

“Working Hunter Clinic With Toni Donnelly”

With the Autumn working hunter season now underway and its popularity greatly increasing many riders participating often express a desire to improve their skills within the discipline but have been unable to avail of specialist training. However that is about to change now with the running of a number of working hunter clinics being held all over the country at different venues starting in November.

Toni Donnelly will be on hand to teach small groups about the practical aspects of working hunter. Starting from preparing a horse to compete in the jumping phase of working hunter right through to showing a horse to the best of its ability in the showing phase.

Toni brings considerable experience in working hunter and BHS teaching qualifications to this role. Well known to many in the Irish equine industry both as a long standing member of the equine teaching team at Enniskillen Campus and also as a competent rider within both the show jumping working hunter circuit. Toni qualified her excellent grey mare, Majestic Gold to compete in the working hunter class at HOY's for three consecutive years from 2004 to 2006. In addition she has successfully competed at the RDS, Balmoral Show, SOTH and Northern Ireland Festival on numerous occasions. In her Pony Club years she was on the Irish Mounted Games team, and winning club teams at the annual Championships. This is complimented by a very successful showjumping C.V in the ponies and horse ranks with wins and placings at Dublin, Millstreet, Cavan and on the Winning Irish amateur team in Scotland.

Using the expertise and experience gained from these achievements, combined with a vast knowledge in the equine lecturing profession the clinics are aimed to help all standards from beginners to higher levels.

The clinics are designed to help riders understand that show preparation and success begins at stable management level and progresses through ensuring correct turn out of horse and rider, jumping technique and style right through to ring craft skills. The clinics aim to increase awareness of what is required in the working hunter show ring. All you want to know about working hunter will be discussed at the clinic.

Bookings are been taken for private and group lesson, to gain further information, please contact Toni at 07764786500 or email antonia.donnelly@btinternet.com.