



Approx. distances from:

Berlin	300 km
Gdynia, Gdańsk	330 km
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200 km	
Warszawa	320 km

The biggest city in the area Poznań 38 km
The nearby city Czempiń 8 km

How to get to Centrum Hipiki

Jaszkowo is a small village in the Wielkopolska region of Poland, about 38 kilometers south of Poznań and 7 kilometers north of Czempiń. Don't confuse it with the other "Jaszkowo" in the area. That one is about half-way between Czernica Wielkopolska and Kórnik, some 15 kilometers north-west of us.

From Poznań (the shortest route): take route 430 to Czempiń through Luboń, Puszczykowo, Mosina, Łabinko and Łabno. In the village of Łabno pass a wooden church on your right, and after 150 m turn left to Jaszkowo 8 km. Drive through Brodnica and Esterpole. Turn left to Czempiń. Go through the village of Ludwikowo and after 2 km arrive in Jaszkowo.

From Warsaw (Warszawa): take the A2 motorway (Warsaw - Berlin). From the motorway turn right to Września, and at the roundabout go in the direction of Jarocin. At the next cross-road turn to Czernica Wielkopolska (Route 432). Drive to Czempiń through Czernica Wielkopolska and Zaniemyśl. In Czempiń cross the bridge over the Warta river, and pass the BP petrol station. At the cross-road turn right towards Manieczki and Czempiń. Drive through Psarskie, and cross a small railway track with a "STOP" sign. After about 500 m turn right to Jaszkowo and carry on through Góra (with a TV mast on your left). After about 4 km arrive in Jaszkowo.

From Gliwice, Szczecin: take the main route nr 3 through Gorzów Wlkp. Then take Route 64 from Skwierzyna to Pniewy. Pass Pniewy, and after 3 km turn right to Duszniki, and drive to Stęszew through Buk. From Stęszew go to Mosina (Route 306). In Mosina, at the roundabout, turn right to Czempiń. Drive through Łabinko and Łabno. In the village of Łabno pass a wooden church on your right, and after 150 m turn left to Jaszkowo 8 km. Drive through Brodnica and Esterpole. Turn left to Czempiń. Go through the village of Ludwikowo and after 2 km arrive in Jaszkowo.

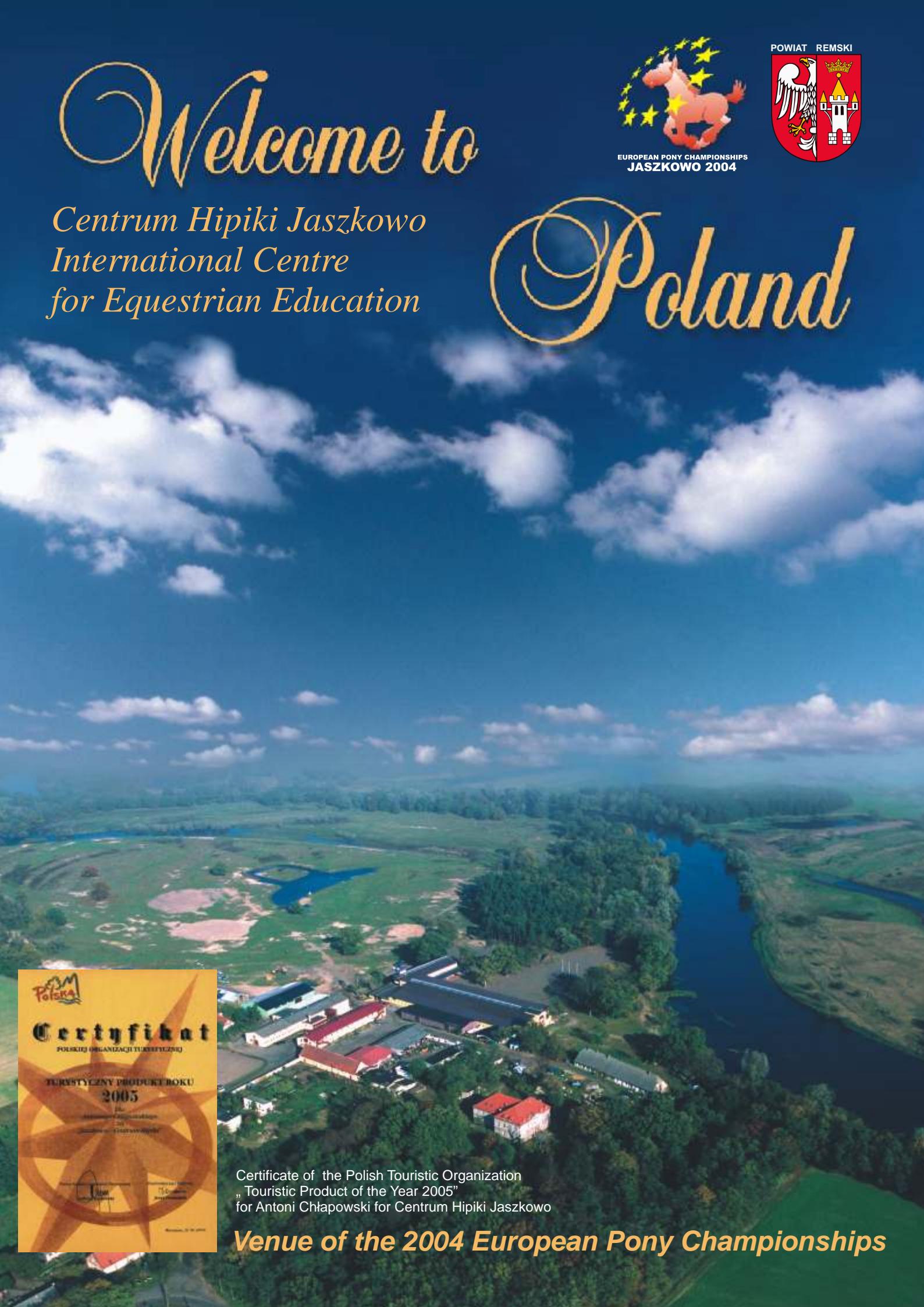
From Wrocław: take main route nr 5 in the direction of Poznań. In Rawicz turn right to Miejska Góra (Route 36), then turn left to Czempiń (Route 434) through Gostyń and Dolsk. In Czempiń drive straight through in the direction of Manieczki and Czempiń. Drive through Psarskie, and cross a small railway track with a "STOP" sign. After about 500 m turn right to Jaszkowo and carry on through Góra (with a TV mast on your left). After about 4 km arrive in Jaszkowo.

