

RIDER SPOTLIGHT: MORGAN BATTON



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If there is a resident, boarder, or staff member at Stable View that you want to learn more about, please send emma@stableviewfarm.com an email with a spotlight recommendation. Morgan Batton is based in Aiken. She started riding at age seven after begging for lessons from her non-horsey parents. Morgan shared, "I begged for my own horse, so my parents told me to save my money. I did all sorts of odd jobs around the neighborhood, and by the time I was 11, I had saved \$1500 and they made good on their promise and helped me buy my first horse."

Morgan currently has roughly eight to ten training horses in her training program as well as a group of students. Many of the horses in her program are young and have just been started under saddle/ begun their competition careers. She said, "My great group of students includes teen riders, young adult professionals, and adult amateur riders all committed to improving their training and partnerships with their horses!"

Morgan was asked about her goals for the upcoming season. She shared, "Many of my students have new horses, so we are focusing on developing the partnerships. I, myself have a new partnership with Premier Fernhill, an eight-year-old ISH gelding from Alex Green. I'm looking forward to my first event with him being Stable View's Opener! I hope to finish out the season with him at the 2* level."

As far as Morgan's comments about Stable View, she shared, "I love Stable View! It's so nice to have a top class facility that puts on consistently well run horse trials. In addition to the recognized trials, there are so many quality schooling opportunities available. We like to dabble with the hunter/jumper and dressage opportunities as well!" In addition to riding and training, Morgan also owns Hitch and Tow with her husband Paul. She is also a board member of the Stable View Foundation.

The Stable View team is looking forward to welcoming Morgan and all of her students for the 2024 season.