enters a stage gate process. During the first stage gate, the company develops financial models to determine the economic feasibility of the product ideas and explores the complexity involved in actually bringing the product to market.

Cairy states, “We collect a lot of very exciting ideas for new products, but at least half of the ideas never make it to Stage 2. It can be really challenging to find the right idea that is financially viable and where the manufacturing technology exists to make the product to our specifications in commercial quantities. With Absorbine’s focus on quality, we won’t bring a product to market that doesn’t meet our high standards and we won’t cut corners just to have new products available either, so a lot of ideas end up on the cutting room floor. Sometimes, regulatory pathways can present a challenge as well. For example, bringing a new fly spray to the market that is EPA registered can take 3-5 years and cost in excess of $1 million to develop.”

For the product ideas that do make it out of Stage 1, a series of steps is then triggered to begin researching ingredients and packaging and then developing formulations and test samples. All of the horses that belong to Absorbine staff are the first testers of all products. Cairy adds, “It can get interesting sometimes when you show up at the barn with products that don’t have any labels and no one has ever seen, it definitely creates a lot of conversation for those of us that board our horses, but it is an excellent way to get immediate feedback on the prototypes.”

Test samples are also used for field testing with customer panels, veterinarians, and others who would use the products, e.g., nutritionists, farriers, trainers, grooms, etc. Test samples are also sent to a multitude of laboratories for analysis and certification. All Absorbine products go through extensive safety, quality, and efficacy testing both in the development and production phases, and the company prides itself on the level of research and data that backs their products.

This prototyping and testing phase is where a number of product ideas also fail says Cairy. “We can have a great idea, but that idea doesn’t always turn into a great product or a positive user experience. We’re a determined bunch of people at Absorbine, especially all of the horse people on staff, and so we don’t give up easily though and we’ll rethink, rework, and try and try again to make the idea work if we think it really has potential. Sometimes, we have to realize that the technology, packaging, or pricing just doesn’t work right at the moment and so we’ll put the idea on the shelf for another day.”

If a product passes all of the feasibility studies and the extensive research and testing, it goes into production. All of Absorbine’s products, except for their fly masks, are made in the USA. Testing continues even after production and the company retains samples from every batch of every product it makes and routinely tests for stability, quality, and efficacy of its products.

At any given time, Absorbine has dozens of products in various stages of its innovation pipeline. Their team is always researching new ingredients, packaging, technology and adding ideas to help horses live happy and healthy lives.

Product Research with a Foal in Kentucky
Photo: Amy Cairy

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 Please use the porta-johns in vendor village.

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Kaitlyn Naughton is not only a lifelong equestrian, but also a 4th generation insurance agent within a family legacy that includes over 75 years of experience in "niche" specialty insurance programs.

Kaitlyn is a designated Agribusiness & Farm Insurance Specialist (AFIS) and has been a Horse & Farm Insurance Specialist with Markel since 2014. With a foot (and hoof) in both the insurance and equine arenas, Kaitlyn can help you decide which coverages are most appropriate for your unique situation – all with a personal touch!

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Kyra Kyrklund is the first equestrian to be inducted in the Hall of Fame of Finnish sports. Kyrklund rode on many Finnish teams in her competitive riding career, which spanned from 1980 to 2008. In total, she competed at six Olympic Games and numerous World Equestrian Games and European Championships. Her most famous horse was Matador, who took her to a silver medal at the 1990 World Equestrian Games and a victory in the 1991 World Cup Finals. She also placed fifth at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

Kyra spent from 1991 through 1998 at the Swedish National Stud in Flyinge with her English husband, where she turned the facility into an international dressage center. Kyra was the Swedish national team advisor for the London Olympic Games (2012) and Rio Olympic Games (2016). At the Tokyo Olympic Games, (2020) she coached the Portuguese team and is currently the national coach of that team. Some of Kyra’s current well-known individual students include Catherine Dufour (Denmark) and Heike Holstein (Ireland).

Kyra is known as a master instructor who teaches in a clear style, with emphasis on the basics in all of her teaching, from young horse through Grand Prix. She is noted for working with a variety of different breeds. Kyra’s training methods are used in many educational formats, including her DVD’s and her book *Dressage with Kyra* (co-written by Jytte Lemkow) which has been translated into six languages.

When she is not traveling the world training horses and riders, Kyra resides in West Sussex, England, with her husband Richard.
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STANLEY EDWARDS
a USDF Silver and Bronze medalist from Harvard, Massachusetts, began riding in 1976. Through the years, she has trained with Lynne Kimball-Davis, Sue Blinks, Volker Brommann, and Barend Heilbron. Stanley and Wubbo train at Iron Horse Dressage with the Westmanton Stables team, led by Grant and Sharon Schneidm an and Nicole Glusenkamp. Her primary goal is to nurture her and her horse Wubbo’s abilities in a harmonious manner. When not riding, Stanley works as a full-time real estate professional and looks for every opportunity to spend time with Wubbo and her black lab, Barnabas.

