

Durham Valley Reining Horses

Y-Not Dunny
Dun Half Arabian/ Quarter Horse Stallion
Foaled August 3, 2004.
Sire: Dunit You Won It 1992 Dun Stallion
Dam: Traverston Gizell Crabbett Arabian

I had told Ron that I really wasn't interested in riding his half Arabians, but if he brought him along when he dropped off his Quarter Horses for training I would give him some pointers on how to keep his 2 year old in line. Sometimes the words you use have a way of coming back to haunt you, none, more so than that day. When we pulled off his blankets, I thought that there was no way this colt was getting back on the trailer. Standing there, he was pretty. However, I was mesmerized by his substance and correctness. I had been expecting a stringy colt, but he looked like a nice Quarter Horse. He was short backed, strong hiped and straight legged. He would bite just as soon as draw a breath, but he was smart enough to quit when he realized it wasn't in his best interest.

Oddly enough, there wasn't any buck in him during the breaking process, probably due to the incredible flexibility he exhibited from the first ride. Add that with lightness of a broke horse and it wasn't long before he was riding with great ability. In short order, the basic foundation of stops, spins, and lead changes were in place. Care had to be taken to try to slow down most maneuvers to reinforce body position, as his endless efforts, generally made him do too much at once. Y-Not Dunny, the aforementioned horse will be an extreme horse. Based on his balance, intelligence and talent, the ability to compete on a world stage is inevitable.

As a show horse, his sire "Dunit You Won It" showed world class grit, ability and heart. In 2004 at the age of 12, he ended up reserve, by the narrowest of margins to Peptoleap, one of my all-time favourite partners in the "Open" and "Intermediate Open" divisions in the powerful ORHA. That Fall, Peptoleap and I garnered the Inaugural Intermediate Open championships in Oklahoma City, USA. Peptoleap has since gone on to numerous Congress, FEI, and Derby championships with my good friend Shawn Florida.

As more trainers get the opportunity to ride half Arabians, I'm sure that there will be a noticeable increase of Arabian blood in Reining competitions for years ahead.

Training Reining horses is not just a job, it is my passion and my life. For 30 years, I have watched the progression of Reining as a sport go from club status to an internationally viable industry, and feel blessed to have contributed in its growth over the years.

Respectfully Submitted
R.G. Wilson