



Getting To Know Our 2nd Vice President, Sarah Strouse

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I recently had an opportunity to ask our second vice-president, Sarah Strouse, some questions. Sarah is 17 years old and is from Oathe, Kansas. She is currently a junior at De Soto, Kansas. Besides riding horses, Sarah also plays basketball on her high school varsity team.

Sarah has many pets. She has 3 dogs (Sam, Boomer, and Lola), 2 cats (Zippo and Bella), and of course, her horse, Lil Boss Man, or Cooper.

Sarah has not decided where she would like to go to college yet, but she plans to ride on an equestrian team, and study medicine to become an orthopedic doctor.

She first began showing when she was eight years old, but she didn't show in the AQHYA classes until she was about fourteen. Sarah shows in the western all-around events, although she used to show in hunt seat equitation and still occasionally shows in that class.

Her favorite classes would probably have to be showmanship, trail, and horsemanship because they are Cooper's favorites as well. Sarah's favorite MQHYA memories are attending the Y.E.S. Convention and being a part of the NYATT team. Sarah's favorite horse show in Missouri is March to the Arch, but her overall favorite show would have to be either the AQHYA Youth World Show, or the Congress, because she gets to see her friends from all over, and miss a lot of school!

Sarah's favorite food would have to be sushi, but her favorite candy is peanut butter M&Ms. Her favorite color would be either teal or royal blue.

Sarah's goal as a 2015 officer is to meet even more people and to experience new things. She would also like to "become a leader to all of the little ones who will eventually take over as officers."

A fun fact about Sarah is that she went to the Junior Olympics in trampoline and tumbling for two years straight before she decided to quit, and do the horses, MQHA's gain, the gymnastic world's loss!