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# CASH BACK

Was **ONE OF A KIND**

by Leeann Mione

**S**ired by Merchant Prince and out of the Hall of Fame Broodmare More The Better, CH Cash Back was five years old when he made his show ring debut with Peter Cowart to win the Novice Five-Gaited class at 1995's Pro Am Benefit Classic.

Cash Back was bred and owned by Richard Witt through his junior year. He was then sold to Jack Green, Jr. who owned him until Kim Cowart purchased him in late 1994.

Purchased shortly after his Pro Am win by Chris Booze, Cash would spend the next 10 years winning at shows all over the country in several different divisions with several different riders. Booze and the handsome chestnut gelding debuted at Rock Creek in 1996 and Cash once again made it a blue ribbon team debut. They went to the winner's circle in the Novice Five-Gaited class with judges Johnny Lucas, Scott Matton and Jimmy Miller officiating. Two top three finishes at Lexington in the amateur gentleman's five-gaited division followed and at Louisville Cash and Chris claimed a ribbon in the Amateur Five-Gaited Gentleman's class. Cash ended his season at Kentucky Fall Classic with Dianna Rannells in the irons.

The following year, 1997, CH Cash Back and Chris Booze returned to Rock Creek to start their season and headed home with the amateur gentlemen's blue and tricolor ribbons to their credit. They went on to be reserve in the Amateur Gentlemen's Five-Gaited class at Lexington then headed to the green shavings for their Monday evening class. Facing a field of 14 they claimed the reserve world's championship title.

After earning top ribbons at All American Horse Classic, Booze turned the reins over to Dianna Rannells again and she piloted Cash to the Five-Gaited Reserve Grand Championship. Cash and Chris Booze closed out 1997 at the American Royal.

In 1998, Kim Skipton was on board Cash Back and for the third time, Cash and a new teammate made their debut a winning one. They took the victory pass at Mercer County Fair in Harrodsburg, Kentucky in the Amateur Five-Gaited class.

Top ribbons at shows including Kentucky Fall Classic, Asheville Lions Club and Rock Creek highlighted the 1998 and 1999 seasons with both Kim Skipton and Chris Booze showing and Rock Creek 1999 marked Cash's final show under Booze's ownership.

Kim spoke about his kind nature as she reminisced about her time with him. "He was very, very game to ride but extremely kind on the ground. I was lucky enough to get to show him and he was always an adventure. We used to have trouble getting his canter lead one direction because he couldn't see out of one eye. You had to earn his trust and give him the confidence to canter and trust that you weren't going to run him into the rail.

"Dianna Rannells worked with him and got him to canter without turning his head. We all loved him for his great, enthusiastic attitude."

Jeanne Pettry selected CH Cash Back for Royal Scot Farm and daughter Kristen Pettry to show under the direction of Kenny Smith at Royal Scot Farm. In preparation for Kristen to show, Kenny and Cash showed at Milwaukee Spring and won the Open Five-Gaited class.

Kristen Pettry and Cash teamed up in time to debut in the deep competition at Midwest Charity and were the Ladies Five-Gaited Reserve Champions. They showed in the ladies division at The Red Mile and were the Ladies Five-Gaited Gelding Reserve Champions and showed back in the ladies championship to finish in the top three of a huge class of 16 in only their second show together.



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CH Cash Back was game and at the same time very kind. He was loved for those qualities by all who knew him.



After top ribbons at Louisville they were crowned the Amateur Five-Gaited Champions at All American Horse Classic and returned in the championship to go two for two. They followed up those wins by taking the tricolor in the Amateur Five-Gaited Championship at Saint Louis and closed out their debut season together at the UPHA/American Royal National Championship.

Cash and Kristen continued to cement their partnership and kicked off 2001 as the Amateur Five-Gaited Grand Champions and amateur champions at Des Moines Springfest. Kristen and Cash headed to Rock Creek and claimed both amateur reserve ribbons in two big, deep classes.

Tom D. Pettry showed Cash at Lexington and in their first show together, they took the victory pass in the Amateur Five-Gaited Gentlemen's class. At Louisville they claimed a top three finish in the 16-entry amateur gentlemen's class.

The following year, 2002, brought wins for Kristen and Cash Back at Saint Louis National, an Amateur Five-Gaited Stallion/Gelding Reserve World's Championship title and reserves at Des Moines Springfest and Rock Creek.

