

Team Quest – The perfect entry into British Dressage

My name is Anna Tomlinson, I am 18 and I currently compete my Horse 'Moreorless' (Duster) in BD. Having bought Duster as a blank canvas, we began on the eventing scene. Crucial to eventing is the dressage. Thus, I trained with Jane Critchley at Denstone Stud. While training there, both Duster and I found a certain love for the dressage phase in particular. We began to compete in some of the Team Quest competitions for Denstone Diamonds, started by Jane. I found that Team Quest taught me many necessities which has enabled me to go on and further both mine and Duster's career in what seemed very new to me. Through Team Quest, we then went on to fully affiliate to British Dressage and in fact win our first ever fully affiliated competition at Field House Equestrian in the Novice Restricted. Further Results are as follows:

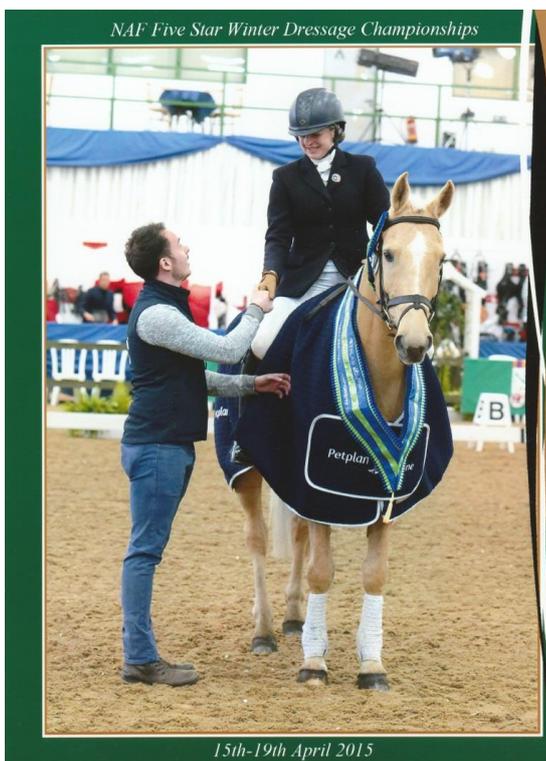
1. *Petplan Area Festival Prelim – 2nd and Qualified for the Petplan Championships 2014*
2. *Petplan Area Festival Novice – 1st and Qualified for the Petplan Championships 2014*
3. *Qualifying for the Regional championships both Novice Restricted and Prelim*
4. *South West Regionals Prelim – 2nd and qualifying for the Le Meux National Dressage Championships*
5. *South West Regional Novice Restricted – 3rd – narrowly missing out on qualification*
6. *Petplan Area Festival at Vale View, Elementary Restricted – 9th*
7. *Le Meux National Dressage Championships, Prelim – 9th*

I feel that without the Team Quest competition I would not have had the results I have today. Team Quest is truly a great entry into the dressage sport, teaching riders how to

cope with team pressure while creating a fun, enjoyable atmosphere. It gave me the levelness to compete at larger dressage championships without being phased by the large atmosphere and knowing how to cope when things don't go to plan.

My next aim is to qualify for the Winter Regionals in the Novice Open Music, Elementary Restricted Music, and if I have time alongside being at University at Harper Adams, attempt to qualify for the Elementary Restricted Regional Championships.

I would like to thank British Dressage for creating such a fabulous competition which enables varying ages to compete and have an insight into the Dressage world. In my opinion, it's a key entrance for people who may come from a different equestrian sport, to give dressage a go.



Anna and Duster winning the Prelim at the Area Festival Championships 2015