

SEAN ROBERT HERRON



"MASTERFUL HORSEMANSHIP IS NOTHING
MORE THAN SIMPLE THINGS DONE WITH
EXCELLENCE."

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PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

Passionate equestrian dedicated to horse care, training, and welfare, committed to building a successful career in the equine industry

I am a dedicated and passionate equestrian with lifelong involvement in the equine industry, beginning at eighteen months old. Over the years, I have developed strong riding, horse care, and management skills through competitive experience, volunteering, and mentorship from expert instructors. My career goals include completing qualifications as an International Level I Coach, with future aspirations in equine dentistry.

My equine journey has included:

- **Competitive Riding:** SANESA, dressage, equitation, show jumping, showing, and Pony Club events. Produced my rescued Boerperd, Snowman, into a Children Novice Provincial Dressage Reserve Champion.
- **Practical Experience:** Leasing and riding a variety of horses, including thoroughbreds and ponies, developing adaptability and versatility across disciplines.
- **Specialist Exposure:** Job shadowing with Andrew van der Dussen (Horse Dentist, 2021), Sara Lambert (Farrier, 2022), and Sven Targett (Equine Biomechanics Farrier, 2023).
- **Community Service:** Volunteering at Midrand SPCA, fundraising and food drives; assisting at Helderberg Animal Sanctuary Horses. Assistant Instructor for the Darling Equestrian Club After School Development Riding Programme.
- **Training Philosophy:** Strong focus on flatwork, biomechanics, and horse welfare, with experience managing horses with conditions such as Kissing Spine.

I bring a foundation of resilience, compassion, and technical skill, supported by years of hands-on learning and mentorship. My instructors, family, and grooms have instilled in me the values of patience, care, and continuous improvement.

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QUALIFICATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Disciplines

Dressage
Showing
Equitation (recreational)
Show Jumping (recreational)
Eventing (knowledge and basic skills)

Horsemanship

General Horse Care
Show Turnout
Stable Maintenance
Saddlery
Schooling and Lunging
Hacking out and Road riding
First Aid for rider and horse
Administering oral medication
Trucking Preparation and loading

Shows

Basic Course Building
Time Keeper
Gate Marshall
Judge Runner (Dressage and Eventing)
Volunteer

Other Skills

Basic Bar Tender
Retail
Administration
First Aid Level I (valid)
Fire Safety

School Subjects

English (HL), Afrikaans (FAL), Life Science, Computer Applications Technology, Maths Literacy, Engineering and Graphic Design, Life Orientation

REFERENCES

Inge and Brendan Silén (Team Silén, Tiger Farm)

Inge: 083 627 2282,
Brendan: 083 703 2997

Tanya Menhinick (Stables on Main Darling)

084 457 3694

Marion Clough (Fourways Riding Center)

083 275 8278

EXPERIENCE, QUALIFICATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Experience (current work)

2025 - 2026: Assistant Instructor Darling Equestrian Club (NPO)
2026: Caridon Business Solutions ISO Audit Administrator
2026: Support to the West Coast District Equestrian Federation (DCAS Record Keeping and Maintenance)
2026: Instructor Stables on Main (Darling)

Qualifications

2023: Curro Somerset West: **Matric**
2024: South African Lipizzaners: **10 Month Training Program**
2025: Horse and Stable Equestrian School Module 3 and 4 Full Time Course Certificate of Competition
2025: SANIP: Module 3 Exam **Certificate of Horsemanship EQASA**
2025: South African Pony Club: **C Level Efficiency Test**
2026: SANIP: Module 4 Exam **Certified Assistant Riding Instructor (in progress)**
2026: Equitots (Assisted Learning Program) *(in progress)*

Courses and Workshops

2018: Vybrant Dressage Course – Suzanne Horne.
2019: Eventing workshop – Paul Hart
2023: Sue Carter Showing Workshop.

Achievements

Curro Somerset West and SANESA

2022 and 2023: Curro Somerset West High School Sportsman of the Year.
SANESA 2022: Western Cape Metro Region Schools Team: Regional Champion Junior Novice Dressage, Novice Freestyle Dressage, Performance Riding (Level 7). Western Cape Provincial Team selection.
2022: Cape Town Metro Open Colours for Performance Riding.
SANESA 2023: Western Cape Metro Region Schools Team: Elementary Dressage, Performance Riding and In-Hand Utility.

South African Pony Club

Member 2021 – 2025

2022: Open Pony Club Colours (Elementary Dressage) – Western Cape Regional Team Selection for Dressage.

Graded Dressage (Dressage SA)

DSA Graded Member 2017 - 2024

2021: Western Cape Dressage Provincial Prelim Bronze Medal.
2021: Western Cape Junior Novice SA Youth Champs competitor.
2022: DSA National Challenge Western Cape Junior Novice Reserve Champion – Selected for the Provincial Team.
2025: Western Cape Inter Yard League Adult Novice Reserve Champion (recreational Rider)

Graded Showing

SASA Graded Member 2021 – 2025

2021: Western Cape Showing Champs Junior Novice Show Riding Reserve Champion.
2022: Western Cape Showing Champs Thoroughbred in Hand Reserve Champion.
2022: Selected for Winelands Inter-District Show Riding Team.
2023: Western Cape Junior Novice Show Riding Provincial Champion. Western Cape Sportsman of the Year.
2024: Thoroubred in Hand Champion.