

Giggles & Giddyup







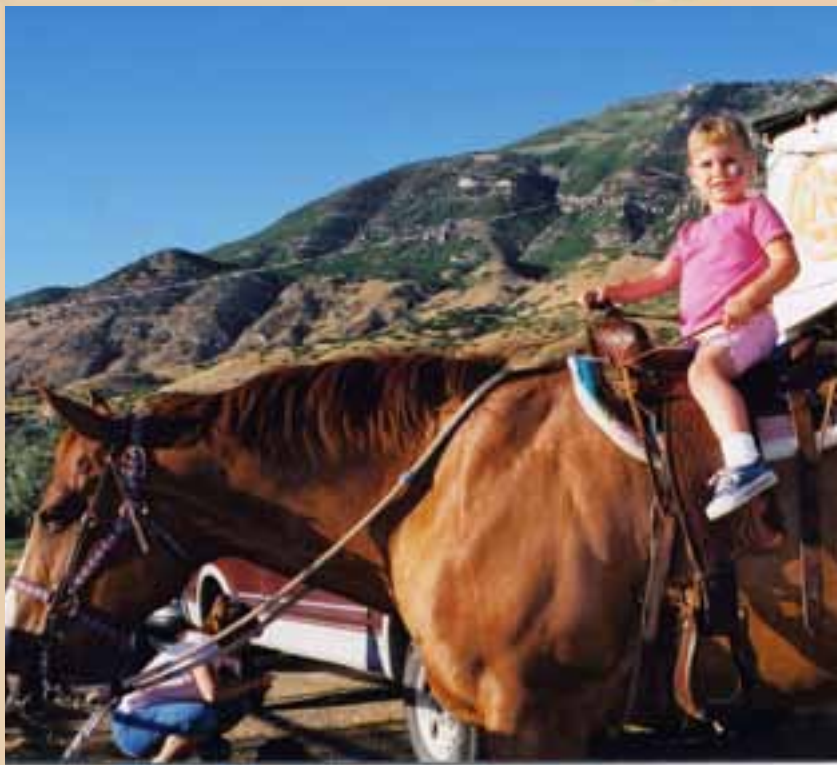
Abi, tell me about horses...



Why do you love horses?



“Because I like to ride on them.
They’re fun and they can save
your life. I like how they run
really fast.”



What did you think when you
first saw a horse?



“I liked their color and how beautiful they are. I think they smell like we do, but they have 4 legs instead of 2.

They have softer skin than us though, really soft.”

What is your favorite part of
the horse?

"I like the tail when they lift it and it curls...I
like their hair because I can play with it and
their body 'cuz they stay still and let you pet
them."





What is your favorite horse?

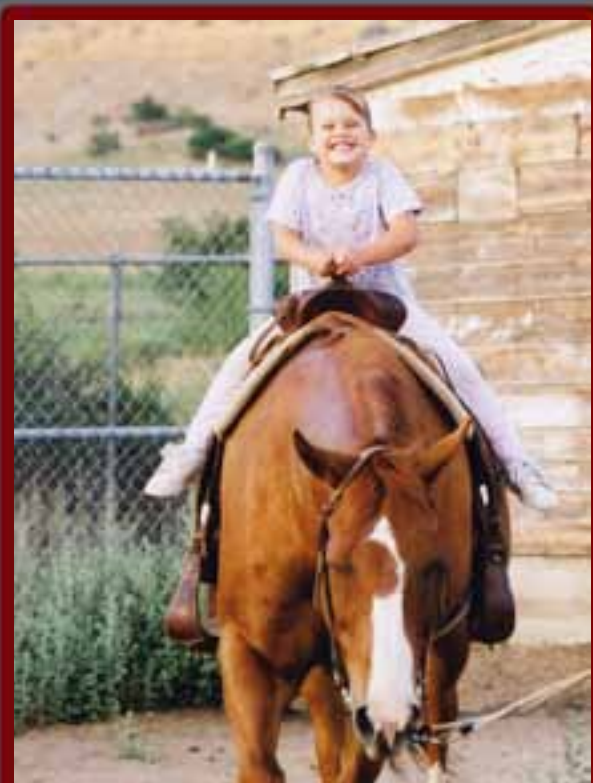


“Dark brown that is reddish with
a reddish tail and mane because
I love that red.”





If you had your own horse,
where would you ride it?





“In the backyard, front yard, around the circle. I’d say ‘yee-haw cowboy’ out of the neighborhood into the mountains and over to Mark’s.”

What would you name your horse, Abi?





“Spirit!”

Who do you like to ride with?

“Mark, because he knows how to take care very much and he knows if they go fast. He teaches me the words, like when I fell off and he said, “Get back on.” At first I felt sad because I thought he was mad - he would never be mad. He’s nice so I listened to him and I love him. Not like “kissy - like” love, nice. I like that he taught me - get right back on.”

