

Horseplay welcomes Angela Trevithick home to Kona!

At the age of 9 Angela began weekly lessons when Cyndy and Horseplay were operating at the Hedemann's Bar None Ranch. As the years went by (and Horseplay moved to its current location) Angela rode every horse and pony available, competed at Big Island shows, and sought every opportunity to participate in or audit educational opportunities.

Angela's flexible schedule while home-schooling allowed her to advance her skills beyond riding and assist in barn management, while developing our equines to become better lesson horses and ponies. With her peers she was an excited participant when Horseplay moved to its current location, where we have been able to host our own shows and clinics.



Following high school graduation Angela attended William Woods University in Missouri. There she further developed her dressage & hunter/jumper education and added western riding to her skill group. During these college years she attended horse shows as a groom and competitor, taught riding lessons, and completed academic classes that enhanced her understanding of the equine industry.

Graduating with a B.S. degree in Equine Science and a minor in Business Administration Angela quickly found employment in Wellington, FL - home to perhaps the most highly regarded international equestrian community in the United States. In Wellington she worked for a hunter/jumper show barn, where she soon advanced to barn manager. This experience in the world of show jumpers gave her a perspective on an exciting discipline not available to many of our riders in Kona.

Maintaining her passion for dressage, Angela pursued an opportunity to move to North Carolina in 2013 to work for Jennifer Baumert of Cloverlea Dressage, LLC. Jen's education and background were familiar, as her mother (Beth Baumert, editor of Dressage Today) and her writings had been part of Angela's curriculum in her early years at Horseplay. At Cloverlea Angela rode a variety of horses from the very young and inexperienced to those preparing for the international level. Additionally she taught lessons for Cloverlea, travelled with her trainer, and managed the show barn in Wellington, FL during the winter seasons.

Her dedication to the profession and Cloverlea Dressage led Jennifer to offer Angela the means to pursue her USDF Bronze Medal (which she achieved in 2014) as well as certification in the USDF instructor program. Angela was certified by the USDF Instructor program through First Level in April of 2016. (The first individual in Hawaii to achieve that goal!)

Angela's decision to return home and bring her training as a rider and instructor for the children and adult riders of Kona is quite exciting for Horseplay Equestrian Center. We look forward to our equestrian community re-acquainting with Angela – or meeting her for the first time!

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