



## 2021 NSBA HALL OF FAME SHOW HORSE

# COOL KRYMSUN LADY

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**D**ecorated AQHA show mare Cool Krymsun Lady is being inducted into the NSBA Hall of Fame in the Show Horse category.

### A Price Worth Paying

Affectionately known as Annie, the 2005 mare is by One Hot Krymsun and out of Cool Lookin Lady (by Dont Skip Zip). Raised by the Parrish family in Pavo, Georgia, Annie was already an AQHA world champion in Two Year Old Western Pleasure when Susan and Bill Knapp saw her at the Tom Powers Triple Challenge Futurity in Michigan the summer of her three year old year.

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"We were looking for a nice Western Pleasure mare, and JR Reichert knew that she was on the grounds," Susan remembered. "When we saw her, we just knew she was a great horse. She hit the ground so soft, and she was so beautiful. We paid more for her than we've paid for any other horse, or for several horses together for that matter, but we've loved her ever since, and we've recouped our investment more than two-fold."

### Championship Record

Cool Krymsun Lady began her show career at the Tom Powers Triple Challenge Futurity, where she showed to a champion title in Open Yearling Longe Line with Gil Galyean and a reserve award in Non-Pro Yearling Longe Line with then owner Howard Smith. She debuted under saddle in the 2007 All American Quarter Horse Congress Masters Two Year Old Western Pleasure. There, she earned her first Western Pleasure paycheck, \$29,900 for the reserve champion award with Gil Galyean in the saddle.

Annie earned her first AQHA golden globe in Two Year Old Western Pleasure, going on to win her second in Junior Western Pleasure, both times with Gil Galyean aboard. She won a third world title in Select Amateur Performance Aged mares with Susan Knapp. She was an AQHA reserve world champion in Senior Western Pleasure as well as Junior Western Riding. She was also very successful in NSBA futurities, having won the Tom Powers Triple Challenge Open Three Year Old Western Pleasure and several Congress championships that included the Open Three Year Old Western Pleasure, Junior Western Pleasure and the Non-Pro Maturity Western Pleasure.

From Boystown, to the Redbud Spectacular, to the Southern Belle Invitation, to the Stars & Stripes Spectacular to the NSBA World Championship Show, Annie piled up first place awards everywhere she went. She last entered the show pen in 2017, where she took Brooke Granzow to a top ten finish at the AQHYA World Championship Show in Youth Western Pleasure. Annie has earned \$122,243.84 in lifetime NSBA earnings.

"Annie has a mind of her own, and honestly, I love showing mares because they do have that attitude," Susan said. "When she was in the mood, she would give you everything she had, but if not,



Cool Krymsun Lady and Susan Knapp

she didn't. She was a lot of fun to show." In addition to Gil Galyean, trainers Patrick Heeley and Charlie Cole, as well as Susan and her daughter Sara Heeley, have also successfully shown Annie.

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### Powerhouse Broodmare

After her accomplished show career, Susan turned her attention to the breeding shed, and with equal success. Among Annie's best crosses have been with RL Best of Sudden and VS Code Red. Just a few of her offspring include Suddenly A Cool Lady (VS Code Red), 2011 Congress Two Year Old Masters Western Pleasure champion; Whose Your Bay Bae (RL Best Of Sudden), 2016 Tom Powers champion; Suddenly So Cool (RL Best Of Sudden), reserve champion in the Tom Powers Sales Stakes class; and multiple AQHA world champion VS Lady In Red (VS Code Red).

With embryo flushes, Knapp Quarter Horses have produced multiple foals from their award-winning mare that are highly sought. "We actually have people who call us to purchase her eggs," Susan said.

But for Susan, the most satisfying thing about owning Annie is seeing her in her Iowa barn. "Every day I go into the barn and can't believe how beautiful she is. She's got a beautiful energy to her."

On seeing Annie be inducted into the NSBA Hall of Fame, Susan noted "It's really wonderful. We're very excited and so appreciative that she's being recognized."

Cool Krymsun Lady will be inducted into the NSBA Hall of Fame during the NSBA Honors ceremony which will take place during the 2021 NSBA World Championship Show and Breeders Championship Futurity at the Built Ford Tough Complex in Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 12-22, 2021. ■