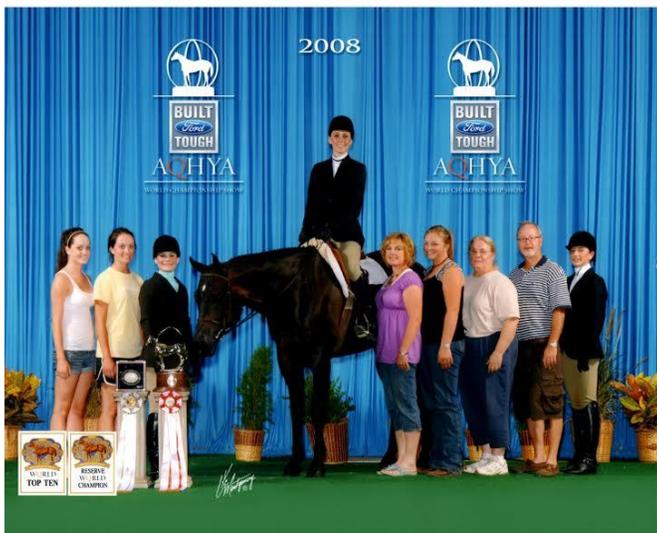


Getting To Know Our New Youth Advisor Cara Walker

By: Maddox Murphy

I recently talked with our new co-youth advisor, Cara Walker, who is a twenty-five year old from Columbia,



Missouri. Cara graduated from Missouri State University in Springfield, with a bachelor's degree in marketing.

Cara has a mutt named Cooper that she rescued while living in Springfield. Cara says that she is extremely excited to get married this fall.

Cara started showing lead line when she was two years old at the county fair, and later on joined 4-H. She started showing in the quarter horse circuit when she was ten years old, and showed in the all-around events. She says her favorite classes were hunt seat equitation and trail. Cara was the MQHYA President in 2007 and 2008, and also rode on the Youth World Cup team in 2008.

Cara says that her favorite MQHYA memory was spending a weekend each year at the annual convention. She says, "It was fun to bowl, swim, and spend time with horse show friends outside of showing." She also had a lot of fun at the parade of teams at the youth world show.

Cara's favorite horse show is the Congress, and her favorite food is Italian. Cara's favorite candy is Skittles, and her favorite color is turquoise.

Cara says that a fun fact about her is that she and her fiancée bought a camper last summer, and enjoy camping in their free time. She says that Cooper loves to camp as well! They are always up for a new adventure!

Cara's goals for being the youth advisor in 2015 are to increase membership by bringing a stronger sense of unity to the group, while promoting fun. She would also like to "give back as much as possible to the association that helped me make so many life-long memories."





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Caitlin Kerber

By: Maddox Murphy

I recently visited with our new co-youth advisor, Cait Kerber, who is a twenty-three year old graduate of the University of Missouri. Cait is from Warrensburg, Missouri and now lives in Columbia. She graduated from Mizzou in December 2013 and is now a Government Relations Consultant in Jefferson City.

Cait started showing horses when she was eight. She started with just local shows for fun, but then around age eleven or twelve, started showing in some MQHA shows. She showed in novice all-around events, and even occasionally reining and trail. During her time in MQHYA and AQHYA, she served as an AQHYA Director, AQHYA Reporter, and ultimately served as the AQHYA President.

Cait doesn't think she could pick an all-time favorite MQHYA memory. She remembers playing Guitar Hero on the way to the Y.E.S. Convention, playing Marco Polo at the pool, and sweating through her clothes while hanging stall decorations at the youth world show.

Cait says that March to the Arch will always be her favorite show. She remembers the first one held, and the last one she attended was the year her mother passed away and they had a special tribute to her.

Some of Cait's favorites include her favorite class, hunt seat equitation, her favorite food, pineapple and pepperoni pizza, her favorite candy, dark chocolate, and last of all, her favorite color, lavender.

As youth advisor, Cait would like to see the youth association build its membership back up, and she would like to help existing members get to know each other better.