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# Destiny International's Marysue Jacobs Combines Love For Wellington, Horses & Giving Back

Story by Carrie Wirth | Photo by Tracy Trevorrow

*Marysue Jacobs, a successful real estate broker and the founder of Destiny International Properties of the Palm Beaches, has loved horses from the minute she was born.*

She was raised on a farm in the Maryland hunt country near Sagamore Farm, home to famous racehorses Native Dancer and Bed o' Roses.

"We had a couple of hundred acres, and we grew everything you could imagine," Jacobs recalled. "I used to run the produce stand for my family. I was in 4-H, and I had sheep and cattle as projects. It was wonderful."

As a child, Jacobs dreamed of being the first girl to win the Hunt Cup. "Back then, girls weren't allowed to ride in the Hunt Cup," she said. "I grew up on National Velvet. I wanted to cut my hair and ride in the race."

Jacobs helped run the stables at Merryland Farms, a thoroughbred racing farm, for Mrs. Henry Obre, the niece of Harry Guggenheim and owner of Kentucky Derby winner Dark Star.

Later, she worked in real estate and nonprofit organizations. She discovered Wellington when she came to run a charity event at the old Palm Beach Polo.

"Sylvester Stallone and Ivana Trump were there, and Merv Griffin and Zsa Zsa Gabor threw out the first ball," Jacobs said. "I loved it here, and I was offered three jobs to stay. I stayed and started a marketing company, and that led to a magazine and a TV show."

Jacobs produced *The Florida Horseman*, which aired on the local ABC affiliate every Sunday. "It was the number one local television program for 32 weeks in a row," she said. "When *The Horseman* magazine went national, I sold it and got back into real estate."

Jacobs has raised her disabled daughter, Kelly, now 25, as a single mother and took in Sammy when he was 12.

"Sammy and his mother had no place to live three years ago," Jacobs explained. "I took them in, and I've raised him and love him like he's my son."

For Jacobs, helping people and animals is in her DNA. She has had as many as 200 rescue animals at her farm, including peacocks, different varieties of parrots, horses, tortoises, dogs, cats and more.

In business, Jacobs has been very successful. Her company



Marysue Jacobs with Reina.

soars in national sales, staying in the top one percent for nine consecutive years. She has a loyal and growing following of happy clients.

"She is a great people person. She is very honest and upfront," professional polo player Tommy Biddle said.

"She is very conscientious," added Dawn Minger. "If you are serious about getting your house sold, she is going to move heaven and earth to get it done."

Jacobs is living out her dreams in Wellington with the best of all worlds. "I've been here for more than 20 years, and I love this town and love what I do," she said.

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