

2ND place junior – AUBREY ELLIS

Why did I choose to show a Brahman? There are too many reasons to list of why I absolutely love to show my Brahman heifers so I will break it down and try not to take too much of your time, but consider yourself warned, when you are done you may just ask yourself why you are not in the ring today leading your own Brahman. The characteristics and personality of the Brahman breed is my number one reason. My family and my future are also very important reasons. Brahman cattle are truly the best breed in the ring today and I consider myself one lucky girl that I am able to show this great breed.

The characteristics and personalities of the Brahman breed is probably the best reason I can come up with why I show my Brahman heifers almost every weekend. You can always count on turning a few heads with that big hump, which is one my favorite parts of the Brahman. Also when Maddie, one of my heifers, and I are in the show ring I love to see those big red ears flop and her dewlap swing from side to side. Of course I think she is the best cow in the ring but her big hump, large ears, and dewlap make her one of the most looked at cattle in and out of the show ring. When I compete in showmanship I think her special qualities help me to bring home the buckle because how could any judge miss the girl leading the red humped back, floppy eared cow around! These few characteristics I have told you about are some of why I love to be in the show ring and get Maddie stopped just perfect and stand at attention with her while we wait on the judge's opinion. Of course I call it his opinion because in my heart I know that she is best around and she makes me happy and proud every time we go in the ring. I know I am only 10 years old but I would bet no other breed of cow could make me as happy as I am when I am in the ring with my Brahman girls. My Brahman's personalities are a big part of why I show Brahman's. These cattle are very nice and smart. They can always tell if I am nervous or upset,

because if I keep my cool so do they! For example, one of my heifers is so sweet I take naps on her at the shows while we are waiting on our time to go in the ring. If we are both calm, it helps me get them shown the best I possibly can and sometimes win a few!

My family and my future are a few other reasons I chose to show Brahman over any other breed out there. My mom's side of the family has shown Brahmans for a very long time. My grandma started showing a red Brahman heifer named Rosie when she was around my age. My mom showed red and grey Brahman since she was nine. Now my Aunt Kenzie and I get to show together, she shows grey and I show red. Being able to show and learn with her makes showing Brahman even better. It's like a family vacation every weekend with our cows hitched behind us. Sometimes my dad stays behind because he says there are too many women in that truck and trailer for him! It makes me proud to show my family's tradition. I want to continue to show Brahman for many years to come and build my own herd that I can be proud of. Maybe if I can continue to learn and grow with the Brahman breed I will be able to go to college to become a vet or a marine biologist on scholarships and maybe be on a show team there. I plan on being in the show ring around the state as long as my family keeps hauling me up and down these roads and one day having my own ranch with Brahman cattle that I have bred and raised all on my own.

Showing Brahmans is one of the best hobbies I have. Twirling, UIL, and sewing are also very important to me but the show ring with my humpies is the best feeling in the world. I hope in years to come I am able to meet many more friends and tell them all about our great breed. I loved being princess last year and when I wasn't showing I got to stand in the ring and tell a lot of people how great my cows were. I feel like showing my Brahmans has helped me to be a better person because what all our breed has to offer to kids just like me. I love to get to the

shows with my cows and be with my cow friends they are the best around, we are like one big happy family. I hope I have given you some idea of why I chose to show Brahman cattle and if you ever have time come find me at one of the shows I'll be happy to tell you more about why my red humped cattle are the best!

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