



EQUINE MEDIA AWARDS

2025 AWARDS WINNERS

for material published in 2024



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Quarter Horse News

After Trailer Crash, Cutting Horse Makes Fairytale Run

MOLLY MONTAG, EDITOR

SECOND

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred

Timber Classic

JOE CLANCY, AUTHOR

Instructional Single Article (print or online)

FIRST

Kristin Pitzer

Planning For Baby

KRISTIN PITZER, AUTHOR

SECOND

EquiManagement

Starting Your Own Equine Practice

AMY GRICE, AUTHOR

Association/Organization Publication Equine Media Horse Care Single Article (print or online)

FIRST

Natalie Mendik

The End of the "Moody Mare"?

NATALIE MENDIK, AUTHOR

SECOND

USDF Connection

Are Dental Issues Taking a Bite out of Your Dressage Performance

HEATHER SMITH THOMAS, AUTHOR

Self-Supported Publication Equine Media Horse Care Single Article (print or online)

FIRST

EQUUS Magazine

Light Work

KAREN ELIZABETH BARIL, AUTHOR

SECOND

The Horse

Promoting Longevity in Performance Horses

LUCILE VIGOUROUX, AUTHOR; CLAUDIA SUMMERS, ART DIRECTOR; STEPHANIE CHURCH, EDITORIAL DIRECTOR

THIRD

Horse Illustrated

Treating Tendon Injuries

AUDREY PAVIA, AUTHOR

Association/Organization Publication Equine Media Service to the Consumer Single Article (print or online)

FIRST

Paint Horse Journal

The Ins & Outs of ICSI

JESSICA HEIN, EDITOR; ABIGAIL BOATWRIGHT, AUTHOR

SECOND

Kara L. Stewart

Brain Games for Riders

KARA L. STEWART, AUTHOR

THIRD

USDF Connection

Find Your Dressage Tribe

SUSHIL DULAI WENHOLZ, AUTHOR

**Self-Supported Publication Equine Media
Service to the Consumer Single Article
(print or online)**

FIRST

Elizabeth Moyer

Good Hair Days Start Here

ELIZABETH MOYER, AUTHOR

SECOND

Horse Illustrated

High-Tech Distractions

LAURA BOYNTON JOBSON, WRITER

**Service to the Horse Industry Single Article
(print or online)**

FIRST

Western Horseman

Things We Don't Talk About

KAILEY SULLINS, WRITER

SECOND

Horse Illustrated

New Outlook for Orphan Foals

CYNTHIA MCFARLAND, WRITER

THIRD

Kristin Pitzer

Embryo Evolution

KRISTIN PITZER, AUTHOR

**Association/Organization Publication
Equine Media Personality Profile Single
Article (print or online)**

FIRST

The Florida Horse

Legends of the Sport - Trainers

GARY WEST, AUTHOR; NANCY MOFFATT, SENIOR GRAPHIC DESIGNER;
TAMMY A. GANTT, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR (CONCEPT)

SECOND

The American Quarter Horse Journal

Cowboy

KENDRA SANTOS, CONTRIBUTOR

THIRD

The American Quarter Horse Journal

True Colors

HOLLY CLANAHAN, MANAGING EDITOR

**Self-Supported Publication Equine Media
Personality Profile Single Article (print or
online)**

FIRST

Western Horseman

Uncle John

ROSS HECOX, AUTHOR

SECOND

Keeneland Magazine

Hometown Boy Makes Good

RICH COPLEY, AUTHOR

**Freelance Writer Personality Profile Single
Article (print or online)**

FIRST

Susan Kayne

Mabel's tale: A journey through darkness into light

SUSAN KAYNE, AUTHOR

SECOND

Kara L. Stewart

The Beautiful One

KARA L. STEWART, AUTHOR

THIRD

Elizabeth Arnold

Blazing New Trails with Nowhere But Up Performance Horses

ELIZABETH ARNOLD, WRITER

**Association/Organization Publication
Equine Media Feature Single Article (print
or online)**

FIRST

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred

20/20 Hindsight

JOE CLANCY, AUTHOR

SECOND

Abigail Boatwright

The Gear Gathering

ABIGAIL BOATWRIGHT, AUTHOR AND PHOTOGRAPHER

Self-Supported Publication Equine Feature Single Article (print or online)

FIRST

Western Horseman

Things We Don't Talk About

KAILEY SULLINS, WRITER

SECOND

Horse Illustrated

Bringing Back Korean Mounted Archery

MALENE JENSEN, WRITER

THIRD

Horse Illustrated

Preserving Przewalski's Horse

AUDREY PAVIA, WRITER

HONORABLE MENTION

Megan Arszman

The Longest Nights

MEGAN ARSZMAN, WRITER

HONORABLE MENTION

Horse Illustrated

Veterinarians in the Military

SARAH COLEMAN, WRITER

Freelance Writer Feature Single Article (print or online)

