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## **Absolute Investment Euthanized Following Brief Illness**

*MORGANFIELD, Ky.* – AQHA Performance Sire Absolute Investment was euthanized March 18, 2013, following a brief neurological issue likely caused by complications from a fractured pelvis suffered 13 years ago, according to owners Dan and Carol McWhirter, Doniphan, Neb. He was 18 years old.

“It was a sad day when we put a great sire to sleep,” says Carol. “Absolute was the best horse we ever raised and stood. His prepotency was exceptional and his colts exhibited wonderful dispositions, were great movers and highly trainable.

“Absolute bred like his maternal grandsire The Big Investment,” she continues. “The characteristics he contributed to his offspring are a credit to the horse industry today – superior conformation, balance, athleticism and great minds.

“He was part of our family. We’ll bring his ashes home and bury him under a bur oak tree next to his sire, The Investor, and his 'buddy' Good Asset.”

According to breeding manager Amy Gumz, of Gumz Farms, Morganfield, Ky., “The initial autopsy was inconclusive. Absolute had the previous issue with a fractured pelvis as a young horse in training and the initial autopsy found advanced degeneration and arthritis in the spine and pelvis.

“Absolute showed neurological signs about 10 days prior to his being euthanized,” she continues. “He stayed in good spirits and ate well, but just couldn’t control rear leg movement.”

Foaled in 1995, Absolute Investment was by The Investor and out of Investment Ms by The Big Investment. Although his show career was cut short prematurely due to injury, Absolute accumulated 62 AQHA points with Top 10 placings in AQHA World Show and Congress; and he earned \$2,049.62 in AQHA Incentive Fund, \$753.53 at the AQHA World Show and \$5,563.19 from National Snaffle Bit Association.

Absolute produced 15 foal crops with 359 registered foals, including 117 performers and 76 point earners accumulating 5016 AQHA points. His get accumulated 89 ROMs, 24 Superior Awards and six AQHA Champions earning \$130,270 from Incentive Fund, World Show and NSBA.

He sired multiple Congress Champions and Reserve Champions, seven AQHA High Point Award winners and 12 World Championship Show Top 10 placings.

“Absolute was a great individual,” sums up Dan McWhirter. “He was a prepotent sire and a credit to the industry. We will truly miss him.”

For more information please contact Amy Gumz of Gumz Farms at 270-389-0887 or email at [info@gumzfarms.com](mailto:info@gumzfarms.com).

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### **About McWhirter Farms**

Recognized by the AQHA as 25 Year Breeders, the McWhirters have produced and raised many of the best pleasure horses, stallions and producers that have paved the path of the modern pleasure horse. The Investor and The Big Investment were just the first in a long line of sires that are synonymous with pleasure. Carrying on this tradition with their current stallions, the future is just waiting to be written in the history books. Located in Doniphan, Neb. For more information please call Carol McWhirter at 402-902-9283.

### **About Gumz Farms**

Gumz Farms is a state-of-the-art breeding facility located in Morganfield, Ky., in the heart of horse country. For additional information, please contact call 270-389-0887.



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