

THE ENTIRE LIBERTY MEADOWS TEAM, CUSTOMERS AND STAFF ALIKE, IS EXCITED TO WELCOME ELISE WORMAN TO KANSAS CITY AS THE BARN'S EQUITATION INSTRUCTOR AND LESSON PROGRAM DIRECTOR.

Elise Worman

An accomplished competitor, Elise is from Springfield, MO, and competed throughout her youth and teen years. Named the 2002 Youth Nationals Champion in Saddle Seat Equitation 14 – 17 and the Reserve Champion in the UPHA Challenge Cup class that same year, she returned to the national stage in 2003, again claiming the Reserve Champion title in the highly-contested UPHA Challenge Cup class.

Following her impressive youth career, Elise and partner Kellie Wendling opened and managed Chrishan Park-Indianapolis, where they were met with immediate success by coaching a junior rider to the Canadian National Championship in Arabian Saddle Seat Equitation 13 & Under and a 13 & Under Championship title at National Show Horse Finals. The two then launched their own successful show and lesson barn, Select Show Horses, working with riders at varying skill levels, from the beginner to the nationally competitive. Today, they are coaching riders to local, regional and national titles, relying on her own experiences to help them develop an edge in the show ring. At this year's Youth Nationals, she established herself as a top coach and instructor, with one of the Select Show Horse riders being named National Champion UPHA Challenge Cup Walk/Trot 10 & Under.

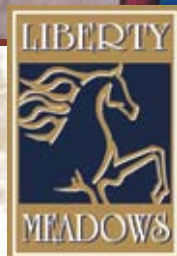
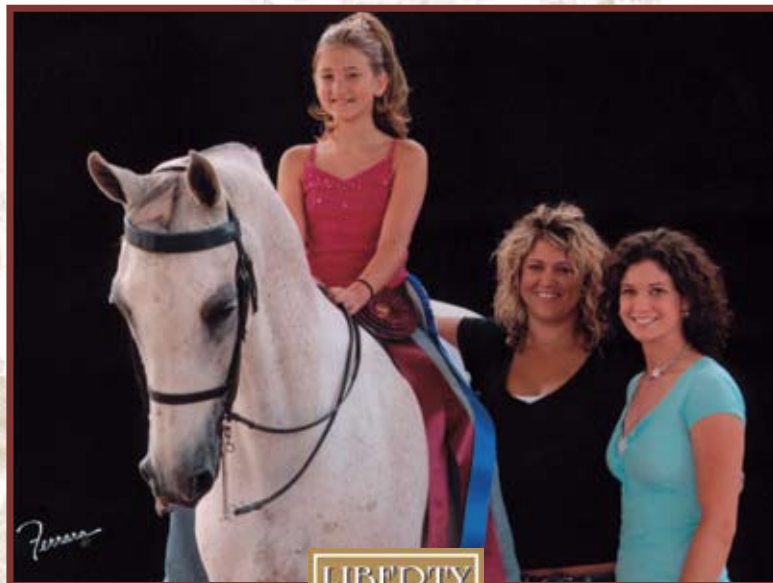
"I am really looking forward to being a part of the Liberty Meadows team and building the kind of program we had success with in Indianapolis. I enjoy

working with riders of all skill levels, helping them learn more and perfect their show ring skills," Elise says.

According to Ryan, the addition of Elise will draw new people as well as be an advantage to existing clients. "Virtually every one of our customers took lessons at a barn, either as a child or an adult, at some point in their lifetime. Very few started with Arabian horses, and we'd like to change that by introducing beginning riders to the versatility and engaging personality of the Arabian horse," says Ryan. "By offering beginning lessons on seasoned school horses, we can provide opportunities for people to become involved with Arabian horses."

Besides having someone on the team that can provide opportunities for non-horse owners to learn about Arabian horses, Elise will be able to help Ryan and Alan prepare their clients for the show ring. "With her skills in coaching amateurs we will have an extra edge when getting ready for the big shows," says Ryan. "It is one thing to have the horse completely ready, and another to have the rider completely ready."

"We are really excited about the addition of Elise to the Liberty Meadows program," he says. "She brings a new element to the program, one that we will be able to share not only with new riders, but also with our seasoned competitors."



From left to right:
Kelly Bangs,
Kellie Wendling and
Elise Worman