



## Horse Profile

**HARLAND 2004**  
**Halling (USA) ex White**  
**Star (IRE)**

### Background:

Harland was trained in Newmarket by Michael Jarvis and won three times from five starts during his racing career. In 2007, he won the Group 2 Prix Eugene Adam at Maisons-Laffitte and also won a Listed race at Sandown Park. All of his wins came over 1m2f and he amassed a total of £134,190 in prize money. He retired from racing with a very respectable Timeform rating of 113.

### Story:

Harland arrived at Badlingham in May 2008 and came with the reputation of being a genuinely lovely horse, which he immediately lived up to. As with many of our geldings, Harland was castrated fairly late (two weeks prior to arriving at Badlingham) and therefore it was essential that he was given time to calm down and relax. Harland was eventually brought back into work and local rider Steph Cason expressed an interest in having him to event. Steph bought Harland at the beginning of January 2009 and according to recent updates and photos from Steph, both horse and rider are thoroughly enjoying their new partnership.

### Results:

During the winter of 2008/2009 Steph regularly took Harland to various dressage competitions where he never finished out of the first three. Having successfully taken part in some cross country schooling, Harland completed an unaffiliated eventer trial with clear cross country and only four faults in the show jumping. Since April 2009, Steph and Harland have been competing in B.E. Intro level classes and have recorded some fantastic dressage marks with jumping scores that are consistently improving.

# July at Badlingham

**Darley**

The summer months at Badlingham are much the same as in other yards. The horses live out where possible, and the stables receive some TLC in the form of a coat of paint! Victoria returned from her holidays to find a depleted number of ex-racehorses, with Truly leaving for his new home at the beginning of the month, in addition to the four which were rehomed during June. Everyone at the yard was therefore keen to meet three new arrivals, Tanny, May and Moon who are set to join June's intake of Paddy, Poet and Prince in the field. Another two horses are expected any day soon.

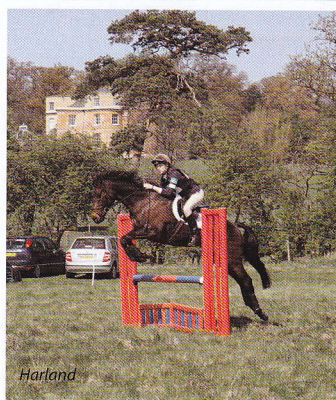
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The three new additions are currently winding down from their training regimes and will shortly be turned out for a couple of months to relax. The team at the yard are now ready to start bringing in some more of the ex-racehorses after their holiday period in the paddocks. The first of these, Geti, has come in and has started his new work with enthusiasm. Geti is currently in the care of Beatrice and will hopefully be her project until he is ready to be rehomed. Although currently only being worked from the ground, Geti is a nice prospect and has lovely paces.

When the horses are brought in to begin their retraining, they are worked in long reins and on the lunge for at least the first week. This enables the riders to



*Harland enjoying his new career as an eventer*



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ensure that the horse is going forwards, and that they become accustomed to working onto the bridle and in the school environment. It is important to remember that these ex-racehorses not only have to get used to a new way of going, but a new type of tack, new facilities and a different style of rider. We are lucky that most of the horses we have at Badlingham have been very carefully broken in, so are normally willing to learn. We are also able to be patient with all of our horses to cater for their individual needs.

One of the best aspects about the process and the team at Darley Rehoming is the team's wealth of experience. Each of the riders have their own speciality and are always on hand to offer advice to others as and when necessary. The team is very solid and happy at the yard and this makes for happy horses.

### TIP FOR RETRAINING EX-RACEHORSES:

Teach them to stand still. Whether it be at the mounting block, at a gate or waiting to cross the road, being able to stand still is a fantastic help for any rider. To begin with, ask a friend to stand at the horse's head whilst he stands still. Begin by asking him to be still for a short time only and reward him when he has achieved what you have asked. As he becomes more confident, you can increase the time you ask him to stand for, or alter the location.

## Winning is just the beginning...

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