

Tack Room Talk

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NRHA Breeder Linda Pape Dies

After a short hospital stay, Linda Pape, 72, passed away on April 30 at the Hospice of Dayton, Ohio. A celebration of life was held at Stonewall Farm, Wilmington, Ohio, on May 10.

Linda and her late husband, John, owned and operated Stonewall Farm. They were associated with many reining superstars, including Gun Start (Beau Gunner x Price's Start x Juno Snort Red), sire of NRHA money-earner RWD Start, the

1987 NRHA Reserve Champion who went on to become the 1988 Open World Champion. RWD Start, out of the Dart's Zero Bar mare Pocotalico, was ridden by Rocky Dare, as was the 1993 Open World Champion Sun Dappled, a mare bred, raised and owned by the Papes.

In 1990, Linda accepted awards when Enterprise Lady (Poco Enterprise x Seco Lady) was inducted into the NRHA Hall of Fame. This mare is the matri-

arch of three generations of Hall of Fame horses. She produced Be Aech Enterprise, who later sired Trashadeous.

According to **Equi-Stat**, the Papes bred horses that earned \$370,013 in NRHA events. They include such favorites as Mark Him Eighty, Certain Truffles, A New Rolls Royce, Diamond Dappled and many more. At her time of death, Linda was still breeding, foaling and raising winners. — **Pat Feuerstein**

Wagonhound Land & Livestock, the McDaniel Charitable Foundation and Heritage Place Fund the Glenn Blodgett Equine Chair

The College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVMB) at Texas A&M University announced that the Glenn Blodgett Equine Chair has been fully funded. In April of 2011, the Burnett Foundation of Fort Worth awarded a \$2.5 million challenge grant to the CVMB to establish an endowed chair in honor of Dr. Glenn Blodgett, a leader in equine veterinary medicine and a 2011 CVM Distinguished Alumnus. Gifts from Wagonhound Land & Livestock, the McDaniel Charitable Foundation, Heritage Place, along with Perry Johns of J&M Steel Company, completed the challenge grant establishing the Glenn Blodgett Equine Chair, bringing the endowment total to more than \$5 million.

"Wagonhound Land & Livestock is honored to support the Burnett Foundation's lead in establishing the Glenn Blodgett Equine Chair at Texas A&M University," said Art Nicholas, owner of Wagonhound. "Glenn has been a special friend to Wagonhound and horse enthusiasts in general, and it's wonderful to have him recognized in such an important way – one that will forever contribute to the betterment of the equine industry."

Wagonhound Land & Livestock is a cattle and horse operation based in Douglas, Wyo. Nicholas and his wife, Catherine, are longtime supporters of equine academic programs.

"I'm invested in the success of Texas A&M University and its equine programs," said Missy Lyons of the McDaniel Charitable

Foundation, in Galveston, Texas. "Helping to complete the Glenn Blodgett Equine Chair gives me the assurance that strong leadership will continue to be in place as the Equine Initiative moves into the future."

"As a member of the Equine Initiative Development Committee, Dr. Charlie Graham has kept Heritage Place abreast of the successes of the Equine Initiative. Texas A&M is at the forefront of the equine industry in terms of education and research, and we wanted to do our part to make sure that the Equine Initiative is successful into the future," said Jeff Tebow of Heritage Place, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Glenn Blodgett Equine Chair will help support the Equine Initiative, a collaboration between the CVMB and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University. The Equine Initiative utilizes the expertise available at Texas A&M to build an equine program that will graduate the industry leaders and generate research and veterinary medical care that will improve the equine industry and welfare of the horse. The Equine Initiative is built on four major imperatives including: curriculum enhancement, outreach and engagement expansion, facility construction and partnership development.

"Both Dr. Glenn Blodgett and the Burnetts are icons in Texas, the ranching industry and the horse industry in general," said Texas A&M's Carl B. King Dean of Veterinary Medicine Dr. Eleanor M. Green. "It is special

Dr. Glenn Blodgett—
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for the Burnett Foundation to honor Dr. Blodgett in this meaningful way, and we are so appreciative of those donors who helped us to meet the challenge the Burnett Foundation laid out for us. The Glenn Blodgett Equine Chair will contribute significantly to lasting excellence of the Equine Initiative at Texas A&M in the number one equine state in the nation."

Dr. Jim Heird, executive professor and coordinator of the Equine Initiative, said, "The Glenn Blodgett Equine Chair is a tremendous honor and recognition of a fabulous horseman and Aggie. Glenn is a leader, a friend of Texas A&M and an internationally known breeder of great horses. This endowed chair ensures that the Equine Initiative will have nationally recognized leadership into the future. The support of the Burnett Foundation, Wagonhound Land & Livestock, Heritage Place and the McDaniel Charitable Foundation is a humbling statement of the importance of what we are accomplishing at Texas A&M. There is no way to truly say thank you to these outstanding leaders of our industry."

To learn more about the Glenn Blodgett Equine Chair or the Equine Initiative, contact the Equine Initiative office at 979-845-6098. ★