

## **TJ Edwards**

I purchased my first horse in 1995 and in 1996 i started taking riding lessons at the age of 47.

In 1999 I learned of a sport called distance or endurance riding.

Entered my first distance event-25 mile comp ride- at the sand dunes ride at Orrock, MN in May of 2000.

Had so much fun I entered again the next day with the same mare.

Rode my first limited distance ride later that same season.

Got serious about competing in 2003 and rode almost 500 miles that year.

Have ridden over 1100 competition miles in one season and currently have approximately 6000 miles between competitive, limited distance and endurance.

2004 won 12 year end awards from AHDRA, UMECRA, DRAW, MnDRA and AERC.

2009 won 13 year end awards including the UMECRA LD championship and Reserve Heavyweight endurance championship, DRAW LD championship, North American Anglo/Arabian endurance championship and had the most best condition awards in AERC (12).

Only ride mares and/or molly mules.

Currently am riding a 14 year old Anglo/Arabian mare and a 9 year old molly mule

I have made almost every mistake a distance rider could make multiple times so am a wealth of information on what not to do.