
Zara Phillips

Posted by delicatemoth - 12-06-2008 15:03

Yeah yeah, I know showjumping is probably not a big priority for most OTF-ers, and isn't for me either.

However, I heard a news item last night that is still baffling me now. "Zara Phillips has withdrawn from the Olympics because of an injury to her horse."

WTF is this? Is she going to be tending it night and day, tenderly feeding it sugar lumps and liquidised carrots, mopping its fevered brow as it whinnies in pain? Why can't she use another one?

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Re:Zara Phillips

Posted by wingco - 12-06-2008 15:11

Do you mind? Some of us are devastated enough by this news already without your adding flippancy to injury.

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Re:Zara Phillips

Posted by Ralph Dangerfish - 12-06-2008 15:12

She doesn't have another one. They're very expensive to stable, you know.

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Re:Zara Phillips

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 12-06-2008 15:33

Sir Danzig.

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Re:Zara Phillips

Posted by Rogin the Armchair Fan - 12-06-2008 15:57

It's a long tradition, wearing out horses, in that family, going right back to Catherine the Great.

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Re:Zara Phillips

Posted by barndoorio - 12-06-2008 19:28

It's pretty normal, the rider builds up a relationship with a specific horse in dressage/show jumping, so if the horse gets injured they just wouldn't be as good on another one. It's not like a new bike or car. They'll have a reserve rider with their own horse I imagine.

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Re:Zara Phillips

Posted by colinwasp - 12-06-2008 20:03

Can't she just continue to ride Mike Tindall?

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Re:Zara Phillips

Posted by toro toro - 12-06-2008 20:23

I think carthorses are frowned on at Olympic-level events.

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Re:Zara Phillips

Posted by Fausto Ptang - 13-06-2008 05:51

This thread has a very high "Boom-tish" quota doesn't it?

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Re:Zara Phillips

Posted by Eggchaser - 13-06-2008 08:49

colinwasp wrote:

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I wish she'd do it a bit harder and break him completely so he never plays for England again, the stonehands bastard.

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