

KINSHIP

Ketchum & Pretty Miss Boss

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Ketchum Dell'Orto belongs to the sixth generation being raised in the California Gold Country of the High Sierra. An animal lover at heart, he's been happiest outdoors with the livestock since the day he was born.

“Boss”—the chicken pictured—always allowed Ketchum to scoop her up for a gentle squeeze. Animals, no matter how big or small, seem to recognize a kind and gentle spirit—and that's exactly what this ranch kid is made of.

Watching this next generation cherish the land, love the animals, and carry on the legacy of cattle ranching his ancestors began is a beautiful thing. ■

Lindsey Dell'Orto is Ketchum's mother. She has contributed a lot to RANGE.