

After a 'Miraculous' Recovery –

Show Jumper Grace Wallace Becomes a TheraPlate Ambassador



Weatherford, Texas (November 5, 2018) - "I am certain that without Zoe I would not be the rider I am today nor would I have been able to achieve what I have with horses," says Grace Wallace of Cheshire, England. The 18-year-old international show jumping sensation and newest brand ambassador for TheraPlate UK owes her career to one very special mare, and her equine partner's miraculous recovery from a potentially crippling injury, thanks to the TheraPlate advantage.

"I truly believe that the benefits it can provide for horses is priceless, and key to keeping your best friend happy, healthy and sound for years to come."

Wallace's story begins in November 2012, when she got her first horse, Zonia: "Zoe' taught me the ropes of show jumping. At age 12, I began competing in senior affiliated classes and as Zoe and I learned together, we progressed to competing and winning at the 1.30m level. We were winning affiliated classes each week and

adored the thrill of competing. She hardly ever had a pole down and was quick against the clock. Zoe helped me grow in confidence and develop my riding.”

Two years into their competitive career, Zoe became “hopping lame” during a flatwork lesson. After weeks of stall rest and veterinary attention, it was discovered that she had torn a deep digital flexor tendon (DDFT) in her foreleg, requiring even more rest and rehabilitation. “After several months, I began riding her, knowing we had to be careful because, if it were to happen again, her chances of recovery would be almost non-existent.”

The two enjoyed nearly two more years competing together when the worst happened: Zoe came up lame again. MRI scans confirmed that she had torn not just one, but both her forelegs’ DDFT’s.

“We were devastated. We had worked so hard to keep her sound. Zoe is so special to me that I couldn’t bear the thought of her in pain.” After talking with her vet, Zoe was given a year off before deciding if she would become a broodmare or just lightly hacked at home.

Nearly two years into her recovery, Zoe was still lame on a circle and, “Just wasn’t quite right, so we decided to let her rest a little longer.” That’s when Wallace saw a review for the TheraPlate, introducing its new technology to the UK and claiming to accelerate healing, break down old scar tissue, and prevent further injuries.

“At this point, we were willing to try anything to make Zoe comfortable again.” All Wallace wanted was one more chance to ride her beloved mare so, in February 2018, as a “last resort,” she got a TheraPlate. “Initially, we were afraid she wouldn’t like the plate, that it would aggravate her existing injuries, or just be a waste of money on what seemed a pipe dream to ride her again.” But contrary to expectations, “Zoe loved her daily sessions so much she would put herself on the TheraPlate and complain when we took her off!”

The real surprise came in April, when Zoe’s vet confirmed that she appeared completely sound. Just two months into using the TheraPlate, her progress had proven faster than nearly 16 months of rest. “She didn’t appear lame at all. I could ride my girl once again,” said Wallace, who spent weeks slowly ensuring that Zoe was comfortable carrying her, while continuing daily use of the TheraPlate.

In June, they did another MRI: “The vet could not explain the changes they found. Both of her tendons were nearly healed, her scar tissue had broken down, and there was noticeable improvement in her conformation in both forelegs. We were shocked when we got the go-ahead to continue her ridden work.

“There is no alternate explanation as to how these improvements could have occurred other than the TheraPlate, as it was the only rehabilitation we were using. So we stuck with it, as it continued to help her heal and break down the scar tissue in her legs.”

After a conversation with her vet in July, it was decided to try jumping her: “He said she would let us know if she was in pain. But Zoe kept surprising us and took to jumping again like a duck to water.”

“It truly was a miracle that she was jumping again. Never in a million years did I think I would get the chance to ride Zoe again, let alone jump her. In August, we went to our first show in two years and she went clear and placed second in her first class! She was sound and enjoying life, so we decided to again register her with British Showjumping. And the rest is history!”

“This machine really does work miracles. It provided hope when we thought there was none. Zoe still uses the TheraPlate as part of her daily routine and has never been happier. She is fit and enjoying her job, and we get lots of compliments about how well her condition and topline have developed. It has even stopped her from stumbling during ridden work, which was due to a conformational fault of her being flatfooted. Since using the TheraPlate, the stumbling no longer occurs due to the changes in her conformation.”

“Who knows what the future holds now? Since joining the TheraPlate revolution she has become unstoppable, and I am very fortunate to pass my story on to others who feel that there is no hope after their horse has sustained an injury. I can truly put my hand on my heart and say this DOES work and without it, I most likely would never have gotten my horse back sound and happy. Now I use the TheraPlate on all my horses for maintenance and prevention of injury.”

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Photo: Grace Wallace and her beloved mare Zonia sharing a special moment. (Photo courtesy of TheraPlate UK)