

# Jutta Schott's Bio

Classically trained German clinician Jutta Schott, Reitlehrer FN, has been coming to Billings to give dressage clinics since 1987. Born in Germany, she became a certified Bereiter in 1972, which entitled her to teach and train through second level. In 1981, she became a certified Reitlehrer FN, which authorized her to train and teach horses and riders (including other professionals) up through the FEI levels. This certification is earned in Warendorf, Westphalia and is awarded only upon the completion of extremely vigorous courses of study and demonstrated riding ability. Before leaving Germany, she trained and competed her mare up through Prix St. George, earning the German Bronze and Silver Medals on that mare.

She then moved to Vienna, Austria, where she worked for seven years as the assistant head instructor at the private barn of Arthur Kottas, the Chief Rider of the Spanish Riding School. While in Austria, she also received her Austrian Instructor's License. She still maintains her membership in a European association of professional instructors and trainers and rides when her own teaching schedule permits with international caliber clinicians, including the former coach of the Dutch Olympic team, Bert Rutten.

After moving to southern California in the mid-eighties, Jutta became based near Redlands, where, during the week, she trains both her own and clients' horses and gives lessons. Weekends find her traveling to Nevada, other parts of California and southern Oregon to give two and three day clinics.

Jutta's training methods are based on classical principles. Because her clinics attract a wide variety of breeds and crossbreds, Jutta is quite able to adapt to assorted horse personalities and conformation characteristics. In Billings, she has taught everything from warmbloods at Third Level to a Tennessee Walker at Intro. Although she often works with advanced riders at FEI levels elsewhere, she is very willing to work with beginners, since she feels that the basics are the hardest thing to correctly teach a horse and it is essential to give everyone a firm foundation from which to progress.

When riding with her on a consistent basis, she formulates a systematic, progressive instruction plan for each student, which is particularly helpful in this region for individuals who may have to do much of their training on their own. Highly skilled at identifying the core issues with horse and rider, Jutta sets priorities in such a way that advancement is logical and correct. Her demeanor is always pleasant, never unkind or sarcastic, and she never over faces a horse so that it becomes stressed or anxious.

Jutta's dates for 2008 are:

May 9-11

June 6-8

August 29-31

September 26-28

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