



# STABLE VIEW

"A GATHERING PLACE"  
AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

## RIDER SPOTLIGHT: LIVY MUNTZ



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**Livy Muntz will be a Junior at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in the fall. She currently trains with Nilson Moreira da Silva who is based out of Stable View. She competes at the Preliminary and Two-Star level with her horse FGF DollarsforPennies. Livy's future goals include riding to the four-star level. She said even if that doesn't happen she wants to keep competing and being involved in the sport.**

Livy has been involved with horses most of her life. Her Grandmother (on her dad's side) was Miss Rodeo Oklahoma in 1961. Her dad grew up with horses and when her grandmother introduced them to her she was hooked. She shared, "By age 5, I already had an extensive Breyer collection and riding lessons at a small hunter/jumper farm. A few years later, I went to my first eventing barn called San Castle Stables, a little twelve-horse farm located on a flood plain in the middle of suburbia (Colleyville TX)." Livy stayed there for five years working her way up to Beginner Novice. Livy then followed Olivia Jefferson to a professional in the area where she could become more serious about competing. There she got an OTTB who she competed up to Training with.

Livy came to Aiken for the first time to look at horses at Full Gallop Farm. She then wintered in Aiken during Covid while her high school was online. She returned to Full Gallop in January of 2021 to buy her current horse FGF DollarsforPennies, otherwise known as Buck. He was four at the time. She shared, "He's never had the greatest scope or talent, but always the most heart. Although he doesn't have the friendliest disposition in the barn, he is the safest, most honest horse under saddle. I couldn't have asked for a better one to take around Prelim/2\*." She met Nilson in the process of buying Buck. She shared, "He's helped me take my baby horse from schooling beginner novice to 2\*, all while looking out for me like one of his own kids. Riding with him has taken my riding ability and horsemanship to a whole new level."

When she began to look at colleges the intention was to take a step back from riding. She wanted her school to have a big football program and be close to the mountains. University of Tennessee-

Knoxville having an eventing team was just icing on the cake. The Summer before she started she was recruited to the eventing team. It was the team's first year of reestablishment. There were seven girls on the team that year. Three girls went to Champs and rode on a team with Sewanee rider, Sissy Sugarman. The team finished sixth.

This past year the team grew to twelve members. Livy said, "I took on the role of treasurer which I will hold again this year as a junior. I went in undecided on my major but landed on Biosystems Engineering (basically agricultural engineering) my second semester." This Spring almost every team member was able to attend champs thanks to the college for helping with some funding. She said, "We put lots of effort into the barn, trying to turn it into an orange and white palace all while wearing those checkerboard overalls. Saturday night, I was quick to volunteer for the hobby horse challenge, after the rough competition day I had. I wanted to give the team something to be excited about after we had some tough rides, and as soon as I saw those little jumps, I knew I had a good shot. We were happy to take home the gold for that event."

Regarding Livy's time at Stable View, she shared, "I never dreamed of getting to board at a facility as nice and beautiful as Stable View. It's been an unreal experience spending two years boarding at such a big-time show venue, which is by far my favorite eventing facility. It's been super beneficial to my riding to have such a nice cross-country field that gets changed up frequently right in our backyard. I've also really enjoyed getting to know all the other people living at Stable View. Monday night dinners and other SV get-togethers have helped me find a sense of

**belonging when I'm in Aiken. Stable View is a great venue and fun horse community that I'll be very sad to leave this summer."**