



*Where a passion for riding  
meets a history of excellence.*

# Wölffer Estate Stables





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## *Welcome to Wölffer Estate Stables*



Wölffer Estate Stables is a state-of-the-art facility with a world-renowned staff and history of excellence. With one hundred acres of land, Wölffer offers plenty of beautiful, open riding space — perfect for solitary or social riding time.

## *Our Philosophy*

The horses are the top priority at Wölffer Estate Stables. We strive to provide the highest quality facilities for our clients. From the Grand Prix field with natural obstacles to the functionally laid-out barns and courtyard, everything has been designed with the horses in mind.

Our trainers are gifted professionals who have a passion for what they do. Being experienced competitors themselves, they can train riders and horses to take them from amateur to top-level competitor. Their knowledge and talents are an integral part of the instructional experience.

We bring horses over from Argentina and Europe to train and develop them for competition. Only those that we believe will give the rider a good future are put up for sale. Some of the horses remain with us to be used for school horses. Since they are more advanced than the typical school horses, they offer a greater learning experience for riders who don't have their own horses.

Developing riders and horses to their fullest potential is a goal that is shared by everyone at Wölffer Estate Stables. Providing exceptional care for our horses is our mission and our passion.



## Our Staff



Wölffer Estate Stables' talented team of trainers are a key factor in making it the top-notch facility it is today.

**Federico Sztyrle** joined Wölffer from Argentina as a trainer in 1996. Today, he is the director. Federico won his first championship at 14 and took second in nationals for second class in Buenos Aires at 15. The next year, he won several Grand Prix and landed second in the National Championship. He was a member of the Argentinian team for juniors four times, and he showed in the Panamerican Games in Caracas, Venezuela, in 1983.

When Federico came to America to join Wölffer, he rode several horses and developed them to the Grand Prix level, winning the Grand Prix in Vermont, Culpeper, and the Catskills, and three major victories in the Palm Beach circuit. He also competed in the Olympic Games in Athens. His students have won in Palm Beach and The Hampton Classic. He heads the training staff at Wölffer.

**Harriet DeLeyer-Strumph** has been a rider/trainer/teacher at Wölffer for six years. She is from a well-known horse family; her father, at 80 years old, still rides in shows. Harriet also runs the Pony Camp in the summer for children.

**Juan Estrella**, originally from Argentina, has been part of the Wölffer team for three years. His father was a rider/trainer in Argentina and his whole family rides. Juan has been riding since he was 9 and started as a professional five years ago.

**Santos Lamarca** came to Wölffer from Argentina three years ago as a trainer/rider. He started riding when he was 2 and showing when he was 14. At 17, Santos went to Buenos Aires to study with the military for a year to be a jumper trainer.

**Gretchen Topping** has been with Wölffer since September 2004 and is a trainer/rider. Gretchen grew up on a horse farm in Bridgehampton and has been riding horses her whole life. To her, the competitive aspect of riding is second to being a good horsewoman.

*The trainers, l. to r.: Gretchen Topping, Santos Lamarca, Federico Sztyrle, Juan Estrella, Harriet DeLeyer-Strumph.*



*Federico Sztyrle heads the training staff at Wölffer Estate Stables.*



*Christain Wölffer, proprietor, started with a few acres of potato farm and a single barn.*

## *Facilities and Services*



Wölffer Estate Stables sits on over one hundred lush acres and employs an experienced staff with a passion for excellence. The farm offers direct access to miles of natural trails, and our top-notch facilities include over 80 stalls with 39 individual paddocks. The large, indoor riding ring can accommodate up to 8 students and features an elevated viewing room. Outside, several well-equipped riding rings including a totally resurfaced Olympic-size dressage ring and a Grand Prix field, feature rubber mulch-padded floors and a variety of natural and traditional jumps. A covered hard walker is available for exercising the horses during inclement weather.



**Boarding:** We offer full boarding with tack-up service for both year-round and summer boarders. Our climate-controlled tack rooms are also available.



**Lessons:** Whether your equine interests are recreational or competitive, our trainers will design a program best suited to your individual needs. Lessons are given in eventing, dressage, and show jumping from the novice to the advanced level. Choose from half-hour or one-hour sessions in private, semi-private, or group settings.



**Horses for Sale:** We bring horses over from Argentina and Europe to train and develop them for competition. Only those that we believe have a good

future are put up for sale. Available horses are featured on our website. For more information visit [www.wolfferestatestables.com](http://www.wolfferestatestables.com).



*Christian Wölffer, with granddaughter Katalina*

## *Our History*



From the moment you enter the grounds, the magnificence of Wölffer Estate Stables is evident. It is a place of tranquility and beauty, a haven for horses and riders alike. The air is filled with the sounds of water running in the marble fountain and horseshoes tapping rhythmically on the cobblestone courtyard. What began with the acquisition of fourteen acres of potato farms in 1979 has grown into one hundred acres of first-class horse facilities.



When Christian Wölffer first bought the property, all that existed was a small farmhouse and some barns. Soon after, a six-stall horse barn was built for Christian's daughters, Joanna and Georgina, who learned to ride before they could walk. Christian acquired more land and further expanded the barns.



Recognizing that there were no great horse facilities in the area, Christian set out to build an indoor riding ring. Since there was no law in the Town of Southampton to allow for that, he petitioned to have one written. Six years later it was approved. Wölffer Estate Stables has since become one of the premier riding facilities for hunters, jumpers, and dressage.

In 1996, Federico Szyrle joined the staff at Wölffer Estate Stables and has since become the director. Originally from Argentina, Federico is an extremely successful rider in the world of Grand Prix and was a participant in the Olympic Games in Athens. He leads a team of top-notch trainers.

Today the stables have nearly 80 stalls, thirty individual paddocks, three state-of-the-art jumping rings, a totally resurfaced Olympic-size dressage ring, and a Grand Prix field with natural jumps and traditional jumps.

## *Visit Us*

Wölffer Estate Stables is located on the South fork of Long Island, just past Watermill and Bridehampton in beautiful Sagaponack. For more information, visit our website [www.wolfferestatestables.com](http://www.wolfferestatestables.com) or call 631.537.5605.

