UNSUNG HEROES Of The Industry

AQUARIAN



HOME BARN
Wingswept Farm
TRAINER
Stephanie Brannan

REGISTERED NAME
Centauri's One
and Only
AGE
28

HOW DID AQUARIAN BECOME A PART OF YOUR LESSON PROGRAM?

I moved her here when I moved to Kentucky and started to work for Bill and Nancy Becker. She started giving lessons at Shadow Run. Before that she had taught jumping and driving lessons.

DESCRIBE A TYPICAL WEEK IN THE LIFE OF AQUARIAN:

As Aquarian has gotten older, she normally only teaches a couple of tiny tot lessons a week. She'll also do some bareback lessons sometimes. She's perfect to use for the lessons when the kids get to ride by themselves for the first time. She kind of runs the farm, so the kids will turn her loose and let her roam and graze where she pleases. Everyday she gets the core to my apple when I'm done with it.

WHAT ARE HER GREATEST ATTRIBUTES FOR BEING AN UNSUNG HERO IN YOUR PROGRAM?

She's the best baby-sitter. She's small enough that she doesn't intimidate the kids as much as some of the other horses and she knows her job well. I can stick any child on her and know that she will take care of them. She has just enough bounce that it helps the kids to learn how to post, but not enough that they bounce off. I can also control her from the rail, as she really knows voice commands.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

I bought her when she was turning a year old, so I have had her for a long time now. When I was living in New York, I showed her hunt seat, did some 3-day eventing, and took her to Morgan shows. When I moved to Florida, she went to a friend's house to teach lessons. Then I moved to Maryland and she came with me before we came to Kentucky. She has started riders like Alex Rudder and Bella Hodge.