



Lisa Diersen
Founder / Director
Organizer



Lisa Diersen is an avid equestrian, she has spent her life in the company of horses. She is the Founder and Director of EQUUS Film Festival, LLC. The EQUUS Film Festival is the first film festival oriented around equestrian themed content from all over the world. The festival empowers storytellers to show the rich history and diverse tapestry of horses in human culture through equestrian content. Screening feature films, documentaries, shorts, music videos, commercials, training educational materials, art and literary, covering all equestrian disciplines, creating a home for the storytellers of the horse world.

Her mission is to show the world how horses can bring everyone together regardless of race, age, gender, abilities or disabilities. Lisa is passionate about the education and enlightenment of others to the wonderful world of horses and everything they can do to enrich our lives.

Lisa worked with Dr. Sandra Kakacek using horses to help clients in both Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Equine Assisted Learning. Her training in EAP started with Greg Kersten and EAGALA in 2002.

Lisa was a founding board member of the Chicago Horse Center of America, a non-profit, organization formed in 2013 to create and maintain a world-class equestrian center in the city of Chicago that will serve a broad demographic of individuals and communities.

With a background in engineering and construction management, she has a wide based ability to get projects up and running. She is a published equine author. Lisa spent the early part of her career with General Motors in engineering, then moving into the subdivision development and home/barn building market with her ex-partner, before returning to her first love.....working with horses! Raising and training Lusitano horses at home in St Charles at The Royal Lusitano Breeding Farm with her faithful Jack Russell Terrier, Amore and the herd.

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