FIRST

Abigail Boatwright

Survivors

ABIGAIL BOATWRIGHT, AUTHOR

SECOND

Christina Keim

The New Wave of Coaching

CHRISTINA KEIM, AUTHOR

Personal Column Single Article (print or online)

FIRST

Nina Fedrizzi

I'm Trotting Along the Backside of My Riding Career--And Grateful For Every Lap

NINA FEDRIZZI, AUTHOR

SECOND

Horse Illustrated

Night of Terror

COURTNEY DIEHL, WRITER

THIRD

Sarah Susa

The Horses that Make Us Worry

SARAH SUSA, AUTHOR

HONORABLE MENTION

Jennifer Bryant

In Your Corner

JENNIFER BRYANT, WRITER

HONORABLE MENTION

Chrome

Life-Defining Moments

JESSICA HEIN, AUTHOR

Editorial Event Coverage Single Article (print or online)

FIRST

Barrel Horse News

Winning on the Road

KAILEY SULLINS, CO-AUTHOR; MADDY ROHR, CO-AUTHOR

SECOND

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred

Grabbing Hold

JOE CLANCY, AUTHOR

THIRD

Jade Currid

Fierce Competition

JADE CURRID, AUTHOR

Editorial Series (print or online)

FIRST

Kara L. Stewart

The Internal Art of Confidence (part 1) and Moving Beyond Fear (part 2)

KARA L. STEWART, AUTHOR

SECOND

The Horse

Horse Health & Welfare at the 2024 Olympics

HAYLIE KERSTETTER, DIGITAL EDITOR; STEPHANIE CHURCH, EDITORIAL DIRECTOR

Human-Animal Bond Article (print or online)

FIRST

USDF Connection

Continuing Coda's Legacy

SARINA BOWER, AUTHOR

SECOND

Sarah Susa

Bringing Penelope Home

SARAH SUSAN, AUTHOR

THIRD

Chrome

Blue Thunder: A Unicorn Story

JESSICA HEIN, AUTHOR

HONORABLE MENTION

The American Quarter Horse Journal

Once Upon the Mountain

JOE MERRICK, CONTRIBUTOR

HONORABLE MENTION

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred

Wonder Horse

VINNIE PERRONE, AUTHOR

Public Awareness Journalism Article (print or online)

FIRST

Sidelines Magazine

Veronica Gogan: Enjoying Each and Every Moment of Her Difficult Journey

KIMBERLY GATTO, AUTHOR

SECOND

East Coast Equestrian

Wildfire, Treasured Misty of Chincoteague Descendent is Lost But Her Filly Lives On

LOIS SYZMANSKI, AUTHOR

Equestrian Lifestyle Journalism Article (print or online)

FIRST

Chrome

Sentimental Journey

JESSICA HEIN, EDITOR; L.A. (SOKOLOWSKI) BERRY, AUTHOR

SECOND

USDF Connection

'Large and in Charge' Means Every Body

L.A. BERRY, AUTHOR

THIRD

The American Quarter Horse Journal

Winner Winner, Healthy Dinner

KENDRA SANTOS, CONTRIBUTOR

Freelance Writer Equine Journalism Article (print or online)

FIRST

Susan Kayne

The silent language of grief: Velvet's profound impact

SUSAN KAYNE, AUTHOR

SECOND

Megan Arszman

Equine Infectious Anemia: Is It Worth the Worry?

MEGAN ARSZMAN, WRITER

THIRD

Elizabeth Moyer

Training With Positive Reinforcement

ELIZABETH MOYER, AUTHOR

VIDEOGRAPHY

Equine Media Video

FIRST

Julianne Neal

A Mustang Story Series Season 1 Promo

JULIANNE NEAL, DIRECTOR/EDITOR/PRODUCER

Business Equine-related Commercial Marketing Video (Short Form)

FIRST

Kentucky Equine Research

Kentucky Equine Research: Brand Video

STEWART BRANDING & ADVERTISING, PRODUCER; MEGAN RIDDLE, CREATIVE DESIGNER

SECOND

Nutramax Laboratories, Inc.

