

Something For Everyone At EquineX Canberra

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The Cyberhorse EquineX National Horse Expo held in Canberra on the 17th and 18th of April offered something for every horse owner and lover with a massive line up of demonstrators, educators and commercial exhibits. The set up in the large Fitzroy Pavilion allowed for a spacious layout with large stall areas available, a space for lectures with ample seating and even a little sanded indoor arena complete with grandstands for the live demonstrations. The slideshow shows some colourful impressions from the weekend.

Saturday morning began with the first announcement for Auction of the Stars. Heath Ryan introduced some of the young stock to be up for auction later and made everyone aware of the Stallion on Tour Masterclass to be held Saturday evening, raising funds for the Pegasus RDA. Auction results are now available on the website for

[Auction of the Stars](#)

. Very popular with the audience were the demonstrations of educators Tony Lander (

[IHI](#)

) and Kate Fenner (

[Kandoo Equine](#)

). Tony brought in an element of humour while he expertly worked with his three horses and was greatly entertaining. Kate Fenner is the only Australian to have completed the John Lyons Certification Programme in the USA and she showed her expertise with a number of different horses.

In the classroom [Jane Myers](#) talked about topics important for every horse owner, such as the importance of fibre for horses or manure and worm management. Jane knows her stuff, she has been involved in the Horse Industry for over 30 years (both here in Australia and in the UK) and is the author of two books published by CSIRO called: Managing Horses on Small Properties and Horse Safe: A Complete Guide to Equine Safety. She is also a co-author of Horse Sense – The Guide to Horse Care in Australia and New Zealand (2nd edition).

But EquineX was not only about information and education. Shoppers were indulged by the assortment of equestrian apparel and saddlery offered by [Overflow Equestrian](#) , [Horseland](#) , Saddleworld Canberra,

[How High](#)

and

[Muddy Creek Rain Gear](#)

. You could have your shoes polished by the team of the Australian Leather Seal or try out a new saddle at

[WOW](#)

saddles' stall. Robyn from the

[Horse Stall](#)

was there with her extensive range of giftware and jewellery. Jody from

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had every horsey book, DVD, game or calendar imaginable on her display - even more available on request! Fine equine (and canine) art was available from accomplished artist Catherin McMillan (

[Animal Art House](#)

).

Plenty of horse rugs from [Edinburgh Rugs](#) and [Macs Equine](#). Macs Equine's director Dave has worked with horses for over thirty years and has seen the many great advances in how we view and relate to our horses to the many innovative products that have entered the market place. He has continued to develop innovative products such as the revolutionary Cool Heat horse blanket or the Pee Wee bit.

[Grosvenor Park](#)

Products had more handy equestrian products such as safety tethers.

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Questions on nutrition and horse health were competently answered by the knowledgeable teams of [Kohnke's Own](#) and [Country Park Animal Herbs](#). Natural Therapist [Catherine Bird](#) was there for further advice.

[CopRice](#)

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[Mitavite](#)

and

[Manuka Chaff](#)

had an extensive range of horse feeds on offer.

The slightly more technical side was represented by [Rapid Rain](#) Gear, who supply a range of handy watering systems for arenas and yards.

[Horserail](#)

and PVC Ultimate Fencing offered premium fencing solutions.

EquineX continued outside the Pavilion with more exhibitors such as feed supplier Hay N Chaff Chariot, [Gallagher](#) fencing, [Murray Tractor](#) Importers and Crisfloat horse floats. Also outside were How High presenting their showjumping equipment and saddlery as well as

[Thin Line](#)

, there to advise on their extensive range on horse and rider friendly saddle pads.

A huge attraction were of course the 'live' exhibits in the Breeds Village. Beautiful red bay PRE

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stallion Mocosó, together with owner Sue Rann representing the Andalusian Horse Association of Australasia ([AHAA](#)), kept flirting with the pretty girl next door, Highland Pony mare Akira for the [Highland Pony Society of Australia](#) . Akira is owned by Sarah [S](#) ar McAndrew. Sarah also owns ah's Stableyard, Australia's favourite and probably largest retailer for The Trail of Painted Ponies. However, she was more than happy to show off her 'real' pony and explain how versatile Highland Ponies can be for both pleasure and performance riding. Furthermore the [Morgan Horse Association of Australia](#) and the [Australian Stock Horse Society](#) were on site with lovely Morgan and Stock Horses. Everyone was welcomed to befriend the horses on site and invited for a pat.

Make sure you mark EquineX 2011 in your calendar for next year, April 2010. Dates are to be confirmed, check the [website](#) for more details.