



ROS CANTER

Zoetis

Professional Rider of the Year

The Badminton and Burghley winner presides over a star-studded field of top riders

ROS CANTER was named Zoetis Professional Rider of the Year after heading a strong category. This comprised her Olympic gold medal-winning team-mate Laura Collett, eventing world number one Harry Meade, Royal International supreme champion Craig Kiddier, Scott Brash and Becky Moody, European silver medalists this year in showjumping and dressage.

"It was definitely a year to remember," said Ros, who piloted Lordships Graffalo (Walter) to the Badminton and

Burghley double. "He made it feel so easy, which will probably never happen again, and gives me so much confidence."

Ros also said her Luhmühlen five-star win on Izilot DHI was "special".

"He hasn't been quite as straightforward as Walter, but he's really come of age this year and it's been his most consistent season to date," she explained.

Of winning the award, she added: "It's a real privilege to know that people are behind you and enjoy watching great sport and watching a horse like Lordships Graffalo."



LORDSHIPS GRAFFALO

Hit-Air

Event Horse of the Year

Superlatives run dry for the superstar eventer who is not only king of his craft, but a "great character"

"HE'S probably the bigger part of our relationship," said Ros Canter modestly, as she paid tribute to her Badminton and Burghley-winning partner Lordships Graffalo, who was named Hit-Air Event Horse of the Year.

"He's truly wonderful – not just a wonderful event horse, but a great character and a great person, so it's a privilege to have him at home. He's full of himself, a confident kind of chap who loves pulling faces and is into everything. But also

he's pretty chilled – he goes to those big occasions and thrives. He never really gets nervous."

Co-owner Michele Saul said she took her late father to see "Walter" when he was in Ros's yard to be backed.

"He was an amateur jockey and very knowledgeable. I confess I wasn't that impressed, but he said, 'Come on, Michele, I think this is the one.'

"He's fabulous and has taken us to so many places. Everyone has been so supportive – we meet people from all over the world who've come to see Walter. What could be better?"