



Austin

Austin was a little boy who absolutely loved horses, but was terrified to get close to a live one! His first visit to the Big Red Barn was 8 years ago during our Fall Festival. He had promised Mom he would, at the very least, pet a miniature horse. Well, that didn't happen!

Two years would pass before he would even attempt to come back out to the barn for a visit. When he did decide, it was a very blustery and cold day, but he warmed up to Misty rather quickly this time. It's quite possible her warmth and thick winter coat helped tremendously! Today, these two are great buddies, and Austin takes her for many walks. She was the first horse he ever rode and it was because of her that he gained the courage needed to ride a full size horse.

Austin is now a full time Rider whose heart belongs to April! During the winter, he will even come out to the barn to bring her special treats! His skills have increased enough over the years to only needing one side walker. The big goal this year is to get him to only need a Spotter and eventually become an independent Rider! We know he can do it!! He has come so far already!!