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Jody's Story

My name is Jody Schloss. I was born in Edmonton, Alberta and raised in Toronto, Ontario. I'm the oldest of four children. I graduated from the University of British Columbia with a degree in Psychology. I've been riding horses since I was a little girl.

In 1996, my ordinary life was shattered in an accident. The car in which my friend and I were driving flipped on a highway. My friend was killed on impact, and I was severely injured; my lung was punctured, my ribs and jaw were broken, and I suffered a closed head injury. I was comatose, and was not expected to survive.

It was a long journey to recovery, requiring many years of rehabilitation. Through the skill of my doctors, the love of my family, and my own determination and hard work, I progressed milestone by milestone:

From waking out of the coma to learning to sit up or eat on my own, to learning to use the wheelchair that now grants me my mobility.

Throughout this ordeal, I maintained my love of horses. Soon after leaving the rehabilitation hospital, and within 8 years of my accident, I was taking 3 lessons a week through C.A.R.D. - the Canadian Association of Riding for the Disabled. With a lot of assistance and coaching, I was able to ride independently. For the first time since my accident, I felt *free*.

I have been competing internationally for the past few years, lately training under the 2008 Paralympics Gold Medallist, Lauren Barwick. In 2011, I found my beloved horse, Inspector Rebus, and we clicked immediately. Together we will be competing at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London.



Jody and Inspector Rebus



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Equestrian riding makes me feel free, but unfortunately the cost is anything but! I have come a long way and am in sight of my goals. While the Paralympics are funded by Equine Canada, travel and personal expenses are not covered. If you are interested in seeing my sponsorship proposal, please contact me at jodyschloss@rogers.com

This is a unique opportunity to associate with a ranking Paralympic rider, and hopefully to boost the pride and morale of your community and country!

Thank you for your support!

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