



Meet Our Saddle Fitter: Jennifer Jarnigan

We want you to learn more about Trilogy's team of fitters! Meet Jennifer Jarnigan, authorized fitter who services Tennessee.

What created your interest to pursue saddle fitting as a career?

I became a saddle fitter because I struggled with my own saddle fit for so long. Having a horse who was downhill and not athletically inclined meant my saddle fit was a constant struggle and I found it was hard to find a fitter who cared as much about his comfort as I did. I struggled with overcoming the lack of response from the countless professionals I contacted, trying to find anyone who would assist us. After purchasing a new saddle, only to find it also did not fit, I finally decided enough was enough. Nobody had a better invested interest in my horse being comfortable than me! So, I purchased my first used Trilogy and I've been hooked ever since, and my horses have as well! Making horses happy and comfortable has always been my passion.



What has prepared you to become a saddle fitter?

I spent a lot of time rehabbing rescued horses from a young age. I was always given horses with issues and it seemed saddle fit was something that kept coming up. From showing on the Arabian circuit, to exercising gaited horse, to finally doing a working student position for a dressage trainer and teaching hunter jumper lessons, the effect of a correctly fitting saddle has always been a crucial part to having a happy, healthy athlete no matter what the discipline! I think this really gave me a key incite on the importance of fit, as it allowed me to see different shapes, sizes and all movement and how the saddle can affect their performance.

Name one unexpected thing you have learned since becoming a saddle fitter?

Expect the unexpected! Just when you think you have figured it out, a new horse with a new set of circumstances comes along and it's back to the detective work. It's truly a trade; the best way to learn is to do it!

What is your favorite part about being a Trilogy saddle fitter?

The relationship between horse and rider! And the saddles! All of it really. I love when a rider sits in the saddle and they have an amazing ride that makes them smile from ear to ear. The challenge of fitting and making horses comfortable is extremely rewarding and seeing it all come together is the icing on top.

What is the most challenging part of being a saddle fitter?

Hard to fit horses. There are horses that make you scratch your head, phone in, and throw up your hands but it's up to you to make it work.

What advice would you give someone who is interested in becoming a saddle fitter?

Follow your dreams! It sounds sappy but with any trade, it takes work and dedication. If it's what you want to do, then do it and make it happen! It's so rewarding, so fun and challenging at the same time.