

Dear OHJA,

This individual is the OHJA's eager beaver. I have not found a project that she thinks is not doable.

One of the gifts of the 'barn environment' is the sense of community – that sense of belonging to a group.

When I met this girl, she was young and keen and desperately wanted to be accepted and integrated into our group – our barn. She was accepted, but still she tried too hard. She asked thousands of questions. She made us smile but we often wondered where the 'off switch' was. She wanted to be one of the 'big kids'.

Fast forward a few years and she is one of the big kids. She will help anyone. She will do anything. She takes newcomers under her wing and shows them the ropes. She teaches them how to braid and groom their horses as she does. She teaches them to want to. She also helps the grooms. They are especially grateful when the show is over. Everyone is exhausted and there are horses to bandage, braids to come out, tack to clean, and don't forget the beloved packing. She is always there with her trademark smile and perky attitude.

She does not believe in the 'my barn' vs. 'their barn' politics. That does not mean she doesn't want the riders at her barn to win, it means, "let's compete head to head and then go out for dinner together." When she travels to far away shows, where there are few north westerners, her community changes – her group is now the whole northwest.

I respect her for always including everyone, and I respect her for her good judgment. She is a great role model, and I can count on that. That is why I nominate Madison Cameron for Junior Sportsman of the Year.

Sincerely,

Shelley Campf