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Sho Clothes Mascot, Wonderful Walden, Captures Two Grand Prix Honors at 2008 USDF Convention

Wellington, FL- Wonderful Walden, Betsy Rebar Sell's Grand Prix partner is still wonderful even at the age of 20. The Hanoverian gelding recently won two top breed honors from the American Hanoverian Society, showing the world that great horses can get even better with age.

Wonderful Walden was named Grand Prix Reserve Champion and Grand Prix Freestyle Reserve Champion for 2008 by the American Hanoverian Society at the United States Dressage Federation annual awards banquet in Denver, Colorado. Walden adds the awards to his impressive show resume, which includes a Gold Medal at the 1999 Pan Am Games in Canada and top Grand Prix placings at Gladstone.

Rebar Sell co-owns the equestrian boutique Sho Clothes in Wellington, Florida. Walden is the official mascot of Sho Clothes, and his headshot is even the design for the store's logo. Rebar Sell's partner in Sho Clothes, Michele Hundt, was so inspired by Walden she designed the Sho Clothes logo in his likeness. Walden's powerful image graces their line of jewelry and many other items, including every Sho Clothes bag that leaves the store. Rebar Sell has ridden the gelding throughout his career and says, "He is the horse that keeps on giving!"

Rebar Sell believes Walden's amazing career longevity is due in part to keeping her equine partner as happy as possible with lots of turnout, walks on trails and long warm-ups before beginning real work. Rebar Sell also believes that for a horse and rider team to do the best job possible, they need to have the best possible team around them, from the rider and trainer to the groom, farrier, vet and massage therapist. "It really takes a whole village to campaign a horse at the highest level," she said.

As a superstar senior dressage horse, Walden is sponsored by Triple Crown Feed. "He has been on Triple Crown Senior for almost two years and his coat just glows. Walden used to leave food in his tub but now he cleans up everything in sight. His energy level amazes me, it's like I'm riding a jet ski," Rebar Sell said.

Sho Clothes' champion mascot shows no signs of winding down and is not one to rest on his laurels. Currently Wonderful Walden is in Florida for the winter dressage circuit where he can be found mooching carrots at the Sho Clothes mobile boutique between Grand Prix rides!



Photo: Betsy Rebar Sell and her wonderful equine partner Wonderful Walden. (Photo courtesy of JRPR)