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Get to know: Beda Wachter

How old were you when you started riding? 18 years old

Where did you ride growing up? Switzerland/Europe

When did you start showing? 30 days after I started riding!

Did you always want to be a professional rider? No!

Do you get nervous? Not normally for myself, just for my students!

What do you do to help with your nerves? If you are prepared well then there is no reason to get nervous. Make sure you ride for yourself and not for anyone else.

What would you do if you weren't riding? Another business of some kind and invent new and innovative products.

When did you buy your first horse? One week after I started riding.

What show horses do you have now? What are they all like? WH Carthago Sun III, WH Special Agent Sunset, WH Conatagious, On the Rocks, WH Campari, WH London, WH Contiago, WH Corona, WH Crosbita and a lot of babies. I am very lucky to have great horses at all levels!



Can you tell us about your business? We breed, train, show, sell, coach and have a retirement program. I love developing young horses and young riders into their potential. It's all about building partnerships.

Do you have any advice for young riders? Look, listen and learn. Respect your horse and never give up. Ride for you! Remember quitters never win & winners never quit!

What do you do in your spare time? If you want to do this sport correctly, you don't have spare time! I do watch videos from the top riders in our sport and see how much time they have put in, and I work on how I can be better!

What could you not live without? True friends and family.

What is your most embarrassing horse show moment? Going to my first horse show in Canada not able to speak English or knowing anyone and trying to figure out the system.

Name 3 things most people don't know about you: Probably how I respect the horses and how much I care about them even after they are sold. How much I disrespect people that blame their horses for their mistakes.

Describe yourself in 5 words: Sensitive, caring, brave, creative, and modest.

