



# Alexa Bardho

Horse Trainer

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## ◆ REFERENCES ◆

Nina S., barn manager of Daum Show horses (she writes for herself as an individual and on behalf of world champion trainer, Donnakaye Daum.)

*"I have worked alongside Alexa for several years when we both worked for Donna Daum of Daum Show Horses. Alexa is very personable while staying professional. She has a great work ethic and is not afraid to put in the time needed to get the result. She is firm with the patience of a saint. She is both capable of riding finished show horses and green horses just starting out. She isn't afraid to ask questions and is always looking to gain more knowledge. She is great with both kids and adults. She has experience with both lazy pleasure horses, colts, and spicier warmbloods. She has become a good friend and is always willing to bounce ideas around. I write on behalf of Donna Daum due to her passing in October 2022, she always trusted Alexa to look after the horses (80 head on the property) and clients in her absence. Nurturing Alexa's talent was always a treat for her as an instructor."*

Kathleen M., Private Owner and Client

*"I bought an Arabian mare, Remi, that had been a pasture pet for several years. I was working through health issues and returning to riding after ten years layoff myself. I had been forced to take time off to recover from a serious accident in which the doctors had said, walking may be difficult, let alone riding a horse. My riding skills were improving but not to the point of riding a green, unbalanced horse at a canter. There were several people at the barn who worked with boarders horses, but none were a good match for my mare, Remi. I was very concerned that my mare would be handled gently, yet firmly, with respect to her spirited Arabian personality. I saw Alexa at the barn, riding someone's horse. The horse was young and resistant to her cue. I liked the way Alexa calmly worked through it to a successful point. I saw her ride several other times, on different horses, and saw the same steady calm and patience. I asked Alexa if she would ride Remi. She agreed. Remi surprised me when she bucked in a busy arena of horses the first time Alexa rode her!! Alexa rode it well, got her stopped and calm, then had her canter again, this time without bucking. In subsequent rides, I noticed how much and how quickly Remi improved due to Alexa's riding skills. Remi also worked better for me on our walk/trot rides. Alexa is a good rider, with a good seat and hands. Calm and quiet, she had a nice easy way for working with the horses she rode, including Remi. When I saw her ride her horse, Strauss, I really saw her abilities as a rider. Alexa truly looked one work her horse, as Strauss performed her requests in a lovely presentation partnership. When I began to ride Remi, Alexa coached us. She was positive and encouraging, as she shared what I needed to do to help Remi. I wish we could have ridden more, but appreciate the time and effort she put in to get Remi and me to a level where we could keep building our partnership without her. I highly recommend Alexa, with no reservations, for any horse related opportunities in which she would choose to participate."*

Darnell T., Private Owner and Client

*"I'm excited to write this letter of recommendation for Alexa Bardho who I have known for over 12 years. During our time as horse caretakers I have watched Alexa's growing compassion for horses. Her riding skills are phenomenal and she excels in both English and Western disciplines. Her desire to put the needs of the horse above all else is the reason why she would make the perfect fit in your facility and I am proud to offer my highest recommendation."*

Nancy H., Owner of, "The Royal Lusitano" and Olympic schoolmaster, "The Q"

*"You are in good hands with Alexa. I have had the pleasure of Alexa's visits to my farm for the past 10 plus years. It is always a joy to watch her work with the horses. Horses are definitely Alexa's field of favor. The horses love Alexa as much as she loves them."*

Jenna F., Active NBHA and IBRA Competitor and current regional title holder

*"I am proud and honored to offer my recommendation of Alexa Bardho to which I have known for many years as a friend and rider. During my years of friendship with Alexa, I have noticed someone who will show up, someone who will do more than what they are asked, works hard, and carries themselves in a professional and respectable manner. In addition, Alexa knows her way around horses and people and presents herself with patience, understanding and grace. Alexa has a vast understanding of horses of various breeds and disciplines of riding. She has worked with all levels of riders from beginners to professionals. Specifically, throughout our friendship, I have seen Alexa excel in western riding and dressage. She was born with a natural gift for horses that not many people have. Alexa's experience with horses and people goes hand in hand which makes her the perfect person for this position. Without any doubt, I confidently recommend Alexa for this head trainer position. She will be a great addition to the team, and I know she will go far."*

The Sesko Family, Private Owners and Clients

*"I would like to professionally recommend Alexa Bardho. While boarding my horse at, Daum Show horses I requested her service to help train and care for my 4 year old Thoroughbred. She not only succeeded in advancing him but did so in a calm and professional manner. She was courteous and kind in her approach, which I greatly appreciated. She displayed patience as well as confidence when riding and handling him. After her service we have felt our connection with our horse improve. I was beyond satisfied and believe that she would be a wonderful asset to any facility looking to provide the same service."*

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**Rebecca M., Champion USHJA trainer and rider**

*"I have known Alexa since she first started riding as a young girl. In the beginning she showed raw natural talent in riding and a willingness to work hard and never stop learning and trying new disciplines to help aid in her growth as a rider and a trainer. She is not only a strong rider she is adept at training, she also has a light hand and seat and her ability to read a horse is incomparable. Any training or riding facility would be lucky to have her."*

**Carley Z., former supervisor and avid equestrian**

*"Mrs. Bardho is an outstanding employee and horse trainer. I have experienced a highly motivated and hard-working person who has shown great dedication and responsibility towards her duties. Alexa has shown great skill in her communication and horseback riding abilities. I believe that she would make an excellent addition to any team."*

**Craig and Donna O., Owners, breeders, and riders of champion ABRA, AQHA, APHA, and NCHA horses**

*"We have known Alexa Phelps-Bardho since she was a child. She worked for Donna Daum at the time we met her riding all the horses coming in for training. We had two AQHA buckskins in training at Daum Show Horses at the time getting seasoned in Western Pleasure. Daum Show Horses specialized in AQHA and APHA all-around, ranch work, and rodeo events. Alexa being exposed to all of these events from such a young age has played a major part in her developing her skills as a horsewoman, as well as a strong work ethic and personability. We reconnected with Alexa this past summer when she came out to our private facility to train and tune two ranch geldings on our farm and they came along really nicely. We believe Alexa would be of help in any equine facility. She is hard working and great with both horses and people."*