



## **Proudly Presenting Our Elite Trainer: Allia Connors**

Back in 2009, I was horse shopping with a client of mine. I always brought my saddle with me because I wanted to make sure I could get a good feel for the horse in something I was comfortable in. I arrived at a facility in NY and walked in with the dressage saddle I had at that time. The trainer of the horse preferred I rode in the saddle that belonged to the horse, as it was fitted to him. Although reluctant, I completely understood because she wanted the horse to perform at his best. I thought to myself "It looks nice, has a deep seat, looks like a nice supportive thigh block" and swung my leg over... The rest is history. That was the first time I sat in a Trilogy and I was hooked! My old saddle instantly became a distant memory. When I returned home I was on a mission- I had to have one for my young mare who was like the "princess and the pea".

I called the Trilogy fitter in my region and he came right out. He taught me about the tree, the gusseted panels, the leather, the company etc... we tried all of the models but when I sat in the Verago, I knew I was home- that was my saddle! He fitted my horse and wow, what a difference!! She moved freely and was so happy. We went from zero to one-hundred in our training immediately. Since then, I have met Joshua Siegel and he has continued to educate me and fit my horses, who all have their own custom saddle now. A number of my clients have also decided to purchase trilogy saddles after trying them and feeling the difference in themselves and their horses. I think we have almost every model in our barn because every rider has a different body structure, and the ability to customize the saddle to each rider's need, as well as the horse, is a beautiful thing. As a trainer, being able to watch the horses and riders grow and improve so rapidly when they are both truly comfortable is such a testament to what it means to have the right equipment. The appreciation I have to the company and their customer care, the saddle makers and the quality of their work and the personal attention that we receive from both Joshua and Debbie, I can't even put into words. A simple "thank you" doesn't do it justice. But for lack of other words, thank you from the bottom of my heart, Trilogy, for making our many different horses and riders of all sizes and shapes so happy over the years!!!

-Allia Connors

