

THE PEDIGREE OF Miss Rebel Rita

A "Blue Hen" mare is one of those great mares that has influenced her breed as a prolific producer through her offspring. We have many mares in the industry that will become good producers of Champions. They will produce World Champions, Aged Event Champions and so on down the line. But the key to a mare getting "Blue Hen" status is through her foals and their offspring. A mare that earns "Blue Hen" status can do it in a number of ways. She may do it through great producing daughters and granddaughters. She can do it through her outstanding sons and their foals or maybe she will do it through the offspring of her sons and her daughters.

We seem to be using the great Della Moore to profile how a mare becomes a "Blue Hen" through her sons. This great mare was the dam of Joe Reed and Joe Moore. Joe Reed reached foundation status when he was given the number three in the AQHA Stud Book. This foundation status was reserved for the noteworthy stallions of his era. I call them the "Stud Book Foundation Sires." Joe Reed P-3 joined such noted horses as Rialto P-2, Joe Bailey P-4, Chief P-5 and Oklahoma Star P-6. Joe Reed P-3 founded his own family with foals like Catechu, Joe Reed II, Reed McCue and Red Joe of Arizona. Of course some would say that his greatest contribution was his double bred grandson Leo. Leo was sired by Joe Reed II by Joe Reed P-3 and out of Little Fanny by Joe Reed P-3.

Joe Moore was Ott Adams replacement for his legendary sire Little Joe. Little Joe counted among his descendants King P-234 and Ed Echols. Joe Moore became a noted sire with foals like the 1951 Co-Champion Quarter Running Horse Monita and the 1952 Champion Quarter Running Mare Stella Moore. Of course the greatest contribution from Joe Moore would have to be his son Hobo. Hobo being the sire of Hobo Sue, the dam of Dollie Pine. Dollie Pine is the dam of the all time leading sire of ROM show horses Zippo Pine Bar.

Our look at Miss Rebel Rita last month told us about how she became a show horse and then moved into the broodmare band at Dan McWhirter Quarter Horses. It was this move that has put this great mare in the Blue Hen Club. We have seen that much of her influence has come through her sons Investment Asset and Good Asset as leading sires in the performance horse segment of our industry. So this month we will look at the pedigree of Miss Rebel Rita and versatility found in her pedigree. We will also look at how the foals of this great mare are adding to her legacy as a "blue hen" mare.

The sire of Miss Rebel Rita is Top Rebel. Carol remembered Top Rebel this way, "We got to see Top Rebel and he was a lot milder in his disposition, less of a race horse disposition than many of the Rebel Cause horses. He was a big, kind horse, a real sweet horse that they used on the ranch as a cutting horse."

Top Rebel was an AA rated race horse that is listed as having a speed index of 85. He had thirteen starts with 2 wins, 3 seconds and 4 thirds. Top Rebel left the race track to become a good show horse. He was shown by Stan Steyskal of Elkhorn, Nebraska. He earned two halter points with 1 Grand Championship and one Reserve Grand Championship. He did have seven wins at halter in eight shows.

The sire side of Top Rebel's pedigree indicates speed and then more speed. His sire is Rebel Cause, the 1961 AQHA Champion Quarter Running Three-Year-Old Colt and the 1962 Champion Quarter Running Aged Stallion. His record shows such stakes wins as the Juvenile Championship, the PCQHRA Derby and the Ruidoso Derby. He earned \$85,586 while winning 13 races with 11 seconds and 5 thirds in 35 starts. He had a AAAT rating on the race track.

Rebel Cause sired 355 AQHA ROM race horses that have earned over \$2,000,000. His race foals include Turf's Best, a two time AQHA Champion Quarter Running Horse. He was the 1967 Two-Year-Old Champion Colt and the 1968 Champion Quarter Running Three-Year-Old Colt. Some other noted Rebel Cause runners include My Flight Plan and Rebel Killoqua, both \$100,000 winners on the track.

