

H. Wineglass Gideon – by Rachel Powell

H. Wineglass Gideon came to me as an unstarted, 4-year-old, Sport horse prospect in 2012. In working with him initially, I was struck by his presence and his sensitivity and attentiveness when handled or ridden. Despite that sensitivity (which could easily become spookiness), if he trusts his handler, he can be tremendously bold and courageous. I have ridden him through treacherous creek crossings, past flapping flags, and in crowded, chaotic horse shows and he never fails to trust me and do as I ask. Gideon has shown



more than 40 times in Adult Amateur classes at USDF Dressage shows at Training and First Levels. He consistently scores in the mid-60's, with high scores over 70, and has earned 11 First place ribbons against stiff competition from imported Warmbloods. He was USDF All-Breeds Champion for PShR in 2014 at Training Level and in 2016 at First Level. Recently, I decided to try out Working Equitation and promptly entered him in a sanctioned show. Despite having never seen most of the obstacles, including bell corridors, slalom poles, 8-foot spears and a particularly intimidating plywood bull, he comported himself well. Boosted by a strong Dressage score, we earned 10th place in a large Introductory Level class against much more experienced competitors. H. Wineglass Gideon was recently sold to an Adult Amateur Dressage and Working Equitation rider. I look forward to seeing what they can accomplish together!