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Born: September 13, 1988

Hometown: New York, NY

At the young age of 19, Brienne Goutal earned her place in the upper echelons of show jumping. In 2007, she was the winner of the Maxine Beard Show Jumping Developing Rider Award, given by the USEF Foundation for her competitive record to date and her promise for representing the United States in international competition in the future.

In 2009 Goutal and the KWPN mare Ralvesther teamed up for impressive Grand Prix finishes. They won the \$75,000 Grand Prix of Lake Placid in June. Goutal is the youngest rider to win this class in the events forty year history. In August, they won the \$50,000 Sussex Grand Prix. In 2010, the pair has collected a sixth place finish in the \$75,000 Adequan Grand Prix at the Winter Equestrian Festival.

Beginning in 2007 as one of the top 20 riders on the FTI Rider Challenge list during the 2007 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, Florida, Goutal then rode as part of the U.S. Developing Rider European tour and helped the U.S. to Nations Cup wins in Finland and Sweden. In 2008, she and Onira were reserve champions in the \$50,000 Smart for Life Grand Prix CSI 2* at the WEF. They then went on to represent the U.S. at the 2008 World Cup Final in Sweden.

In 2004, Goutal became the first rider to ever win all four major equitation finals: the 2004 USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals-East, the 2004 Washington International Equitation Classic Finals, the 2005 USEF/Pessoa Hunter Seat Medal Finals and the 2005 ASPCA Maclay National Championships. In that same year, she was featured on the Animal Planet's "Horse Power" TV series about the road to the Maclay. In addition, Goutal won team Gold at the North American Young Riders' Championship and at the USEF National Junior Jumper Championship in Harrisburg, PA.

In 2005, Goutal rode in her first grand prix class at the Garden State Horse Show, then returned to the same show in 2006 to win her first grand prix with Onira. Also in 2005, Goutal was awarded the USEF Foundation's Lionel Guerrand- Hermes Trophy, recognizing her as the Junior/Young Rider best exemplifying the ideals of sportsmanship and horsemanship. This capped an historic year during which she won the USEF Medal Finals, ASPCA Maclay Finals, and individual and team Gold Medals at the North American Young Riders' Championships

Continuing to build her outstanding legacy in the show ring, Goutal was named the 2006 Junior Equestrian of the Year by the United States Equestrian Federation. She was also chosen to represent the United States Equestrian Team at the 2006 Nations Cup competition in Buenos Aires, Brazil, where her strong performances helped the U.S. win the Team Gold medal.

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Goutal graduated from the Professional Childrens School in New York and is currently a student at Brown University in Providence, RI, where she is a member of the equestrian team. She trains with Max Amaya of Stonehenge Stables and credits much of her early success to Frank and Stacia Madden of Beacon Hill Show Stables. Goutal plans to keep showing at the grand prix level and adding to her international experiences.



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