

## All in the Family

Wendy Benns wanted nothing other than a pony as a child and from the age of eight horses have been a huge part of her life. Starting out in pony club she tried all events equestrian including gymkhana, show jumping, hunter and dressage. With her first horse she moved into the eventing world and competed as part of the Young Riders 3 day team in Illinois. An injury to her eventing horse led her to try endurance and she soon realized that this was her sport.

“Sometimes when I’m competing out on the trail, way up on a mountain in the middle of nowhere I’ll get this amazing feeling of respect and awe wash over me for my amazing equine partner that loves to cover these distances. I feel very lucky to have been able to find this sport and these horses, and love the responsibility that comes with it.”

When you love what you do your chances of success are always enhanced and for Wendy Benns success has visited her many times during her endurance career. Her first endurance mount was a four year old Arabian named Flirt with Ecstasy or “Flirt” for short. The mare would carry Wendy to compete in three Pan American Championships and the UAE World Cup in Dubai. In 2006 “Flirt” produced a foal aptly named “Flirt with Fyre” aka “Firefly.” Wendy would go on to compete with a home grown gelding named “Supreme Justice” or “Jay” as he is better known. The pair would qualify and compete in the World Equestrian Games in Malaysia in 2008.



Flirt  
(Wendy Webb Photography)

## Firefly shines in 2013 Endurance Championships



Firefly  
(Wendy Webb Photography)

“Attached is a picture of my 7 year old Arabian mare "Flirt with Fyre" aka "Firefly" and myself winning the Ontario Provincial Championship 75 mile Endurance Race in August. She was awarded the best conditioned horse and high vet score award. We also won the Ontario Provincial Competitive Trail Riding Championships on June 22nd. This mare is exclusively fed **Un-Ti** and molasses free beet pulp at home and during races. I am currently conditioning her for a CEI\*\* 75 mile race in New Jersey, USA on November 9th which will qualify her to represent Canada at the North American CEI\*\*\*100 mile Championships in Florida on December 13th, 2013.

*This mare has always been fed Brooks feeds (even when her dam was in foal with her!) Her mother is my three time Pan American, and World Cup mount (Flirt). ”*

*Congratulations Wendy. Brooks Feeds is proud to be part of your continuing success with “Firefly”*

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