

Behind the stall door with Checkers

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Black Canaveral (barn name Checkers)

Horse Details: Dark Bay, Thoroughbred

Name: Black Canaveral

Age: 8 years old

Competitive Height: 1.15 - 1.20m

Mare / Gelding: Gelding

What is a normal day like for your horse? In the summer he is at home and gets let out to pasture for the day with our other gelding. At Klondike in the winter he is in his turn-out pen with about 2 other horses.

What do they and don't they like? Checkers likes attention and playing with other horses. He does not like being in small stalls at shows. He doesn't eat as well as if it is a nice stall.

How would you describe your horse's personality? Curious, quirky, and sweet

What personality traits does your horse have that sets them apart as a competitor?

He enjoys doing the work and loves jumping. His stamina as a thoroughbred

What does your horse eat? How often? At home in the summer I give Checkers oats, Hoffman's horse ration, corn oil, and minerals twice a day. He gets alfalfa/hay all night and let out to pasture for the day. At Klondike he is in a free choice hay pen and gets alfalfa cubes and horse ration once a day. He will be in the open face for the nights this year.

What is your exercise regime to keep your horse fit? I ride Checkers about 4 times a week, this may include a jump lesson. He will also go on the treadmill once a week this winter at Klondike.

Who supports this horse? My Mom and Dad support us in this sport financially. Lorrie Jamieson is my coach and trainer

Where did you purchase your horse? From Lorrie's husband Rick Katchuik at Klondike Victory Farm. Checkers was one of his race horses.

How old was he/she and what level were they competing at? He had just turned six years old when we bought him and had been at Klondike for a couple years off the track. He had no show experience and had been used for some lesson kids at the barn.