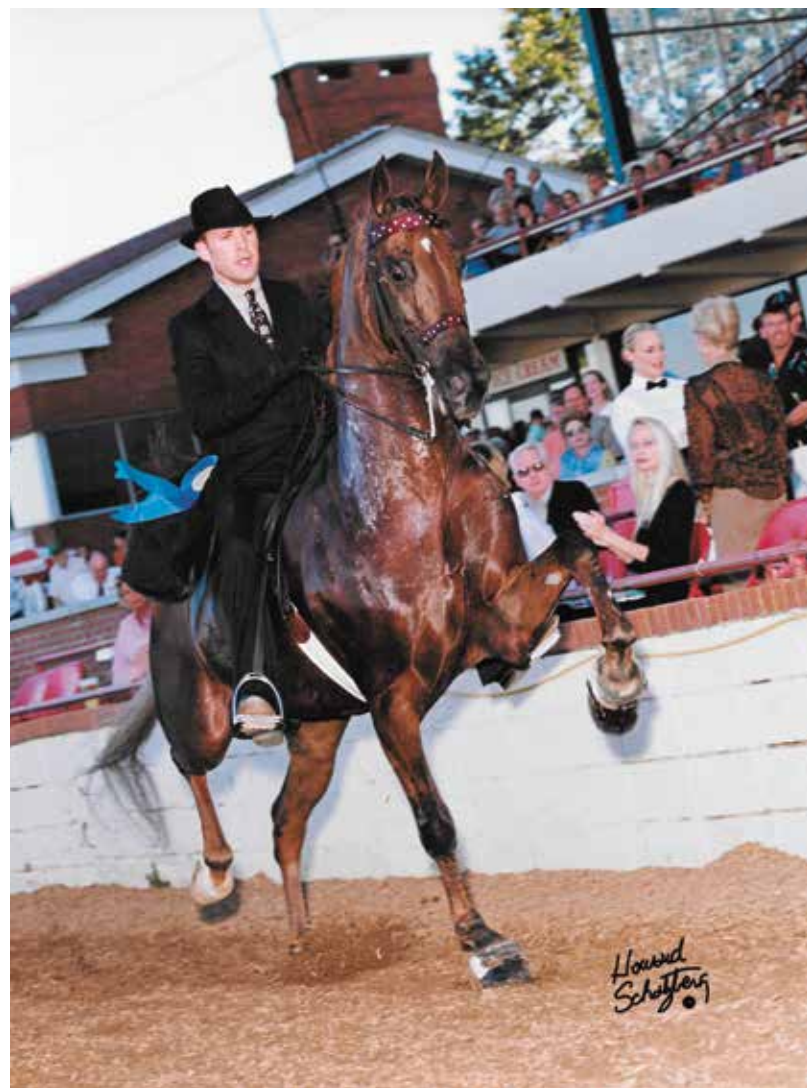
Kristen and CH Cash Back continued to make their mark in the amateur five-gaited division and added wins and reserves at shows including Des Moines Springfest, Tanbark Cavalcade Of Roses, Saint Louis National, Mid-America Mane Event, UPHA Chapter 5, Midwest Charity, Indianapolis Charity and ASAW Summerfun.

They made the change to the park division in 2005 and were very successful in that division as well. Their first time out they won the open park class at Des Moines Springfest then were reserve in the amateur park class at Indianapolis Charity before returning to take the tricolor in the Amateur Park Championship.

CH Cash Back and Kristen closed out their show career together in 2005 and Cash would go on to be the junior exhibitor five-gaited mount for Scooter Scheurich and the amateur park and show pleasure horse for Meredith Adler.

Cash came home to Royal Scot Stables and Skyline Farm in 2009 to enjoy his retirement and for the last decade of his life he was treated and treasured as the champion he was in his long and successful career. He did all that was asked of him and proved that he was one of a kind.

"CH Cash Back was such a special horse," said Kristen Pettry. "He had a huge heart. He definitely challenged me more than any other horse I have ever ridden. Kenny worked so hard to bring us together as a team, I am sure there were plenty of days he wanted to pull his hair out. Cash was so game, and at the same time, so kind. I was very fortunate to have him as my partner for so many years."



Tom D. Pettry was in the irons and catch rode Cash for the first time at Lexington in 2001 where they were the Amateur Five-Gaited Gentlemen Champions in a single appearance.



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Kristen Pettry and Cash had a long and successful career together under the direction of Kenny Smith including their 2002 Amateur Five-Gaited Stallion/Gelding Reserve World's Championship.