

## GEORGIE & 'BAZ' COMPLETE HOUGHTON HALL 1\* HORSE TRIALS

I was entered in the international 1star competition with Eldorado (Baz)

The week started on Tuesday with all 104 competitions passing the trot up.

I had a day off on Wednesday so I took the opportunity to relax and watch the other competitors in the sunshine.



**Georgie & 'Baz' competing in a hailstorm!**

My dressage test took place on Thursday afternoon. Just as I trotted in to my arena the heavens opened and I got hammered with a huge hail storm. 'Baz' is a cool character and luckily he just carried on as normal. We did a lovely test and we laying 30th. I was very pleased.

Friday was cross country day. I was due to go in the afternoon so I spent the morning watching the course being ridden. A great advantage! I had decided to take the long route at the water as the fence in was a very large log, we then had to turn fairly sharply to the right and jump another fence coming out. 'Baz' is not the bravest at jumping into water so I felt that the long route was the right option.

I set off pretty much on time. I was having a great round. 'Baz' was flying. I was reaching my minute markers.

Then at the log to corner 'Baz' put in a huge jump over the log at the top of the hill. We landed in a heap at the bottom. There was no way I was making the turn to the corner so shouted 'long' and took the long route.



**Georgie & 'Baz' flying round the XC**

I was trying to make up time, however the most technical fence was the 3rd from home so I needed to save some petrol for this. 'Baz' jumped a

fab clear!! I was just 6 seconds over the 8min 5 secs of the optimum time. This resulted in 2.8 time faults. I was now in 29<sup>th</sup> place!!

The final day started at 7.45 am with the trot up. All horse that presented passed.

We then show jump in reverse order. This was not an advantage as it was so wet and the ground was terrible. There was roughly 60 horses before me. I unfortunately had 3 poles down. Slightly disappointed as this dropped me to 43rd! However I had an awesome week and my horse was a superstar.

I just want to say thank you to Mum and Flynn for all their help and to Claire Jermy for her super pictures and help. Also to every who wished me luck.



**Georgie & her superstar 'Baz'**