

# The Newest Millionaires

Dual Rey and WR This Cats Smart are now million-dollar reined cow horse sires.

By Katie Tims

**Everyone wants to** be in the millionaire's club, and stallion owners are no exception. This year, two outstanding stallions joined the elite group of million-dollar reined cow horse sires. The first is Dual Rey, owned by Linda Holmes, with \$1.2 million won by 58 foals. The second is Wagonhound Land and Livestock's signature sire, WR This Cats Smart, who has 74 offspring posting \$1 million in winnings.

## Dual Rey

When a guy's hot, he's hot. And Dual Rey is on fire. Foals by this 1994 stallion have sizzled in show pens for better than a decade. In reined cow horse, Dual Rey's \$1,226,313 in offspring earnings situates him at 11th on the chart of all-time leading sires. It's interesting to note that his impressive per-horse average is second-highest among the \$16 million reined cow horse sires. Dual Rey has 58 performers that have averaged \$21,143. Grays Starlight is the only other stallion with a higher figure, having had 68 foals that worked to \$1.5 million for a \$22,189 average.

Dual Rey throws cow, and then even more cow. Not only is he a leading reined cow horse sire, but Dual Rey is also fathering his way into ultra-legendary status among the cutters. Currently, he is the No. 3 all-time leading cutting sire, with right at \$30 million in offspring earnings. The only two stallions above him are High Brow Cat (\$68 million) and Smart Little Lena (\$40 million).

Reymanator is Dual Rey's biggest hit in the reined cow horse arena. This 2006 gelding is seventh on the list of all-time leading reined cow horses. Reymanator (out of Savannah Hickory x Doc's Hickory) was purchased as a yearling for \$17,000 at the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) Futurity by Florida developer John Semanik. Zane Davis trained Reymanator, and the two dominated the 2009 season with

Open championships at the National Stock Horse Association (NSHA) Futurity and National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) Snaffle Bit Futurity. They came back in 2010 to win the NSHA Derby along with the prestigious Open Hackamore class at the NRCHA Futurity. Reymanator and Davis continued to show and win, putting a \$200,549 total in the bank.

Dom Dualuise is Dual Rey's second-leading reined cow horse. This 2007 gelding (out of Smart Little Xx x Smart Little Lena) also made his mark as a limited-age horse. Owned by Chris Larson, of Park City, Utah, and shown by California professional Phillip Ralls, Dom Dualuise won the Intermediate Open and tied for Reserve in the Open at the 2010 NSHA Futurity. The pair then went on to finish 13th in the Open at the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity. The gelding earned money every season, but 2014 was his richest with \$59,780 posted. Among his success that year, Dom Dualuise won the NRCHA Derby, took third at the NRCHA Stakes and finished fourth in the NRCHA World's Greatest Horseman. His lifetime earnings are \$177,754.

Third on Dual Rey's honor roll is Reygans Smart Lena (out of Smart Fancy Lena x Smart Little Lena), a 2006 stallion owned by Karl and Christine Dehlinger, of Pilot



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Hill, California. Ridden by Ron Emmons, Reygans Smart Lena placed third at the 2009 NSHA Futurity. One year later, the horse won the Open and Intermediate Open divisions at the NRCHA Derby. Reygans Smart Lena has \$76,653 in lifetime reined cow horse money.

Dual Rey (Dual Pep x Nurse Rey x Wyoming Doc) was bred by Holmes, of Longmont, Colorado. The stallion entered the scene at the 1997 NCHA Futurity, where he tied for sixth in the Open with Lloyd Cox riding. The two had a productive derby season, earning \$56,023 that included the Memphis Futurity Championship and a fifth-place tie at the NCHA Super Stakes. Dual Rey was shown a few times in 1999 and then retired with \$105,038 in lifetime cutting earnings.

By then, his first foal crop was on the

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WR This Cats Smart

ground. Although it was a small group of babies – fewer than 40 – it yielded multiple performers and one superstar. TR Dual Rey (out of Peppys Misty Oaks x Candy Bar Peppy) and Cox made the Open semifinals at the 2002 NCHA Futurity and then continued on to a derby season that was nothing short of remarkable. As a 4-year-old, TR Dual Rey claimed championships at the Suncoast Winter Derby, plus finished Reserve at the Memphis Futurity, NCHA Super Stakes, NCHA Derby and Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association (PCCHA) Derby. That 2003 season just happened to be the one when the legendary Chiquita Pistol clinched the NCHA's Triple Crown.

