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Narrative

Getting your first horse is something to be excited about. My family and I have been looking for a horse for a while and we weren’t successful in the beginning. Until, a lady at my farm, named Diane, that I was being trained at, came up to me at a horse show and said that a recent horse that she had come up for sale. His name was Scandal and he had been at the Pepper Farm from when he was eight months old to when he was ten years old. Then a lady from downstate bought him and had him until he was twelve years olds. She decided to sell some of her horses, due to liquidation, and Scandal was one of them, she called up the Diane and asked her if she wanted to buy him back. She said that she, herself, wasn’t buying any more horses back but that there was a 13 year old girl that had been looking for a horse and that Scandal would be great for her. So we bought him and then trailered him up from downstate to Norway. After that he was let out to run in the arena and he was really pretty. I have fell in love with my horse and have had him for 2 years now.

Descriptive

Scandal is a horse that has many different characteristics. At first glance he comes off as a chestnut color horse, but when in the sunlight he resembles the color of a brand new copper penny. He has white sock on all four legs, and a white blaze down the front of his face down to the bottom of his mouth, with a black dot on the tip of his nose, about the size of a dime. When he trots around the field he holds his tail high in the air with his neck stretched in the air with his ears perfectly tipped in so that they almost touch. When he is washed, he is as soft as silk, but when dry and muddy he resembles an old, unpaved road. After a long day of riding he drips in sweat and gives a long sigh. When he is eating he snorts in between every bite. He smells of sweat and a hint of dirt and mud. Scandal has many characteristics but everyone is what makes his so special.

Expository

When doing a flying lead change there are many thing you have to do. First, practice them on the rail, ask your horse for the counter canter (the opposite lead). When he picks it up ride it for a few lengths and then sit back, pick up your inside rein and ask him to switch his leads with your outside leg. You and your horse may not get this the first time but it takes practice and repetition. After many good lead changes on the rail going in both directions try to do a figure eight using the arena. Make sure to not always change your lead in the middle, every once and a while do a couple circles going in the same direction. When coming to the middle of the arena make sure horse is straight, this will help him have a cleaner lead change. Every horse is different but with lots of practice your horse will able to do a flying lead change.

Persuasive

I think that we should have better homes for the horses that have been neglected. There are only a couple but there are many horses that need homes. We should have a qualified person come to every farm and check up on the horses so there should be no need for the homes in the first place. We need more people to be adoptive families and to take care of the horses that have been abused and not cared for correctly. I think with this program we can change horse’s lives for the better.