

# TOP INTERNATIONAL EVENT RIDER, PIGGY FRENCH TALKS PROTEXIN

## **Jonathan Nelson, Protexin Equine Premium Director:**

This is the first time I have had the opportunity to have a long chat to Piggy as whenever we have met before it has just been a case of exchanging pleasantries at events! As with many people from an agricultural and equine background we soon realise that we have common connections in both horses and the Norfolk farming world.

I was first aware of Piggy's interest in Protexin following her return from Kentucky in 2010 when she had been advised to try Jakata (Jaffa) on Protexin;

## **Piggy French, Top International Event Rider:**

Jakata had always been a stressy horse who anticipated and became anxious when he realised he was off to a party. He had not flown before so to ensure his gut remained stable and he kept eating, we started by using the

Quick Fix product prior to, during and on the way back home. I can honestly say we saw the benefit, and he seemed much more settled than I would have expected.

**JN:** I think it was at that point that Piggy's Head Groom contacted me and asked if Piggy could try a few horses on our feed supplement version, Gut Balancer, for a couple of months and see how they fared against the rest of the yard.

**PF:** That's right - we kept Jakata on Gut Balancer and introduced it to some of my other horses. There was a significant improvement in the way that the horses were less stressed and maintained their weight, even during a hectic competition schedule which involves lots of travelling.

**JN:** And what about Jakata?

**PF:** I'm delighted to say that Jaffa keeps improving! He always had a tendency to run up light but now he keeps his weight and maintains a really good top line. Since we've used Protexin I can honestly say that Jakata has a much better appetite all of the time. Let's face it, if you can keep your horse eating you can keep up the work and training. Jakata was the best British horse in 2012 and 2nd at Badminton.

**JN:** I don't think Protexin in any form is an excuse for poor feeding or management, or an elixir for life as many of these products can be portrayed, but it does make a difference and is different to the regular stuff you'll find on the shelf. The regular positive feedback that I receive from the professional world underwrites that view, and if it can make the difference between an appetite and no appetite then that's enough to win! Having said that, there's no reason why any horse won't benefit, you don't have to be heading for Badminton!



Piggy is a member of the UK World Class Squad, European Silver Medal winner 2009, member of the British WEG squad 2010, member of the medal winning British European Championship team 2011, winner of the Olympic Test Event and a past Young Rider team gold medal winner and U25 Champion – In this interview Piggy talks about her experience with Protexin with Jonathan Nelson, Protexin Equine Premium Director.

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