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TO take a homebred out at any level and win is a fantastic achievement, so how must team Pincus have felt after Lucy won the Charles Owen advanced medium open and the PSD Saddles elementary freestyle with half-brothers Sheepcote Don

Calisto and Sheepcote Suncrest?

"I knew if they went well they had a good chance, but there are so many little things that can go wrong," said Lucy, who for good measure clocked up seconds in the Nupafeed advanced medium open freestyle and the Equitop Myoplast elementary.

Credit, too, must go to the much-missed Calista (Lucky Boy x Eufraat), dam of both of Lucy's rides, who now has three of her offspring qualified for the winters. Sheepcote Delight also won at Bishop Burton, while one of her grandchildren, Sheepcote Dream Lover, won at Addington. Calista is also the dam of grand prix stallion Sheepcote Wurlizer. The mare was spotted in Holland as a yearling by Serena Pincus on a buying trip for a friend.

"They didn't want to sell her but Serena persuaded them, although to this day she refuses to say how much she was," said proud father David.