

Curriculum Vitae

Sara E. Ballinger

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Sara Ballinger has been active in the horse industry since the age of eight., initially riding western then moving to hunters and jumpers. Throughout high school she catch rode hunters and then continued her career at the University of Findlay, Ohio. While on the IHSA collegiate team, she was 2001 and 2003 Individual National Champion and Team Champion in 2001. Her equine studies at Findlay included equine nutrition, animal science, reproduction, preventative medicine, physiology, business, management and law.

After college, Sara worked for several trainers in the Midwest and in Ireland. After returning from Europe, Sara started her own sport horse sales business, buying young prospects, bringing them along herself, and selling them directly to the end market. This direct sourcing business provided her a means of offering excellent amateur-friendly horses to a market she understood at a fair price without a middle man mark-up. By taking all the risks on herself, she could take her time with development and insure that she was selling an appropriate horse to an amateur at an honest price and not having multiple commissions wrapped into the sale.

Sara has been competing as an amateur on the AA circuit in hunters and jumpers during college and since graduation. Sara has qualified for the Ariat finals half a dozen times, has been the recipient of the Beval Medal Finals and was 2017 and 2019 circuit champion at WEF in the Adult Equitation divisions. Sara lives in Wellington, FL where she operates her Sporthorse Dragonfly Lane Farm. Sara became a certified equine appraiser in 2012 and passed the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Exam in 2020. Additionally, Sara is a qualified member of the International Society of Appraisers, ISA.



LICENSES AND EDUCATION:

- University of Findlay – Equestrian Studies Major/Biology Minor 2003
- American Society of Appraisers, Certified Equine Appraiser 2012
- Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) Exam 2020
- 15 Hour ISA USPAP Class 2019
- 7 Hour ISA USPAP Class 2020
- International Society of Appraisers Approved Member 2020
- Seak Expert Witness Training 2020
- University of Kentucky Conference on Equine Law 2019
- Arno Gego Week Long Global Equestrian Forum in Aachen, Germany 2012
- Property and Casualty Insurance License 2012 – 2015

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- USEF Member
- USHJA Member
- USEF Zone 5 Jumper appointed committee member 2012-2020
- Member of American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers 2020
- USEF Amateur Committee Member 2010
- Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association (IHSA)
 - Secretary 2000-2002
 - Vice President 2002-2003
- Finlay College Equine Emergency Team 1999-2002

EQUINE WORK EXPERIENCE:

- The Equine Expert LLC, Director 2020
- Dragonfly Lane Farm, Principal/Operator 2018
- SEB Equine Appraisals, LLC 2012
- SEB Sport Horses, Principal/Operator 2009
- Sport Innovations Equine Therapy Equipment Sales 2015 – Present
- Taylor Harris Field Agent, Equine Insurance 2012 – 2015
- Copper Top Farm Assistant Sales Barn and Farm Management 2005 - 2007
- Shadowed Lilly Pharmaceutical Representatives 2005
- Adie Amorose, Trainers Assistant 1996 – 2003

- EPM Research Assistant, Ohio State University Veterinary Hospital 2002
- Veterinarian Observation 1998-2001
 - Kantzer Veterinary Clinic
 - Yancey Veterinary Clinic

AREA OF EXPERTISE:

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| Sporthorse Appraisals | Riding Instruction (Professional and Student) |
| Valuations of Deceased Horses | Buying and Selling Standards |
| Valuation of Loss of Future Income | Horse Accidents |
| Accident Analysis and Reconstruction | Horse Training |
| Equine Liability Cases | Equine Behavior and Analysis |
| Equine Personal Injury Cases | Safety Procedures and Protocol |
| Degrees of Negligence and Accident Prevention | Boarding and Rental Stables |
| Equine Standards in the Industry | Fraud Analysis |
| Stable Management | Horse and Equipment Appraisals |
| Professional and Client Protocol | |
| Care, Custody and Control | |