



A Weekend in 'Quotes'

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This past weekend was a busy one! With The Jump Alberta Symposium and George Morris running simultaneously there was a lot of knowledge being spread around. Special thank you to Donna Ferguson for writing most of these gem's down for us all!

Here are some of the weekend's favorite quotes:

The famous George Morris (If you don't know who he is hit up the 'Google')

"No rubber bits."

"Shoulder in fixes everything in riding."

"You have to have a sufficient bit so that you can let your horse go."

"Produce the jumping rider on the flat."

"The beauty of the thoroughbred is that it is already forward, you don't have to create impulsion. "

"Don't let a horse wheel barrow in a transition. "

"We don't need to have high fences. We need to have exercises for the horses to make them more rideable. "

"The most important thing in riding is give and take. The horse should not use the rider's hand as a fifth leg. "

"Forward is your ultimate discipline."

"Prevention is better than correction."

"If your not slightly out of your comfort zone, you'll never improve."

Jump Alberta Symposium Hunter coach Archie Cox:

"Simple things done well."

"If tack is on it should be useful make sure it is properly adjusted."

"Speed up, slow down, turn right, turn left."



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Jump Alberta Symposium Jumper coach Erynn Ballard:

"Being emotional is not being professional. Address the issue. No emotion."

"The horse should be forward thinking."

"I do most of my flat work with cavaletti because I like jumping. I don't like trotting."

"With the motion to the jump. Control on the backside."

"Die trying. Never give up."

"Every stride counts."

"The horse should carry the rider. The rider should not carry the horse."

"Canter is everything. If you don't have the canter, you don't have the jump."

"If the jump is good enough then the canter is good enough. If the jump isn't good then the canter isn't good."

"Create a good canter, then manage it."

"Halt is control. Halt is discipline."