From the Polish German border in Czernica: Take the A2 road (Berlin - Warszawa), drive to direction of Nowy Tomyśl. From Nowy Tomyśl go by the new motor-way to Poznań. In Poznań - Luboń leave the motor way on the exit to the direction of Puszczykowo, Mosina (the route nr 430). Drive to Mosina through Luboń, Puszczykowo. From Mosina drive to direction of Czempiń through Łabinko and Łabno. In the village of Łabno pass a wooden church on your right and after 150 m turn left to Jaszkowo 8 km. Drive through Brodnica and Esterpole. Turn left to Czempiń. Go through the village of Ludwikowo and after 2 km arrive in Jaszkowo. The motor-way from Czernica to Nowy Tomyśl is still under construction. In the future the direct connection from Czernica to Poznań will be available.

For our guests arriving by plane ("Ławica" airport in Poznań), train ("Poznań Główny" station or a station in Mosina), or bus (station in Czempiń) transport to Jaszkowo can be arranged.

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Venue of the 2004 European Pony Championships

Centrum Hipiki



Recreation Sport

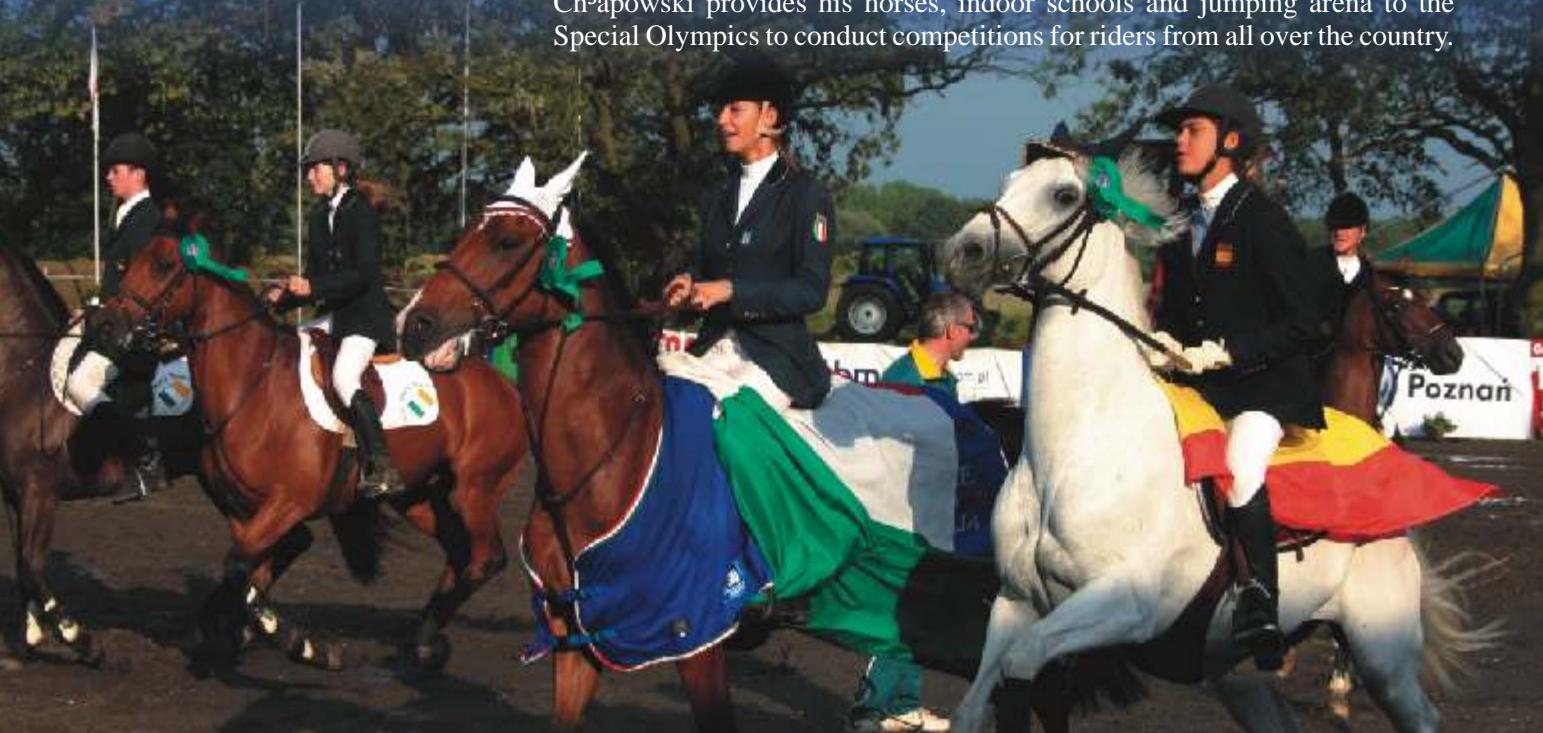
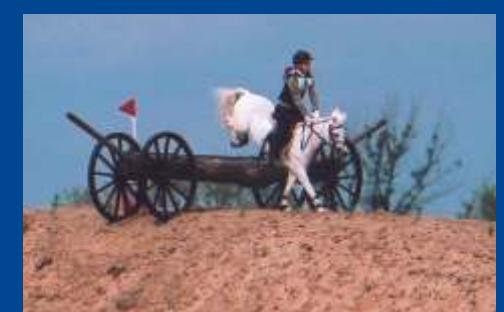
Each course ends with a parade on the last day with all the groups partaking. Students from the advanced groups take part in a show-jumping contest (one week courses) and eventing (two-week courses). Courses take place as per the schedule in the *Centrum Hipiki* brochure. They begin on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. with an organisational meeting and end with a horse show on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. one or two weeks later.

