

Foxhunting Falcon

Falcon was fortunate to live in a haven called Cloudline Hounds and Equestrian Center (<http://www.cloudline.info/>) in Celeste, TX. When not training, the handsome Thoroughbred gelding used his flashy grey color and playful personality to flirt with a beautiful blonde. It was July 2010 when he finally won the heart of Kris Lloyd and together began their foxhunting journey.

"He's well behaved for a four year old," Kris said with a smile. "Falcon likes to travel solo as well as be in the hunt field."

The team serves in a position called Whip. Kris explained that they are the outriders who use a whip if necessary to help direct the hounds to stay on the hunt field.

"Our job is to keep the

hounds on the scent of the coyote or fox," said Kris. "The younger hounds can get distracted by a hare or deer which makes the challenge fun."

For the Cloudline hounds, scenting a fox is rare compared to coyotes yet both provide a very cunning event. In the US, hounds are not trained to kill the captive as is common in other countries although they may actually land one that may be old and/or sick.

The love affair with the horse began in kindergarten for Kris.

"I played with toy horses instead of dolls and I used to lounge our lab dog," she said.

Her first horse gift came in the fourth grade. Kris began to event in high school and

through college where she majored in biology. Today Kris is an environmental consultant and maintains an interest in open conservation; especially for the horse.

Kris's love for the outdoors, nature and desire for longer and more varied rides brought her to foxhunting.

Falcon takes Kris on that exciting adventure. They enjoy season changes, crossing creeks, streams, jumping 2-3 feet and just being outside.

Kris invites anyone seeking outdoor adventure with their horse to come out for the time of your life.

For more information on foxhunting:

<http://www.mfha.org/>

www.foxhuntinglife.com

www.horsecountrylife.com

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- Jan 1—Montana Lloyd
- Jan 17 Sandy Stevenson
- Jan 20—Amelita

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SANDY STEVENSON'S MOTHER

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- **Horse and Rider**

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/episodes/horse-and-rider/introduction/834/>

- **Cloud's Legacy: The Wild Stallion Returns**

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