WUBBO
is an 8-year-old, 16.2-hand black Friesian gelding, imported from Holland in November 2021. Wubbo and Stanley achieved significant success in 2022, excelling at Second Level with a first-place finish at the Region 8 Championships, and a third-place finish at the USDF Finals. Other accomplishments include 2022 Year-End NEDA Champion at Second Level (A/A), and ranking first place nationally for Second Level (A/A). Additionally, Wubbo was Stanley’s partner for her Region 8 Champion Dressage Seat Equitation win. Presently, Wubbo continues to show his enthusiasm for showing and is successfully competing at Third Level. The long-term training goal is to work toward building strength, developing a quick hind end, and seeing how far up the levels he can go, aiming for Fourth Level in 2024.

TIPS FROM KYRA
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When you stretch down
the underline should stay up
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For a more forward canter
use outside leg,
use inside leg for the change
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Leg yield for calming
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AUDREY HUMPHREY

has ridden her whole life, with the last 15 years focused on dressage. A USDF Silver and Bronze medalist, she trains with Leslie de Grandmaison of Saltbox Farm in New Hampshire and in Florida. Audrey has ridden and competed ponies, Iberians, drafts, thoroughbreds, Arabians and warmbloods. One of her competitive highlights includes winning the Third Level East Coast Riders Cup with her Arabian mare against a large class of warmbloods in Saugerties, NY, with a score of over 70%. Recent successes include winning the Adequan USDF Prix St. Georges Year-End AA Champion, 2022 USDF AA Region 8 Champion at PSG, NEDA Year-End AA Champion PSG, and 2022 American Hanoverian Society Year-End PSG AA Champion.

J’ADORE

is a 10-year-old Hanoverian gelding (Jazz - Daylight, Donnerhall). J’Adore has excelled in every level since his competitive career began, including multiple CDIs and wins at regional events. Audrey remarks, “Probably the most important attribute this horse has is his willingness. J’Adore never says no, he will try absolutely anything he is asked: soft or hard, clear or confusing, easy or difficult.” Audrey hopes to compete J’Adore in CDIs (Medium Tour) this winter in Florida.
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JANE KAROL
is a USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medalist with distinction. During her career, Jane has trained about twelve horses to Grand Prix. In addition, Jane has coached several up-and-coming professionals to Grand Prix, and has brought numerous Adult Amateurs and Young Riders up from training level to FEI. Career highlights include when Jane and Sunshine Tour were the six-year-old young horse national reserve champions in 2013 at the Lamplight Festival of Champions, and went on to be the Developing Grand Prix national champions three years later. In addition, Jane opened Bear Spot Farm in Concord, Massachusetts in 1994. Home to 26 horses, the farm provides dressage training programs for horse and rider. Additionally, the Bear Spot Foundation, part of Bear Spot Farm, offers Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy to children and adults. Jane has a Psy. D in clinical psychology and founded the foundation in 2004.

VIORETTA
Jane purchased Vioretta, “Via,” (Vivaldi x Don Schufro) in December, 2021 at the PSI auction as a six-year-old. Via qualified for the National Championships for 7-year-olds last year, and entered that competition ranked 3rd in the country. This year, she also qualified for the National Championships and finished sixth in the Developing Horse Prix St. Georges. Jane says, “Via is a super smart mare who is very fun to train. She’s spicy and very game to try whatever question I pose to her.”

TIPS FROM KYRA
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Use a turn on the forehand to bend the hindleg, without running forward
Be bold. Be fearless.

- 2008 Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Western Team founded
- 2013 Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) National Champion Team
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JOCELYN KRAENZLE
is a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold medalist. After working as a trainer in Wellington, FL for five years, she was hired in 2019 by Rolling Stone Farm in Pennsylvania as head trainer, where she trains and competes many young homebred Oldenburg and Hanoverian horses. Jocelyn is presently training with Jim Koford, Lauren Sammis, and Heather Mason.

FHERRARI
Five-year-old Fherrari (Foundation x EM Rheporter) is a 4th generation product of Mo Swanson’s Rolling Stone Farm’s breeding program. As a foal she was named Premium and Premium Elite and was the top foal at the German Oldenburg (GOV) foal inspection. At her German Oldenburg Mare Inspection and Mare Performance Test in 2021 as a three-year-old, Fherrari received the highest scores ever given in the USA by the German Oldenburg Verband- 8.75 Inspection score and 9.2 on her Mare Performance Test. In 2022, Fherrari was USDF DSHB Horse of the Year for four-year-old and older Maiden Mares (82.3%), ranked 11th for Training Level Horse of the Year, and winner of the Region 8 Championships at Training Level Open. This season, she is currently competing at First Level with scores up to 83.889%.

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KIM LITWINCZAK
is a USDF Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medalist (with Distinction),
and has also earned her Freestyle Bars, Diamond Achievement
Award, and is an “L” Graduate. Kim has successfully trained
many horses through the FEI and Grand Prix levels. She’s won
numerous USDF and regional year-end awards and champi-
ownships in Regions 2, 4 and 8. She credits her foundation and
success to her mentors; Kim worked in the Netherlands for
Toine Hoefs and was an assistant trainer for Kathy Connelly for
many years. She has worked with Pam Goodrich, Jane Karol
and Lendon Gray. Her business, Cadenza Dressage, operates
out of Leigh Dunworth’s Hayward Brook Farm in Wayland,
Massachusetts. Currently, Kim trains regularly with Heather
Mason in New Jersey.

