Dorothy Sue Phillips & Montana Flyer



2010 AERC Decade Team



Year of First Endurance Ride (first year in the decade): 2000

Region: Mountain

Current rider lifetime mileage? 17,345

Tell us about your horse. When/how did you come to get him/her? Bred and raised him.

What is your horse's breeding? Arabian

Sex: G

DOB: 4/8/1996

Horse height: 15.3

Approximate weight: 1,000

Color: Bay

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

How many different horses have you ridden in this sport? Approximately 9.

Do you participate in any other horse sports or activities? No.

How many years have you been involved with endurance? With horses in general? 24 endurance/lifetime with horses in general

What got you interested in endurance riding? What was it that kept you interested? Competition, meeting horse people and seeing new trails.

How old was your horse when first started in endurance? 4

How many rides did you do your first three ride seasons? 405

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

How long until you top tenned or raced (if you did)? I don't know.

How much time off do you give between ride seasons? 3 or 4 months

If you have done 100s, how much time off do you give after doing one? Yes, at least once a month

If you have done multidays, how much time off do you give after doing one? A month

Do you use any special type of tack or shoeing with your horse? No

What kind of problems have you overcome with your horse. Lameness

Describe the best ride you ever had on your horse. Big Horn 100

What was your most humbling experience? No comment.

What lessons have you learned along the way that you feel are the most important? Learn about the horse you are riding; tolerance, daily care, helping other riders and horse.

What advice would you give to new riders? Start with the idea of learning about your horse, hot to rate the horse and the ride.

Looking back, what do you feel you did right? Learned from my horse and learned from other riders.

What would you do differently? Not start doing hard rides, long distances too early.

What was your highest goal for your horse, and did you achieve it? 10,000 miles; not yet.

Describe your horse's personality. Competitive, easy to get along with. Everyone who knows this horse loves him.

What kinds of rides do you enjoy the most (50s, 100s, multidays, etc.)? I enjoy them all when my horse and I can do well.

In what ways has endurance riding made a positive influence in your life? Learned about my horses, meeting some wonderful people along the way.

Is there anything special about your nutrition program you attribute to your success? I feed an excellent mix of grain and hay.

What kind of supplements (if any) do you use? EquiPride, ride bran, elytes when needed.

Do you give any kind of joint products? Adequan.

Describe your electrolyte protocol. Elytes (small doses) three days before a multiday ride, before and during a 50 and 100 mile ride.

How do you choose which rides to attend? Mostly in the Mountain Region as they are closer and some very beautiful rides as well.

Do you go to many rides outside of your region? No

Name three people involved in the sport of endurance that you look up to, and why. Cindy Collins, she has been in this sport a long time, sensible and smart rider. Linda Fisher as she has been riding a long time, raised some outstanding horses and bringing youngsters along. Ronda Eden, she has come a long way in this sport, wonderful riding partner and works very hard with horses, riders, is competitive, but not overly so.

Did you have a mentor or first trail partner? Tell us about him/her/them. No I did not. Just read about endurance, borrowed a horse and began without knowing much.

In choosing your next horse, what would you look for? Hard to find as I have looked, but one like Montana Flyer.