

# Fowler Returns to Saddle Horse Report



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Sadie Killian Fowler of Shelbyville, Tenn., has returned to the staff of Saddle Horse Report as its editorial director. Fowler, a 2001 graduate of Syracuse University, is originally from Upstate New York and grew up showing Morgan horses.

Fowler first worked for Saddle Horse Report in the early-to-mid-2000s as an advertising and sales representative prior to serving as the company's editorial director. Ten years ago, she became editor of a daily newspaper, where she remained prior to re-joining the Report team earlier this month.

Her training in journalism coupled with her background in horses is a unique combination that works perfectly for this role.

"We are delighted to have Sadie back on our staff. She is an outstanding writer and editor, and we're very excited about her role as it relates to promoting our quality content on the new website that we will soon launch," said Publisher Christy Womack.

"Her knowledge and enthusiasm for horses coupled with her education and experience in

journalism are rich assets that add to the talent of our Saddle Horse Report and Horse World teams."

Fowler grew up in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and began riding Morgan horses when she was about 12. She had been boarding Quarter horses at the barn of Sue and Keith Friday when she discovered her favorite breed.

"It wasn't long after we had horses at the Fridays that my parents gave me the most amazing Christmas present ever — a Morgan," Fowler said. "Life was never the same after that."

As she began showing more and more, her horses ended up in training with Bernard Parker in Amenia, New York and later Dottie Brittingham in Massachusetts. She competed extensively in the equitation division and some will remember her for showing Pinehaven Fireglow at the Grand Nationals in the mid-1990s.

Longtime Saddle Horse Report and Horse World Morgan editor Diana Davidson has known Fowler since her junior exhibitor days showing Morgans.

"I have watched Sadie grow up from a dedicated young rider into the capable and talented woman she is today," Davidson said, "I am delighted to have Sadie back on our industry leading team at Saddle Horse Report and Horse World."

Throughout her junior exhibitor career, Sadie would occasionally take equitation lessons on board American Saddlebreds at a farm in Troy, N.Y., which was closer to her home than her Morgan trainer's facility.

"Although I never owned a Saddlebred, I was fascinated with the breed and loved any chance I had to ride them," she said.

After high school her horses were sold, at which time Fowler shifted her focus to her education. She studied political science and broadcast journalism at Syracuse University's prestigious S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communication. She'd planned on heading to law school when fate intervened.

"I found myself missing horses one summer evening and picked up an edition of Saddle Horse Report," she

said. "I discovered they were hiring. I had no sales experience but decided to go out on a whim and apply for the heck of it. Before I knew it, I was on a plane heading to a job interview with Christy (Womack) in Tennessee.

Fowler believes that move in 2002 changed the course of her life.

"Christy has always been a huge role model whom I greatly admire," Fowler said. "Even during the 10 years I was at the newspaper, there were many times I'd call on her or her late father David Howard for advice. The family has meant the world to me and I'm delighted to be back on their team."

"We are thrilled to have Sadie back on our team. She brings that unique blend of being a strong journalist and having a show horse background," said Executive Editor Bob Funkhouser. "She adds so much depth to a staff that's already as seasoned and professional as they come. This will allow us to take our editorial product to even greater heights."

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Fowler grew up in the Northeast where she showed Morgans.