

A Trainer's Promise, as a Friend

I can promise you a few things -

You will be happy at the barn.

It will be work, hard work, but it will be worth it.

There will probably be times I will get mad at you, but because I am mad at you has NO bearing and does NOT change how much I like you as a person. I get mad at my friends, my parents, I get mad at Terry, and they are still the most important people in my life. Because someone gets mad at you doesn't mean that they like or love you any less.

I will ALWAYS be honest. Period. Point blank.

Ask me anything and if I can't answer you honestly I won't answer you at all.

You will get more confidence, as a rider and as a person.

You will learn that what everyone else thinks of you means precisely nothing if the person you see in the mirror doesn't like you.

You will learn that you can try to please everyone and never be happy, and that if you try to please yourself, you'll have a lot more people happy.

That crying is okay, and sometimes feels really damn good.

That talking is okay.

That there are NO dumb questions. EVER.

That the friends you make that are real, then it really doesn't matter their age, height, weight, or looks.

That horses love unconditionally and that they can teach you to love unconditionally.

That caring for an animal that needs you can make you realize that YOU need you, and that even when you think no one else would miss you if you'd die, PEOPLE WOULD - burying my best friend when I was 18 taught me that.

That Life, Love, and true friendship are irreplaceable.

That if you learn from your mistakes, there IS NOTHING TO REGRET.

ALL of who you are now is made up of who you were and what you did - for the better and worse - and if you learn from your experiences, then why would you want to change any of it?

And that at our barn - we will always listen, even when it's not about horses.

And that SCHOOL, education, responsibility, self confidence, goals, and commitment and respect are all very important.

Live, Love, Laugh, Ride... & LEARN!