



TRANSITIONS NEWSLETTER

Lemonade Daze Show I and I Results

Dover Medal Winner:

KATIE JACKSON on NTEC WEMBLEY 71.951%

A little About Katie Jackson: Katie Jackson was born and raised in a small town in Southern Oregon. Always a bit horse crazy, her mom finally gave in and Jackson took her first riding lesson on her sixth birthday. Jackson continued riding through high school and always found a way to keep horses in her life through college and dental school.

Jackson attended the University of San Diego for her undergraduate degree, and attending the UCLA School of Dentistry. After dental school she did a postgraduate residency program for general dentistry which took her to San Antonio. Jackson currently owns and manages a private dental practice in North, central Austin. When not at the office, she is out at the barn or outdoors with her husband and two labs.



Jackson's life changed last summer when she went to the doctor for a second opinion on the pain she was having behind her knee. At 35 years old it was quite a surprise to be diagnosed with cancer. Amputation of the leg above her knee was her only option to make sure this aggressive cancer was removed. "I feel very fortunate that my recovery has gone as smoothly as it has," said Jackson. As soon as she could she was back out at the barn. Being around horses has been not only therapeutic but also a big motivation to work hard on her physical therapy.

In January Jackson went to Florida to watch the CPEDI3* in Wellington. For Jackson it was a worthwhile experience getting to watch the riders compete and to also attend the symposium featuring FEI 5* judge Carlos Lopez and U.S. Team Chef d' Equipe Kai Handt. When she returned two weeks later to watch the second CPEDI3* she received her official classification as a Grade IV Para-Equestrian. In February, Jackson went to Dallas to ride with Kai Handt, hoping to have him evaluate her riding. On that day Jackson had the opportunity to ride multiple horses and fell in love with one sweet, bay gelding. Jackson now calls that gelding Wembley her very own.