

Ann Egan

Horse background:

I started riding at age 7, doing English and some jumping. I graduated from Southern Virginia College for Women, where they had a great equestrian program; Bezie Madden was a year ahead of me. When I was 35, I came back to riding and still loved it just as much.

Describe the horses in your life:

Big, black and beautiful Percherons. Three adults and a filly who made her appearance on March 19, 2008! We named her North Point Dark and Stormy.

How and when did you meet them?

We purchased our driving team, Wyatt and Tucker, in October 2006. Desi joined the herd in August of 2007.



What do you do with your horses?

We can ride or drive Tucker and Desi. Tucker and Wyatt pull a hitch wagon as well as regular carts.

What is your favorite horse activity?

I love to drive singles in the cart classes. As I have gotten older, I find that I prefer driving to riding and jumping.

Your horsekeeping arrangements:

The horses live on our farm. We live on top of a mountain in Connecticut,

and my husband built the barn. There are six stalls, a heated wash room, two tack rooms (we need it with all the driving tack!), a feed room, a trailer bay, and an office with a kitchen, laundry room and shower/bath.

Greatest horse challenge:

Getting back on a horse after a 20-year absence! My biggest challenge remains trusting these massive giant horses to take care of me, which they do.

Best achievement with your horse:

Tucker was diagnosed with cancer in his eye last year, and the tumor was removed in July. He was given six months to live. I decided to take him to our first horse show in September, and his behavior was exemplary! We got second place in a ladies cart class and won the novice cart class! If you met him today you would never know that he is a cancer survivor. ■

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