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**CATCH A STAR TO RETIRE FROM UPPER LEVEL COMPETITION**

Caitlin Silliman announced today that her long time partner, Catch A Star, will officially retire from upper level competition and will move on to the next chapter of her career. “Hoku” has gained a following across the country and globe having overcome the unthinkable, after surviving the True Prospect Barn Fire, which left scars across a large portion of her body back in 2011.

Since that time, Hoku has competed at Rolex Kentucky three times, the Bromont CCI3\* twice, and the Fairhill CCI3\*, in addition to several CIC competitions, all with Silliman in the irons.

With the mare turning sixteen this season, Silliman has made the decision to allow her to finish out her career teaching someone else. Although it is a tough decision, Silliman stated, “Hoku has taken me places even I never dreamed we would go together. She has been my partner to the highest level of the sport, and has assisted in turning my dreams into a reality. I feel that as a rider it is always our job to decide when are greatest partners are ready to step down a notch, and I feel that time has come for my good friend Hoku.”

Catch A Star will be campaigned by Ada Plumb in 2016, with their aim being to do a CCI\* in either 2016 or 2017. “I am excited to watch Ada learn from Hoku as they develop their partnership together. It is bittersweet for me knowing I won’t be riding her at the top levels again, but at the same time, I know that as much as she has given me, she still has more to give to someone, and I will certainly remain her biggest fan.”

With 2016 being a year of change for Caitlin Silliman, who officially launched her own business in Gordonsville Virginia last year, Caitlin has dedicated her current focus to bringing along several promising young horses, looking towards the future of her business with enthusiasm. To learn more about Hoku, Caitlin or Silliman Eventing, please visit [www.sillimaneventing.com](http://www.sillimaneventing.com).

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