

Testimonial

From: Natalie Miller

Re: Hinchinbrook Farm

Date: February 18, 2013

I was looking for an activity for my son Jordi, who has global delay, and a friend suggested therapeutic riding. I searched the internet and the closest one to where I live was Hinchinbrook Farm.

I called Patricia McGill and she invited us for a visit. We were met by a friendly dog, Kelly, an adventurous cat, Dexter, 2 guinea hens, Chirpy and Chester and a beautiful horse, Dandy and of course Patty.

Once the funding was in place, Jordi and I went to the farm every Saturday morning. Jordi first learned about the anatomy of the horse, how a horse should be treated and groomed.

After a few weeks of getting to know the horse and build trust, it was time for Jordi to ride Dandy. Jordi put on his helmet and mounted Dandy. It was amazing to see as Jordi showed no fear about getting on the horse. Over time, Patty and her wonderful volunteers taught Jordi to tack the horse.

This helped Jordi with his fine motor skills and following directions. It also made Jordi think about how the horse was feeling. He learned patience, caring and looking after an animal. He learned after you finish your ride, you have to groom the horse, put the brushes away in the proper place, give Dandy a treat of apples and carrots, sweep the barn and put him outside.

Hinchinbrook farm is a beautiful, calming place to bring children. Patty and her volunteers are very knowledgeable when it comes to horses and special needs children.

I would recommend Hinchinbrook Farm Therapeutic Riding to any family with a child who has special needs.

Sincerely,



Natalie Miller