

SEPTEMBER - 2016 Newsletter

While working towards her Bronze, Holly received a retired racehorse that much preferred being a dressage horse. She brought him through the levels from training to third level and received her Third Level score to receive her Bronze. This horse also gave her the Fourth Level and PSG scores for the Silver Medal and then helped Holly to the Intermediare scores which are the first half of the Gold Medal.

Despite all the great things this horse did for Holly, he was not going to be a Grand Prix horse. This is when Holly began doing some Freestyles with him and started the process of saving towards another horse. He is now 31 and still living the good life with Holly. In 2007 Holly bought her current Grand Prix mount Festina. Holly has successfully brought the mare up the levels from Training to Grand Prix but says they still have some work to do to get their performance in the ring where Holly wants it. Holly says the constant progression is "what dressage is all about".

Holly is thankful for having the opportunity to ride such good horses and have such a great trainer like Amy! She loved receiving her last Grand Prix score at Stable View as she states "It's such a lovely place, not only the facility but the site as well". She acknowledges that "the horses love the footing and the riders love the big airy covered arena to warm up in! The barns are beautiful and easy to work in, the day parking has shade and easy access to water and wash racks. I hope there are many more dressage shows here for us to enjoy".