

## “JUST A HORSE”

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a horse,"  
or, "that's a lot of money for just a horse."

They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the  
costs involved for "just a horse."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a horse."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a horse,"  
but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a horse,"  
and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a horse" gave me  
comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a horse," then you will probably understand  
phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a horse" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust,  
and pure unbridled! Joy.

"Just a horse" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person.

Because of "just a horse", I will rise early, take long walks and look  
longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a horse" but an embodiment of  
all the hopes and dreams of the future,  
the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a horse" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away  
from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a horse",  
but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being  
"just a man or woman."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a horse"  
just smile...  
because they "just don't understand."