

AIKEN HORSE PARK FOUNDATION WELCOMES KATE BOGGAN TO THE FAMILY

AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA – Since 2015, the Aiken Horse Park Foundation has continued to add an increasingly diverse schedule of equestrian events to the venue's calendar. As such we are pleased to welcome the Aiken Horse Park Foundation's first intern, Kate Boggan.

A Texas native, Kate is currently completing her master's degree at Texas A&M University in Equine Industry Management with an emphasis on marketing and communications. She completed her undergraduate studies at Texas A&M in the Spring of 2017 with a degree in Animal Science and a certificate in Equine Science.

Kate is a lifelong equestrian enthusiast. She has been riding since she was 4 and competing in Eventing since she was 10. Her passion for horses and equestrian sport has driven and shaped her

career goals and led to an impressive list of accomplishments:

- Two summer internships with the United States Eventing Association (USEA) in Leesburg, Virginia;
- Summer intern for the popular online publication, Eventing Nation
- Founder and inaugural president of the Texas A&M Eventing Team;
- Currently serving her third year as a member of the USEA Intercollegiate Committee; and

During her internships with the USEA, Kate gained invaluable experience learning the ins and outs of a not-for-profit organization. While she was able to witness the many roles that go into running a national organization, her main project was preparation for the American Eventing Championship that take place every September. Kate brings this experience with her to the Aiken Horse Park Foundation and we have no doubt her experience with large scale events will prove a valuable asset to our team.

Kate, her OTTB mare, Vixie and her Great Pyrenes mix, Miki, all made the move from College Station, Texas to Aiken this January.

"I am just awestruck by how beautiful Aiken is and how the equestrian community is so integrated into the town's culture. Bruce's Field is an exceptional venue and I feel extremely fortunate to be a part of an organization with such an amazing commitment to the equestrian community. My dream has always been to turn my passion for horses into a career and I couldn't imagine a better place to be than Aiken to make that dream a reality."

The Aiken Horse Park Foundation is a 501 $\mathbb{O}(3)$ not-for-profit organization, whose mission is to promote Aiken's equestrian way of life and to encourage the community's civic, educational, and charitable endeavors

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