

I'm Annie Klepper, a pony rider and member of D4K. With their generous help, I recently had the opportunity to work with Devon Kane of Diamante Farms. I had a series of amazing lessons on her PSG horse, Ace. He was so patient with me, and I learned to adjust to the feel of a bigger horse, and to the feel of some higher-level movements. During our first lesson, I did a little canter half pass, some single changes, and a few tempi changes. (They were super fun once I learned to count!!) Devon helped further grow my understanding of collection, and Ace was a great teacher.

Devon also introduced me to working pirouettes. These really tested me on my control over the horse's body. We were even able to run through the trot work of the PSG. It was a challenge taking all I had learned and incorporating that into a test format.

Devon was super encouraging and patient when I made mistakes. It was such a different feeling riding a horse in comparison to my pony. It was a really great experience. Of course, D4K was incredible to provide this generous scholarship. I am so thankful for their help. I am so excited to take this new information home, and use it to better my riding further.