Rebel Cause sired several ROM show horses. They include Advantageous, Brown Brother, Clear The Isle, Identical, Mighty Michelle, Rebel Rocket, Iron Rebel and Rebel Kitten. Iron Rebel, Rebel Rocket and Iron Kitten were AQHA Champions. Iron Rebel was an AQHA Superior Western Pleasure Horse and Mighty Michelle was an AQHA Superior Hunter Under Saddle winner.



Carol McWhirter and Miss Rebel Rita

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The sire of Rebel Cause is Top Deck, the famous King Ranch bred Thoroughbred stallion. Top Deck was unraced due to an injury. He became a noted sire that stands tall in the racing world along side the great Three Bars. Top Deck sired 219 racing ROM. His noted runners include Go Man Go, the 1955-56-57 AQHA World Champion Quarter Running Horse; Ridge Butler, the 1955 AQHA Champion Quarter Running Three-Year-Old Colt; Top Ladybug, 1966 Champion Quarter Running Two-Year-Old Filly; and Mighty Deck, the 1968 Champion Quarter Running Stallion and Aged Stallion. Top Deck sired the All American Futurity winner Decketta. Some of his other top runners are Barbara 3 and Miss Top Flame.

Top Deck made his presence known in the AQHA show arena as well. His show foals include the AQHA Supreme Champions Astro Deck and War Machine. He sired three AQHA Champions in Astro Deck, Decketta and War Machine. Some of his ROM show horses were Alfo Deck, Bray's Lady Deck, Dimple Deck, Dixielena and Top Point.

Top Deck has made his presence known in the pleasure industry as well. He is the sire line descendant of the leading sire Barpasser. Barpasser is sired by Senor Bardeck by Moon Deck by Top Deck. This line of horse has sired such noted stallions as Im A Big Leaguer, NSBA Hall of Fame member; Barpasser's Image, a leading sire and Invitation Only, a leading sire.

The dam of Rebel Cause was Bankette. Bankette was sired by Worryman. Worryman was sired by Red Man by Joe Hancock. The dam of Worryman was No Worry, a thoroughbred mare. Worry Man was a AA rated ROM runner. He was the sire of several ROM race horses including Cheri Man and Roan Man. His ROM arena performer was Pinup Tony.

Bankette was an unraced daughter of Miss Bank. Miss Bank was one of the great running mares that appeared in the scene in the 1940's. Miss Bank ran against and beat such noted horses as Shue Fly, World Champion Quarter Running Horse. Miss Bank was sired by Captains Courageous. Captains Courageous was the sire of Rey. Rey in

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turn was the sire of Frontera Sugar. Frontera Sugar was the dam of Sugar Bars. The dam of Miss Bank was Apron Strings. The official pedigree of April Strings is unknown. Diane Ciarloni in her Miss Bank biography in the LEGENDS VOLUME 4, tells us that some believe that Apron Strings was sired by Brown Joe by Joe Hancock. This would make Bankette a double bred Joe Hancock mare.

Sandy H Ann was the dam of Top Rebel. This 1959 gray mare was unshown. She was sired by the AQHA Champion Joe Must Go. Joe Must Go was shown from 1956 to 1966. He earned 40 AQHA halter points with nine Grand Championships and ten Reserve Grand Championships. He won 17 out of 24 halter classes. His 24 performance points came in five events. He had five points in calf roping, 2 in pole bending, 4 in western pleasure, 6 in barrel racing and 7 in reining.

Joe Must Go was a good sire. He had 18 halter point earners that earned 248 points. This includes the AQHA Superior Halter Horse Van's Tammy. She had 92 halter points as well as being an NCHA money earner. The 17 performance point earners sired by Joe Must Go earned 225 points. These performers include Yellow Joe Buck, an AQHA Champion. This gelding has 30 open halter points and 14.5 performance points. He was also an NCHA money earner. Lucky Ariel earned 100 performance points with an AQHA Superior in Calf Roping. He was an AQHA World Show Qualifier and top ten finalist in Open Calf Roping. He was a two time AQHA High Point Top Ten finisher in Calf Roping as well.

