

How Horses Have Played a Role in My Life

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The role horses have played in my life is indescribable. Horses have been my whole life and shaped it so much it's impossible to envision how much different of a person I would be if I had never gotten the opportunities I have through my riding. I have learned so much from being around horses that I have been able to apply it to everyday interactions in and out of the barn. I have learned, like in riding, the same approach every time to a problem is not always the best way. You have to be open minded and willing to try different ways in order to get the results you want. With that open-mindedness, you also need patience. The patience I have learned riding horses allows me to excel in difficult situations where many people would simply give up. But the greatest rewards I find aren't the ones that come easy, but the ones that you have to work the hardest for and are often the one that make you question your abilities in a way that makes you grow. That applies for both person to person relationships, academics and reining. I found prior to riding, I hated doing anything because I was scared of messing up, but after a while I realized that by trial and error is how you will achieve the results you want. Equestrianism is a sport that requires dedication in all aspects if you want to be successful, whatever an individual personally defines what success as; you need to be willing to put in the time. Horses have shown me that you are never done learning. That is why I am interested in pursuing a post secondary education because I believe that there is always something to learn if you are willing to be open-minded, patient and dedicated.