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Both of my children grew up in the 4-h Horse program. Both of them showed their horses at fair and at dozens of other horse shows.

My oldest is now an adaptive horseback riding instructor where she helps clients with special needs learn to ride and experience literal physical, social and emotional healing. She has heard adult persons with autism speak their first words on horseback. Her skills were developed preparing her horses to show.

My other daughter is in her final term at Portland Community College as Certified Veterinary Technology program student. She specializes in equine medicine because of her high level of horse knowledge, but also is skilled in small animal medicine.

Again showing her animals equipped her with the background to be successful in her chosen field, graduating with multiple fill-time job offers.

The passion, tenacity and skills they learned showing their animals have made my daughters competent equestrians with skills that are in high demand and NEVER caused any harm to any animal! I oppose this bill. It does far more harm to humans and their animals than any show, parade or even rodeo done responsibly.