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In Good Hands

FORMER SHOW JUMPER **JENNIFER CHANG CARMICHAEL** HAS LEAPT INTO THE WORLD OF FASHION WITH HER OWN BRAND OF CUSTOM-MADE LEATHER GLOVES

JENNIFER CHANG CARMICHAEL started riding when she was just three years old, and horses have remained her biggest passion ever since. The Long Island-born Chinese-American even managed to make the Hong Kong equestrian team, and has competed at some of show jumping's most prestigious events. When the birth of her son David brought a halt to her sporting career, the avid equestrian ventured into a very different game with the launch of Cabretta Couture, a luxury label specialising in bespoke gloves. Here, she shares some of the things she couldn't live without.

1. RIDING GLOVES AND JACKET "These gloves were made by my sponsor [who is now her business partner] to match my favourite riding jacket, which is made by my very good friend's designer equestrian label Saltare."

2. SILVER CIGARETTE BOX "The box was a gift to my late father for having been the best man at a friend's wedding. It now holds dear memories of my dad."

3. CABRETTA COUTURE WILD BOAR DRIVING GLOVES "I made these gloves for my husband Edward when he bought his Porsche 996 Turbo."

4. AMERICA AND CHINA: A NEW APPROACH TO ASIA AND THE FABULOUS CONCUBINE

"These two books were written by my grandfather Chang Hsin-hai. The former is, as the title suggests, rather academic; the latter, rumour has it, is semi-autobiographical."

5. POLO MALLETS "For all of the support my husband has devoted to my show jumping endeavours, I look forward, one day, to being his 'stick chick' [polo slang for the girl who hands you your next mallet]."

6. JAEGER-LECOULTRE REVERSO "This watch, which has an inscription on the reverse, was given to me by my husband Edward when I went to the 2006 Doha Asian Games."

7. LUC SKYWALKER AND LUXOR 91 "Unfortunately, my two horses can't make the photo shoot because they live in Nottingham [England] with British Olympic show jumper Michael Whitaker."

8. FLIP VIDEO CAMERA "I always carry this mini camera to capture and share our nearly two-year-old son David's finest moments."

9. JIMMY CHOO HEELS "I never go anywhere without high heels. I bought these Jimmy Chooos with a friend when I was a few months pregnant and couldn't face buying maternity clothes."