

*The Hunter* ApHC Hall of Fame—Production

Before Char O Lot Ranch's medallion-winning sire The Hunter was born, there were two full siblings that were indicative of what The Hunter would bring to the ranch's program when he was foaled in 1993.

The first of a very successful cross between Totally Impressed (AQHA) and Straws Impressive (sired by Roman's Straw Man) was the 1987 gelding Totally Straw. The gelding, owned by DKG Ranch of Aubrey, Texas, earned 118 performance, 15 halter and 36.5 non-pro points, six registers of merit (ROM) and six bronze medallions.

The next outstanding result was Total Lee, foaled in 1992. The gelding was owned and campaigned by both DKG Ranch and Amy Wollowick of Hollywood, Florida, and earned 285.5 performance, 97 halter, 73 non-pro and 62.5 youth points, five ROMs, 15 bronze medallions and three silver medallions.

So when The Hunter was foaled in 1993, Doug and Sue Schembri, proprietors of Char O Lot, knew they had something special. "We were thrilled to death," Sue says of his arrival. "He fit the profile. He had size, the look, eye appeal and temperament. All he had to do is make it in the show pen."

The stallion started his performance career well, winning the 2-year-old hunter under saddle at the National and World shows in 1995. He followed that with repeat wins in hunter under saddle, suitability for dressage and pleasure driving. The Hunter earned two silver and five bronze medallions, as well as 28 halter and 82.5 performance points and four ROMs.

The Schembris then undertook the job of promoting and establishing him as a sire, and he appeared on the leading sires list as early as 1999 and was the number one leading sire of point-earning halter and halter class winners as early as 2002.

As for the offspring, they exemplify the line and inherited their sire's traits. "The majority of his foals have the temperament to go on and be successful with non-pros and youth," Sue says.

The Hunter has sired 17 silver medallion-earning offspring, which earned him automatic Hall of Fame induction. Those remarkable horses have accumulated 1,571.5 performance, 1,233 halter, 1,501 non-pro, and 408 youth points, as well as 52 ROMs, 23 bronze and 23 silver medallions.



Those 17 individuals are Return To Color, Hunter On The Run, Hunting For Love, Ms Fortune Hunter, Moonlight Hunter, JR Hunter, Lady Of The Hunt, Show Me The Stage, Hunting For Jenifer, Heza Handsome Hunter, Polo Hunter, Huntara, Love To Hunt, Totally Hot Hunter, Midnight Hunter, Honkin Hunter and Hunter On Tour.

The Hunter has sired 423 ApHC-registered foals at the time of publication. In all, his offspring have earned 5,332.5 performance, 5,246 halter, 7,182 non-pro, and 5,697.5 youth points and 238 ROMs. Thirty-nine individuals have accumulated 62 bronze medallions, with 17 foals earning 23 silver medallions.

The stallion's legacy continues, as exemplified at the 2009 World Show, where four of the top five junior hunter under saddle finalists were sired by The Hunter, including World champion Play It Again Hunter."