



Descanso Farm - Quarterly e-News

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Developing Winners at Descanso Farm: Summer and Fall Season Highlights

Thousand Oaks, CA – As a six-year-old mare by World Cup Final champion Flexible, Rumpleteazer DF, is following in her famous father's footsteps – and the mare is not the only young Descanso Farm-bred mount already seeing success.

Throughout the late summer and early fall, Descanso Farm founder and owner Hannah Selleck and U.S. Olympic gold medalist Will Simpson claimed top honors across California aboard six-year-old Rumpleteazer DF, seven-year-old Elita Toscita DF, and five-year-old Gia DF.



Will Simpson and six-year-old Rumpleteazer DF (by Flexible)
Photo by **Captured Moment Photography**

"With all of our young horses, it's an incredible feeling when you get to see them start going under saddle and jumping and really witnessing their future potential," stated Selleck, who founded Descanso Farm in 2010 as a boutique breeding operation based in Thousand Oaks, CA. "I'm really proud of how well Rumple and Elita have come along and how well they've been doing this year. It's definitely rewarding to see them doing so well, and it makes me even more excited for the future for them."

Among Rumpleteazer DF's recent headlining results with Simpson in the irons was a fourth-place finish in the \$15,000 Six-Year-Old Jumper Finals at Blenheim Equisports, after the mare also finished second in round two of the final and fourth in round three of the final, held during the Showpark All Seasons Classic on August 28 – September 1.



Hannah Selleck and Rumpleteazer DF. Photo by **JXB Photography**

Rumpleteazer DF also claimed four top two finishes in the Six- and Seven-Year-Old Jumpers held during the Showpark Racing Festival and the Showpark August Festival in August, also at Blenheim Equisports in San Juan Capistrano, CA.

"Rumple's really coming along and showing potential in just about everything!" said Selleck, who, until recently, primarily developed "Rumple" at home while Simpson handled the ride at horse shows. "She's always been blood and scopey, but you've really started to see her full potential in the past year. She loves to jump, and she wants to be extremely competitive."

Selleck took over the ride on Rumple this fall when the pair made their debut together in the Six-Year-Old Jumpers at the CSI2* Sacramento International Welcome Week, held September 25-29, and immediately earned a fourth-place finish in the Six-Year-Old Jumpers and a third-place finish in the 1.20m Jumpers.



Hannah Selleck and Elita Toscita DF. Photo by **Winslow Photography**

Also seeing success with Selleck in the irons is seven-year-old Elita Toscita DF (Lamarque—Tosca, Casch). The Holsteiner mare has proved to be the one to catch in speed competition, having earned two victories and a second-place finish in speed classes since September alone, including the following:

- 1st – 1.10m Power & Speed, CSI2* Sonoma International, CA – September 4-8
- 2nd – 1.15m Speed, CSI2* Sonoma International, CA – September 4-8
- 1st – 1.00m Speed, Del Mar International Welcome Week, CA – October 9-13

"Elita reminds me so much of her mom, Tosca," said Selleck, who competed Tosca to numerous top grand prix results in 2010. "She's wonderful, and I love her type. She's sporty and a lot of fun and has really turned into a trustworthy speed horse."

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Hannah Selleck Debuts New Mount and Continues Open Jumper Success

Hannah Selleck concluded the summer by debuting a new partnership with Cuzco, an eight-year-old Oldenburg gelding owned by Melissa Margolis. Selleck and Cuzco (by Centadel) got their relationship off to a strong start with top 10 finishes in both the \$10,000 CSI2* Bronze Tour Jumper Classic at Blenheim Equisports' CSI2* Showpark August Festival and the \$10,000 Rhys Farm National Grand Prix at the CSI2* Split Rock Jumping Tour Sonoma!



Hannah Selleck and Cuzco. Photo by **Captured Moment Photography**



Hannah Selleck and Cuzco
Photo by **Winslow Photography**

"I'm really appreciative to Melissa [Margolis] for the opportunity with Cuzco," said Selleck. "He's a very talented gelding, and he's been competitive right out of the gate."

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Hannah Selleck with the 6-year-old mare Rumpleteazer, that is out of *Alvarina* by *Flexible*. Photo © Kristin Lee Photography

EQ Living: "Hannah Selleck"

"As conversation with Hannah Selleck moves seamlessly from stories and laughs about her first pony and early riding years to earnest riding into her career, it's easy to feel instantly at home in the discussion."

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World of Showjumping: "Hannah Selleck's boutique breeding operation is bearing fruit"

"There aren't many top young U.S. show jumpers who have decided to breed their own prospects instead of shopping for them. That's what sets Hannah Selleck apart. At 30 years old, Selleck has something few other U.S. show jumpers her age can claim: her own sport horse breeding operation, Descanso Farm."

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About Descanso Farm

In 2010, after retiring her former grand prix mare, *Tosca van het Lambroeck*, Hannah Selleck recognized an opportunity and a need for top quality hunter/jumper sport horses produced within the United States, and Descanso Farm was born. In 2012, *Tosca's* first foals were born, and since then, Selleck and Descanso Farm have been dedicated to developing young horses to the peak of their potential, with the utmost care and attention given to every step of the process.

Based in California and Florida, Descanso Farm's young horses include those out of *Tosca*, out of another former mount of Selleck's, *Alvarina*, and, by embryo transfer, out of *Barla*, Selleck's current grand prix mount. All of Descanso Farm's foals are U.S.-bred and by stallions standing in the U.S., including *Cacique*, *LioCalyon*, and *FEI World Cup Final* winner *Flexible*. Learn more at www.DescansoFarm.com.

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