



Madison Palen

"My name is Madison Palen, and I am fifteen years old. I live in Duluth, Minnesota. I have a sister named Morgan and a brother named Josh. I am in 10th grade and had a 3.9 GPA last year.

My family has three Australian Shepherds, but two years ago my parents got me my own Toy Aussie. Her name is Abby and she is my baby. I created an Instagram for Abby and she has over 3,500 followers!

I ride at Hardwood Creek Farm, which is over two hours away from Duluth. I enjoy riding there and the great care of my horses, Leo (Willowick Troubadour) and Boomer (BRMF Final Explosion), so it is totally worth the drive.

I started riding when I was 6 years old on a pony named Red Ranger. I began competing in Morgan shows when I was ten. I currently show western pleasure and saddle seat.

When I am not riding horses, I enjoy crafting. This year I am collaborating with one of my barn friends to sell our craft products at horse shows. We named our business Bark.Bark.Barn. We make and sell dog collars, leashes, bandannas, key fob's and scented clothing sachets. We are also looking at selling these items on Etsy and Instagram. I am learning a lot about business, including pricing and cost of materials. I want to try and make a difference with my business, so I give a percentage of my profits to the This Old Horse charity. If my crafts can make customers happy and I'm able to help an old or injured horse, that is truly a win-win.

I would like to be a veterinarian when I am older. All the information that I have learned in the barn, in the show arena and competitions like the Morgan Youth of the Year will be invaluable as I pursue a career in veterinary medicine."