

Pale Face Doll Biography

Pale Face Dolls story begins when Iowa Quarter Horse Hall of Fame members Burdette and Ellyn Johnson decided to buy another mare. So Burdette traveled to south west Illinois on a broodmare buying trip, and stopped at Cletus Hulling's. He told Cletus he was looking for a new mare. When they walked to the broodmare field, Cletus rounded up some mares. When Greyhound Doll came through, Burdette asked Cletus to separate her from the rest. He knew right way he wanted the mare. When he took her home, they bred her to their Iowa Hall of Fame Stallion Mr Joe Glo. The resulting foal was Paleface Doll.

The sorrel filly caught Burdette's attention early on because she had a very kind, soft look in her eye. He and Ellyn loved the way she carried herself across the field. From day one she was a great mover.

Burdette and Ellyn remember one time when she caught her halter in the latch at the gate. Ellyn had to get a kitchen knife and saw the halter off of her head. The filly just stood calmly while she worked to free her and when the halter finally dropped off, she just casually walked away. With that classic movement, a "look at me" profile, and her quiet attitude, they knew they had a special filly.

They sent the filly to Neal Henning in MN to get her started under saddle in the spring of her two year old year. Neal's wife Becky showed her a few times that year where she caught the eye of Bill Edmondson who had a client who was looking for a prospect. Her show career took off as she traveled from MN across the states.

During her show career, Pale Face Doll earned 291 AQHA points in everything from halter to trail to Western riding and Western pleasure. Walter B Williams III rode her to win the 1975 AQHA #1 Honor Roll

Western pleasure Mare title. She was also an AQHA Champion, before she was purchased by Hedy Levin in Sturgis MI.

“Paleface Doll was another of those original 10 mares that Heddy Levin’s Dad bought,” noted Kim Rotenberry. “She really was the epitomy of the BSB breeding program. She had that deep heart girth, a short, strong back and a strong top line. Her foal’s had that confirmation to make it no matter what you did. She was just a great mare. “

She produced 11 foals earning 2,662 AQHA points. Her foals included Sparkling Solo, Face a Big Leaguer, He’s Just Too Sharp, Lope Behind Me, and Zip Something. Offspring of Pale Face Doll won \$32,147.46 in NSBA earnings.

Pale Face Doll was a great individual, but her greatest claim to fame was her impact on the industry as a broodmare. She will be forever remembered through her get. It is with great pride that we induct her into the Iowa Quarter Horse Hall of Fame.