

Andrew Gould takes on Eventing



Renowned dressage rider and trainer Andrew Gould, is looking forward to a packed season in 2009, but not only has Andrew got lots of exciting dressage horses to campaign he has also been loaned an event horse to give himself a new challenge for 2009.

One of Andrew's pupils Jonathan Clarke has very kindly given him the ride on the 11-year-old Irish bred gelding Loughnatousa Iceman. Standing at 17.1hh and a real gentleman 'Ice' will be partnering Andrew at Pre-Novice and Novice level eventing this season.

Andrew who admits he has not properly jumped since he was 12-years-old at Pony Club is really looking forward to it. "I wanted a new challenge for this year and I have a few horses that I don't want to debut in the dressage ring until next year. Therefore I felt this the perfect time for me to have some fun eventing. I don't have any aspirations, but obviously I am a naturally competitive rider so I will want to do well - at least in the dressage phase! 'Ice' is such a lovely horse and is very experienced, so I am hoping he will teach me lots. I am training many of the top event riders on the flat at the moment and have been to some events to watch and encourage them. I thought to myself I can do this, I'd like to have a go!"