



***Tracy Bowman goes to World Para-Driving Championships.***

Tracy Bowman is representing the United States at the FEI World Para-Driving Championships for Singles in Kronenberg, Netherlands, Aug. 28-Sept. 2. She'll be in the driver's seat herself, but is far from alone as her route there has been greatly aided by the help of those in the equestrian community and a special surprise grant awarded to her by Southern California Equestrian Sports.

Tracy and her equine partner Bella are a competitive pair. They've won divisions against able-bodied drivers, and have a strong chance to do the United States proud, but making it to the Netherlands from a financial standpoint is certainly overwhelming. Tracy and Bella have a specially designed custom carriage, which makes it possible for Tracy, who is paralyzed from the waist down, to be properly secured. The cost to get not only a horse and rider to the Netherlands in addition to their custom carriage is significant. For this reason, Tracy is actually the only member on the team who will be flying her equine partner overseas to compete, rather than leasing a horse for the event.

