

I was very pleased to have qualified for the **BRC national freestyle dressage to music championships** which were held in in Liverpool. After a 5 hour drive we managed to arrive at our friends house in North Wales where we stayed for the night and stabled Percy. In the morning we got Percy ready and after an hours drive arrived at Aintree, home of the Grand National.

Percy and I are no strangers to this event as this was our 4th time at the championships! but he was very interested in the noises around him and went faster in canter (for the better woohoo). We got our best ever score - just over 75% - any of you who compete in dressage will know how hard it is to get all 7's and 8's plus a 9 (which I will frame). Up until the last two competitors we were in the lead but were beaten by 0.4%.

However I couldn't have asked for more from him and to be runner up was an honour. What a great day! We ended it by galloping over the finish line at Aintree for a photo call.

I'd like to thank the committee - particularly Sarah, Nancy and Leanne for their help, encouragement and support and I'll keep trying!

