



**'The harder the test, the better' for Rhiannon Hinton's Giorgio II**

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### **By Giorgio she's got it**

RHIANNON HINTON had an emotional win in the inter I with British-bred gelding Giorgio II, on a score of 65%. It was her second class of the day on the Trakehner/thoroughbred, having completed the PSG class with 66.05%.

"I've had him for 10 years and produced him from an unbacked three-year-old. Of course we've had our ups and downs, everyone has. But he's the horse of a lifetime and the soundest horse I've ever had."

She went on to explain that he thrives in the atmosphere.

"In the PSG he wasn't quite mine, and he was very strong. But in this one he was with me. The harder the test, the better he does. I'm especially happy with his canter pirouettes, in the first one he just anchored down and followed my shoulders."

She attributes her success to

training with David Pincus.

"He's really tuned us up, and grilled us, but we've improved so much as a result," she said.

The Achtermann gelding's floppy ears drew many appreciative comments from the spectators.

"I like it when his ears are floppy," said Rhiannon. "It means he's listening to me."

Another Pincus success story was Kathryn Gallagher's test on the KPWN six-year-old gelding Waragon, where she took the medium open title with 66.36%. She is in her second year based with the Pincuses, and was especially pleased with a particular element of her test.

"I had a lesson on pirouettes yesterday, so I'm pleased I got sevens for them," she said.

Jodie Atkin won the novice open on the five-year-old Bear with 74.44% and credits Serena Pincus with hers and the Westfalian gelding's success.



**Grade IV para rider Kathryn Gallagher (Waragon) triumphs at medium open**