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For three generations Raema's family has been in the horse industry. As a professional trainer it was a natural progression to become involved in the Western Coaching Certification Program training and coaching full time with a string of eight school horses near Dawson Creek, BC.

She was happy to be involved in a program where the win is never more important than the horse's welfare.

Raema holds three Western Competition Coach Specialist Certifications with Equestrian Canada. Her goal was not only to coach to competition level, but to be able to train horses for each specialty.

So, each specialty turned out to be a two-to-five-year project for instance, to prepare for the Western General Performance Specialty she took clinics and lessons under top competitors. She had to be consistently placing in the top five in large show classes such as Pleasure, Trail, Western Riding and Showmanship to qualify.

For the Reining specialty she bought a yearling off a top reining competitor and worked with Cody Sapergia (Team Canada Gold winner) while she trained him. This colt took her to a Reining Alberta High Point Championship and on to obtaining her Reining Competition Coach Specialty Certification with Equestrian Canada.

To prepare for her Speed Event Specialty, she worked with top barrel trainers for a number of years. Riding a colt, Raema trained that Dee Butterfield (Canadian Champion) sold her as a yearling they went on to win the Barrel Futurity at BlackGold near Fairview, AB., with 500+ competitors.

Raema was awarded the honor of Equestrian Canada Coach of the Year in 2018. She has also reached her Equestrian Canada Coach Developer status; her primary role is Western Coaching Evaluator. She helps potential coaches to achieve their Federal Coaching Certification this includes preparation workshops, private assessments and lessons.

Raema considers herself semi retired, however she will offer a limited number of western lessons. She also likes to volunteer and is available to support Riding Clubs and other Community activities and events.

