

## Jenifer Parks

I was raised on a farm outside of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and got my first horse at the age of 8 years, a cranky little palomino mare who was barely broke. As most Western Canadians do I started out riding Western through the 4H program but that only lasted 2 years before I discovered jumping and cross country and switched to the Pony Club program. In 1989 I received my Level 1 coaching certificate as well as B2 standing in the Pony Club program.

Through Pony Club I discovered dressage and at the age of 16 purchased an off the track Thoroughbred who became my young rider horse. In 1991 I was part of the Tri Provincial team representing Canada at the North American Young Rider Championships. It was there that I met Eleonore Elstone, the team coach, who introduced me to an entirely new level of dressage.



After cutting back my riding to attend university I moved to Alberta and purchased Morgen, a 3 year old Alberta bred Holsteiner Thoroughbred cross who has been a pleasure to work with and now at 10 years of age has become a great partner in spite of what he thinks is a great sense of humor!

I currently have a small stable outside Spruce Grove with my husband Greg (horse husband extraordinaire!), my 5 horses, 2 cats and a dog.