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What age did you start riding and why?

I started riding at seventeen,leased some old mean mare, rode her bareback every where . I certainly learned how to land from her! I eventually bought her son for \$75.00. Fourteen horses later horses are still my passion. What attracts me to horses is their honesty. It is incredible to me they allow people to do the things we do with them....(and, unfortunately to them...) In terms of dressage, nothing beats the rush of being able to communicate with these nonverbal, big animals. Starting out with that green horse and moving on up is a long journey, but rewarding.

Horse Stats

Arthur is a 6 year old registered Canadian Trakhner. He is Manitoba bred out of the stallion Hannibal. He is a big boned boy and can be a goof. I have had him for two years. Once he had realized I was the head of our herd, he is usually very willing in our training sessions (course we all have our days).

Training Regime

With Arthur, doing the same thing, at the same place is incredible boring... when he gets a new concept I stop and reward him, I don't do it 10 times till he messes up.. I go in the ring about 3 to 4 days in a row, usually end each session with a ride out in pasture on loose reign. The next day we will do something totally non dressage. I drag things into the ring (jumps, barrels, rails, tarps, balls, hula hoops... whatever) and we do stuff with them. Sometimes I don't ride, I just go out and brush him, scratch him in that hard to reach spot. I take him to friends places (I have to haul of course) to change it up and visit, some times we go camping and riding down at Sprucewoods Park. All through the training process is the natural horsemanship philosophy. It is about the relationship first....then everything else will follow.

Achievements

have always trained my own horses, it is always rewarding to develop together as a team. (Though I know there are horses I have owned I owe apologies to!) It has been years since I competed in Dressage at National level. But I have qualified a PMU thoroughbred I got as a 6 month old, to Nationals years ago. I have gotten to 2nd Level with my older horse who is now retired. In 2000 I took a break from Dressage, and started learning more about horses (and people) through the Parrelli program...I am a Level 3 student in the PNH program. In the National Coaching program I have some of the requirements, but found it difficult to follow through on some of the information without feeling like a hippocrate. So I am going to enjoy my own journey with Arthur. But I enjoy helping people with their horses.

Aspirations

My goal is to learn as much as I can, and learn to ride and train at the highest Level that Arthur and I can. I would love to qualify Arthur to the Nationals, and represent Manitoba .

