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BURNETT BEGINS NEW PARTNERSHIP

Hannah Sue Burnett has acquired the ride on Jitter Bug, a nine-year-old Rheinland Pfalz-Saar mare, previously owned and ridden by Lauren Billys. Billys, who announced earlier this week she had sold her long time partner Ballingowan Ginger, elected to sell Jitter Bug to pursue a more experienced mount as she looks to represent Puerto Rico at the upcoming Pan American Games, and the 2016 Olympic Games.

Burnett who has been building a promising string of up and coming horses over the past several months, will ride Jitter Bug for Mrs. Jacqueline Mars. Jitter Bug has the necessary attributes to be a top horse, with consistent FEI dressage scores in the 30's, and proven results. With Billys in the saddle, Jitter Bug was third during the 2014 season at both the Rebecca Farm CCI* and Galway Downs CIC*, and Hannah Sue is excited about the talent this mare demonstrates in all three phases of competition. "After getting a call from Liza Horan who I trust a great deal telling me I should take a look at her, and then seeing video of Jitter Bug, I quickly jumped on a flight to California. After riding her, I was even more enthusiastic about her talent and our potential partnership. Lauren has done a remarkable job producing her to this point, and the fact that I will have the opportunity to share this journey with Mrs. Mars, who has made countless things possible in my career, makes it all the more exciting," stated Burnett.

Hannah Sue will look to continue Jitter Bug's already successful career, beginning a partnership with her this winter while training out of Oakmont Equestrian Center in Reddick, Florida. She plans to take her time getting to know the mare to properly develop their partnership for the future. Billys is confident Burnett is the right partner to take Jitter Bug to the next level of her career, and looks forward to seeing what they are able to accomplish together, saying, "I am confident Hannah will do a fantastic job with Jitter Bug and look forward to seeing all of the great things they accomplish. I wish Hannah, Mrs. Mars, and of course Jitter Bug the very best in this new chapter."

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