

Classic News

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Hesa Cool Jet Turns 20 Years Young

As you walk down the aisles of stalls in John Justin, you might notice a red banner at the end of Brenda Jeter's stalls. This isn't an advertisement or sponsor sign, it's a banner wishing Hesa Cool Jet a happy 20th birthday.

With gold-plated leather halter, immaculate braids, his dark bay coat glistening as he watches exhibitors stop by for a bite of his birthday cake, "Clay" has definitely earned the honor of the title "show veteran."

Before his successful career as a youth horse, Clay was living the life of a top Hunter Under Saddle horse and sire.

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Around the Classic Spotlight

Karen Johnson
Hometown: Mesquite, Texas
Horse: Passable Inclination "Ivan"

Trainers: Riverside Ranch- Stephen Stevens & Terry Cross

Years showing at Texas Classic: *Seven*
Biggest incentive to attend the show: *It's very close to home*

Favorite events to compete in: *Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Halter and Showmanship which is definitely my favorite.*

Circuit Winners

The Texas Classic would like to congratulate the following circuit winners:

(Owner/Horse)

Open Calf Roping- O L Buck Daniel & Garden Valley Spirit

Open Team Heading- Shannon E and Hershel Reid & Legendary Colonel

Open Jr. Team Heeling-

Walter/Josalyn Greeman & Hat Six Hit The Road

Amateur Calf Roping- Dan/Jeff Davis & Big Budha

Amateur Breakaway- Richard Agan & Uno Mos Firewater

Amateur Team Heading- Butch Morgan & SF Check Me Out

Youth Calf Roping- Ryan Smith & Big As Dynamite

Youth Breakaway- Morgan Holmes & Smart Shooter

Youth Team Heading- Ty Chancy & Photons Baby Doll

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During his time standing at stud, Clay was shown by Kelli McCamy in Open Hunter Under Saddle. As a result of their success, it wasn't long before Caroline Gunn spotted the talent and potential in Clay.

Gunn purchased, gelded and started Clays successful niche as an all around horse. In his career, Clay has earned many top honors at the World shows and Quarter Horse Congress, including Res. Congress championships with Kendelle Tekstar in 11 & under Hunt Seat Equitation, Showmanship and placing third overall.

Continuing his success in the Select division, already qualified in Hunt Seat Equitation, Kendelle's mother Kate Johnson is currently showing the gelding who thrives on the love and attention of his owners.

“He has been in our family for seven years,” Johnson said. “Kendelle showed him in 13 and under and part of her 14-18 career, my other daughter Morgan showed him during her last year as a youth, now I'm showing him in the Select.”

It comes as no surprise that he is still going strong.

“He always has a sparkle in his eye,” Johnson said with a smile.

She credits Clay's good health, sanity and soundness to the care he has received from trainers like Terry Cross and Brenda Jeter.

“He is very spoiled and he *adores* Brenda,” Johnson said. “Not many horses have that attitude and temperament at 20.”

On May 1, Hesa Cool Jet turned one year older, but according to Johnson “he still rules the roost.”

Don't forget about the exhibitor party! Tonight (Friday) at 6:30 p.m. in the Watt arena. Tell your friends!!!