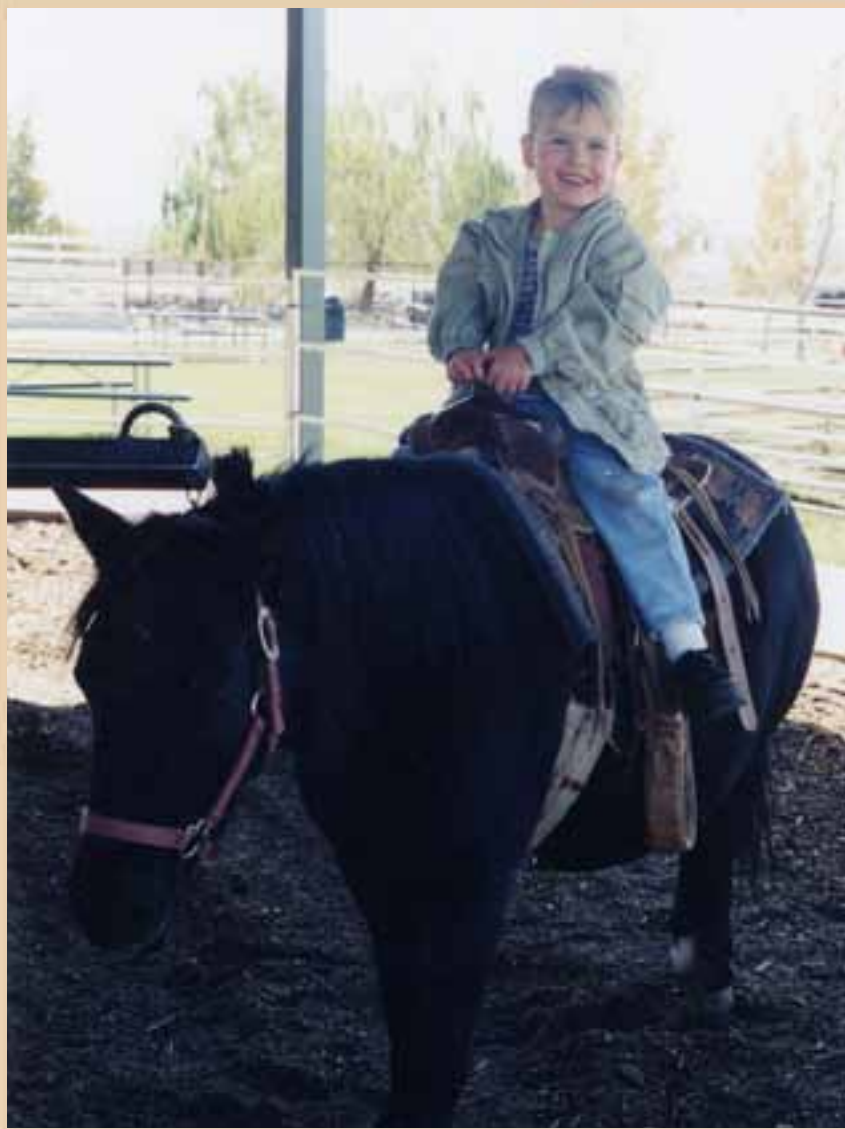


What are some things you've learned about riding a horse?

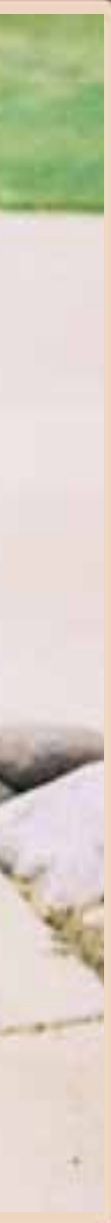
“Get right back on the horse!”

“Step on the stirrup with your left foot and put your bum on the saddle - right in the middle - on the front and the horse will get mad, on the side you'll fall off, in the back it gets mad too.”

“To stop the horse say ‘whoa’, and pull the reins. Turn the horse by grabbing reins on the side you want to go. If you keep the reins loose and they'll go walking.”



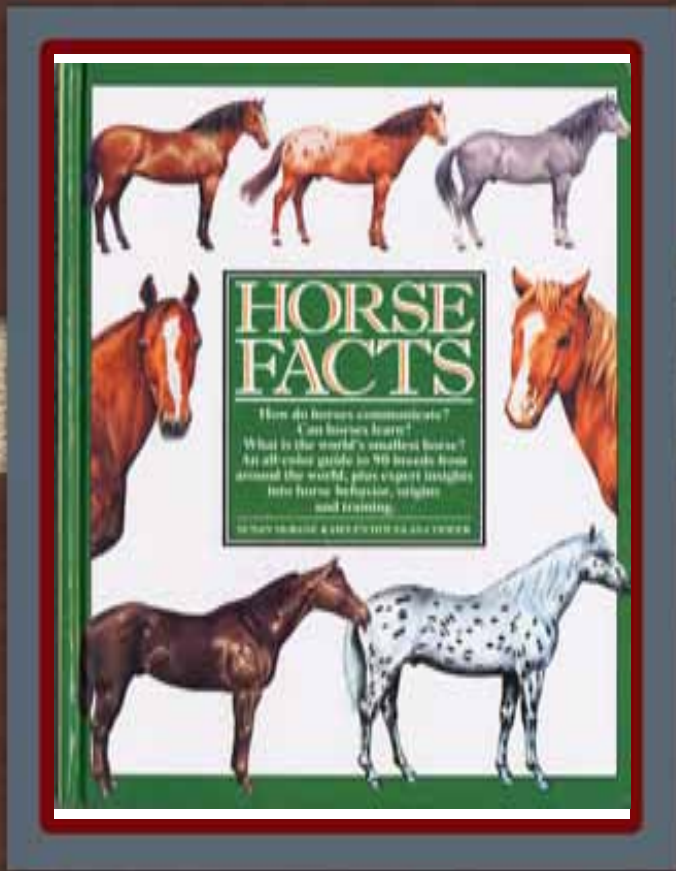




“When I was only 5 I was scared by the horses big legs. I felt much more braver and said to myself, ‘Abi, just go on with it.’ So that’s what I say when I’m scared now about anything.”

“When you ride a horse you should wear jeans, a hat, sometimes overalls. Girls can wear red sparkly shirts and boots like at the rodeo.”

What are some of your
favorite horse things?





“Spirit, Kaya, My Horse Facts book that stays right on my bed, my calendar that hangs in my room and I cross off every day, my horse sweater from Mitchell, and...”





...Horse Kisses!

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