



# Sovereign Equestrian Spring into action...

Spring can be a busy, but extremely rewarding time in the equestrian world. There is inevitably lots of excitement and anticipation ahead of the summer competitions and at Sovereign Equestrian the team are already gearing up for an unforgettable summer, which includes preparing for the upcoming age classes.

The 'age-classes' are traditionally for the very best show jumpers, and the recognition gained from these events is fantastic, which is why the team have placed a huge importance on ensuring the preparation for these events goes as smoothly as possible. Inevitably, the key time-period for preparation for these events comes during Spring, and we've got some top tips to help you find the right balance during the tricky pre-summer period.

- Steadily increase exercise, to get suppleness, control and obedience
- Book a health check, Physio, Farrier, Dentist & Vet
- Review their diet for energy, muscle and top line

By following these key tips, Sovereign Equestrian have previously enjoyed great success at the age-classes with Galerius, who was victorious in recent years at the 4's, 5's and 6's, which then enabled him to go on to be Europe's top 7-year-old in 2018. Galerius' success highlighted the importance of preparing correctly during the Spring months and how this can have a real positive impact on performance during the summer competition season.

This year, the Sovereign Equestrian team will be competing at some of the most prestigious events in the UK show-jumping calendar, where we will be looking to replicate and improve on our recent success (See left).

The horses we're currently preparing for young horse classes this summer are very exciting. These six horses competing as part of the Sovereign Equestrian team have amazing breeding and are:

- **Knock Out** - 4 year old stallion by: Ustinov / Clinton
- **Eldin** - 5 year old stallion by: Quaprice-Bois-Margot / Feinschnitt-I-Van-De-Richter
- **Sparky** - 5 year old gelding by: Stakkato / Berlin
- **Frankie** - 6 year old gelding by: Heartbreaker / Nabab De Reve
- **Leo** - 7 year old gelding by: Balloon / World Way
- **Highhope DD** - 7 year old mare by: Durrant / Warrant

All of our horses possess fantastic ability and potential and we can't wait to see how they perform during the year at these exciting Championship shows. Whilst you can never be certain of results, we are confident that the work and preparation our team have put in during winter and spring will give us the best possible opportunity for success.

Gemma Alexander, Christopher Hector and Thomas Hartwig, wrote the following regarding the importance of age-class competition:

*"Success in a young horse championship is by no means a guarantee of future success at the top levels of the sport. However, there are reasonable odds that these horses will do well. Over half of young horse championship top-ten finalists go on to compete in their career at a level of 1.50m or above. Considering that a number of horses will be withdrawn from the sport for reasons ranging from breeding duties to injury, these are very favourable odds!"*

This excerpt is referring to young horses competing in Championships in Belgium, Germany and France. These are some of Europe's most prestigious competitions and we will continue to try our best to gain qualification into these shows, just as we achieved with Galerius in 2018.

Sovereign Equestrian would like to wish everyone the best of luck who gives this route the required time and patience to succeed.



▲ Be Caprivi ridden by Nicola Barry



▲ High Hope DD ridden by Nicola Barry



▲ Frankie ridden by Charlotte Barry



## Upcoming events include...



The Welsh Masters  
18th - 21st April 2019



Northcote Young Horse Championships  
29th May – 2nd June 2019



British Showjumping National Championships  
6th - 11th August 2019



British Showjumping Young Horse Championship  
13th - 18th August 2019

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