

# Farm Feature: Grayton Farms

Grayton Farms is a small family-run business in the hamlet of Priddis, Alberta, just 15 minutes from Spruce Meadows. Alexander Grayton along with his wife and mother have been based at the farm since 2008 with a small group of horses and clients. Traveling to shows around North America and Europe, Alex has competed in some of the largest Grand Prix in the world, and has honed his skills developing young horses. Grayton Farms riders have seen success in all three rings under Alex's guidance, and their program has produced riders who have competed internationally across the globe. Grayton Farms remains a 'boutique' style business, based on the fundamentals of horsemanship and dedication to happy, healthy and well-trained horses for the top of the sport.



## What is your business is about?

Quality. Alex works with a select group of students and various sales horses, and the environment is key to allow progression to flourish. Our farm is tucked away and is quite quiet - which we love! We think this setting helps keep the horses relaxed in their rest time so they can perform their best for us.

Our program is grounded in flat work; we jump the horses minimally to keep them as sound and fresh as possible. Students of GF receive a great base knowledge of flat work and horse care, we provide a lot of time and attention to each horse and rider combination. Our show schedule isn't overwhelming, to allow for proper time to train between competitions. Every round counts!

## What is your facility like?

Grayton Farms has a huge outdoor arena (150' x 210') with fantastic all-weather footing provided by Bradon Equestrian. The footing has been a tremendous asset to begin training outdoors as soon as possible in the spring.

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Our bright indoor arena also has GGT footing and four large mirrors for working on the small details over the winter.

Other amenities include a treadmill to help keep the horses fit through the winter and a solarium to keep them warm in the tack up area.

Our favorite feature of the farm is the landscape. Sheltered from most of the elements from the surrounding trees, the property has large grass fields for turnout as well as large all-weather paddocks with natural shade. Horses tend to enjoy the atmosphere and the setting, which is such a nice baseline for the horses to enjoy their work!

## Where will we see your horses and students next?

We compete at our local venues, Spruce Meadows and RMSJ, throughout the year, and go to Thunderbird Show Park twice per year. We like to do the shows in Edmonton as much as we can and we support the Equi Cup series to gain easy miles for great value. Our string of horses varies and we find all of these shows offer great experience for the different ages and stages.

We also strive to find the best competition we can, so we travel out of province and country to widen the experience for our sales and top competition horses. This changes from year to year depending on the goals of our customers and what stock we are developing at the time.

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