

Stacey Fuhrer

My Name is Stacey Fuhrer. I am a 32 year old little girl who had a dream and is finally pursuing it! I started riding at the age of 8 when my mom walked me down the road to introduce me to a world I hadn't known existed until that moment-a field full of horses! My first mount was an old grey gelding named "Smokey". I climbed onto his very wide, comfy back and haven't stopped riding since. I first received formal instruction when I was in my late twenties, after my children were finally old enough for me to venture back out into the world, and as fate would have it, the first instructor I called was Barb Holmes of Olds AB, who turned out to be a very gifted dressage rider and coach...my passion for simply riding turned to a passion for dressage!

Chance is already a success story: I acquired my gelding Chance from Barb in the fall of '08. He was 4 and very lame with little hope of recovery. I had just sold my beloved Andalusian and Barb knew that Chance and I needed each other...badly. Because of the nature of his injury Chance required much hand walking and ground work, so that is where I started. He recovered over the span of a year, enough for me to begin light riding, but because he was still tender and weak our work went very slowly. The vet has given me new hope in this horse, and so now our days are filled with all of the exercises we can think of to help him continue to get stronger...I believe in this horse and that he is destined for an

awesome career! I usually arrive at the barn around 9 am, bring him in to eat his grain and be groomed. Then depending on his level of "go" I lounge him, and ride him. I work with Chance about 5 days a week, spending about 30 hours per month schooling him, but not always riding. We are currently working towards a training level show with our coach Jan Van Rosen, formally of Holland. I head off to my "day" job as a natural hoof care provider after I am done with Chance.

I am committed to excelling in dressage, and plan to ride Chance to Grand Prix Level. My hope is to ride and perform well, and to provide further education for the next generation of young riders with dreams. I believe that any sponsor who puts their name behind us will not be disappointed because Chance and I are a team working together with some excellent mentors to perform dressage in a fun, exciting and beautiful way. Chance and I plan to be showing this summer in 2 of the 3 shows currently listed under Dressage Winnipeg.