DIVERS-W
is an imported 2008 KWPN gelding (Westpoint x Jazz x
Krack C) owned by Bonnie Padwa and found by Toine Hoefs
and Marjolijn Hart. In 2020, he was the USDF 4th Level
Freestyle champion and NEDA PSG and 4th Level Freestyle
year-end champion. In the fall of 2022, Maarty made his
Grand Prix debut and currently has a 67% average at the
level. Future goals are to compete in CDIs and have his
owner ride him the Grand Prix. Kim adds, “His largest asset
is his work ethic and his joy in the work.” She notes that his
owner rides him regularly and has been an important part of
the team bringing him up the levels.

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CALLIE O’CONNELL

is a 25-year-old professional dressage rider from Wilmington, MA. Callie began riding at age five and has been a passionate student of dressage since she was eight years old. She is a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold medalist with distinction. She is the trainer at Berryfield Farm in Lincoln, MA, owned by Betsy Dangel. Previously, Callie was a working student and then assistant trainer to Jane Karol at Bear Spot Farm from 2016 to 2021. Callie trains with Christoph Koschel, Claire Galimore, and Jane Karol. Callie is also a 2021 graduate of Mass Art, where she earned her BFA in fashion design.

Her most recent competitive accomplishments include winning Reserve Champion at the 2022 U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions in the Brentina Cup with Eaton H. Callie and Iron Lady were also 4th overall in the Developing Prix St. Georges National Championships in 2022. Callie made her first USA appearance at the 2023 FEI Dressage Nations Cup™ USA CDIOU25 Team with Eaton H, earning three medals: the U.S. Stars and Stripes Team Gold, Individual U25 Grand Prix Gold, and Freestyle Silver. She was also invited to participate in the 2023 U25 European Tour. Finally, she is a new member of the Kundrun USEF Dressage Development Program with Eaton H. Callie has now put her focus on the Open Grand Prix with Eaton H to prepare for the upcoming Wellington Season.

EATON

is a 14-year-old KWPN (WYNTON x SAN REMO), owned by Ruling Cortes LLC and Betsy Dangel. He was purchased and imported from Germany in March of 2022 as a partner for Callie to compete in the U25, and later, the senior Grand Prix. He is a successful international Grand Prix horse previously ridden by Christoph Koschel of Germany. Callie remarks that he is a serious athlete and a horse who is always ready to work and perform. “In the stables,” she says, “he has the goofiest and most loving personality, and will happily accept reciprocal grooming 24/7.”

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KATHERINE POULIN
is a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold medalist. She was a member of four NAYRC dressage teams, winning two gold medals. In 2007, Katherine competed for the US team in the Pan American Games, earning a team gold medal. A USDF Certified Instructor through Fourth Level, Katherine manages a successful training and teaching business out of Fairmount Farms in Hiram, Ohio. Katherine remarks that she enjoys helping her students achieve their goals such as earning their USDF Medals, competing for national and local awards, or simply developing a better partnership with their horse.

CARINOSA
is a nine-year-old PRE gelding (Bronco VII x La Pena de Bejar). Katherine found Carinosa (Cava) for his owner, Gayle Rusk, five years ago. And, over these past five years, Gayle and Katherine have worked together to bring Cava along carefully. Katherine has shown Cava up through the levels and accumulated many top placings and awards. Not only is Cava a star in the ring but he also enjoys going to obstacle course parks, trail riding, and generally being the clown of the barn. Katherine says, “He is a very personable horse and enjoys his time with his people. When you enter the barn you are sure to get a hello nicker from him!”

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KATIE ROBICHEAUX
is a USDF bronze, silver and gold medalist. Katie began riding at an event barn in her hometown of New Orleans, but soon turned to dressage. During her teens, Katie spent her summers as a working student for Ed Borrenson in Pennsylvania. Ed introduced Katie to Anne van Olst, a Danish trainer and rider living in Holland, with whom Katie eventually spent four years working and training. While in Holland, Katie competed in the Pavo Cup three times, finishing in the top 20 twice and winning the Best Gelding prize in 2008. That same year, Katie competed in the International Young Horse Championships in Verden, Germany, finishing in the top 12. In 2013, Katie and her husband, jumper Vincent Bailleul, formed L’Acadiane Equine Management in Massachusetts.

LOIS LANE
“Laney,” is a seven-year-old mare (Galandro x Valquez). Laney was imported as a three-year-old and has been in training with Katie Robicheaux since her arrival in Massachusetts. Laney is the daughter of Galandro (Bon Bravour x Donnerhall). Galandro happens to be owned by a client of Katie’s who shows him at the small tour with lots of success. When Katie saw the opportunity to own one of his offspring, she jumped at the chance and bought her from the video. Katie said, “Laney won our hearts from the moment she arrived! Her rideability and willingness are some of her top traits.”

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