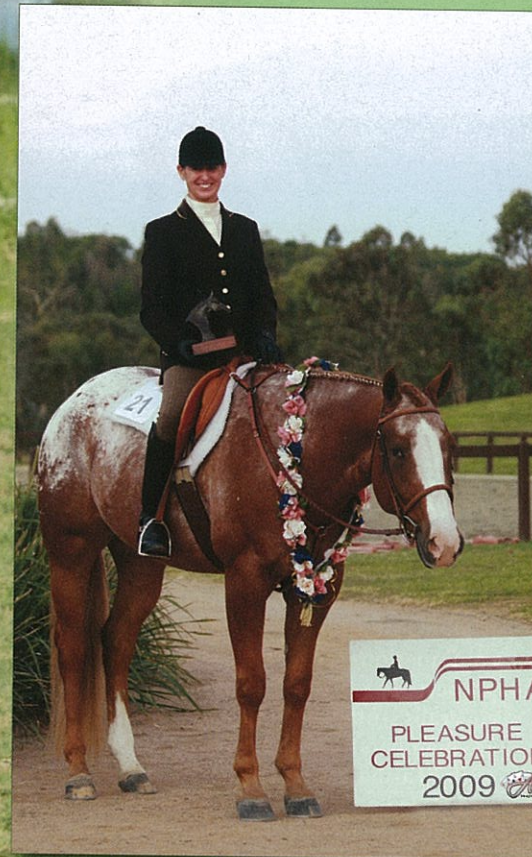


Every Kid's Dream

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A young Tex at 6 months



A winner at the NPHA



Always calm and relaxed

Champion No. 114 50 State and National Titles

Not just a pretty face



Overwhelmed after a big win at the 2010 Nationals



Every Kid's Dream or "Tex" was recently named AAA Champion No. 114, with more than 450 lifetime points at the young age of 6 years old. This is his story.

Every Kid's Dream, was bred by Sam Daley in Queensland in 2004. He is out of lovely Mega Dream mare – Suthern Cute Dreams who has since been exported to NZ and is by the imported QH stallion Kid Cross.

Two months after Tex arrived in Victoria and with only 6 weeks training from Raelene Gilboy, he was shown at the 2008 National Show. It was a new experience for him but once he settled into his surroundings, his performances were outstanding. He took out 9 Nationals titles at that show including the Open Feature Hunter Under Saddle.

Tex popped up on for sale in early 2008. He was a green 3yo showing some potential, at that time owned by Kyley Norman. Victorian amateur owner, Anne Brooksbank quickly made the purchase sight unseen but with the aid of a video and a phone call to Sam. "I instantly liked the look of him, his breeding and particularly his size." She recalls. It was to be a gamble that would definitely pay off. Tex remains exclusively and expertly trained by Raelene Gilboy who has shared some impressive results with Tex. "A combination of this training and his consistency has made him a wonderful amateur horse that I have the confidence to prepare and compete on myself" said Anne. "He is as honest as they come in the show pen."

Tex has now taken out more than 50 State & National Titles ridden by both Anne and Raelene. He excels in Hunter Under Saddle, Horsemanship, Hunter In Hand, Showmanship and Trail and has also cemented himself as a very handy Western Pleasure contender finishing top 10 in his age group at the NPHA and Australian Halter

Showcase. Apart from the usual western events Tex has competed with success at a State and/or National level in Reining, Hunter Hack, Halter and Dressage and, to reinforce this versatility, Syerra Daley rode Tex in the Lead Line at the 2010 National Show.

The highlight? Anne recalls the Champagne Pleasure win at the 2010 National's show in Tamworth. "I was a late entry, a decision made only minutes before nominations closed. We made it through to the final and had a lovely consistent run. It was definitely one of the greatest thrills and surprises of my life".

HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- AAA OVERALL PERFORMANCE HORSE OF AUSTRALIA 2 YEARS RUNNING
- AAA OVERALL ENGLISH PERFORMANCE HORSE OF AUSTRALIA 2 YEARS RUNNING.
- AAA JUNIOR AMATEUR OF AUSTRALIA – 2 YEARS RUNNING
- AAA JUNIOR HORSE OF AUSTRALIA – 2 YEARS RUNNING
- MULTIPLE STATE & NATIONAL SHOW HIGH POINT AWARD WINNER.
- NPHA CHAMPION LIMITED HUNTER UNDER SADDLE STAKES 2009
- NPHA RESERVE CHAMPION – PERFORMANCE HALTER 2009
- HUNTER UNDER SADDLE FEATURE AAA NATIONALS 2009
- CHAMPAGNE PLEASURE AAA NATIONALS 2010
- BRONZE MEDALLIONS IN HALTER, HUNTER UNDER SADDLE & WESTERN PLEASURE
- AAA CHAMPION – AWARDED JULY 2011

Home for Tex is a 30 acre property near Mansfield in the Victorian High Country which he shares with alpacas Basil and Manuel. During the winter months which often include snow, he enjoys a well deserved rest and the occasional trail ride.