

News From the Sale Horse Industry

CSU Legends of Ranching Sale

Colorado State University (CSU) held the ninth annual Legends of Ranching Performance Horse Sale on April 26 at the B.W. Pickett Equine Center in Fort Collins, Colo. The sale is a teaching tool for students in the equine science program at CSU.

"Regarding this sale, one constant remains: the paramount importance of the students' participation and growth. What really matters in this sale is not what the horses bring, but what the students learn. While everyone may talk of averages and high-sellers, the real value is in the hands-on education they experience," said Wagonhound Land & Livestock Chair in Equine Sciences Jerry Black, DVM.

"Our buyers understand this, our consignors support this and our advisory committee takes pride in this. We constantly challenge ourselves to ensure their meaningful participation and they consistently rise to the test.

"Thus, our measures of success may be somewhat different from others who evaluate the results and progress of a horse sale. Naturally, we want it to run smoothly, and for consignors to sell and buyers to obtain horses at good value. Still, the education of our students and their experiences are the real, long-term payoffs for buyers, consignors, the industry and the students."

The highest-seller, at \$10,000, was PC Dustin Della (PC Laughing Sundust x PC Oaka Della x Docs Oaks Sugar), a 2002 bay mare consigned by Wagonhound Land & Livestock LLC, of Douglas, Wyo. The seasoned ranch mare, who was advertised as kind and gentle, was the 2005 Central State Fair 3-Year-Old Ranch Horse Champion; 2006 and 2007 Black Hills Stock Show 3-Year-Old Ranch Horse Champion and Open Ranch Horse Reserve Champion, respectively; 2007 Wyoming Winter Fair Cowboy Challenge Champion and Central State Fair Open Ranch Horse Champion and 2008 Fremont County Fair Bridle Horse Champion. On the ranch, she has experience roping calves, yearlings and cows in the pasture and dragging calves to the

branding fire. "Della" has been a reliable broodmare at Wagonhound, producing nice, strong foals with her willing attitude and easy-going nature. Della was purchased by Arden and Jane Morrow, of Gold Bar Ranch Inc. in Sedalia, Colo. They plan on using the mare on their ranch, and in ranch sorting and team penning.

Two horses – Bay Deline and Gallo Jezzy – sold for the second-highest bid of \$9,700. Bay Deline (Aggressive Pep x Blue Deline x Rack Pal 161) is a 2004 bay gelding. CSU Equine Sciences Advisory Committee Chairman Terry Crofoot owns Crofoot Ranches LLP and consigned "Sleepy." The 16-hand gelding was advertised as a "big teddy bear" who is gentle for anyone. He has miles of experience riding outside, and has been used to rope big bulls and drag calves to the fire. He has also competed in

ranch rodeos and is started in the arena as a heading horse. Gallo Jezzy (Gallo Poco Cross x Taris Other Jezzy x Tari Pines For You) was trained by CSU student Bailie Van Leuven. The 2012 bay gelding is described as kind, quiet and easy-going, and was consigned by Robert Norris' T-Cross Ranches, of Colorado Springs, Colo.

In all, 63 horses were cataloged, with four withdrawn. Only six were repurchased, with 53 selling for a total of \$245,142 and an average of \$4,625. ★



Mike Kelly, representing Wagonhound Land & Livestock, holds CSU Legends of Ranching Sale highest-seller PC Dustin Della for her new owners, Arden and Jane Morrow, of Gold Bar Ranch Inc.



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