

UNSUNG HEROES

Of The Industry

MISS VICKY



HOW DID MISS VICKY BECOME A PART OF YOUR LESSON PROGRAM?

In 2016 Miss Vicky was returned to her breeder Larry Bolen after many years in the breeding shed with Dantree Farm and David Rand. I was working with Larry at the time at Lowry Stables and he told me of her previous success as a WC Classic Pleasure Driving and Saddle horse and offered her to me to try for lessons. When I first started using her she was very hot and thought she was headed back to the show ring. Her canter was rough so after she seemed to settle into the lesson horse routine I decided to quit cantering her and she became my go to walk and trot academy horse. Since moving to Missouri Larry has transferred ownership to me and she became the first Morgan I've owned. She has proven to be near bombproof and has started all of my new riders here.

DESCRIBE A TYPICAL WEEK IN THE LIFE OF MISS VICKY:

Miss Vicky typically teaches two walk and trot lessons five days a week. Some days three if one is a walk only lesson. She lives outside year round with other lesson horses but is not particularly attached to anyone. She also politely demands a treat after every lesson!

WHAT ARE MISS VICKY'S GREATEST ATTRIBUTES FOR BEING AN UNSUNG HERO IN YOUR PROGRAM?

Vicky is one of the most patient and kind horses I have ever met. She wouldn't hurt a fly. I honestly don't think I've ever even seen her pin her ears back!

She may not be the one winning the most blue ribbons anymore but riders of all ages choose her for bareback, camp games and lunge lessons. These days she has more "whoa than go" but if you're skilled enough to ride in a group and carry a whip, be ready to take some hold! She's easy to catch and tack up so she's also a favorite for helpers to get ready. When I have a new young rider competing for the first time they always show Vicky. She's 24 this year but don't tell her that! She's sound and an easy keeper. I always say she's on her third life after having been a show horse, a broodmare and now a lesson horse. I wish I could clone her because she's one in a billion! She has three get that have won at OKC: Dantree Debutante CH, Dantree Dim The Lights and Dantree Night Call. Maybe someday I'll get one of her kids!

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

I can't even imagine teaching without Vicky. She's my unicorn and I'm so thankful Larry trusted me with her and that Anna Marie [Knipp] welcomed her here and provides for all of our lesson horses' needs.

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Jessica

REGISTERED NAME
Cedar Creek Vizcaya
BREEDING
Tedwin Topic x Cedar
Creek Razzle Dazzle
AGE
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