

Testimonial

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The German Horse Center was the perfect solution for me. I initially contacted them after searching for several months in the United States for my next dressage horse. Admittedly, I was looking for something of special quality but even so I was surprised how difficult it was. The horses were few and far between and often were not what they were advertised to be. Finally my husband said "let's look in Germany" and so I took to the internet and luckily happened across the GHC website and was immediately excited to see quite a few very nice horses that fit my criteria.

Having ridden and trained in Germany, I have great respect for the quality of German horses and their training system. I wanted a well-bred well-started dressage prospect with good movement, balance and rideability. I wanted to get a horse in Germany not just because of the breeding and quality but also because of how they are raised and started, which provides a great foundation. My problem however was that I was unable to travel to Germany and so after some discussion w Stefan and Tanya I put my trust in the German Horse Center to help me find a horse using one of their purchase advisors, Sebastian Langehanenberg. This was a great decision and amazingly just 6 weeks after my first consultation Sebastian I had an absolutely wonderful new horse here in my barn! And it was easy. All details were coordinated between the German partners, from the horse tour to the vet check, transportation, care during quarantine and ultimately delivery right to my barn door. I was always kept well informed and everyone communicated very well with me, despite language or time zone challenges.

The GHC website is very well set up and easy to use and I was pleased to read about their criteria and to know they had very high standards for the horses they present. They offer complete information, pictures and videos so that you can really get a good impression of the horses. The more I researched the more I realized the calibre of not just the horses but the partners training and selling the horses. GHC is really a gateway to a whole network of top professionals in Germany. The horses were honestly represented. There is 100 percent full disclosure which is very reassuring for the customer. They arranged a fantastic group of horses for me to consider and refined it as we went along. I am amazed at how well this worked. Sebastian and I had a thorough consultation and I felt he really understood what I was looking for and represented my interests perfectly. The feedback he gave me on the horses was almost like seeing them myself. If a horse I was interested in turned out to have a problem I was told, which gave me reassurance that they were not just wanting to "make a sale" but that they wanted to help find the best horse for me and make a good match. Because I could not go see the horses myself this was extremely important. All questions were answered promptly. Sebastian did a wonderful job for me. He was thorough and even went back a second time to "go from 99 percent to 100 percent sure" once we thought we had found the right one. I cannot thank him enough.

The horse I chose is everything I hoped for and more. He is only 3 years old but was so well prepared that he has made the transition here beautifully. He is an amazingly talented prospect with a good mind and the sweetest personality. He is very well trained for his age. I am absolutely thrilled to have the great gift of a horse like this and cannot believe how lucky I was to find him. And it all started with the German Horse Center. Stefan and Tanya are super to work with. It is a very good concept. They have assembled a great group of partners and I feel so fortunate to have had their help because on my own I never could have had the opportunity to connect with Mr. Langehanenberg (for instance, who is in top sport) or to have gotten to purchase a fabulous horse from Gut Fuchtel. These are just examples of their network of professionals. I know our Olympic riders from the States shop at the same barns where I got to look.

The German Horse Center is a great resource for knowing you can safely and relatively easily purchase a horse in Germany. You are in good hands from beginning to end, and will have support throughout the entire process. Also you will see the best horses as they have connections to top sources. The breeding and quality available is excellent, and the prices are fair. I know many people worry about paying multiple commissions if they go through several steps to find a horse in Europe but with GHC this is definitely not the case, as they offer full disclosure and you really are buying directly from the sources. It worked beautifully for me. I would recommend them highly and definitely use them again without hesitation.

Thank you GHC!