Dual Rey's sire career jumped into motion early, but foals from later crops are the ones who actually top his list of leading performers. Chief among those is Rey Down Sally

(out of Solano Sally x Doc's Solano), the 2004 mare that Gary Gonsalves showed to \$412,181 in the cutting pen. Not far off the top, Reys Desire (out of Playguns Desire x Playgun) comes in at No. 2 on Dual Rey's offspring record. Lee Francois showed the mare to \$409,851 in the cutting pen.

Dual Rey's other leading earners are: Special Nu Baby, the mare who just tied the world record by marking a 234 with Matt Gaines in the Mercuria/NCHA World Series of Cutting Open at the El Rancho Futurity; Miss Ella Rey (\$335,941); Dual Smart Rey (\$335,941); and Rockin W (\$329,722).

### WR This Cats Smart

Pedigree, performance and progeny add up to the stallion who rounds out the million dollar reined cow horse list. WR This Cats Smart, a 1999 stallion,

finished 16th on the list of all-time leading reined cow horse sires.

His leading performer is Tuckers Smart Cat (out of Smoke Time Tuck x Doc Tom Tucker), a 2007 gelding who California professional Lyn Anderson showed to \$155,879. Tuckers Smart Cat debuted at the 2010 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity, where he tied for ninth in the Open and topped the Ladies division. The gelding and Anderson finished Reserve in the Open at the NRCHA Celebration of Champions Derby two years in a row, in 2011 and 2012. Tuckers Smart Cat kept a busy show schedule through this season, and along the way he has collected numerous victories and topped several prestigious hackamore, two-rein and bridle classes.

On the WR This Cats Smart roster, Sinful Cat (out of Sinful Playgirl x Freckles Playboy) is the No. 2 earner. Todd Crawford

started the stallion's career and the two finished 15th at the 2011 NRCHA Futurity. They came back to win the 2012 NRCHA Derby, and then showed to wins and top-three finishes at several major limited-age events for two seasons. Russell and Tanna Dilday purchased Sinful Cat last February, and Russell showed the horse to several thousand dollars more this year. Currently, Sinful Cat has \$102,716 in lifetime reined cow horse earnings.

WR This Cats Smart was bred by Wiens Ranch Inc. in Colorado. The stallion was bred for greatness, having High Brow Cat – the performance horse industry's all-time leading sire – for a father. And his dam is nothing short of legendary. The Smart Look, by Smart Little Lena, is the cutting industry's No. 2 all-time leading dam with foals that have won more than \$1.6 million. WR This Cats Smart is her third-highest-earning offspring.

WR This Cats Smart posted no winnings in his futurity year, but as a 4-year-old, he came to town in a big way. Piloted by California showman Tim Smith, the young stallion won \$43,720 in 2003, which included a tie for third place at the PCCHA Derby. WR This Cats Smart worked his way to \$69,494 during the 2004 season. Then he returned for another busy and successful 2005 season, winning \$104,480 that included a third-place finish in the Classic Open at the NCHA Super Stakes. WR This Cats Smart made the finals dozens of times at major limited-age events, but he concluded his stellar career by winning the Open finals at the 2005 NCHA World Finals. Said and done, WR This Cats Smart has \$236,474 in lifetime cutting earnings.

Speaking of cutting, WR This Cats Smart is also a leading sire of cutting horses. Right now, he is positioned at 26th on the list of all-time leading cutting sires, with 257 offspring that have won \$21 million. His leading foal is Teles Bout This Cat (out of Teles Lies x Lenas Teles), the great mare that Cody Hedlund showed to \$233,252. Among her many successes, Teles Bout This Cat won the Non-Pro Championship at the 2011 NCHA Super Stakes, finished fifth in the Non-Pro at the 2010 NCHA Futurity, and tied for seventh in the Derby Non-Pro at the 2011 NCHA Summer Spectacular.

The other leading offspring of WR This Cats Smart are: This Kats Kool (\$183,698); This Isa Stray Cat (\$122,461); WR Jillaroo (\$121,158); and One Gone Cat (\$119,962). ★