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Kayla Van Maanen

Failure isn't the Opposite of Success; it's Part of Success

Kayla Van Maanen, from Hortonville, Wisconsin, is the final Boot Barn Exhibitor of the Day for the 2022 Color Breed Congress. Kayla is currently finishing up her online vet tech program to work with her dad at the vet clinic he owns.

Kayla has been riding horses since the age of nine and has been coming to the Color Breed Congress for three years. Her favorite memory from a horse show was during the 2019 Color Breed Congress when she placed seventh in a class with her little western horse.

Her parents are the ones who inspired her to start riding. When Kayla was asked why they inspired her, she said, "they love horses and riding as much as she does, so it was something they could do together as a family."

If Kayla could tell anyone interested in riding horses, she would tell them, "just do it, you have to start somewhere and not be afraid, and you will not be perfect on the first try." Besides horses, Kayla enjoys playing volleyball, all animals, and anything outside.

Each day at the Color Breed Congress Show an exhibitor will be selected to be featured on the official PtHA Facebook page. Each winner receives a \$50 Boot Barn gift card.



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