

Farewell to one of the true greats of eventing

Jeanette Brakewell's legendary ride Over To You is put down at the age of 34



Jeanette Brakewell and Over To You at the Athens Olympics

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Jeanette Brakewell has said goodbye to her partner of almost three decades, the legendary Over To You (Jack), who died on 30 November aged 34.

The little thoroughbred retired as Britain's most capped eventer, aged 20, with two Olympic team silvers, a world individual silver and team bronze, plus four European team golds to his name.

"When I said goodbye, I just thanked him," Jeanette said. "For giving me everything. I wouldn't be where I am without him."

Jack went to Jeanette as a four-year-old; he had been bought by the Clegg family to race, but did not show much promise so was

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sent to be sold, but failed the vet owing to a heart murmur. Jonty Evans, who was working for Tony Clegg, rebacked Jack, and Tony's daughter Fiona took him for a lesson with Chris McGrann, at whose yard Jeanette was based, at the end of his fourth year. Jack reared and cracked Fiona's jaw, and Jeanette was handed the reins, with the words "over to you".

Jeanette told *H&H* she did not necessarily think Jack would go on to do what he did.

"He was a bit scrawny as a four- and five-year-old, and I was very young; 18 or 19," she said. "But we just grew together. He