

Charlotte Bredahl Baker's Equestrian Background

I was born and raised in Denmark where I started riding at the age of 9. When I was 20, I moved to California knowing very little English and with only a suitcase in hand. I got a job at Bell Canyon Equestrian Center in Southern California and worked my way up from groom to manager. At the age of 23, I was responsible for 110 horses, as well as running dressage shows every month. I was there from 1979 to 1983. Since 1983, I have been training dressage horses and riders as an independent trainer. In 1985, I got my first National Judges License and have been judging ever since. Now I am a 4* FEI judge.

Since being promoted to 3* and later 4* I have judged in France, Denmark, England, Australia, Japan, Costa Rica, Brazil, Canada and the US. I have taught clinics in Canada, Denmark, New Zealand, Barbados and Hawaii. I teach at home and ride 4-5 horses daily as well as give regular clinics in the States. I keep current with my own education by attending regular National and International Judges Forums as well as riding in clinics with top clinicians. I am currently on the US High Performance and Dressage Committee and have been on numerous committees in the past. This year, I was awarded an Honorary Instructor title by USDF as well as a USEF Gold Medal of Distinction.

Please find below my experience/credentials in chronological order:

- 1984- Interpreter for the Danish Team at the LA Olympics including Anne Grethe Jensen who won Individual Silver.
- 1985- Received my first National Judges license.
- 1986- Competed for the first time at GP on Copenhagen, a horse I trained from the start.
- 1990- I finished 3rd at National finals at GP on Monsieur, a horse I trained from the start. He was a \$10,000 sales horse that nobody wanted to buy.
- 1991- I finished 3rd again at National finals and received a grant to train in Germany with Herbert Rehbein. Competed at Stuttgart and other shows.
- 1992- I was on the US Bronze medal winning team at the Barcelona Olympics. I was based at Herbert Rehbein's and showed in Wiesbaden, Rotterdam and Aachen. I also won a World Cup qualifier in Copenhagen.
- 1993- I received another grant to train and compete in Europe. This time I was based out of Conrad Schumacher's place near Frankfurt and toured around Europe with two horses.
- 1995- I represented the US at CDI in Sydney riding borrowed horses.
- 1997- My horse Lugano was named Horse of the Year at Int. 2. In the same year, I made the US team for the North American Championship. Lugano was the highest scoring American horse and our Team won Silver.

- 2002- Chef d'equipe for the Juniors at Championship.
- 2003- Chaperone for a group of Young Riders touring around Europe including Young Rider Championship at Saumur. Courtesy of US Dressage Foundation.
- 2004- Chef d'equipe for Juniors at Championship.
- 2006- Competed successfully on the Florida circuit. I showed Komo at GP and ended up 6th on the US long list going into the WEG selection. Unfortunately, Komo went lame before final selection.
- Named “Woman of the Year” in my area for my volunteer work with youths.
- 2006- Chef d'equipe for Juniors at the National Championship.
- 2008- Selector for the Olympic team for Hong Kong.
- 2009- Promoted to 3* judge.
- 2009- Named USDF clinician and taught clinics in all 9 regions over 18 months.
- 2010- Judged test event for the WEG in Kentucky.
- 2010- Selector for the WEG.
- 2012- Promoted to 4*.
- 2013- Competed Strauss at Grand Prix (median score 68%).
- 2014- Actively competing, judging and giving clinics. Judged US final Selection Trial for WEG at Gladstone. Was awarded USDF Honorary Instructor title and USEF Gold Medal of distinction.