

7-10 November: Hall 1 hosts workshops and entertainment for 20,000 youngsters

FIERACAVALLI: THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE WITH GAMES, ACROBATICS AND THE FIRST RIDE TRYOUT

From *simulthorse* to social stables - bringing children closer to the equestrian world

Verona: 7-10 November 2019. Animations and games for children, first ride tryout, shows with ponies and mechanical horses to experience horseback acrobatics. Many "family format" initiatives will be launched during the 121st Fieracavalli scheduled 7-10 November 2019.

Younger visitors will enjoy the **Children's Village** in Hall 1: a playful-interactive space where every year more than **20,000 youngsters** get together to enjoy **learning about the equestrian world**: from discovering how horses were used in history and the equipment of riders, to pet therapy through an entertaining and educational approach with shows and many surprises.

HORSE FRIENDS. Over the first two days of demonstration on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 November, students attending **primary schools in Verona** have the chance to take part in games, exhibitions, workshops, shows and even have their first ride tryout with the "Battesimo della sella". This initiative is promoted by Fieracavalli in collaboration with the Department of Education of Verona City Council, the Verona VII Education Office, Banco BPM and Cattolica Assicurazioni.

FRIEND WITH PONIES. In the central area of Hall 1, younger visitors can experience the thrill of riding a horse, take part in tests of motor skills and even care for and clean a **pony friend**: an equine motility project curated by FISE (Italian Federation of Equestrian Sports). For the more adventurous, Fitetrec-Ante experts will also offer a first ride tryout.

MAGICAL HORSEBACK ACROBATICS. There are also great expectatives for the show with **Anna Cavallaro**, the **horseback acrobatic champion** born in Verona who has won medals all over the world: she will perform in the central ring of Hall 1 with an elegant show together with the youngsters and other budding champions of the Ased La Fenice team. She will be accompanied by Harley, the horse that helped her achieve many important victories, and her historic coach, Nelson Vidoni. Cavallaro and Ased La Fenice will also meet children and journalists on their stand. It will also be possible here to try out Nae, **the mechanical horse simulator** that everyone can ride for exciting live training and an initial approach to the horseback acrobatics.

DONKEYS & HORSES. The Asd Horse Valley Sports Association once again proposes the "Donkeys & Horses Compared" meeting in the ring of Hall 1 to debunk many "fake" myths about often-maligned donkeys and reveal how horses communicate and interact with people. The ASD Horse Valley stands offers a cross-section of the activities of the "**social stables**" at Corte Molon, home to the association in Verona. The Santa Giuliana Hospital is also involved with a photographic exhibition illustrating equestrian rehabilitation to help teenagers and young people with psychological problems, as well as the Montorio Detention Centre, with its projects for the social reintegration of prisoners. The Asd Scuderia Calcatonega from Este (Padua) is organising a donkey workshop for all children keen to become involved with these animals in an engaging way.

PET THERAPY. Focus on treatment assisted with animals under the aegis of the Ministry of Health. Interactive demonstrations and sensorial workshops will help us learn about the signals and **language of horses**. The event is curated by the Department of Animal Production and Health Medicine of the University of Padua, the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie and Ulss 9 Scaligera Local Health Authority with the Giovanni Vincenzi Association. In addition, the Ministry of Health with the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie will also coordinate a conference focusing on donkey breeds and their use in care centres for the elderly scheduled at 14:00 on Friday 8 in the Rossini Meeting Room.

WORKSHOPS AND INTERACTIVITY. For the 2019 edition, Verona City Council returns with a stand coordinated by the Departments of Social Services and Education, hosting local associations offering workshops for children. Castelnuovo Town Council makes its debut at Fierecavalli with a stand promoting its local area and some of its most representative realities, such Scuderie del Garda stables, Paradiso golf club, wine-maker Cantina di Castelnuovo and Gardaland.

Banco BPM and Cattolica Assicurazioni will propose **recreational and interactive** events intended to bring children closer to the equestrian world, while the Don Bosco Institute in Padua organises activities focusing on the world of Italian shire horses (Caitpr) and creative workshops. Topics linked to the environment are also interpreted by Serit to teach children about waste and how it can become a resource. The Army and Air Force are also on hand to amaze young and old visitors with the exhibition of the Savoy Cavalry Regiment and Novara Lancers Regiment, as well as the display of the VtIm Lince and Bv206 armoured vehicles for Alpine paratroopers.

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