

All the Queen's Horses

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Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth and one of her beloved horses

This summer, the UK will play host to not one, not two, but three spectacular horse events: The Queen's 60th Jubilee, the London Summer Olympics and the HorseWorld/Trail of Painted Ponies Exhibition and Competition. All three of these events have a magical "horse connection."



Queen Elizabeth is celebrating 60 years as the Queen of England and she has had a lifelong love affair with horses. In fact, her Majesty breeds, races and still rides her horses at the very respectable age of 86 and her daughter, Princess Anne is a former Olympic Equestrian. The Queen's granddaughter, Zara Phillips, is also an accomplished equestrian who is vying for a chance to compete in the Summer Games.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee kicked off with an extravagant horse show at Windsor Castle. Over 500 horses were flown in from around the world to participate in the pageantry, including Mounties from Canada, Cossacks from Russia and Cowboys and Indians (Lakota Sioux) from the USA. Presenters included Oscar winner Helen Mirren, who played the queen in *The Queen*, singing sensation Susan Boyle and actor Martin Clunes (of PBS' *Doc Martin*), who is president of the British Horse Society.

"Horses are part of our makeup, part of our history and culture, and they have served us so well for so very, very long," says Annemarie Westwood, senior executive at the British Horse Society, which looks after the well-being of Britain's horses. Over 15,000 visitors attended the Jubilee Horse Show and everyone saluted the Queen with the phrase, "God save the horsewoman-in-chief!"

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"Big Ben"

*This figurine is a tribute to
Queen Elizabeth
and the London Olympics
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Zara Phillips

*Granddaughter of Queen Elizabeth
and World Equestrian Champion*



Now, on to the London Summer Olympics, which is the biggest sporting event on the planet! Beginning on July 27th, 2012 world equestrians will bring their horses to London to compete in three categories: Dressage, Eventing and Jumping. The Queen is expected to eagerly watch these equestrian games and these magnificent horses that will come from all around the world.

Did you know that the three equestrian events at the Olympics are the only events featuring an animal and one of the few sports where men and women compete against each other? Did you know that between 50 to 60 of the finest horses in the world will be shipped by FedEx from America to London for the Summer Olympics? They will fly first class in jet stalls, accompanied by veterinarians and grooms and the in-flight snack consists of hay, carrots, apple juice and Gatorade! We understand from an inside source that the in-flight movie will be "Sea Biscuit."

Queen Elizabeth's granddaughter, Zara Phillips, recently carried the Olympic torch on horseback, to light the Olympic cauldron in London.

We wish all of the riders and their horses the very best of luck in the Olympics!

Check-Out the Events at the London Summer Olympics:

DRESSAGE

Venue: Greenwich Park
Dates: 2 August – 8 August
Gold medals up for grabs: 2
Athletes: 50

EVENTING

Venue: Greenwich Park
Dates: 28 July – 31 July
Gold medals up for grabs: 2
Athletes: 75

JUMPING

Venue: Greenwich Park
Dates: 4 August – 9 August
Gold medals up for grabs: 2
Athletes: 75



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The horses in the UK are beloved by Queen Elizabeth and the Royal Family and also by an amazing non-profit organization called, HorseWorld UK. This incredible organization rescues, rehabilitates and re-homes unwanted horses and donkeys. International Horseman Monty Roberts recently became a patron of HorseWorld UK and The Trail of Painted Ponies just announced an International Exhibition and Competition!

Everyone in the world is invited to Paint Ponies in honor of HorseWorld UK's 60th Anniversary! All of these Painted Ponies will become part of an international online exhibition and they will also be exhibited at the Grand Gallery at HorseWorld UK.

For the past 60 years HorseWorld UK has rescued, rehabilitated and re-homed abandoned horses and donkeys. With over 100,000 visitors each year, HorseWorld UK is one of the premier horse charities in the world.

HorseWorld UK and The Trail of Painted Ponies are also planning a stunning exhibition of Painted Ponies during the summer and fall of 2012 in Bristol, UK.

You can paint Ponies that will be exhibited online and at HorseWorld UK. Choose any theme that honors the 60th Anniversary of HorseWorld UK. You may also want to draw inspiration from special UK events like the upcoming 2012 Summer Olympics or the Queen's 60th Diamond Jubilee.

To learn more about HorseWorld and The Trail of Painted Ponies, please visit:
www.paintedponies.com



*Monty Roberts, Internationally Acclaimed Horseman
Mark Owen (center) MD of HorseWorld UK
John Newman (left) Chairman of HorseWorld UK*



*Prince William and Princess Katherine
in the Royal Horse Drawn Carriage
on their Wedding Day*



*"King of Hearts"
is a tribute to the Royal Family
from The Trail of Painted Ponies*