

Bred in Alberta at Bosch Farms and foaled there in July of 2000, Canadian Warmblood registered Travolta is by Dutch Warmblood stallion Ferro and out of the Landwind II mare Lurosa. Joni Lynn Peters first saw Travolta at the 2003 Canadian Warmblood Fall Classic Breeders Sale in Olds. It was absolute love at first sight. A practical person by nature, Joni was not the type to purchase a horse based on emotion, but she just wasn't going home without this one, even though she'd only seen him in a stall completely covered with a blanket and hood.

Joni called it a "battle between logic and emotion" and, based on how things have turned out, it seems both sides won. Joni purchased Travolta at the auction and took him home to Armstrong, BC, where he continually fulfills her dreams, often a year or so before she dares to dream them.

As a skittish four year old, Travolta's competition season was kept short to gently introduce him to travel and the horse show environment. In 2005, his first year of serious competition, Travolta was undefeated in the province of BC at First Level Dressage. In 2006 he was provincial Reserve Champion at Second Level and in 2007, Third Level Champion. In 2008 and 2009 he was Advanced Level Champion of BC, and in 2010 was the Western Regional Grand Prix Champion. His many successes earned Travolta a spot on the Dressage Canada Team long list in 2008, 2009, and 2010. CADORA (Canadian Dressage Owners and Riders Association) honoured Travolta with the Advanced Division award for 2008 and 2009. The United States Dressage Federation awarded Travolta the All Breeds award for Prix St. Georges and Intermediaire, and Advanced Freestyle for 2009 and 2010.

Travolta loves his job as a dressage horse which shines through in his many accomplishments. Although his training includes riding out in the fields and woods, he is always happiest to come back into the ring, where he feels safe and familiar. Well...normally he feels safe and familiar in the ring. During what felt like the ride of his young career as a 5 year old, a couple of large black squirrels came into the competition ring. The playful squirrels leapt over a hedge and railing right in front of Travolta just before a line of canter. He spooked across the ring. When Joni turned him around to continue, the squirrels were still there and again he spooked across the ring. He completed the test with a deduction for "off course", and watched carefully for squirrels for many rides after.

Joni Lynn Peters is a Level III certified coach in both eventing and dressage. Joni and Travolta plan to continue pursuing excellence in dressage with an eye on Olympic selection trials for the 2012 London games.