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DREAMCATCHER HONOURED Fourteen year old *Daisy Dee* (competing as *Dreamcatcher Elite*) is the proud recipient of the rare Hanoverian award Leistungsstute Dressur for exceptional lifetime achievement in Dressage. *Dreamcatcher* was purchased eleven years ago as a newly backed 3 year old by current owner and rider Jill Giese, then based in England. This lifetime friend started her competitive career winning top honours in many

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breed and Dressage shows in the UK, notably the 5 and 6 Year Old FEI Young Horse Championships with British Olympian Carl Hester astride. Carl called her "The Dream Snatcher", commenting she was one of the few mares he really loved riding. Horse and owner moved back to native Canada in 2004 where Jill and partner John Dingle set up the namesake equestrian business, Dreamcatcher Meadows Ventures Ltd., which, among other services, offers embryo transfers. *Dreamcatcher* continued her winning ways up to last year where she was Region 6 Reserve Champion in Inter 1 Freestyle. Beating all odds, Jill and John battled her severe laminitis early this

year and she is back in competitive form, hoping to obtain the ultimate dream of scoring well at the Grand Prix in 2012.

Remarkably, *Dreamcatcher* has seven award-winning progeny by embryo transfer; she has never been pregnant for more than seven days. Mares can have it all! — Submitted by Jill Giese, Dreamcatcher Meadows