

## Pilot Program Takes Flight

**This year, a new program will track sport horse pedigrees.**

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The United States Eventing Association (USEA) is introducing a pilot program this year intended to help breeders and owners of future event horses promote and market their young stock from yearlings to 3-year-olds. A critical feature of this program is the creation of a database of records, results and pedigree information that will stay with the horse for a lifetime. That's welcome news to equestrians who have an interest in performance bloodlines. And it's not just breeders and owners who've been clamoring for such a database. Riders in the market for green, untried prospects yearn to have some sort of information on the success—or lack thereof—of a young horse's relatives.

It is intended that the USEA's database will eventually feed into a centralized national sport horse database administered by the United States Equestrian Federation. Such a valuable resource will allow all equestrians to track a horse's competition record, along with pedigree data, from a yearling onward.