



About Jackie Devcich

Jackie Devcich grew up in a suburb of Milwaukee and at the tender age of 10-years old, her father bought a pony for her sparking a lifelong love for horses, otherwise known as the horse bug! Her first pony meant so much more to her than meets the eye. Because of her large family, money was often tight and to have her own pony of her own opened up her world.

She married a Milwaukee Police Officer and settled on the knowledge that living in Milwaukee would end any dream of having horses as a significant part of her life. However, in 1991 her and her husband Jim decided to moved to the Marinette, WI area and purchased what was to become Someplace Special Ranch

Her humble beginnings serve as the foundation for Jackie's passion of sharing her horses to help other's dreams come true. Her focus on working with young riders helps them get the right start in the world of horses. She helps them learn that hard work is repaid by the bond that's created between horse and rider. She is also is motivated when riders are able to realize the thrill of getting the horse to move by their subtle body directions.

The couples knowledge of horses and the care they need is derived from surrounding themselves with experienced horse riders, trainers and the like. They also are heavily engaged in 4-H and Pony Club. Their amazing approach is also founded in their dedication to reading about, watching and listening to the horses under their care and learning about their needs, wants and what nature dictates they must have.

Jackie and Jim have had five foals born, raised and trained at Something Special Ranch. Jackie took her horse passion one step further and in 1996, started taking Dressage lessons. She has ridden in clinics with JJ Tate, Tom Noone, Jessie Collins and is currently working with FEI trainer Debbie Chinana.

In 2014, Jackie attended the National Pony Club Championship at the Kentucky Horse Park. Competing as a HorseMaster, her team came in second in the overall competition, third place in 1st level dressage and Grand Champion 1st level musical freestyle. Jackie competed on a draft/QH cross, one that was born at the ranch and trained by her own hands. Currently, Jackie is training and showing 10-year old Jagger, a Frisian/QH cross.