

SILVER CAMERA AWARD

Organised by CHIO Aachen, the FEI and the Sparkasse, the "Silver Camera" rewards the "Best Equestrian photo of the Year". The Award is presented at CHIO Aachen. The 2001 trophy was awarded to German photographer Werner Ernst (67) who has been documenting equestrian sport in pictures for more than 30 years. He knows all the top riders - and they know him. The shot was taken at last year's German National Young Horse Championship in Warendorf (GER). The picture shows the four-year-old Trakehner stallion Latimer, 'cuddling up' with his rider Hans-Jürgen Ambrust after they had just won the class.

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The best horse movies of all time

Although some horse people won't admit it, a perfect night is spent in front of the television watching horse movies. Our favourites vary in terms of technical merit, but they're all loved for the simple reason that they tell good stories about horses.

Black Beauty

Several versions have been created based on Anna Sewell's classic book. Beauty tells his own story about leaving his wonderful first home and being passed through indifferent and abusive owners before finally being reunited with the boy he loved.

The Black Stallion

Based on the Walter Farley children's book of the same name, The Black Stallion is a film about a young boy who, after surviving a shipwreck, is stranded on an island with a mysterious black horse. The pair forms a powerful bond that helps them, once rescued, to race against and beat the fastest horses in the country.

The Black Stallion Returns

The hero travels to the Middle East to rescue his kidnapped horse.

The Horse Whisperer

This romance movie centers on the relationship between a workaholic mother, an injured daughter, a frightened horse and the "horse whisperer" who touches their lives.

International Velvet

This is a sequel of sorts to "National Velvet" A family tragedy brings Velvet's niece, Sarah, to England. Sarah joins forces with a descendant of the great Pie and eventually makes the British three-day event team where she finds Olympic glory and true love.

Phar Lap

This movie chronicles the life of the much loved Australian racehorse Phar Lap, who raced to stardom in the 1930s, and the gentle groom who loved him. Despite having to carry increasing amount of weight, the horse is unbeatable.

A QUICK FACT



You're always safety conscious when riding: you wear an approved safety helmets, boots with proper heel and you avoid situation you know to be dangerous. But, according to world wide surveys, approximately 25 % of all horse related accidents do not occur while mounted. So when are they happening? When the person is on the ground. i.e. grooming or bathing. And 34% of accidents occur during stable management. So watch yourself on the ground as well as in the saddle, and don't get sloppy about safe horse-handling procedures.

Foot and Mouth Disease

Foot and mouth disease, which has resulted in the slaughter of thousands of animals in Britain, has also halted most equestrian activities in the region. The disease causes blisters to form on the mouth and feet, and although it is not fatal, it devastates herds by causing poor body condition and in dairy cows, diminished milk production, abortion, sterility and chronic lameness. Although it primarily affects cloven-hoofed animals, such as pigs, cattle, sheep and goats, and does not affect horses, it is highly communicable. Horses can transport the disease on their hooves, necessitating strict controls on their activities. Similarly, humans who have been on infected farms can spread the disease on their footwear as well as on car tires. Britain has suffered the brunt of the outbreak, with 1,235 cases having been reported and more than 1 million animals having been designated for slaughter as of press time. Outside of Britain, one case has been confirmed in Northern Ireland, France has confirmed two, the Netherlands has reached five, and Argentina has identified 55 cases. In hopes of controlling the spread of the disease dozens of horse shows and racing meets have been cancelled, including the Badminton Horse Trials. Travel restrictions have altered the competition plans of several international riders. Bridleways have been closed, and all hunting meets have been suspended.

Demand for horsemeat increase

The 'mad cow' disease crises has European avoiding eating beef, and some are replacing it with horsemeat. "The Guardian" newspaper stated that the number of slaughtered horses being shipped from Britain to France, Belgium and other countries had already doubled the past 2 years, while sales of beef in France had dropped by more than 40 % in recent years.