

Legends IN MINIATURE

Bond Peppy Power

We are always saddened to hear of the passing of one of AMHA foundation stallions. Such was the feeling when Tammi Nuttall sent us a message that Bond Peppy Power had passed away shortly after the World Show in October. It is difficult to imagine how many horse's pedigrees this stallion has and will influence. As time passes and we lose forever these founding fathers of our breed, their influence and special characteristics become more apparent. They are the foundation upon which we now build our gene pool. Leafing through Peppy's registration file, it is easy to see his quality breeding. His ownership changed only when he was purchased to enhance an already established Miniature farm. That was visibly evident by the forms included in his file. It reads like a who's-who of the industry at that time. He was owned by NFC Farm during their heyday, and was listed on a blood typing form with such notables as Hemlock Brooks Egyptian King, NFC Rowdys Impressive and NFCs Sugar Boy.

Show record: Although not shown himself, Peppy was a half brother to National Grand Champion Bond ATOY4UC and National Reserve Grand Champion Bond Snippet.

Even more evidence of his quality were the offspring he produced...Multiple Champions in Halter and Driving, his influence will continue to be felt as his grand-get and great-grand-get continue to excel in the show ring.



Statistics:

1982 Stallion

Silver Dapple

30 inches

Bred by C.M. Bond, Bond Miniature Horse Farm

Sired by: Bond Showboy by breeding unknown

Dam: Bond Timbal by Bond Little Joe X Bond Mamas Measure

Owners:

C.M. Bond, Bond Miniature Horse Farm

Geanelle Rhoten, Rhotens Miniature Horses

Bob or Sandy Irwin, NFC Miniature Horse Farm

Lynn Beardon, Heartland Farm

Sharman Brown or Kendall Brown

4/19/82-2/23/84

2/23/84-4/19/86

4/19/86-5/15/93

5/15/93-1/26/02

1/26/02- 10/09

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Sire of:

Heartlands Peppys Keepsake, National Top Ten Futurity producer

Heartlands Peppys Pride, National Champion

NFC Peppys Gem, multiple AMHA National Top Ten

NFC Peppys Moonbeam, National Grand Champion Mare, National Grand Champion producer

NFC Peppys Powerhouse, Honor Roll and National Top Ten

NFCs Fire And Ice, Reserve National Grand Champion, multiple AMHA National Top Ten, National Champion sire *

NFCs Gambling Man, 2-time Reserve National Grand Champion Senior Stallion over 30" to 32"

NFCs Manipulator, AMHA National Champion 2-year-old Stallion, National Champion sire

NFCs Peppy Bell, Reserve National Champion Junior Mare, Honor Roll, multiple Top Ten in halter and driving

NFCs Peppys Music Box, Reserve National Champion

NFCs Peppys Secret Love, Reserve National Champion Mare

Pecan Grove Peppys Perfect Lady, AMHA National Champion

Smithdeals Doctor Pepper, AMHA Superior Halter horse and Honor Roll.

**Fire & Ice sold for \$122,000.00, making him one of the highest-selling Miniature Horses at auction*

But perhaps the most notable part of Peppy's life history was the obvious love each owner had for this special stallion. Sharman Brown tells us she had big plans for Peppy when they purchased him at auction in January of 2002. She shares, "We purchased Peppy at considerable expense at a well known sale with hopes of producing more champion quality offspring but quickly discovered Peppy had medical issues that prevented him from siring additional offspring. We spared no expense to preserve the life of this grand stallion." Sharman and her husband Kendall felt Bond Peppy Power was a true legend an incontestable drawing card in the pedigree of any Miniature horse. Bred by the renowned C.M. Bond, Peppy was sold to Bob and Sandy Irwin, NFC Miniature Horse Farm, where he stood as one of their primary breeding stallions. Sharman says, "We were told as visitors came to view the horses at NFC, the pastures housing Peppy's foals drew a great deal of attention. Peppy produced foals with short dishy beautiful heads and large eyes. Not only a color producer (60% pinto) and a filly producer (70%) but a size reducer as well. Bond Peppy Power was a name everyone recognized. He was a spirited but gentle stallion with a great personality and it was a privilege to own him."



Thousand Oaks was home to Peppy for seven years. He held a special place in Sharman's heart as they fought his illness bravely together during that time. Sharman was facing a dilemma on what to do with Peppy as the economy dictated she downsize her herd some, she was searching for a loving home where he could live out his retirement in comfort. Quite by accident she found someone who fit that description to a T.

Tammi Nuttall, Peppys final owner picks up the story from here: My equine dentist Carl Mitz frequently combines his clients so that he has a central location to work from. One day back in September, Carl mentioned he would be working at Sharman Brown's Thousand Oaks Farm and asked if I could bring my horses there for their dental procedures. I had heard that Sharman was having a herd dispersal and I also knew she owned the legendary Bond Peppy Power. I have always loved this horse and have shown so many of his offspring, I was excited to get to see him in person.

When I arrived at Sharman's beautiful place she took me around to see the horses. I asked if she was keeping Peppy till he passed on, since I had noticed he wasn't offered for sale on her website. Sharman told me that she was looking for a home for Peppy. I let the conversation drop, I thought to myself, she was probably going to sell him privately and didn't really want anyone to know that he was for sale. I finally got up the nerve to ask her how much she wanted for him. Sharman said that she didn't want to sell him that she wanted to give him to someone whom she thought would take care of and love Peppy. Then she asked me if I would like to have him. My first thought was, I'm dreaming and this can't be real! I couldn't believe she would really give him to me! With tears in my eyes, I told Sharman how honored I would be to have this incredible stallion at my

*Peppy with
one of his
granddaughters,
Thousand Oaks
Salutes Cover
Girl who is
now owned by
Véronique
Marteau in
France.*



farm. She told me that she had observed me at the shows and knew how I cared for my client's horses. She felt in her heart that I would take good care of him. I was so excited that I couldn't wait to call my dad to give him the good news! Sharman gave me Peppy's papers and all of his records along with some beautiful photos of him. Peppy settled into his new home. He bonded immediately with my son, Riley. Peppy and Riley did everything together; they took long walks out in the pastures, and had countless brushing sessions. Peppy didn't have very many teeth left, so Riley would crush up horse cookies for him to be able to eat them.

When I arrived home from the World show I noticed that Peppy was walking funny like he was drunk. I immediately took him to my vet and was told that he had just had a stroke. My vet was adamant that Peppy was in no pain. But he was put on several medications to see if we could keep him comfortable. He seemed to rally and for several days it looked like he was getting better. Riley spent every day with Peppy after school. He would talk, brush and pray for Peppy. They had become such good friends and were so close. I was so grateful to have had even a short time with this incredible stallion. We have the memory of Peppy being happy with us and knowing we did all we could to make him enjoy his last days here. On the morning of October 13, he went to Heaven. Peppy will be greatly missed by all that knew him. 🐾



Riley and Peppy