

5 STRIDES WITH CHANCE STE HERMELLE

AN "INTERVIEW" WITH THE SHOW JUMPER
(via her rider, Natalie Dean!)



The 14-year-old Belgian Sport Horse mare helped the United States finish second in the \$150,000 FEI Nations Cup in Wellington, FL, in March, and she was also second in the \$150,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup Grand Prix at the Las Vegas National Horse Show in November.

1 If you could eat any human food, what would it be and why?

I love sugar cubes! I am a little funny when people try to get on me, so my groom, Miguel, pops one in my mouth every time someone gets on. I also tried a peach popsicle recently and really liked it.

2 What was it like to show at the Las Vegas National?

Las Vegas was a really good show for me. I have a lot of blood, so the small indoor ring really helped keep me calm. I didn't even have to get lunged there, which is unusual.

3 What's the best part about a jump off?

I like the longer gallops because I have a big stride, and it's one of the only times that

Natalie isn't trying to slow me down.

4 Do you prefer day classes or night classes?

I prefer night classes because I enjoy competing under the lights in front of a big crowd. I also like that it's not as hot at night because I tend to sweat a lot.

5 Tell us about your life at home when you're not competing.

I love being groomed and getting lots of attention. I know just the right face to make to get a cookie from Miguel or Natalie. I don't get to jump very much, but I always get ridden so I can stretch my legs out. Natalie never rides me for too long, even though I could go for hours. She tells me I get too fit, but I like to work. ∞