

WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW HALL OF FAME

Scott Bennett

PIONEER. ADVOCATE. FRIEND.

Editor's note: The following speech was read by announcer Peter Doubleday Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017 at the World's Championship Horse Show.



Dr. Scott Bennett was joined by wife Linda, friends, family and peers for his hall of fame induction ceremony in center ring during Saturday night's final championship session.

There are few in this audience tonight whose lives have not been touched to some degree by Scott Bennett. Whether it's his pioneering work with embryo transfers in American Saddlebreds, the groundbreaking work in curing and treating lameness with stem cell and IRAP treatments, life-saving emergency surgeries, or an assuring nod that "this one will be just fine", there is no one better at taking care of our beloved equine friends and charges.

His 40 years in veterinary practice in Simpsonville, Kentucky at his state-of-the-art Equine Services Hospital have seen it all, done it all, and taken care of it all. It's definitely a "two-way street" on U.S. Hwy 60: Dr. Bennett travels to horse shows, stables, and farms to consult on all types of equine athletic performance cases, and horses are shipped into the hospital

from across the country to receive the latest diagnostic imaging services and leading-edge treatments.

Beyond making sure our horses are in their best physical condition to compete successfully, Dr. Bennett can always be seen "behind the scenes" ensuring that our athletes can participate in competitions that are fair to the horses and sustainable for the future. His thoughtful and practical comments supporting the trotting breeds during the recent regulatory process regarding horse shoeing was just one such way that Dr. Bennett's voice is heard.

He has also served on the USEF Drugs and Medications Committee and USEF Veterinary Committee ensuring that the rules are fair, clear, and most importantly, protect the horses. Beyond his direct, professional support to our breeds however, Dr. Bennett

generously lends his financial support to our discipline through the breeding operation.

Alliance Stud, that he and his wife Linda own and operate, their invaluable support of venues such as the All-American Cup Stallion Auction in January, and the Equine Services Roadster Cup.

Taking the best possible care of our horses and industry are just part of the story. Dr. Bennett has been a mentor and friend to many in the industry whether it's the trainers who seek his counsel, the scores of interns and externs who have studied with him, his employees and their families, and of course, his own family.

Without a doubt or question, all our lives and horses' lives are better because of Scott Bennett. So the better order is:

FRIEND. ADVOCATE. PIONEER.