

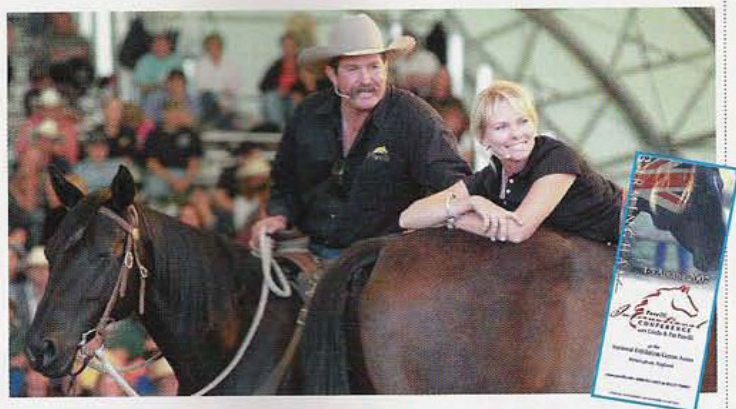
Competition

WIN...

...a pair of tickets to next year's Parelli Natural Horsemanship Celebration

What you could win:

- Five winners will each receive a pair of tickets to the Parelli Natural Horsemanship Celebration at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on 4-5 August 2007



Horse is pleased to offer readers the chance to win one of five pairs of tickets, worth £95 per person, to the Parelli Natural Horsemanship Celebration, hosted over two days by leading natural horsemen, Pat and Linda Parelli. This 'horse-lovers only' celebration will be a unique event, where Pat and Linda will "share how love, language and leadership can revolutionise your relationship with horses". Using play principles, laughter, body language and games, you can learn how to communicate effectively and form a true partnership with horses.

QUESTION:

Where will the Parelli Natural Horsemanship Celebration be held?

For more information and to book tickets, tel: 0870 909 4133.

Read the rules on page 137, then call or text the numbers below, or send a postcard, with the answer to the question.



WRITE TO WIN:

Send a postcard marked 'Parelli competition' to the office address on page 3 to arrive by 5.30pm on Wednesday 6 December. Please include your name, age, address and telephone number on your entry.



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Calls cost £1 per call. Lines are open from midnight on Wednesday 8 November until midnight on Wednesday 6 December.



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In the spotlight

Liz Halliday

It's perfectly possible to combine two sporting careers, maintains event rider and racing driver

Liz Halliday – but you won't have a social life...



Liz Halliday, 27, is an international racing-car driver and event rider. The Californian divides her time between the American Le Mans Series and her home in Farnham, Surrey, where she keeps event horses to compete up to Advanced level on the UK circuit.

Q Which came first – cars or horses? And how did you get into each sport?

A I've ridden since I was about eight, in Pony Club and so on. I did some eventing when I was younger, but moved up to a higher level when I came to England. I got into driving through my father, Don Halliday, a racing driver and instructor. He began to train me when I was 16 – and he would have had me in go-karts earlier if I hadn't been on a horse. My passion for riding was all mine, though, and I just worked my way up. I guess I just have a love for exciting sports!

Q Do you find the two sports complement each other?

A Yes, in many ways. They involve travelling at high speeds and require physical strength and ability. The skill in riding horses helps me to improve my feel for what the racing cars are doing.

Q How do you balance your time between the two?

A I'm really busy all the time, so I don't have time off – or much of a social life! When I arrive in England, I get off the plane and go straight to the yard to start riding.

Q If you had to stick with one sport, which would you choose?

A I get asked that quite a lot, but there is no way I could choose.

Q What have been your greatest achievements so far in each of your sports?

A In eventing, my first international CCI*** and qualifying for the 2004 Athens Olympics on a horse that had

never competed at that level before. His name was Cheese, and he was fantastic. He was the first horse I bought in England and he took me from Novice to Advanced. I had him for five years, but sadly he had to be put down after a series of hoof injuries.

Q Which horses are you riding at the moment?

A I have three main horses now: eight-year-old Arctic Night (Oscar), 12-year-old Silken Crisp (Harry), and nine-year-old Red Letter Day (Foxy). I've owned Oscar and Harry since November 2005. I've had Foxy since March 2005, and we are getting on really well.

Q How have you got on this season with the horses?

A Earlier in the year, at Wilton, Harry had felt a bit out of sorts, so I was glad when he came back to form in the cross-country at Highclere in August – although unfortunately, I made a mistake in the show jumping and had a refusal. Then in October, Oscar had his best run yet, coming fourth in the Intermediate at Tweseldown. Harry finished the season with a good run there, too.

Q Do you have an ultimate ambition in each area?

A I would like to qualify for the 2008 Olympics if I can – that would be riding Foxy, but I'll also be aiming Oscar at the 2012 Olympics. In motor racing, it would be to win the championship of the American Le Mans Series – and I would love to be the first woman to win the Le Mans 24-Hour race in France.