Pre-Run Routine - 1 1/2 Hours

*I like to arrive at an event approximately 2 hours before I run, especially if I haven't been there before, or aren't sure how far I have to walk to and from the parking area to the arena, and to allow "buffer time."

- RevitaVet and/or Photonic Health Light Therapy 20 minutes
 - Based on each horse's needs + Pre-performance acupoints
 - I also fill a water bucket to have a drink ready for my horse post-run
- Saddle & Bridle **10 minutes**
- Warm-Up #1 **15 minutes**
 - Approx. 10 minutes walking, up to 5 minutes trotting
- Give Pre-Race Paste
 - I like 'In the Zone' from Animal Element or see my recipe below
- Stretch + Boot-Up **15 minutes**
 - See stretches on page 42 of 'The Next 50'
 - I use Iconoclast Orthopedic Support Boots
- Warm-Up #2 **15 minutes**
 - Up to 5 minutes each of walking/trotting/loping (can depend on hot/cold weather)
- Pre-Race Readiness 15 minutes
 - Tighten cinch one last time
 - Pick out horse's feet
 - Apply Essential Oil (rub a drop on temples, behind ears, in nostrils & on gums)
 - Dot Com responds well to Young Living's Peace & Calming blend
 - Pistol to Deanna Harrison's "Liquid Xanax" (I also intend to try YL Valor on him!)
 - Mount & secure hat with bobby pins (carried in my pocket)
 - Rubber band (my) feet
 - Walk calmly as we wait and get IN THE ZONE mentally!

*I allow my horse to nibble at their hay bag up to an hour pre-race (especially nervous or ulcer prone horses), but don't feed big grain meals within two hours of running. A pre-run paste recipe I've used with great results for anxious horses is one scoop of Silver Lining Herbs "Keep Cool" and one scoop LCR (use code healthyhorse at checkout for 10% OFF), a Tsp of Dynamite Miracle Clay, a dropper full of HempWorx CBD oil, with 10 drops of Deanna's "Liquid Xanax" Essential Oil Blend, mixed with enough Aloe Vera Juice to make a paste. I mix this in a gallon plastic baggie (set in a bowl), then cut the corner (like a frosting bag) to squeeze into a 60 ML syringe to give orally.

Post-Run Routine - 45 Minutes

- Immediately Dismount + Loosen Cinch
- Hand Walk 15 minutes
 - NO stopping and talking, just smile, accept your congrats and keep walking!
- Remove Boots & Saddle
- Apply Post-Workout Liniment and/or Poultice
- Put on Ice Boots & Offer Water
- Hand Walk **Another 15 minutes**
- Offer Hav
- Red Light Photonic Health Post-Performance Acupoints 15 minutes