References

**From:** Lucy Fell
**Date:** 7 April 2019 at 04:15:47 BST
**To:** Kelsea O'Connor
**Subject:** **Reference**

To whom it may concern,
Kelsea worked for us from October 2018 through end of January 2019. She was our sole employee for our thoroughbred stud and also home rider of my small team of show jumping horses.

As our only employee, she undertook a huge responsibility of managing our entire breeding operation and farm (inclusive of cattle and sheep, aswell as our thoroughbreds and show jumpers) when our family expanded much more prematurely than expected.

Kelsea was quiet and confident with the handling our yearling colts and fillies, aswell as our foals, broodmares and competition horses. She has a sharp eye for detail, very high standards of grooming and presentation, and very tidy in the barn.

Kelsea got on well with my 8yo mare with attitude and a 7yo gelding who could be very hot to ride. As a rider she is soft, empathetic and effective, she always got positive results from my horses who are not the easiest to ride.

Kelsea is very polite and a pleasure to have around. We would highly recommend her to any future employer, and wish her the best of luck with her international endeavours.

Kind regards,
Lucy and Duncan Fell
Fairdale Stud, New Zealand

**REFERENCE FOR KELSEA O’CONNOR**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Kelsea has been my head Groom for two plus years starting in 2017.

Kelsea’s primary duties have included looking after my three German grand prix dressage horses as well as the young team. This entailed all horse care and yard duties such as cleaning boxes, feeding, grooming, washing, plaiting and presentation at shows, maintaining high standards of stable tidiness, arena grooming and maintenance and keeping our small yard running smoothly. In all of these tasks Kelsea was self-motivated, quick and efficient.

Additionally, Kelsea helped me produce my young dressage horses and gave the grand prix horses variety in work. She was an integral part of my World Equestrian Games preparations, riding my WEG and Olympic horse Vom Feinstein when I broke my hip 3 months prior to leaving. She has excellent basic foundations in dressage and under my instruction and guidance was able to perform some higher level movements.

Kelsea was always punctual and did not need supervision. She has looked after our property and horses when my husband and I have been overseas and handled well any problems that have unexpectedly arisen in our absence. I have always had every confidence in Kelsea’s intention and abilities to look after our horses as if they were her own. Quite recently I was diagnosed with cancer. Kelsea was asked to come in and take care of the horses and keep them in work for me. This she did in her usual competent manner which took a huge stress off my husband and me.

Based on the above, I would strongly recommend Kelsea to any future employer.

Yours sincerely,

**Julie Brougham**

Grand Prix Dressage Rider

NZL Olympic & WEG Representative

NZL Grade A Judge

NZL Judges’ Mentor

**From:** Eugene T. Carmichael
**Date:** 1 September 2019 at 10:38:03 BST
**To:** Kelsea O'Connor
**Subject:** **Reference**

To whom it concerns,

Kelsea worked for my international showjumping stables in Maidenhead from March through to August 2019. She worked as part of my team initially as a rider, before she also became an integral part of my international competition and sales side of the business.

Her responsibilities during her time working with me included training and assisting with the sales of horses, this included networking and handling inquiries from potential and current clients, helping to co-ordinate visits with international clients and representing our business to the highest level.

Part of this included travelling on the Longines Global Champions Tour, where she was responsible for ensuring that my team was able to handle the stress of international travel, perform at their best, and also assisted me in prospecting new clients and maintaining relationships with our existing clients. As a foreigner in a new landscape I was highly impressed by her adaptability to every new situation I put her in.

Kelsea was highly efficient and effective in her way of working, which allowed me to do what I do best, and rest assured that she was able to handle any problems without stress.

Kelsea leaves very big shoes to fill, and I would recommend her to any employer.

Sincerely,
Tess Carmichael
Hill Farm, United Kingdom