The following equipment is required: A sleeping bag or set of sheets, towel, a riding hat, appropriate (smooth soled) boots and riding trousers, and raingear. Advice can be provided on obtaining the required riding items which can also be purchased on-site at *Centrum Hipiki*'s fully-stocked shop. Registration for the course is confirmed once the completed application form is submitted together with a Doctor's certificate and pre-payment of 50% of the cost. *The form can be provided on request, or downloaded from Centrum Hipiki's web page www.centrumhipiki.com.* We suggest early registration, as courses tend to fill up quickly.

Competition-level class

The most gifted and enthusiastic of our students eventually become members of our club *Centrum Hipiki Jaszkowo*. The club brings together young riders, mainly those aged between 9 and 18 who ride a pony. Rider and horse practice day after day under the watchful eye of Antoni Ch³apowski. They train and compete in the three main equestrian sports (show jumping, dressage and eventing), participating successfully in regional, national and international competitions. The young riders from *Centrum Hipiki* can attain the following titles: Champion of Wielkopolska in jumping, Champion or Vice-Champion of Poland in jumping and eventing, Polish Cup winner in jumping and eventing. *Centrum Hipiki* organises competitions in jumping, eventing and dressage for ponies as well as horses, from regional to international level. In 2003, the first international pony show-jumping event in Poland was run at *Centrum Hipiki*.

