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A: You start with a large fortune.

**Q: Why did the horse go behind the
tree?**

A: To change his jockeys.

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An out-of-towner accidentally drives his car into a deep ditch on the side of a country road. Luckily a farmer happened by with his big old horse named Benny. The man asked for help. The farmer said Benny could pull his car out. So he backed Benny up and hitched Benny to the man's car bumper. Then he yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull." Benny didn't move. Then he yelled, "Come on, pull Ranger." Still, Benny didn't move. Then he yelled really loud, "Now pull, Fred, pull hard." Benny just stood. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Okay, Benny, pull." Benny pulled the car out of the ditch. The man was very appreciative but curious. He asked the farmer why he

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The Large Animal Disaster Committee wants to remind you that Pompano Park is no longer available as a shelter. The Committee does not provide any pre-storm shelter. Now is the time to make a plan for your horse's safety in the event of a hurricane warning.

The Large Animal Disaster Committee suggests the following to think about.

1. Start now to pick up and clean up your property. Try to involve and help your neighbors do the same. Loose items and debris can become lethal missiles in a storm.

2. Check your fences, be sure they are sturdy and in good condition. The committee recommends in a class 1 or 2 storm animals should be safe in a reasonably sturdy barn. In a class 3 or 4 storm your animals may be safest in a large pasture with room to move around and utilize their best instincts. This is true IF:

a. There are no electrical wires to come down and create hazards with the water that will ensue from heavy rains.

b. The fences are in good repair. We recommend board fences that are nailed to the posts on the inside. This is so that when the horse pushes or leans against them the nails are pushed further into the post, securing the rails, rather than pushing the rails away from the post. Barb wire fencing is not recommended as it will injure the horse. Chain link and horse wire fences are not recommended because they will collect debris, and quite likely go down, allowing your horse to get loose.

c. Your horse is well identified. Use at least three methods of identification.

d. Be sure that your horse is wearing a leather halter. The halter will make it much easier for someone to catch your horse if it gets loose. A leather halter is more likely to break loose if the horse gets caught on something, a nylon halter will not.

Freeze branding, microchip IDs, and tattoos are permanent forms of identification. However rescuers need to know to look for microchips and tattoos, and they have to be registered and kept current when animals change hands to serve their purpose. More visible identification is more serviceable in a disaster.

Plan now to have appropriate materials to I.D. your horse on hand at all times. We want to be able to return your horse if its gets loose.



Braid a luggage tag into the mane or tail, close to the base. Again be sure it is water proofed.





Attach a fetlock band or mare band to your animal with your name, address, and phone number in permanent ink.



Attach the pertinent information to the (leather) halter. Secure tightly in a plastic bag, and securely tape with packing tape to the halter.



Spray paint your phone number with area code, on the side of the animal. Use acrylic paint. This will wear off in a week or two, sooner with good grooming.

Be sure to have photographs of you and your animal to prove ownership. Be sure photos show any distinguishing markings. Keep photos in a safe dry place and send one copy out of area.

3. It is strongly suggested that your horse have on bell boots to protect its legs.

4. If you plan to evacuate your animal out of the area, plan now for where you will go, and also leave early. Remember that traffic will be heavy and you do not want to get caught on the road with animals in horse trailers. They are unstable in high winds, and horses can easily be injured in the event of an accident.



5. Plan for water and feed for your animals. Water is critical, and remember that water on the ground may quickly become contaminated. Plan for a minimum of 12 gallons per day per animal. Remember, if you have a well and a pump, you will not have water if the electricity is out. Store water and food in large tightly covered garbage pails.

6. Begin now to evaluate your barn or stable for its resistance to hurricane winds. Be sure roofs are strong and strapped down, doors and gates are secure.

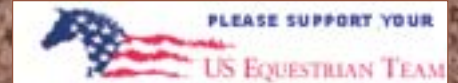
7. A final point and a strong recommendation is that you have on hand a supply of basic first aid items, i.e., bandages, anesthetics, etc.

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Rookie Rider Wins Big On Memorial Day Weekend

Venice, FL – (May 28, 2005) Every rider has their day and for twelve-year-old Victoria Bennett of Naples, FL, her day was May 28 at the Fox Lea Farms show grounds in Venice, FL. Like the hit movie, *Seabiscuit*, in 2003, Bennett and her partner, Whiskey, have their own underdog story to share.

Riding at her first "A" rated show aboard a horse named "Straight Up Whiskey", Bennett won her first Championship in her two-foot Hunter/Equitation division besting several of the elder, more experienced riders of southwest Florida. Bennett and Whiskey had flawless jumping rounds in the hunter ring not to mention her perfect equitation while been judged riding on the flat. After three days of showing, Victoria had won numerous first and second place ribbons which in the end earned her the top score of Champion in her division—not bad for her first rated show!

