

## **Lindsay Seidel-Wassenaar Rider Biography**

Lindsay started riding at a very young age – sitting on a horse before she could walk! Lindsay was a member of Pony Club until the age of 13, when she decided to focus solely on dressage.

Lindsay entered the realm of recognized dressage shows on her Tennessee Walker – cross pony, Rusty, with whom she showed at the FEI Pony level, until partnering with her new FEI mount, Gucci.

Lindsay and Gucci actively competed at the FEI Junior level for two years, winning the Provincial Championship in 2005.

Towards the end of the 2005 show season, Lindsay was fortunate to team up with Oslo, a talented Dutch Warmblood owned by Lucie Zillinger. Initially only intended as a temporary training situation, it quickly became apparent that the match was a very good one, and Lindsay continued to ride and train Oslo throughout the winter. The evident connection between Lindsay and Oslo caused Lindsay to purchase Oslo at the end of the 2006 season.

Lindsay and Oslo represented Canada at the 2007 North American Junior/ Young Riders Championships in Lexington, Virginia, where they were part of Canada's gold medal Junior team. They then returned to Alberta for the 2007 Canadian Youth National Championships, where they were the National Junior Champions, as well as the National Freestyle Champions.

Due to an injury and then a sinus infection, Oslo had to have the winter of 2007 and spring of 2008 off. After making an incredible recovery in the summer, Lindsay and Oslo were able to progress enough in a couple months to begin competing again in August at the Young Rider level. Oslo's quick progression after his recovery then made Lindsay and Oslo the 2008 National and Freestyle Young Rider Champions.

Due to a dedicated full winter of training at the Young Rider/PSG level, Oslo and Lindsay were able to qualify for the 2009 North American Young Riders Championships after the first two shows of the season.