

Miranda Kettlewell – Bio.

According to my family I was put on a fat Somali pony before I could walk! Growing up in Kenya with a horse crazy older sister horses were always part of the family and my first riding lessons were on polo ponies. After moving to England I got my own Welsh pony and together we explored the countryside. While at boarding school in Gloucestershire I had weekly lessons at Molly Sivewright's Talland School of Equitation.

For the next 35 years I didn't own a horse, but they were often part of my adventures around the world; Galloping Arab stallions (that had been rescued from the salami boats heading to Italy) across the island of Corfu, Greece, foxhunting in Georgia with Ben Hardaway to riding Andalusian horses in Spain

After living in Connecticut for 16 years, starting a business and working full time I moved to Virginia and once again the opportunity to ride became a reality. With both kids out of college and hitting 50 my midlife crisis was buying a horse, followed by building a barn, fencing fields, arena, trailer etc.

My horses are Soleil 18 a TB/Percheron cross and Fred 12 an 18 hand Belgian. Dressage is my main discipline, an occasional show, lots of trail riding and enjoying the beautiful Virginia countryside.

In addition to FEF I am on the board of CDCTA (Commonwealth Dressage & Combined Training Association) as VP Dressage and organize six dressage shows as well as being the USDF delegate and attending the annual USDF convention. I am also a member of the OPRC Piedmont Chapter.

