

To whom it may concern

Regarding: Diana Carolin Horse Riding Experience

I have known Diana for many years and included in that many years of riding together and stabling horses together. During that time we competed together in various disciplines and also rode a variety of different horses to assist other people with schooling and exercising. Diana is a particularly empathetic rider who has a lot of patience and kindness with any horse that she rides, and had a lot of success with horses that were termed by others as 'difficult'. She had success with both geldings and mares and adjusts her style and approach depending on what the horse needs. She certainly has a very good seat, having seen her ride some very tricky horses! She always remains kind and soft with her hands and is not someone who will ever resolve an issue with an aggressive approach, which I find horses to relate to.

From a personal perspective I have also seen how Diana approaches any of the various ways in which she helps people. She is a hard worker and is very committed to seeing positive outcomes, whether she works with people or animals. In terms of working with horses, whenever she visits me I trust her to ride any of my competitive horses as she makes a point of knowing the level the horse is at and working with them so that each session is positive and a learning process to build their schooling.

I would certainly trust her to always put the horse first and work in a responsible and committed way. Should a horse require specific work she would work closely with the owner on the brief of what is expected in order to develop the horse according to what outcomes you are looking for.

Therefore I am very confident to recommend her as a work rider and would be happy to discuss this further if required.

Kind regards

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