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#### Donkeys Test Out Attwood's New TerraNova Dust-free Surface



We recently installed our TerraNova dust-free footing at Corwin ranch in Phoenix AZ. During the summer, temperatures can reach almost 120F/48°C so an equestrian surface has to perform in these conditions. Wax coated footings really struggle at these temperatures because the wax melts and the surface becomes loose.

TerraNova is a polymer-coated footing and does not contain any wax so barely changes as the temperature changes.

We were very pleased with the result at Corwin ranch, as were two of the inhabitants, Tumbleweed & Sage!



The real customer later managed to evict the 'trespassers' to put the surface through its paces.



#### Characteristics of Terra Nova:

- Very economic and competitively priced
- No watering required
- Dust-free
- Non-tacky
- Consistent riding characteristics
- Manufactured from premium raw materials
- Reduced concussion with viscoelastic rebound
- Freeze-resistant and stable over a wide temperature range

To know more about TerraNova or to request a quote,  $\underline{\text{contact us}}$  now!

## Buck Davidson Dominates Dressage in the Adequan USEA Gold Cup CIC3\* at Richland Park H.T.



With five horses in the Adequan USEA Gold Cup CIC3\* (not to mention the two in the CCI2\* and two in the Advanced), Buck Davidson kept quite busy today at Richland Park in Richland, Mich. Before scores were even posted for the CIC3\*, Davidson accurately guessed the placing order of his rides, although his prediction for his longtime partner and favorite horse, Ballynoe Castle RM to be 20 points in the lead wasn't quite spot on!

At the end of the day, Carl and Cassandra Segal's 15-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding was the only horse to break 40 - scoring a 38.4 to take the overnight lead. "I didn't have time to do the warm-up I normally do because I had just gotten off Copper Beech," explained Davidson. "He wanted to cough a little bit at the beginning, but he knows he isn't supposed to do it and he tries his best not to. When he coughs now he does it when it doesn't matter like on the short side or when the movements are over."

Read more at the <u>United State Eventing Association's website</u>.

#### Coming up:

# Attwood Equestrian Surfaces will be at the StableView September Horse Trials



If you are lucky enough to be competing at Stable Views September Horse Trails, come check out our booth in the trade fair. We will have some surprises for you.

Attwood is proud to be the footing provider at StableView Farms.

#### Tentative Schedule:

Subject to change due to entry numbers, keep checking on-line.

Friday: Stabling open at 12:00 Noon. Cross-Country course opens-3:00 PM.

Saturday: All Dressage: 8:00 AM; All Cross-Country 10 AM.

Sunday: Show Jumping-9 AM.

You can find out more about the event here.

#### **Footing Facts**

#### **Dust Control in Arenas**

Dust is a serious matter that can make the difference between having a fabulous arena and one that is dangerous for you and your horse to use. Not only is dust an inconvenience in terms of reduced visibility, and poor air quality, the dust may contain silica particles from the sand, which if inhaled over long periods of time can cause silicosis. Silicosis is a serious lung disease that has been linked to lung damage and in the worst case lung cancer.

The most common method used for dust control is watering. Permanent area sprinklers can be set up to water the arena, or water can be applied to the surface from a mobile unit when required. If you use water as your main dust control method and your water bill is getting excessive, you might want to look into some of the conditioners that can be added to footing that either draw in water and hold it so you don't have to water as frequently, or oil-based conditioners that partially bind the particles together.

In a surface designed to be watered, properly specified sand and additive will hold on to water longer than poor sand and additive. A properly designed and functioning drainage system will also help to maintain moisture level at the optimum value. At Attwood we understand the science behind water absorption, evaporation, and drainage.

Of course you can opt for footing that is designed to be permanently dust-free. These are surfaces coated in wax or oil, or in Attwood's case, polymer. You can check out our unique and proprietary Pinnacle footing, which is completely dust-free. To find out more, visit our websites, or just drop us a line and we'll get back to you!

#### More about Pinnacle:

This ultimate riding surface combines the latest in technology and our 20 years of equestrian arena footing experience. Pinnacle is engineered with premium materials to bring you the optimum in shear strength, minimal concussion and maximum viscoelastic rebound. Pinnacle is laser graded to a uniform depth of four inches over a carefully graded compacted base.

#### Characteristics of Pinnacle:

- Dust-free and non-tacky footing
- Consistent riding characteristics
- Manufactured from premium raw materials
- Appropriate for indoor and outdoor applications
- Reduced concussion with viscoelastic rebound
- Freeze-resistant and stable over a wide temperature range

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