Centrum Hipiki is open to the physically and mentally challenged. Antoni Ch³apowski provides his horses, indoor schools and jumping arena to the Special Olympics to conduct competitions for riders from all over the country.



Jaszkowo



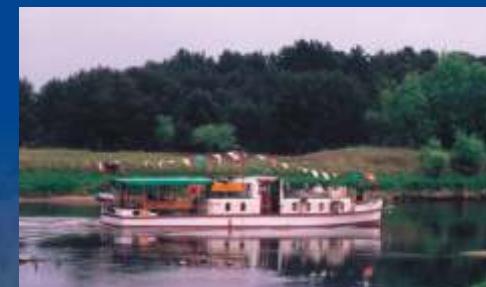
Welcome to Centrum Hipiki

In 1995 Antoni Ch³apowski bought a declining state-owned farm in Jaszkowo and founded *Centrum Hipiki*. Since then the facilities have been constantly upgraded and expanded. Now *Centrum Hipiki* is the largest equestrian center in Europe. It is dedicated to the education of children, youth and adults from all over the world in all matters equestrian.

Jaszkowo doesn't only mean horses. It sits on the west bank of the Warta river in the Rogalin Landscape Park. The area is suitable for most outdoor activities. Beautiful meadows around, the forests and marshes are full of wildlife and the Warta teems with fish. Riders and bikers, hunters and hikers, anglers and motor-boat enthusiasts will be happy here. People interested in history will find nearby museums and fascinating relics of the past. The most important are the Raczyński family palace in Rogalin, the Benedictine monastery in Lubiń, and the castle with its' surrounding park in Kórnik. Don't want to go far? A wonderful small mid-15th century late gothic church is literally a stone's throw from the gates of the Centre!

If you find that after a full day of riding, hiking, boating and sightseeing you could do with some city life, Poznań with its restaurants, cafeterias, theaters and concert halls is just a thirty-minute drive away.

Antoni Ch³apowski, the founder and the owner of *Centrum Hipiki*, is a descendant of Dezydery Ch³apowski (1788-1879). His ancestor is well-remembered in Poland's history both as a general in the 1830-31 insurrection against the Russians, and as an initiator of modern methods in agriculture and economy. Antoni is a born sportsman. His first sport was Formula Ford car racing. A winner of the Danish championship, he was also runner-up in both the Swedish and Benelux championships. He also qualified in 2nd position for the finals in the 1972 World Championship. He eventually gave up his car-racing career and switched to horses. On graduation from the renowned Swedish School for Equestrian Instructors he was awarded the highest instructor degree, RIK III. He continued his sporting career as a member of the Swedish National Team in equestrian sports. For many years he competed against, and trained with, such riders as Jan Mathausen, Thomas and Markus Fuchs, Willy Meliger, Stanny van Paesschen, and Helen and Peter Weinberg. He is now an outstanding coach and a professional farrier. His dream is to make horse-riding Poland's national sport. Thanks to Antoni's effort, *Centrum Hipiki* has opened a Sport Club and a School of Farriery. Also, a new project is being initiated: a school of school-riders. In 2003, the Marshal of the Wielkopolska Region decorated Antoni with a honorary medal for services rendered to the Region.



Centrum Hipiki



Jaszkowo



Our philosophy of horsemanship

Horse riding should be safe and fun for both the rider and the horse. That is why our riding lessons are not simple riding lessons. We teach our guests how to brush their horses' hair, how to comb the mane and tail, and how to pick the hooves. While we also insist that riders saddle and bridle their horses themselves, our instructors are always there to help if needed. We encourage our riders to feed their mounts and to keep their loose boxes clean. Riders should care for their horses and understand the way they think and react. We explain how to tell a lazy horse from a tired one, when it is time for the carrot and when (if ever) it is time for the stick. In short, we want you to learn everything you need if you ever decide to buy your own horse, as many of our clients have already done.

The rider and the horse should be a perfect match in size, in spirit, and in the level of experience (the "young rider old horse" principle, with "young" meaning "inexperienced"). Antoni generally carries out this assignment in person. The sooner one begins to ride, the better, but if you are not really a teenager do not give up: our guests over 70 have been seen riding in Jaszkowo. We offer three basic types of riding activities: recreational rides, horsemanship courses and competition-level riding.

We organise riding lessons at all levels and a weekend courses with two riding lessons per day. Our guests ride in groups according to their experience. Each group is assigned an instructor or an assistant instructor.