Cosequin: Stewards of the Horse

BRENNAN VANLAANEN, VIDEO PRODUCER; PRESTON STEGALL, PHOTOGRAPHER; ETHAN SUTHERLAND, VETERINARIAN, EQUINE BUSINESS UNIT MANAGER

Business Equine-related Storytelling or Documentary Video (Long Form)

FIRST

Platinum Performance

It Starts Within - Video Celebrating the Horse Doctors

PLATINUM PERFORMANCE MARKETING TEAM

Nonprofit Equine-related Video (NONPROFIT MEMBERS ONLY)

FIRST

Harness Horse Youth Foundation

Transforming Lives, Building Futures: The Impact of HHYF

KARLI GUINN, VIDEOGRAPHER & EDITOR

SECOND

United States Hunter Jumper Association

2024 Platinum Performance/USHJA International Hunter Derby Championship

JOSHUA MIMS, VIDEO PRODUCER; RACHEL MILEWSKI, VIDEOGRAPHER; MPACT MEDIA, VIDEOGRAPHER

MULTIMEDIA

Equine-Related Podcast (MEDIA INDUSTRY, AFFILIATE BUSINESS, NONPROFIT MEMBERS ONLY)

FIRST

National Reining Horse Association

Kaci O'Rourke Makes History, Plus More from the NRHA Futurity

SARA HONEGGER, HOST

SECOND

Horse Radio Network

Galloping Getaways: Take an African Riding Safari for July 25, 2024

MEGHAN BRADY, HOST

THIRD

The Florida Horse

The Florida Horse Podcast E39 Tami Bobo

TAMMY A. GANTT, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER; SEAN KAPLAN, SENIOR PRODUCTION/EDITOR; KAITLYN KUCHINSKAS, EDITOR

Freelance Equine-Related Podcast (MEDIA PRO ONLY)

FIRST

Marilyn Swick

My Life Between the Reins Interview Paige Baylis, Susie Reinauer, Marilyn Swick

MARILYN SWICK, INTERVIEWER, DIRECTOR, WRITER, PRODUCER, CINEMATOGRAPHER; JOSEPH MARCELLO, EDITOR

SECOND

Kimberly S. Brown

My Senior Horse Podcast: PPID Part 1

KIMBERLY S. BROWN, PODCAST HOST

Equine-Related Website

FIRST

Retired Racehorse Project

The Retired Racehorse Project Website

JENNIFER CROWL, WEB DEVELOPER; MARE DISTLER, GRAPHIC DESIGNER; KRISTEN KOVATCH BENTLEY, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

SECOND

BloodHorse

BloodHorse.com

BYRON KING, NEWS EDITOR; FRANK ANGST, EDITORIAL DIRECTOR; CHRISTINE WITTMER, SR. WEB PRODUCER

Equine Media Single Issue or Multi-Issue Electronic Publication

FIRST

In Stride Magazine

The IHSA Digital Issue (May 2024)

TRICIA BOOKER, EDITOR, IN STRIDE; THE EQUINE NETWORK, PUBLISHER

SECOND

Abigail Boatwright

Western Life Today Summer 2024, Western Life Today Winter 2024

ABIGAIL BOATWRIGHT, EDITOR; RIMA DORSEY, PUBLISHER; GABBY OH, ART DIRECTOR

VISUAL MEDIA

Editorial Action Photograph (print or online)

FIRST

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred

Night Rider

SCOTT SERIO (ECLIPSE SPORTSWIRE), PHOTOGRAPHER

SECOND

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred

Maryland Hunt Cup close finish

JIM GRAHAM, PHOTOGRAPHER

THIRD

New Bridge Polo

New Bridge Polo & Country Club Magazine 2024-2025

KATIE ROTH, PHOTOGRAPHER

Editorial Human-Animal Bond Photograph (print or online)

FIRST

In Stride Magazine

Gigi Phillips and Thunderbird

TRICIA BOOKER, PHOTOGRAPHER, EDITOR

SECOND

United States Eventing Association

Fernhill Bertus gets a special congratulations

LINDSAY BERRETH, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Editorial Photograph (print or online)

FIRST

Horse Illustrated

Mom's Milk

STACY PEARSALL, PHOTOGRAPHER

SECOND

BloodHorse Magazine

Justify at Ashford Stud

ANNE M. EBERHARDT, VISUALS DIRECTOR

Freelance Editorial Photograph (print or online)

FIRST

Shelley Paulson

Unveiling the Craft of a Commercial Equine Photographer - Shelley Paulson

SHELLEY PAULSON, PHOTOGRAPHER

SECOND

Douglas Lees

13th Fence Frenzy

DOUGLAS LEES, PHOTOGRAPHER

THIRD

Douglas Lees

At Last

DOUGLAS LEES, PHOTOGRAPHER

Freelance Marketing Photograph (print or online)

FIRST

Heidi Nyland Melocco

The Trail Journal Cover

HEIDI NYLAND MELOCCO, PHOTOGRAPHER

DESIGN

Equine-related Single Advertisement Design (print or electronic)

FIRST

US Equestrian

US Equestrian Joy Advertisement

CANDICE MCCOWN, CREATIVE DIRECTOR

SECOND

Retired Racehorse Project

Impact: Dollars Leveraged

MARE DISTLER, GRAPHIC DESIGNER; KRISTEN KOVATCH
BENTLEY, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

THIRD

Platinum Performance

It Starts Within - Bud Lyon

PLATINUM PERFORMANCE MARKETING TEAM

Association/Organization Publication Equine Media Cover Page Design (print or electronic publication)

