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What age did you start riding and why?

I started riding when I was about 42 when we moved to the Birds Hill Park area. We were set up for horses and bought one for my daughter and she was the one who suggested that I should get a horse too. I have always loved horses and until then, thought it was a passion that would remain a dream. Now I am living my dream!

Horse Stats

My current horse came to my barn because my son's girlfriend bought him. He had been a race horse for a few years and had moved around a little before she owned him. GQ came here for about 3 years and was seldom ridden. I decided to take him to a large barn in order to give him a little exposure and perhaps find someone interested in buying or part boarding him. After riding him a few times to make sure he was safe, I decided to buy him!

Training Regime

I ride 3-4 times a week and take lessons from Brandy Catton. We do a lot of walk work, encouraging him to stretch over his back.

Achievements

GQ is an ongoing achievement. He was a confused guy, didn't know his job, didn't know that his human was boss etc. etc. We spent a year doing Parelli with Megan Nunn and then several months habilitating from a hock problem. He is now a wonderful, safe horse who loves to work and is doing well in and out of the arena. He has become calmer, happier, very safe and a great equine partner.

Aspirations

We are now on a training program. He already is showing signs of abilities that I was not sure he was capable of. There are no time lines. I just want to make sure there are no holes in his training. I would like to show him next year at some of the DW shows and certainly return to the 3 day clinic, should it be offered again.

