

Hannah: Hi. My name's Hannah. I come from a family that trains horses, and we have a champion horse called Griffon. He is black with an incredibly shiny coat. He was born two years ago, in December, and we're taking him to compete in his first **international show in March** next year, just after my fifteenth birthday.

The whole family is going - me, my sister and our parents. We live in Poland and we're going to drive through Germany and the Netherlands to the **show in England**, so it'll be a long journey for us. The event lasts for three days, and we'll be staying with friends who also have horses.

My sister wanted to ride Griffon in front of the judges, but she's too young. The rules are that the person riding the horse has to be over 18, so my father will do it. Griffon has been to other shows in several European countries. He's got dozens of cups, but at an event a couple of weeks ago, **he got some money as a prize**, which was a change. It suited US because it's expensive taking part in horse shows.

Horses have to learn what to do in front of the judges - how to walk and jump. I watch my parents working with Griffon, and **my dream is to be a trainer** too, getting

horses ready for shows. My parents want me to study to be a doctor, but I'm not sure about that.

When Griffon comes first in a competition he's as pleased as we are. Lots of people give their horses sweets when they win **but we give Griffon apples**. I also think he likes to be the centre of attention.