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This story is about a Northern Cheyenne Indian girl named Philene and her horse named Buttons.
My name is Philene.
I like to do many things.
One of the things I like to do most
is ride my horse.
The name of my horse is Buttons. 
Buttons is black and white. 
My horse is pretty and fun to ride. 
Buttons is a gentle horse.
My father helps me get ready to ride Buttons. He saddles and bridles my horse. My father is a good man. He is good to me in many ways.
Buttons is ready for me to ride.
I have to work hard
to get on my horse by myself.
Buttons is a good and gentle horse.
It is fun to ride him.
Buttons likes to have me ride on his back.
Bareback riding is fun too.
Buttons likes me to ride him bareback.
Sometimes my cousin goes riding with me. Doing things together is fun.
I take good care of Buttons.
I want him to look nice and feel good.
We should always take good care of our pets.
I like to be good to Buttons.
Buttons likes it when I give him hay to eat.
I like my horse and he likes me.
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