

Marcia Evans
Director of Equine Therapy Programs and Equine Welfare
For Shared Gifts

Experience

Dawn-Mar Riding Academy – Director (1966-2009)

Offering riding and driving classes to children and adults with mental retardation, Down's syndrome, paraplegia, multiple sclerosis, autism, amputation, ADD, ADHD, seizures and other similar physical and emotional problems, alongside other fully-abled riders.

Professional Member of the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NAHRA) since 2006.

President of the Concord Coach Society – 2006-2008

Training adults with autism, Down's syndrome, visual and hearing impaired for *Work for Work Problem of NH*, since 2000.

Special Olympics International Certified Team USA Coach

Founder of the *Merrimack Valley Equestrian Special Olympics* program - 1989.

Founder of Therapeutic Driving in the state of New Hampshire (establishing rules, guidelines and introducing the "Double-reining Technique".

Special Olympics Certified Volunteer Equestrian Coach in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont.

Participant in the New England Dressage Association's National Dressage Judging Form - 1975

4-H of New Hampshire Leader since 1970. Formed the *4-H Easy Riders* program, teaching riding, driving.

Founder of Special Needs Classes in 4-H Projects.

Founder of Special Needs Classes and testing for 4-H Horse Shows to allow special needs riders to compete fairly alongside fully-abled riders.

U.S. Pony Club Certified Instructor since 1970.

Concord Animal Hospital – Veterinary Assistant – 14 years

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Training and Instruction

Dr. H.L.M. Van Shaik – Formerly with the Spanish Riding School and Olympic Winner

Michael Handler – Spanish Riding School and Dressage Instructor

Werner Platzer – American Dressage Institute Instructor and Trainer

Robert Hall, DBHS – Olympic Coach, Trainer and Developer of the Fulmer System

Thomas Poulin – American Dressage Institute Coach, Trainer, Judge and Director

Barbara Kemp – Canadian Instructor, formerly at the Spanish Riding School

Paiela Fitzwilliams, BHSI – Dressage Judge, Instructor, Trainer, Coach.
Studied dressage and jumping.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Thibodeau – Maine Ballet Masters

Jean Froissard – Author of “An Expert’s Guide to Basic Dressage” – dressage lessons

Colonel Burton – Olympic Team Coach

University of N.H. – Coaching Clinic on Handicap Training