



"Thank you for teaching us all about equine teeth. We had fun."
-- says the postcard from the students of Reins to Independence.

I received this note a few days after I demonstrated a dental exam and float for several adult students of **Reins To Independence** at **Loudoun Therapeutic Riding**.

Through real-life experiences motivated by partnering with the horses and staff of **Loudoun Therapeutic Riding**, this pilot program directly benefits an age group of students that are transitioning out of high school that previously has been under served. **Reins To Independence** focuses on long term vocational and functional needs of said target population, thus helping bridge the critical transition from secondary to post- secondary opportunities within their communities. These Loudoun High School students come to LTR or meet LTR staff in the community weekly throughout the school year.

The students also received a mini-tour of the **Total Equine** vet truck. They found the truck's capabilities amazing-- just like a fully functional hospital.

It was my absolute pleasure to spend time with them. And I was super impressed with their questions and enthusiasm.

Way to go LTR and RTI for your dedication to these great students.

Dr. Jay Joyce

