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2021 Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund: Genevieve Rohner

With the support of a $1,000 grant from TDF's Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund, Genevieve Rohner, a Grade IV para-equestrian, spent time in Wellington, FL, over the winter. The plan had been for Genevieve and her horse, Donut, to work with Paralympian, Kate Shoemaker; however, Donut couldn't seem to adjust to Florida very well.

Thankfully, with the help of many, Genevieve was able to lease another horse, Phoenix. Phoenix was the former horse of para-equestrian, Mika McKinney, who passed away in 2019. Genevieve said that it was a gratifying experience to help fulfill Mika's wish of international competition with her horse.

While her trip to Florida didn't go as planned, Genevieve was able to become FEI classified and competed in her first CPEDI3*. She is currently the youngest FEI para-equestrian in the world! She said she knows she has a lot to learn but that her "motivation doesn't come from what anyone else thinks. It comes from how much I love to ride and how much I want to achieve my goals."

Genevieve also said, "I am lucky to have some great sponsors, and I am very grateful to The Dressage Foundation and the donors for helping me. My experiences in Wellington were fantastic and I can't wait to go back next winter."

To read more about Genevieve's experiences in Florida, visit https://bit.ly/3rR5fpJ.

Grants from the Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund provide support for para-dressage riders, including Visually Impaired and Blind riders, to attend educational events such as clinics/seminars, lessons with a trainer of choice, or other educational opportunities that will enable the riders to improve and reach their goals. Applications are due each year on November 11.

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