FIRST

The American Quarter Horse Journal

Mar-Apr 2024 The American Quarter Horse Journal Cover

TIM ARCHER, ART DIRECTOR

SECOND

Paint Horse Journal

Game On

JODY JOHNSON, CREATIVE DIRECTOR & DESIGNER

THIRD

The Florida Horse

April/May 2024 Cover

REMI BELLOCO, ILLUSTRATOR; NANCY MOFFATT, SENIOR GRAPHIC
DESIGNER; BROCK SHERIDAN, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF/CONCEPT

Self-Supported Publication Equine Media Cover Page Design (print or electronic publication)

FIRST

Western Horseman

Western Horseman

TYLER CROW, ARTIST; HADLEY KINCAID, ART DIRECTOR

SECOND

Barrel Horse News

Barrel Horse News

SUSAN SAMPSON, ART DIRECTOR; KAILEY SULLINS, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Association/Organization Publication Equine Media Editorial Design (print or electronic publication)

FIRST

The American Quarter Horse Journal

True Colors

DAVID BROWN, GRAPHIC ARTIST; TIM ARCHER, ART DIRECTOR; BRUCE
DORN, PHOTOGRAPHER

SECOND

US Equestrian

Saddle Up For Summer

KENDALL NEUBEISER, DESIGNER

THIRD

The American Quarter Horse Journal

White Sands

CHRIS DOUGLAS, PHOTOGRAPHER; TIM ARCHER, ART DIRECTOR

HONORABLE MENTION

Chrome

Grit Over Glam

JODY JOHNSON, CREATIVE DIRECTOR; RON BONGE, DESIGNER

HONORABLE MENTION

US Equestrian

Resurgence and Triumph

CANDICE MCCOWN, CREATIVE DIRECTOR

Self-Supported Publication Equine Media Editorial Design (print or electronic publication)

FIRST

Quarter Horse News

Embryo Evolution

HOLLY TARQUINIO, ART DIRECTOR; MOLLY MONTAG, EDITOR

SECOND

Western Horseman

Let 'Er Buck

JENNIFER CHRISTIAN, ART DIRECTOR

SPECIALTY PUBLISHING

Equine Media Single Issue Custom Print Publication

FIRST

New Bridge Polo

New Bridge Polo & Country Club Magazine 2024-2025

KATIE ROTH, EDITOR & PUBLISHER; PAIGE WIDENER, PHOTOGRAPHER;
ASHLEY TOYE, DESIGNER

Business Equine-related Single Issue or Multi-Issue Print Publication

FIRST

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.)

PATH Intl. Strides Magazine

KAYE MARKS, STRIDES MANAGING EDITOR, PATH INTL. DIRECTOR OF
COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

KAREN KARVONEN, EDITOR

SDDITA BLACKBURN, GRAPHIC DESIGNER

SECOND

Platinum Performance

Platinum Magazine, Issues 29 and 31

PLATINUM PERFORMANCEMARKETING TEAM

Equine-related Nonfiction Book

FIRST

Emma Hudelson

Sky Watch

EMMA HUDELSON, AUTHOR

SECOND

Sally Batton

Equicize

SALLY BATTON, AUTHOR

CHRISTINA KEIM, CO-AUTHOR

Equine-related Fiction Book

FIRST

Nicole Miller

Until Our Time Comes: A Novel of WWII Poland

NICOLE M. MILLER, AUTHOR

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

General Excellence Print Publication circulation under 10,000

FIRST

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred

JOE CLANCY, EDITOR; BARRIE REIGHTLER, DESIGNER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS; CINDY DEUBLER, ASSISTANT EDITOR, RESEARCH DIRECTOR

HONORABLE MENTION

BloodHorse

BloodHorse Magazine

FRANK ANGST, EDITORIAL DIRECTOR; KAREN JOHNSON, FEATURES EDITOR; CATHERINE NICHOLS, ART DIRECTOR

General Excellence Print Publication circulation 10,000 to 20,000

FIRST

Horse Illustrated

Horse Illustrated

HOLLY CACCAMISE, EDITOR IN CHIEF

General Excellence Print Publication circulation over 20,000

FIRST

Western Horseman

Western Horseman

AMANDA DEVAN, EDITOR; KAILEY SULLINS, MANAGING EDITOR; JENNIFER CHRISTIAN, ART DIRECTOR

HONORABLE MENTION

Chrome

Chrome

JESSICA HEIN, EDITOR; JODY JOHNSON, CREATIVE DIRECTOR

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - OVERALL PUBLICATION

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred

JOE CLANCY, EDITOR

BARRIE REIGHTLER, DESIGNER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS; CINDY DEUBLER, ASSISTANT EDITOR, RESEARCH DIRECTOR