



Behind the Stall Door: Aachen

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Horse Details:

Name: Aachen

Age: 9

Competitive Height: currently 1.20

Gelding

What is a normal day like for your horse? His days are pretty average. He gets turned out first thing in the morning, where he gets his breakfast. Depending on the day, I might ride him in the morning, but on school days I ride in the evening. He gets brought in in the afternoon where he gets his grain as well as his afternoon and nighttime hay.

What do they and don't they like? He loves candy canes (and gets really excited when he hears the wrapper crinkling) and ear scratches. There isn't much he doesn't like, aside from the random object he decides to spook at that day.

How would you describe your horse's personality? He is very sweet and lovable once he gets to know you, but he is hesitant to trust new people sometimes.

What personality traits does your horse have that sets them apart as a competitor? When he's at a show, he knows that we mean business. His whole demeanor changes. He is incredibly brave at shows, whereas at home he spooks at anything that isn't exactly the way it was yesterday. He also is very careful when we get to shows and tends to over jump things a lot more than he does at home.

What does your horse eat? How often? He gets mixed hay four times a day, adding up to about 10 flakes a day. He also gets grain once daily which contains beet pulp, alfalfa pellets, K-finish, complete pellets, clay, and garlic salt. He's not an easy keeper so we have spent a lot of time trying to find a regime that works for him.

What is your exercise regime to keep your horse fit? He is flatted four times a week, usually with my trainer riding him for one of those, and generally speaking, I jump him twice a week. In the summer I will substitute about one ride every other week for something like hill work or a road hack just to change it up a bit.

Who supports this horse? My parents, through their company, ACETA Specialties, Inc.

Where did you purchase your horse? I bought him from Brenda Riddell at Silverstar Farms.

How old was he/she and what level were they competing at? He was 6 at the time that I purchased him and he was doing the 1.10s.