

Jade Warkentin

What age did you start riding? Why?

I started riding at age 10, when my parents bought me a one month package of riding lessons as a Christmas gift. I've always loved horses from a young age, and was very excited when my parents gave me this gift. Just being around horses makes me happy, even if it is to muck out stalls all day. This love of horses, also turned into the love of competing, however I was only able to afford to start riding competitively at the age of 18. My parents also bought me my first horse at this age, in the summer of 2008, and I am now the proud owner of Genesis. Genesis is a wonderful horse, who I love very much. He always tries his very hardest, and takes very good care of me, just as I take very good care of him. I first rode Genesis in the hunters, but then found that I was more passionate about dressage, and hope to continue on with dressage for the rest of my life.



Horse Stats

Genesis is a 1995 Holsteiner/TB cross gelding, who was born and raised in Beausejour MB.

Training Regime

During the summer (competition season), I usually ride 6 days a week, one of those days being a lesson. During the school year, I ride at least 4 to 5 times a week. Every time I go to the barn, I ride at least 45 min to an hour, but am there for much longer than that. I am usually there for 2 to 3 hours, giving my horse a full groom before and after I ride, and also giving myself time to cuddle and play with my horse.

Goals/Aspirations

This year, I hope to compete at the Gold level, and attend every Dressage Winnipeg show. I hope to do as well as I did last year, or even better. In the near future, I would like to compete at the Regional Championships, but this can be costly as I plan to continue on my university education to support my riding later on in life. My ultimate dream would be to compete in FEI one day, and to represent Canada in the Olympics.

Achievements

In 2009 Genesis and I attended three out of the four Dressage Winnipeg shows. Out of the three shows we attended, we achieved AA Training Level Champions at each show. This is quite the amazing feat, seeing as how it was our first season showing Dressage together, and I am very proud of our accomplishments. I was also awarded a Silver Medal at the Training Level.

Recent Accomplishments:

- 2009 Training Level – 1st Place x 1, 2nd Place x 4, 3rd Place x 1
- 2009 Equitation test score of 67% (2nd Place)

