

My name is Marielle and I moved to Edmonton from Toronto in early 2006 to marry the best man of my life. Growing up, horses were a large part of my life. I was one of those “horse crazy girls” that loved to ride, go to the barn, clean stalls, sweep and just be around horses. I was fortunate that my parents bought me my first horse when I was 15 and tried my hand at competing. I learned early on that though I loved competing, I liked the smaller venues best.

After high school in the late 80’s, I went to England to spend a year learning all I could about horses. I received my Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3 and Riding and Road Safety with the BHS. I am grateful I got to experience such a different life away from any friends or family. It not only made me grow as a person but re-affirmed that I could do anything.

I spent many years learning from some of the best coaches and rode so many different horses. Each horse had their own experience to share. Each coach sharing their wisdom and each ride and lesson a new experience.

Over the years I have also had a variety of different jobs that have led me to where I am today. Some were with animals, some with people but each job challenged me. I did further my education in my mid 20’s at Humber College Equine Centre (English Coaching) but I was more comfortable learning from life and experience.

After I moved to Edmonton, I learned about Little Bits through my husband who knew I needed to get back with horses. I started to volunteer in the fall of 2007 on Wednesday’s where I made friends and fell in love with the horses I worked with.

In 2013, I became the volunteer coordinator for Little Bits and I am enjoying each day I spend with the riders and volunteers that I assign. I currently help a friend who owns a few horses when I can, and each day I learn something new with these horses.

