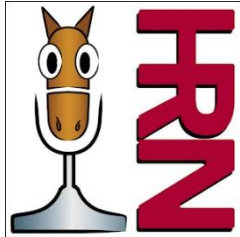


Horse Radio Network Features Equestrians Margaret McIntosh and Katie Jackson



Jupiter, FL –April 5, 2016- Horse Radio Network's once-a-month Para-Equestrian Show featured equestrians Margaret McIntosh and Katie Jackson with hosts Lindsay McCall and Regina Cristo.

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Margaret McIntosh and Rio Rio. Photo (c) Lindsay Y. McCall

About Margaret (Gigi) McIntosh:

Margaret McIntosh broke her neck in the spring of 1999 while riding in an event, resulting in incomplete quadriplegia. Initially paralyzed from the chest down, she is eternally grateful for having the opportunity to regain her mobility. McIntosh had extensive riding experience before her accident: 1970-1976 Working student for May and Denny Emerson; 1976-1979 Working student and barn manager for Gunnar Ostergaard and Ellin Dixon; 1979-1983 Working student/groom George Theodorescu in Sassenberg, W. Germany; From 1987 through 1999 Gigi evented

several horses with lots of help from Bruce Davidson, culminating in completing the CCI*** and CCI***** at Rolex Kentucky 3-Day in 1997 and 1998. Six months after her accident she began riding with Jane Cory, the owner of the Cort Center for Therapeutic Riding at Pleasant Hollow Farm in Pleasant Valley, PA. She initially asked Missy and Jessica Ranshausen for help just before the World Equestrian Games in 2010 and has enjoyed their expertise ever since. In 2012, McIntosh qualified for the London 2012 selection trials including successful trips at back-to-back CPEDI ***s in Wellington, FL. McIntosh was also the Reserve Champion at the 2014 USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage National Championships. Married since 1983, with two grown children (Charlotte (27) and Cameron (25)), and her husband, Brian, a retired banker. McIntosh is now aiming at the 2016 Paralympics in Rio Di Janiero with her own Rio Rio.



Katie Jackson. Photo (c)Moonfyr Photography

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, receiving a bachelors degree in Biology. For dental school she decided to stay in California, attending the UCLA School of Dentistry. After dental school she did a postgraduate residency program for general dentistry which took her to San Antonio. While in San Antonio she fell in

love with a Texan who happened to live up the road in Austin. Jackson and her husband have called Austin home for nine years. 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. The type of cancer she had was a rare type of soft tissue cancer known as a Clear Cell Sarcoma. 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.

Jackson explained, "Being able to ride and compete again was a goal from the day I heard my diagnosis. I knew I needed some direction on how to starting riding again and started looking into para-dressage. It just so happened that the U.S. Para-Equestrian Dressage National Championships were in being held in Katy, Texas. Just three months after surgery I headed to go watch the show. It was incredibly inspirational to watch the beautiful, talented riders. Above everything, I was thankful for the warm welcome that I received from everyone I met and all the great information I received about riding again."

She continued, "I was most apprehensive about how to get back on safely and what my balance would be like without having my leg. To get back in the saddle I had the help of a therapeutic riding program in Austin known as H.E.L.P.. This was a great way to gain confidence in the saddle again in a safe environment."

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. In March Wembley and Jackson went to their first show with a goal of qualifying for the U.S. Para-Equestrian Dressage National Championships. The duo completed their goal and will head to Michigan in June for the National Championships.

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