

“Peppy San” (1959-1989)

An era of cutting horse history came to an end on April 26/89, when it became advisable to put down the great stallion “PEPPY SAN”. He had reached the point where he could no longer function on his own and humane consideration dictated the choice.

“Peppy San” was owned by C.N. (Chunky) Woodward’s Douglas Lake Cattle Company of Douglas Lake, BC, Canada. He had spent most of his life both as a competing cutting horse and as a stallion with Matlock Rose of Aubrey, Texas.

“Peppy San” began his illustrious career as a cutting horse by winning the Reserve Championship of the first NCHA Futurity held in Sweetwater, Texas in 1962.

In 1967, “Peppy San” won the world, and took the title of NCHA World Champion Cutting Horse and World Champion Cutting Horse Stallion. This same year, he also won the NCHA Tournament of Champions, a six go-round event held in Vernal, Utah.

“Chunky” Woodward then took the great stallion home to Douglas Lake in 1968 where he began his second successful career – that of a sire of cutting horses. Mr. Woodward continued to show his great champion both in Open and Non-Professional cutting horse events, and on December 12, 1971, “Peppy San” was named to the NCHA Cutting Horse Hall of Fame.

After spending eight years in Canada, “Peppy San” returned to Texas in September of 1975 to complete his career at stud. The time was certainly right, since his daughter, “Peppy’s Desire” out of the World Champion mare “Stardust Desire” was soon to be crowned both the NCHA World Champion Cutting Horse of 1975 and the mount of World Champion, Non-Pro, Carol Rose. This was the first time for one horse to dominate both NCHA divisions and was the first time for an NCHA World Champion Cutting Horse to sire a World Champion Cutting Horse.

Another of his get, “Peponita”, has won the title NCHA World Champion Cutting Horse on two occasions and is also a member, along with his sire, in the NCHA Cutting Horse Hall of Fame.

Among other great cutting horses sired by “Peppy San” are: Sonita’s Last, Royal Santana, Peppy Isle,

Tip It San, Pepicali, Booger San, Chunkys Monkey, Bonita San and Popular Peppy. His fame has also spread as a maternal sire with his progeny having produced such greats as Smart Little Lena and Hesa Hesa.

Although “Peppy San”, after reaching the ripe old equine age of thirty years, is no more, his influence will continue for years to come through his sons and daughters. He was a champion himself, and he leaves a champion’s heritage.

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