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But she still runs, only for the joy
Tossing her mane in her own wind
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She would stop if I asked her
But she still runs
In her true heart she will always run
That's what Freedom is to her
The trail
The fence line disappearing
The Freedom to run only for the joy
She takes me with her in spirit
No matter if in body or not
I can run free with her
Only for the joy

By Katie Flenner, age 16
Barron Collier High School

How The Appaloosa Has Helped Shape My Life

Written by: Melissa Smith

"There are friends and faces that may be forgotten, but there are horses that never will be", Andy Adams once said. To me that horse is my Appaloosa gelding, Bambeau. It is because of him that my life is what it is today. My Appaloosa has shaped my present-life as well as my future one; he has taught me how the ride, patience, responsibility, dedication, how to set and reach goals, as well as given me a best friend.

To start with my horse has taught me how to *really* ride. I had been taking lessons a few years before I came across my Appy, but we did a lot of actual training on him. So I was able to learn not how to just execute a movement on a trained horse; I was able to discover the art of training. I etched into my mind exactly how to communicate with a horse so that he understands something completely foreign to him. Also in being a breed of such versatility I have been shaped into a versatile rider. My Appaloosa and I practice dressage, hunter/jumpers, bareback, as well as western speed event riding. To me it is important for riders to be knowledgeable about a multitude of different riding seats.

On a similar note, training my Appaloosa has taught me patience. Sometimes it takes months of practice in order to accomplish something perceived as easy, such as performing a training level dressage test. I have been able to apply this respected quality outside of the horsey environment. If I do not understand a concept at school right away I'm able to remind myself of when Bambeau didn't understand something right away. With practice he eventually came to grasp the lesson being taught and I know I will too. The same applies for when I become impatient with another person. Bambeau has made me realize dealing with horses is often the same as how you deal with people; yelling and screaming at the person won't accomplish anything, it would probably make things worse, as when you loose your temper with your horse.

Another revered quality that I have developed due to the Appaloosa is responsibility. Whether it is Christmas morning or a plain, old Saturday my horse still needs his stall cleaned, breakfast fed, and pasture time. He must have his hooves trimmed every five weeks, and there needs to always be an adequate supply of grain, hay, fly spray, and other similar items needed to get by from day to day. This quality will be a great asset to me; as I get older I have more and more responsibilities in school as well as in life.

A fourth way the Appaloosa has shaped my life is through the lesson of dedication. I have been taught to not give up and to stick with it. To truly succeed with your Appaloosa you can not one day decide to do the hunters, then after a week get bored because you aren't jumping three feet and switch to barrel racing. This method will never allow you to perfect your riding. You *must* dedicate yourself to an event and thoroughly practice it. It's much easier to master one or two things, and then add more as opposed to trying to learn everything all at once in random bits and pieces. This dedication is something I can easily use in my everyday life, especially with school and applying myself to assignments.

Still another positive attribute I have developed is how to successfully set and reach goals. I've discovered that you must start small in your goals. It is unfair to you as well as your Appaloosa to set goals that are too high right away, which is a common mistake. Trying to ride third level dressage in six months really isn't very realistic, nor is winning first place at the horseshow. Goals should be smaller so that even if you don't win

you can feel like you've accomplished something, such as getting all the correct canter leads or making rounder figure-eight circles. As with the other things goal setting is a life long skill, many times businesses set goals for the upcoming year.

Perhaps the most important thing an Appaloosa has to give a youth in today's world is a best friend. After a bad day at school I know I can walk into the barn and my horse will be there to greet me with a nicker. We'll go for a ride or maybe I'll just brush him or sit in his stall, but whatever

we do will make all my problems go away. Appaloosas make the best, best friends as they always know what kind of a mood you are in and they don't tell your secrets. They have their own horsey way of letting you know that they love you as much as you love them. Bambeau even goes as far as, everyday before I put his bridle on he rests his head on my shoulder as if giving me a hug or a comforting pat. He also snuffles my cheek with his nose when I am most in need of a friend. I can almost hear him say "it's ok mom, I am here we'll get through this."

As you can see the Appaloosa has shaped my life in many ways. Because of this exceptional equine I am responsible, patient, and dedicated. I can set and reach my goals, I have a best friend, and I can really ride. I don't know where my life would be without my wonderful Appy. There's a popular saying that says, all the important things I know I learned from my dog, but I like my version much better, all the important things I know I learned from my Appaloosa.

Melissa is 15 years old and a Sophomore at Ft. Myer's High School. She won 3rd in the ApHA Essay Contest with this essay.

Congratulations Melissa!



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