

2020 HOT HORSEMEN *Cody Wooten*

It's safe to say Cody Wooten's life revolves around horses. He started riding at a barn close to where he grew up in Maryland when he was 8 years old, and has been pursuing the highest level of equestrian perfection. He got a degree in equine science from Centenary University in 2016, worked in Europe riding and training hunter prospects, and then returned to the U.S. to work for Olympian Peter Wylde.

Since 2019, Cody has been working alongside Caitlyn Shiels as a trainer at Caitlyn's True North Stables in Antioch, Illinois. "We manage, train and campaign competitive show hunters and jumpers, as well as help our clients reach their equestrian goals in and out of the show ring," Cody said. "I love working with show horses because I enjoy being a part of the horses' progression, as well as helping riders compete at all levels. I also love the attention to detail and aspirations of perfection that come with the sport."

Cody's perfectionism carries over into his other interests, too. When he goes to restaurants, they've got to be really good. He stays fit through exercise and makes sure to keep up relationships and visit friends that he wouldn't normally see on the show circuit. He enjoys listening to podcasts and keeping up with politics, but his love second to horses is music: Cody has memorized the lyrics to just about any song you can think of. We'd love to put that skill to the test!

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