

# Jen McClain Eventing

## Lessons and Training

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*Improving communication and understanding between horse and rider to build better partnerships.*

### **About Me:**

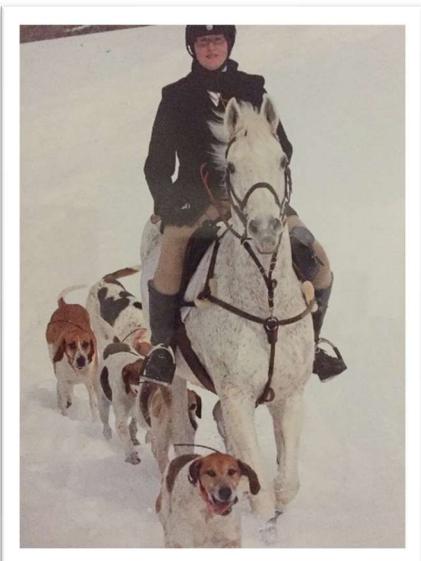
I have been riding for **30** years, and teaching/training for **14** years. The first **6** years of my career was as a Hunter/Jumper rider. I didn't have my own horse, so I rode lots of sales and training horses, and took them to shows for the barn owner. During this time as a hunter/jumper rider, I also worked part time at a Trakehner breeding farm breaking and training babies. Then I bought my own horse and got involved in Eventing and Dressage. I worked **3** years for a Grand Prix Dressage rider where I learned the basics of dressage, long lining/ground driving horses, and professional horse care and maintenance. During this time, I also trained/showed my friends horses in Eventing. Then I ran my own stables for **8** years out of the Battle Creek Hunt, where I taught lessons, trained sales/show horses, and organized & hosted many horse shows and clinics. At the end of my **8** years, I moved out of state and wanted to concentrate on showing my own horses. At that time, I was finishing my bachelor's degree. I found out after moving that I would lose a year of college because the credits didn't transfer, so I moved back to MI. While boarding at a friend's barn I was asked to start teaching again. I was reluctant because I wasn't teaching professionally anymore, but I really enjoy helping people learn to communicate better with their horses. And this is what started Jen McClain Eventing. **My goal** is to help people have better relationships with their horses, no matter what discipline they enjoy.

## My Experiences:



While running my own facility, I trained and showed horses across the country for students and owners.

The photo left was taken in South Carolina at the classic format event (which is unfortunately no longer active) called The Heart of the Carolinas. The pony belonged to a student who wanted him to gain experience showing before she showed him. Photo 2 is the same pony at the classic format event IEA in Indiana.



During my 8 years as barn owner/manager, I was a member of the Battle Creek Hunt. My second season with them I was asked to be a Whipper-In, which I did for 6 seasons. One season the Hunt Master got injured on a hunt and I was asked to be interim huntsman for an entire season. It was one of the best experiences of my life.

I try to go hunting at least once a year and take anyone who would like the experience.



Since leaving barn management I have continued training and competing with my homebred mare and other horses I have owned/leased.

Glory (a clients mare that I lease) winning best conditioned horse at a classic format show in Florida, November 2022.



Jane (my homebred mare) at IEA Horse Trials June 2021.

## Continuing Education:

I enjoy continuing my education by doing clinics and taking lessons.



Jane at the Boyd Martin clinic, June 2021.



Glory at the Daniella Moguel clinic 2023.



I continually work on improving my technical skills and form by taking lessons with respected instructors. Here are some whom I have been honored to lesson with:

Dorothy Crowell, Leslie Law, Cathy Wieschhoff, Sharon White, Julie Julian, Stephen Bradley, Lucinda Green, Nicolas Fyffe, Waylon Roberts, Daniella Moguel, Andrea Landis, Boyd Martin, and Brad Cutshall.

This coming summer I will be doing an event camp with Leslie Law, Sharon White, Tim Bourke, and Sara Kozumplik. I enjoy learning from many types of riders/trainers, and audit whenever I am unable to ride.

### **My Mentors:**

Education is very important to me, and I spend a lot of time watching & learning from some of the best.

My top mentors are:

Piggy March, Denny Emerson, Philippe Karl, and Menolo Mendez.

This group of trainers believe strongly in listening to your horses and teaching with kindness and understanding. To me, that is of the utmost importance.

I am planning to visit Mrs. March in August to ride in a clinic she is giving at her farm in England. I am currently learning from one of Mr. Karl's master teachers in Schooling Made Simple, which is a year long training program. Someday I would love to learn from one of Mr. Mendez's master teachers, and if I am lucky Mr. Emerson too. Though, I do own and enjoy reading his books.