Horsemanship courses

These are pretty intensive one or two-week courses. They were originally meant for children and youth, but more and more often the young-at-heart in their thirties, fourties and fifties are enjoying these courses too. Participants are divided into groups reflecting their levels of horsemanship. Beginners start to learn how to walk, trot, turn and stop a horse, then they start to ride in galop. Medium-advanced riders work on their balance, seat, and soon begin to jump. Advanced riders improve dressage and jumping. Thanks to the carefully designed training schedule all groups progress swiftly. We ride for about four hours a day. There is a one-hour theory lesson per day over various subjects - the correct use of basic aids, the theory of jumping, psychology and physiology of horses. The voltige classes include practical exercises with an unsaddled horse. Students jump onto the horse's back, sit back-to-front and sideways and do all sorts of simple and safe tricks.





European Pony Championships

Jaszkowo 28.07-01.08.2004

The greatest equestrian event in Poland



For the first time in the history of equestrian sports, Poland hosted the European Pony Championships. Antoni Chlapowski's Centrum Hipiki in Jaszkowo Europe's largest educational centre for young riders had been entrusted by the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) with organisation of the 2004 Championships. The Championships were held under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Aleksander Kwa niewski. The three main equestrian events,i.e. dressage, show jumping, eventing run concurrently. The event featured 148 young riders aged 12 through 16 and their ponies from 17 countries. The riders competed on their largest and most noble ponies.

These horses brave and agile despite of modest size (140 - 148 cm), often out-perform their big cousins in sport events. The yearly competition of young riders in the European Pony Championships has, in recent years, become one of the most important in equestrian sports. The best young equestrians from all over Europe take part. Soon they will exchange ponies for horses and begin to compete for Olympic medals and World Cups. The experience gained in pony equestrian events will serve them well in their future sports careers. In 2004 Poland joined European Community. In this context , hosting the European Pony Championships was not only a major sport event, but also a fine opportunity for the country's promotion.

The Competing Nations in the European Pony Championships Jaszkowo 2004 Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Poland

Dressage Individual Results

- I. Anna von Negri / Dornik B / Germany
- II. Marrigje van Baalen / Power and Paint / The Netherlands
- III. Patricia Höhn / Konrad 15 / Germany

Dressage Team Results

- I. Germany
- II. The Netherlands
- III. Great Britain

Jumping Individual Results

- I. Hannah Paul / Mister Amontilano / Great Britain
- II. Juila Dallamano / Black Devil / France
- III. Stephanie Brugman / Balou / The Netherlands

Jumping Team Results

- I. Great Britain
- II. Sweden
- III. France

Eventing Individual Results

- I. Charlotte Offeney / Vilano / Germany
- II. Chloé Plaine / Couf de Coustassa / France
- III. Melina Lamp / Desperado A.T. / Germany

Eventing Team Results

- I. Germany
- II. France
- III. Sweden



Jaszkowo

Education Integration

School of Farriery founded in 1997 by Antoni Ch³apowski is the first professional school for farriers in Poland. Courses are organized once a year. They consist of lectures on the physiology of a horse's hoof and workshop classes. Each year, after rigorous theoretical and practical exams, about ten people graduate from the school.

Conferences, training, and integration events and parties offer very interesting possibilities for businesses and corporations. Horse riding is often the main attraction during such events.

Field trips from schools and kindergartens. Children have a chance to brush and groom a pony and take their first ride under the supervision of our instructors. Later they can gather round a bonfire and play in the open. They can also watch a farrier at work or, if they are lucky, somebody taming a young horse.

Hipotherapy - Therapeutic horseback riding for the physically and mentally challenged. We offer these well-established physical therapy programs on an individually tailored basis. They use the horse's movements to help improve physical fitness (especially muscle strength, balance and coordination) and mental well-being and self-esteem in an achievable time frame. Programs for children and youth are conducted under the watchful eye of an instructor certified in hippotherapy.

St Hubert's Day (November the 3rd), we organize a traditional mock hunt. All riders go out together, led by Antoni Ch³apowski, to celebrate the day of the patron saint of hunters. In the evening they gather at a bonfire to celebrate and to eat traditional country foods.

"Every Pole Rides Horseback" was launched by *Centrum Hipiki* in 2002 as an all-inclusive initiative for every part of Poland. The core of the initiative is the propagation of horseback riding as well as the creation of a system to help in financing riding clubs and farm-related tourism. The scheme is based on a very successful Swedish model and is targeted at all those who love to ride, for pleasure as well as professionally. Those who participate can win annual recognition for their efforts, being awarded the crest "Lover of Horses Every Pole Rides Horseback."

