

## Curriculum Vitae

Tanja Schnurderl

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Tanja is an accomplished bilingual professional with extensive experience in both the legal and equine industry. After completing a 3-year vocational training to become certified as a Legal Secretary with Dietz, Tonhauser & Partner in Heilbronn, Germany, Tanja spent over 9 years supporting Managing Partners in Germany as well as working for the Head of the International Department with Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP in Atlanta, GA. She successfully completed her Business Law studies with a Bachelor of Law degree (LL.B.) with Euro-FH in Hamburg, Germany.

Tanja grew up riding and showing horses in Germany. She had her first riding lesson at the age of 7. An Oldenburger gelding named “Noblesse Oblige” became her four-legged partner for many years and started her lifelong passion for horses.

Tanja has been actively involved in equine care and horse behavior her entire life. As a teenager she attended horse camps every summer where she learned the basics of equine care. At the age of 14 she passed the “German Horseshoe”, recognized as the equestrian course in Germany that educates junior riders about horse care and management. When Tanja turned 16, she took over barn chores at her training barn to work off the lease for her horse, giving her further insight and knowledge into proper horse care, equine health and behavior from the trainer and farm owner. Tanja passed the exam to earn the “German Equestrian Badge” as recognition for her advanced knowledge in equine care, nutrition, sickness prevention and medical aid. In addition to over a decade of horse behavior and care, custody and control experience, Tanja also gained extensive knowledge about boarding, buying, leasing and showing horses in the following years. When she moved to the US in 2013, she brought her international equestrian experience and continued to ride and show horses here in the US.

Tanja started leasing a dressage horse at Moon Rising Farm, LLC, a private horse boarding facility with 28 horses, just outside of Washington, DC. The farm owner and Tanja’s trainer recognized her talent and skills and offered Tanja to school her own young horses. Before long, other customers and boarders at Moon Rising Farm noticed Tanja’s expertise and began asking her advice for equine care

questions and trusting her competence to handle, take care of and school their valuable horses. Soon Tanja took over different horse care responsibilities at Moon Rising Farm on a weekly basis. Her professional demeanor and extensive knowledge provided a career path to working with horses fulltime. Tanja turned her lifelong passion into a full-time profession and accepted the barn manager position at Moon Rising Farm. Tanja has a proven track record of feeding customized equine diets, taking care of injuries, monitoring horses for signs and symptoms of sickness or discomfort, administrating supplements and medicines, managing feed orders, and working together with farriers and vets. Implementing barn rules and protocols and keeping a watchful eye on horses and customers are additional responsibilities of the barn manager position, in order to ensure the safety of riders, horses and boarders.

Since 2020 Tanja holds a USDF University diploma as recognition for her continuing education, awarded after successfully completing close to 100 courses and exams on various equine care, horse behavior and dressage topics. Additionally, Tanja is continuously extending her equine expertise with seminars and online course.

Tanja is an active member of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and the Potomac Valley Dressage Association (PVDA) and competes at dressage shows on a regular basis.

Tanja is also a member of the American Society of Equine Appraisers and has established her own equine appraisal business, Sigma Equine, LLC, providing clients with high-quality equine appraisals. She is a consultant and expert witness with The Equine Expert LLC with specialties in barn management, behavior and appraising.

## **SEMINARS/COURSES COMPLETED 2020**

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“The Inner Game of Dressage”, USDF University (9/2020)

“Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Competitions”, USDF University (9/2020)

“Breeding Basics”, USDF University (8/2020)

“Sport horse Confirmation and Judging”, USDF University (8/2020)

“Scribing for Sport Horse Classes”, USDF University (8/2020)

“Starting the Three-Year-Old”, USDF University (8/2020)

“Sickness prevention – Biosecurity & infectious diseases”, University of Guelph (4/2020)

“Practical Sports Psychology for Riders”, Janet Sasson Edgette, PsyD (3/2020)

**MEMBERSHIPS:** 

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United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) – Active professional member

United States Dressage Federation (USDF) - Active professional member

American Society of Equine Appraisers (ASEA) - Certified member

Potomac Valley Dressage Association (PVDA) - Active professional member

**EDUCATION:** 

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*Diploma* - USDF UNIVERSITY, October 2020

*Bachelor of Law (LL.B.)* - EURO-FH, HAMBURG June 2018

*Certified Bankruptcy Specialist* - INSFO HAMBURG, GERMANY, July 2008

*Certified Legal Secretary* - KAUFF. KREISBERUFSSCHULE, GERMANY, July 2006

*High School Diploma* - HIGH SCHOOL MOECKMUEHL, GERMANY, Aug 2003