



# Princess

Twelve-year-old Lauren is going into her fifth year of showing horses. This 7th grader is excited to be showing her horse, Choco, in the shows this summer!

“I have loved horses almost all my whole life,” Lauren says. She discovered Pintos through her trainer, Karen Clark of Buffalo, MN., She says, “I fell in love with Pintos working with Karen. I love all the different colors and patterns.” She enjoys helping out at the farm with Karen whenever she can.

She joined the royalty court because she thought it would be fun to represent Min-I-Kota at the horse expos. In addition to riding horses, Lauren enjoys hanging out with friends and spending time with her family and her her pets. She has two dogs: Koda, an Australian Shepherd and Kirby, a Jack Russell Terrier, as well as as two gerbils, Peanut and Hazel.

Lauren enjoyed showing her horse Chocolate Chip Kisses, AKA “Choco”, at the shows last summer and earned her Youth Championship. “It was a lot of hard work *and* challenging, but also a lot of fun!” Showing horses has taught her that “you don’t have to win to have a lot of fun,” she adds. She is still training hard and looking forward to the 2012 shows.

Making new friends at Pinto shows has been fun, says Lauren, and she appreciates the support she’s found at Min-I-Kota. “I have met many new people and they encourage me and say nice things when I show.”