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The Team Lizzie Update

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It almost feels like yesterday that we said the horses were heading to Belgium to spend the spring competing in Europe. And now, their European spring tour has already come to a successful close!



Elizabeth Gingras and Captain at CSI2* Valkenswaard.
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Coup de Chance, Daylight VDL, Ima van d'Abdishove, and Captain all had great showings at top events including CSI2* Antwerp and CSI3* Lummen in Belgium, and at CSI2* Valkenswaard in The Netherlands. Highlights included a great finish from Captain in the CSI2* Antwerp Grand Prix, top ten finishes with Coup de Chance in both the CSI2* classes at Lummen, and a clear round in the CSI3* Lummen Spring Tour Grand Prix with Daylight VDL!



Captain at the CSI2* Antwerp.
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Now, the whole team is happy to be back home in Canada and gearing up to head to Langley, British Columbia, for the CSIO4* tournament at Thunderbird from May 31 to June 4. Captain, Coup de Chance, Ima van d'Abdishove, and Daylight VDL will all be competing at Thunderbird, and then it's on to Calgary for four weeks of showing at one of the best venues in the world, Spruce Meadows!

Be sure to follow along on Instagram @LizzieGingras_Can for updates - [like this video of travel buddies Chance and Captain heading home to Canada!](#)

Getting to Know Team Lizzie!

Last month, we began featuring the hard-working members behind the scenes of Team Lizzie. This month, we introduce **Karlene Neuffer!**

Neuffer joined Lizzie in March of 2016 and has been an incredibly valuable asset ever since. No one would ever guess that, although she's had assistant trainer and riding positions in the past, working with Lizzie is her very first grooming job!

Name: Karlene Neuffer
Hometown: Lake Cowichan, British Columbia

What do you enjoy most about being a part of Team Lizzie?

There are so many good things about working with Lizzie! She's very kind. She's very down to earth. She'll pick up a fork and muck. She'll clean bridles or do anything if there's stuff she sees to be done. She's really, really generous. We get to ride the horses, and we'll go for trail rides together. She even paid for a couple of lessons with Joely Mann for me. She's just really generous and kind. She's probably the kindest person I have ever worked for. She's not just our boss. She's like our friend, she's like our family member. She would do anything for



Karlene Neuffer and her barn favourite, Coup de Chance, sharing treats...
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Which horse in the barn is your favorite?

Chance! 'Chance Pants' is my favourite horse. I know Lizzie has also mentioned that her nickname for him is 'Little Muffin'. We have some other names for him, too. He is either 'Chance Pants' or 'Chauncey' or 'Party Pants' - that one is Jess's. He's my favourite. He's just got the cheekiest, cutest little personality. He's super, super cuddly. He'll put his head in your chest and you just snuggle with him. He's just so funny. He's kind of like a pony, and I love that. We've got our other horse Captain as well; he'd be my other favourite. He's kind of like a cheeky pony as well. They're both super sweet.



...and sharing kisses!
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What has been your most memorable moment while working for Lizzie?

There have been so many. It's been quite the year! Zilver placing second in the \$500,000 ATCO Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Spruce Meadows was a big one. That was probably the biggest 'adrenaline rush' moment.

Another big one for me - because I'm in love with Chance - was taking him to the night class at the Winter Equestrian Festival. Last year, Jess (Dooley) was first introducing me to all of this stuff, and I was watching her go to the night classes with the same horse. This year, I got to take him. He performed really well, and it was super exciting to be there with him and with Lizzie.

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Daylight VDL gives his full endorsement!
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- CSIS* Spruce Meadows National - June 7-11
Calgary, Alberta
- CSIS* Spruce Meadows Continental - June 14-18
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- CSIS* Spruce Meadows Pan American - June 27 - July 2
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