

## Another Great One Is Gone

"Cupid's Mindy", owned and loved by Ray and Arley Decker of Arlington, WA had to be put down on May 12, 2009. Mindy and her long time pasture pal "Jet" have gone together to greener pastures.

Those who have shown and enjoyed the Paint Horse show arena since the mid 1980's will recall this fabulous show mare. She foaled in 1983, her sire the late, great Paint Horse foundation sire "Cupid Bar". The Deckers purchased Mindy from the Earl Jones and family, owners of Cupid Bar. Purchased as a 2 year old, Mindy found her home for life. Ray and Arley knew she was a keeper, and were on a mission to prove her, the biggest winner of all. Mindy of course wasn't about to disappoint anyone and this big hearted mare was able and going to do it all.

Mindy was gorgeous to look at, with 119 APHA halter points to her credit, combined with 27 Grands, and 7 Reserves on her resume. With all her beauty, she too, mastered both English and Western rail work, with 94 Hunter Under Saddle points, and an incredible 179 career Western Pleasure points. Cattle ....let Mindy zero in on a cow.... Heading and Heeling, 15 points each, and Steer Stopping an outstanding 35 additional points. Jump.....oh yeah, no challenge too big, 13 Hunter Hack points.

Show Mindy 3 barrels or a pole in an arena and she's wired, ready to run with the wind, 35 Barrel Racing points, and 18 Pole Bending points to her credit, then at the end of the day, wash all that sweat off, give her a treat, a little lunch, and dress her for Trail, again a star with 56 Trail points stacked up in her file.

In 1988 Mindy was showing in 6 working events, few horses of any breed, any age can stack up accomplishments like this and **ranked** top 10 in the nation in all 6 events, only again to make proud the Deckers, whose devotion left Mindy in their care for life.

This outstanding mare had a Lifetime Halter record of 153 points, 460 Lifetime Performance points, she earned her APHA Championship in 1988, the 89<sup>th</sup> APHA Mare to earn her Performance Versatility award, and the **prestigious Open Superior All Around award in 1989**.

Mindy foaled April 1, 1983, but we all know now she was so special in every way, and was here to bless all who knew her with her never ending drive to win, compassion to please and that huge heart to show. Mindy was nobody's fool, and will be missed by all who had the pleasure to know and care for her.