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I have spent the last two months with Chris and Deborah at the Cottage and had a great time. The location is wonderful, close to beaches and the city. Chris took a lot of time to work horses with me together and to show me around the farm. I wasn't very experienced in groundwork but he taught me so much new.

After a few days I was allowed to ride many horses by myself. They are so different from each other, what made it so interesting to work with all of them. You will find a few lovely oldies, which are still rideable, a playful youngster and many well-trained and beautiful dressage horses. I usually rode 2-3 horses a day, depending upon the weather. It was great to see how we understood better from day to day. Chris also took me to the pony club and lessons, what I am very thankful for.

There are usually 3 girls working in a team on the farm. In the last two months I have met many awesome young people from all over the world. It was fun to work with them and I hope we will stay in contact for longer.

Chris and Deb are wonderful people who supported me and my riding in every way and I always felt welcome. I am so grateful for the time I had at the Cottage.

It was hard to leave and I miss all the people and the horses very much but I definitely plan to come back in the not too distant future!

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