

Paizley Patterson

Classroom to Stables

Fun Facts:

- Hometown: Lumberton, N.C.
- Class year: Junior
- Major: Mass Media Communications
- Birthday: July 7



Paizley at Stoneybrook Stables.

A Southern Belle with a Heart for Horses

By Laurah Covington

Paizley Patterson is a junior at the College of Charleston. While Patterson's sweet Southern accent, blonde hair, and big eyes epitomize the concept of a Southern Belle, she is more than meets the eye.

Patterson explains that she volunteers at with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at The Citadel, she enjoys anything outdoorsy and played several sports in high school. However, her biggest passion is for horses.

1. Q: What does horseback riding mean to you?

A: I grew up around horses and I get my love of horses from my mom.

2. Q: Do you own any horses?

A: Yes, four at home. Three are mine – Napoléon, Maggie, and Seeker. One is my mom's, Littleman.

3. How do you name your horses? Well those are just nick names. It's illegal for any two horses to have the same name. So a horses name is usually a phrase that comes from the

mother's and the father's names.

4. Q: Where do you ride in Charleston?

A: I ride at Kennerleigh Farms on Johns Island. I'm in an advanced riding class and right now we're learning cross country, jumping, and dressage.

5. Q: What's your favorite part of horseback riding?

A: Jumping.

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6. Q: How do you feel when you're horseback riding?

A: I feel very much like myself and very relaxed ... and at peace.

7. What is your best horse experience?

A: When my parents surprised me with my horse, Maggie. They told me that we were picking it up for my friend, but when we got home they told me the horse was mine. Maggie was 2 years old.



8. Q: What about the worst experience?

A: A horse ran away with me when I was 12. Let's just say there have been a lot of close calls.

9. Q: What keeps you from getting discouraged?

A: Nothing else is more fun to me than riding horses. I don't think I'd be satisfied doing much else in my free time.

10. Q: What do you see in your future with horses?

A: I want to own horses for the rest of my life.