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~How owning a pony will help me~

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Owning a pony has taught me responsibility, sportsmanship, horsemanship, and how to care for and love something. Taking care of a pony is very hard work; but you have to do it. Even though you don't want to, taking care of any animal is hard work. To keep a pony is just something you must work for. They take so much love and good care to keep them happy and in good shape. If you own a pony you do have to keep it in shape by; avoiding any accidents, viruses or sicknesses. Some ponies get too obese or too thin, thrash, or any types of worms.

If you show, some shows make it mandatory to have yearly vaccines and other tests. You've probably gone to a show if you have a pony. You have to really work hard to want to actually place well. You learn how to deal with what you get. For instance, if you don't place so well it's okay because you know you worked hard and earned to go to the show. I've learned how to do many things with ponies; but you have to have patience and have a good temper. Some things you do may

take a day, a month, or even a year to get accomplished. When you're outside trying to train your pony to do something say.... jump, that's going to be something you're going to want to go a little at a time. If your novice at fair or above you might want to work on jumping if you want to do that class to try to get more points. Start out with maybe a couple ground poles. And then do a six inch cross rail the next week. Then maybe the next month is do one foot, then eighteen inch verticals.

Owning a horse is easy or hard to do depending on your pony's personality. If you have a pony with a good, outgoing, happy mood you don't really have to do the same type of things with a mean, cranky kind of pony. With a mean kind of pony you really want to spend a lot of time with him and get to know him and let him get to know you. With extra time and care you learn to know what your pony likes and doesn't like. A good mood pony you still want to spend lots of time with him. You both will enjoy each others company. Ponies both like love and care.

This is how owning a pony will help me in the near future. Overall a good summary is "Responsibility".