# Held By You Riding Tall: An Enduring Legacy of Equestrian Excellence



#### A Champion's Lineage

Held By You Riding Tall, a name synonymous with equestrian prowess, traces its lineage back to the legendary sire, Held By You. This exceptional

showjumper, with an illustrious career spanning multiple championships, passed on his athleticism and unwavering spirit to his offspring, including the remarkable Riding Tall.



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#### **A Star Emerges**

From the moment Riding Tall entered the showjumping arena, his exceptional talent became evident. His powerful leaps, effortless grace, and unyielding determination captivated audiences worldwide. With every victory, his reputation grew, earning him the admiration and respect of both riders and spectators alike.

#### **Unforgettable Victories**

Riding Tall's list of accomplishments is a testament to his extraordinary abilities. Among his many accolades, he stands as the victor of the prestigious Aachen Grand Prix, the pinnacle of showjumping competition. His remarkable record also includes triumphs at the World Cup Finals and

the Hickstead Derby, two of the most challenging and coveted events in the equestrian calendar.

#### **A Legacy of Dominance**

Beyond his individual successes, Riding Tall played a pivotal role in shaping the competitive landscape of showjumping. His consistent brilliance inspired a generation of riders and set a new standard for excellence in the sport. As a breeding stallion, his progeny have inherited his exceptional qualities, ensuring that his legacy will endure for years to come.

#### A True Partnership

Riding Tall's extraordinary career was made possible through his unwavering bond with his rider, Eric van der Vleuten. Their deep understanding and mutual respect allowed them to overcome countless obstacles and achieve unparalleled success. Van der Vleuten described Riding Tall as "the horse of a lifetime," a testament to the profound connection they shared.

#### **Retirement and Recognition**

After a glittering competitive career, Riding Tall retired in 2014, leaving behind a legacy that will forever be etched in the annals of showjumping history. In recognition of his exceptional achievements, he was inducted into the prestigious Showjumping Hall of Fame in 2018, a fitting tribute to a true equine legend.

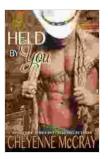
#### **Preserving a Legacy**

Today, Held By You Riding Tall enjoys a well-deserved retirement at the Equestrian Center de Peelbergen in the Netherlands. At the age of 27, he remains a majestic and revered figure, his spirit undimmed by time. Visitors from around the world flock to see this living legend, eager to witness the unwavering spirit that has inspired countless equine enthusiasts.

#### **The Enduring Impact**

Held By You Riding Tall's legacy extends far beyond his own accomplishments. As a role model for aspiring riders and a source of inspiration for equine enthusiasts worldwide, he has played a transformative role in the sport of showjumping. His unwavering determination, exceptional abilities, and unwavering spirit will continue to inspire generations to come.

In the tapestry of equestrian history, Held By You Riding Tall stands as a beacon of excellence, a testament to the enduring power of the partnership between horse and human. His name will forever be remembered as one of the greatest showjumpers of all time, a legend whose spirit will continue to inspire and captivate equine enthusiasts for generations to come.



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