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 The Team Lizzie Update
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Since the last 'Team Lizzie Update', Lizzie has a new top three Nations' Cup finish to her name! Coup de Chance jumped the \$100,000 FEI Nations' Cup at CSIO4* HITS Post Time Farm in Ocala, FL, helping the Canadian Team claim a spot on the podium!

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Lizzie Gingras and Coup de Chance

Lizzie was initially named to the Canadian Nations' Cup team aboard Zilver springs. However, 'Zilver' bumped his leg in competition the day before the Nations' Cup and, erring on the side of caution, Lizzie opted to substitute 'Chance'.



The Canadian team of Ian Millar, Tiffany Foster, Amy Millar and Lizzie Gingras with chef d'equipe Mark Laskin (center)

While it turned out that Zilver was fine, Chance was ready to fill in for his big brother, and we are so proud of how he rose to the occasion and helped Canada finish third!

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Zilver springs may have a new rider in his four-legged friend Louise!



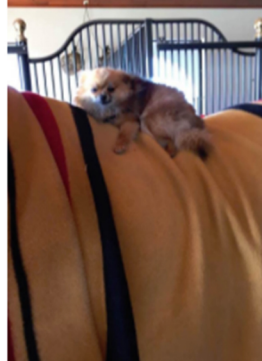
Coup de Chance meets young fans



Yann Candele was in Ocala to help Lizzie



Tiffany Foster and Lizzie Gingras signing autographs following their third place finish



SHOW SCHEDULE

- 2017 Winter Equestrian Festival**
 Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, Wellington, FL
- WEF 10 CS13* - March 15-19
 - WEF 11 CS15*/CS12* - March 22-26
 - WEF 12 CS14* - March 29-April 2



Getting to Know: Coup de Chance

Coup de Chance, an 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding (Cardento I x Darco), joined the team in 2014, 'sight unseen' by Lizzie.

One of Lizzie's first top jumping horses, Fleur, was bred to Cardento I five years ago, and Lizzie's mom has always loved the Cardento offspring. So, when Lizzie's coach at the time, Jill Henselwood, tried Coup de Chance during a trip to Europe, Lizzie's family made the unusual decision to buy him solely off the video (and Jill's advice, of course!).



Lizzie Gingras and Coup de Chance

Furthermore, Lizzie had just purchased Zilver, and they had to make the decision within a day to buy Chance if they wanted to get him on the same plane as Zilver . . . and in time for Spruce Meadows! Since then, Coup de Chance has become the 'baby' of the Gingras family, and is loved by all.

Five fun facts you might not know about Coup de Chance:

- Chance's nickname around the barn is "Little Muffin."
- Chance is a cuddler. He's very attached to his groom, Karlene Neuffer, and they can often be seen having a snuggle. Lizzie also makes a point to spend five minutes cuddling and showing him love every time she walks into the barn.



Coup de Chance with his groom, Karlene Neuffer

- Today, Chance is Lizzie's winningest mount, but in their first three classes together, they never made it past the first three jumps! In fact, Lizzie says, "I fell off him a lot! My first show with him was Spruce Meadows, and I fell off him three days in a row. I stepped down a division every day, and I still fell off every day!" (You'd never guess it watching them together now!)

- Chance used to be terrified of shadows, hoses, cords - and even his own bum! To this day if he sees a shadow, he jumps over it.

- Chance is very quick! If you look at the times in the results, he may have a rail, but he'll frequently still be the fastest horse in the class.