



KAREN TEBAR

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Karen (née Schetter) was born in Ludwigsburg (Germany) on September 19, 1964. Like her elder brother Markus, she was given the opportunity to try out a wide variety of sports. She ended up choosing handball, track and field, gymnastics, vaulting (regional C- and B-group competitions), skiing (regional races with the SAV) and horseback riding with trained horses as part of the Waiblingen riding club's children's group. Karen also received musical training and played the accordion in an orchestra for several years.

1984 She graduated from high school (Gymnasium) in Stuttgart and began pursuing a university degree in Business Administration that same year.

1990 She graduated from university with a Business Administration degree focused on marketing, organization and law.

Alongside her studies, Karen was also involved in several volunteer activities:

- Active role in tournament organization in Waiblingen, Ludwigsburg and Stuttgart
- Youth leader at Ludwigsburg riding club
- Introduction of a direct marketing system at her father's company

1990 – 1993 Karen Schetter lived in France and acquired professional experience as a customer contact agent and strategic planner at a Parisian advertising agency (CLM/BBDO) and at the French sales organization of Andreas Stihl.

During this period, she participated in national and international competitions up to GP with Davidoff in France. It was there that she met and fell in love with her husband, Christophe Tebar.

1993 Karen returned to Germany to "be a bit closer to my family."

1993 – 1996 She worked as an advertising project manager at Andreas Stihl AG + Co. KG and in the development of international guidelines for Corporate Design and print media advertising.

1993 Building of the family's own equestrian facility

1994 Marriage to Christophe Tebar

2001 Birth of son Maxim

2003 Karen took on French citizenship

2004 – 2008 Dressage riding became the main focus of Karen's life. She participated in the Olympic Summer Games in Athens, as well as in European and World Championships.



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2009 – 2011 Following the retirement of her championship horse, Falada M, and together with her trainers, Karen trained up young horses and presented them at national tournaments. Since then she has taken on a more active role in the family business.

2012 – 2014 With Florentino, Karen once again had a horse for the international stage. She and Florentino participated in international competitions and in the European Championship in Herning. Unfortunately, "Flo" continued to have health issues, which resulted in his early retirement in 2015 following surgery.

2015 Don Luis was another horse that quickly proved a highly suitable candidate for major sporting events. Within a short time, she and Don Luis celebrated very sweet success: They won the French dressage championship (76%), and placed 6th with the team and 10th in the individual classification at the European Championship in Aachen. They qualified for the 2016 Olympics with the French team.

2016 Don Luis continued to improve his performance. He won the Grand Prix of the "World Dressage Masters" tournament series in Lier with 74.8%. In addition, the French team came fourth at the Nations Cup CDIO5* in Compiègne, and together with Don Luis, Karen was awarded 78.4% by the judges at the Grand Prix Freestyle of the CDIO5* Nations Cup in Rotterdam!

Along with Don Luis, Karen Tebar currently has another "hot iron in the fire": Ricardo, a Hanoverian gelding from Rosentau, born in 2003. She and Ricardo have already achieved significant success.

Olympics 2016: Karen and Don Luis participated in the Olympic Summer Games in Rio. With a score of 75.029% in the Grand Prix, Karen became the French team's best dressage rider and qualified for the Grand Prix Special. There she was awarded 72.773% by the judges, placing 25th overall.