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How old were you when you started riding?

I was 7 years old, and took my first lesson at Cara Arabians.

Where did you ride growing up?

I started on the school string at Teesdale, and then moved to Meadowlands when we bought my first pony...an Arabian none the less!

Were you a good student?

I think I was a good student, but I was terrified of my pony at first, and used to do everything I could to avoid jumping her. I became very keen when Linda Dupreez helped me build some confidence, Norah Ross made me very studious with her impressive knowledge of seemingly everything, and Gail Greenough really helped to pull some loose ends together for me. I believe great trainers produce good students.

When did you start showing?

I started showing on the local B circuit shortly after I began riding...it took a while to get me off the double ads down the lines!

Did you always want to be a professional rider?

I always wanted to be a professional rider, but originally had my sights set on being a jockey. In my first year, I was always hunched over in what I had perceived to be a jockey position thanks to the TV series and movie "The Black Stallion". Watching with my mom at Spruce Meadows developed my love for show jumping.

Do you get nervous?

I get excited nerves, but if they don't show up I am not nearly as competitive. I need to have my "gameface" on before I step in the show ring.

What do you do to help with your nerves?

I rehearse my plan. Both plan A, and plan B. As soon as I am headed to the first fence, my plan is in action and I generally feel confident. I also like to walk my lines twice...everyone always jokes with me that the lines haven't moved since the first time I walked, but this habit also makes me feel properly prepared.

What would you do if you weren't riding?

I have yet to figure this out! Something with animals for sure, I would go crazy at a desk job.

When did you buy your first horse?



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I got my first pony Cara Keepsake in 6th grade. I traded her for a thoroughbred named Hightime in junior high school. "Tye" came with me to QMS where I sold him and bought my first European import named "Movado". I have only personally owned 2 horses since, Cordova Bay and currently Mandalay Bay.

What horses do you have now? What are they all like?

I own a cute 5 year old mare named Mandalay Bay who I started as a 3 year old. I am fortunate to ride 2 lovely jumper geldings named Scirocco and Banderas. I also have a few fun sales horses and ponies to keep me busy.

Can you tell us about your business?

I have just recently moved back to Calgary after 15 years on Vancouver Island, 12 of which I rode for Foxstone Stable. I have moved back for the time being to help my father who is chronically ill, so my business "Hunt Equestrian Inc." is mostly going to consist of a variety of sales horses and odd jobs like clipping and catch rides!

Do you have any advice for young riders?

Always stay positive. Every horse and rider at every level experiences ups and downs. Also, never stop learning!

What do you do in your spare time?

Netflix. I love sitting down with my husband at the end of the day to watch the shows we enjoy...there are quite a few! We also love to travel, so many places I hope to see!

What could you not live without?

My friends, family, four legged family and Pepsi...I'm working on this!

What is your most embarrassing horse show moment?

Oh I'm sure there is an entire blooper reel somewhere, but I love watching the tape of myself jumping ahead at a triple bar which caused a stop and "trip up mane lane" at which point my bridle slipped off and I was left cantering around the ring IN FRONT of the saddle without stirrups and only reins around my horses neck. Thankfully he got bored and decided to stop...talk about drawing attention to my mishap!

Name 3 things most people don't know about you:



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I much prefer the jumper ring, but have been very fortunate to ride some amazing hunters. Most of my front teeth are fake...my adult teeth never showed up to the party! I have only ever owned plain bay horses...total coincidence, but it seems to be starting a trend (Sirocco and Banderas are also plain bay)

Describe yourself in 5 words:

I would like to think: Honest, Hard working, Reliable, Funny and Friendly!