

Jennifer Waitte & M Dash Czo



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Rider's name: Jennifer Waitte

Horse's name: M Dash Czo

Year of First Endurance Ride (first year in the decade): 2009

Region: West

Current rider lifetime mileage? 12,305

Endurance: 11,220

Limited Distance: 1,085

Tell us about your horse. When/how did you come to get him/her?. I bred her.

What is your horse's breeding? KA Czubuthan x CG Tufnut

Sex: Mare

DOB: 2004

Horse height: 15.0

Approximate weight: 950

Color: gray

Why did you decide to purchase this horse? I've always been a fan of her sire KA Czubuthan. I leased the endurance mare CG Tufnut specifically to breed to him.

Did you do endurance with any other horses before this horse? Yes

How many different horses have you ridden in this sport? 23

Do you participate in any other horse sports or activities? Yes. Dressage and Sport Horse

How many years have you been involved with endurance? With horses in general? Did my first endurance ride in 1989. I've been riding since I was in elementary school.

What got you interested in endurance riding? What was it that kept you interested? I met some endurance riders while out trail riding. They told me about their sport and I know it was for me! What keeps me interested is the element of adventure—we get to ride so many fantastic places. Also the social aspect of the sport. Most of my closest friends are my endurance riding friends.

How old was your horse when first started in endurance? She was 5

How many rides did you do your first three ride seasons? Her first year she did two LDs and two 50s. Her second year she did one LD and two 50s. The third year she did two LDs and two 50s.

What mileage distance did you start with? (25, 50, etc.) LDs

How long until you top tenned or raced (if you did)? Her first ride was an LD in 2009. She finished 9th with my friend Pascale Soumoy riding her. Her second ride was also an LD and we finished 5th. Her first top 10 on a 50 was 2010 and a 4th place finish. While we were finishing in the top 10, we weren't necessarily racing.

How much time off do you give between ride seasons? Depends on what I'm doing. Some years she did not get any time off. Others she would get the winter off.

If you have done 100s, how much time off do you give after doing one? Around one month,

If you have done multadays, how much time off do you give after doing one? Depends on how many days of the multiday she did. Usually a couple of weeks.

Do you use any special type of tack or shoeing with your horse? Yes she has her own saddle and I use exclusively EasyCare products (boots or shoes)

What kind of problems have you overcome with your horse? Lots! Mental issues, she's a very hot horse. Foot issues, which is why I only use Easycare products. Mild arthritic issues as she go older. Bad ulcers on season.

Describe the best ride you ever had on your horse. Finishing 2nd at the 2013 Tevis Cup. I was riding with my friend Jenni Smith and we finished 2nd and 3rd.

What was your most humbling experience? Getting pulled at Franciscos in 2012.

What lessons have you learned along the way that you feel are the most important? To continuously

remind myself to listen to my horse.

What advice would you give to new riders? Be patient and start off slow. Take years, not months, to build your horse into a solid competitor.

Looking back, what do you feel you did right? I feel like I do a great job managing all my horses. I have a good training program and my horses last me a long time.

What would you do differently? I wish I would have caught her issues with ulcers sooner.

What was your highest goal for your horse, and did you achieve it? Tevis top 10. Yes.

Describe your horse's personality? How is it like or unlike yours? She's like a little stick of dynamite. Never know when she's going to blow up.

What kinds of rides do you enjoy the most (50s, 100s, multadays, etc.)? I like atmosphere of the multi-days.

In what ways has endurance riding made a positive influence in your life? It keeps me healthy. It's a great lifestyle.

Is there anything special about your nutrition program you attribute to your success? I keep it consistent and haven't changed it much over the years.

Are there any major changes you've made to your nutrition program (i.e., changed from one hay to another, added something special) that you feel made a noticeable improvement or solved a problem? Adding daily Vitamin E and probiotics to the diets of horses in training.

What kind of supplements (if any) do you use? Just Vitamin E and probiotics

Do you give any kind of joint products? Regular regiment of Adequan and Legend.

Describe your electrolyte protocol. I use Endura Max. Always have.

How do you choose which rides to attend? I have my favorites, and then I just look at the endurance calendar relative to my work schedule.

Do you go to many rides outside of your region? Yes

Name three people involved in the sport of endurance that you look up to, and why. Well my husband Barry is first because I am so grateful to have a partner in life that I can share this sport with. Garrett Ford, for what he has done for the sport. He's a true horseman. He's done well because he's so committed.

Did you have a mentor or first trail partner? Tell us about him/her/them. Not really. When I first started doing endurance rides I went alone.

In choosing your next horse, what would you look for? Size, conformation and attitude.