



Young Heart

Goldrush is a multi-national award winning ridden gelding, who won his first national title under saddle at 5 years of age, and has continued his career winning titles since this time.

In 2011, he was purchased by Charlotte Phillips, who was 12 at the time, to be her main mount at Arabian shows and to also compete in Pony Club. This team were awarded the inaugural Arabian Horse Association of Australia (AHSA) youth development grant for their continued success, which only spurred them along further. Goldrush and Charlotte then decided to compete competitively in Open Dressage, where they won countless Championships during their continued years together, culminating in winning the 2016 National Australian Interschool Championships in dressage - quite a feat for a purebred Arabian against some well-bred horses at the time.

Goldrush had done such a stellar job of a Youth mount for these five years - and Charlotte felt he deserved some time off. Therefore, she purchased an Arabian Derivative (Arabian/Warmblood), and had the pleasure of breaking in and educating a young horse, along with occasionally still competing with Goldrush.

With completing her last year of schooling and start of a Medical degree at University, Goldrush had two years out of the spotlight, and had not been ridden in approximately two years when the opportunity arose for Charlotte to try out a parachute dress from a friend. Rather than pick the in-work Arabian Derivative, she didn't think twice about plucking the 15-year old purebred Arabian gelding out of the paddock (after two years of not being ridden), and putting on the parachute dress in 110kph winds to give it a whirl! The winds were absolutely crazy (you could hardly hear the person next to you speak), but the two of them handled it well, and look at the results!! Not bad for an older gelding who hadn't been ridden in years. Most horses would not be impressed by either a noisy, long dress or tornado-inspired winds...but the two of them took it in their stride.

Charlotte is so very thankful to have a horse like Goldrush - he's like that old friend that you don't speak to for years, and then you have a catchup and reminisce about all the good times. This reminiscing photo shoot has Charlotte now planning to bring him back into the limelight and see how he goes. She loves him to pieces, and he will always have a very special part of her heart for all of the confidence he gave her in those early years. He's a horse in a lifetime, that's for sure.

Model - Charlotte Phillips with Rose Gum Goldrush

River Oak Imprent x River Oak Illusive Girl

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Photography