The sire of Joe Must Go was Billy Van W. Billy Van W was an AQHA ROM performer and sire of an AQHA Champion named Tattle Tale. He also sired the ROM race horses Billy's Van Fleet, Doctor Van, Rocky Miss and Mitsie. His ROM arena colts include Breck, Dapple Van, Dusty Van and Van's Maiden.

Billy Van W was sired by Budweiser. This horse was sired by Waggoner or One Eyed Waggoner as some called him in the early years. Waggoner was sired by Midnight. The dam of Billy Van W was Electra by Clover Leaf. Clover Leaf was sired by Fleeting Time, a thoroughbred. Clover Leaf was used for a time on the famed Waggoner Ranch of Vernon, Texas.

The dam of Joe Must Go was Gray Mitch. This mare was sired by Gray Eagle. Gray Eagle was sired by Beetch's Yellow Jacket. Beetch's Yellow Jacket was the sire of the great mares Dixie Beach and Lady Coolidge. The dam of Gray Mitch was a JA mare, whose breeding is unknown.

The dam of Sandy H Ann was Bee's Wing. This mare has a very interesting pedigree. She was sired by Twister Hubbard by Hard Twist. Hard Twist was an AQHA Champion Quarter Running Stallion by Cowboy P-12. This makes Hard Twist a paternal half brother to Shue Fly, the World

Champion Quarter Running Horse that Miss Bank outran on the race track.

The dam of Twister Hubbard was Hubbard's Lula Belle. This mare was sired by Roman Nose by Bert P-227. Bert P-227 was out of Lady Coolidge by Beetch's Yellow Jacket. The dam of Roman Nose was Blue by Midnight. This gives Sandy H Ann, the blood of Midnight and Beetch's Yellow Jacket through her sire and dam.

The dam of Bee's Wing was Hubbard's Lula Belle. This means that Twister Hubbard was bred back to his dam to get Bee's Wing. Bee's Wing is 2 X 1 inbred to Hubbard's Lula Belle. The most significant thing about this breeding pattern has to do with the fact that it is found in the tail female line of Top Rebel. It is a case of inbreeding in the tail female line that appears so many times in our horses.

Sandy H Ann was a very successful broodmare. She is the dam of 12 foals with 8 performers and 7 point earners. Her first performer was Top Rebel. Her second performer was Liberty Jag by Jaguar. This gray stallion earned two halter points. The next performer was Shesa Jr Jaguar. This mare was sired by Jaguar Jr. She had 3 open halter points, 72 open performance points and 202 youth performance points. She was Superior in Western Pleasure. Miracle Story was a 1975 blue roan mare by Story Man. This mare was Superior in halter with 51 open points and 14 amateur performance points. Ima Honey Story was a full sister to Miracle Story. This gray mare earned 166 open performance points and 271 amateur performance points. She was Superior in Amateur Western Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle. Gray Edition was the third Story Man out of Sandy H Ann to make the show pen. This gelding earned 5 performance points in the open, amateur and youth divisions. The last performer out of Sandy H Ann was Sandy Solo by Swift Solo, a thoroughbred. This mare earned 4 performance points in the open and amateur division.

Top Rebel was a good sire of versatile show horses. He had only 27 performers with 21 points earners. These point earners garnered 961 points. His leading point earners were Miss Bar Top Reb; Grey Powder and Cut The Deal. Miss Bar Top Reb earned 50 open points and 94 youth points. She had top ten finishes in the Open and Youth World Show in Barrel Racing, Stake Racing, Calf Roping, Heeling and Pole Bending. Grey Powder earned 1 halter point; 155 Open performance points; 16 amateur performance points and 138 youth performance points. This show gelding was Superior in Youth Hunter Under Saddle and Open Hunter Under Saddle. Cut The Deal had 58 Open AQHA points; 1 Youth Open performance points and 66 International Buckskin Association performance points. Cut The Deal was Superior in reining.

The maternal sire record of Top Rebel is an interesting one. He is the maternal grandsire of horses that have won

\$202,389.17 in the National Cutting Horse Association. Some of the top NCHA money winners out of Top Rebel daughters include Real Top Doc, \$98,332.64; Miss Dainty Doc, \$47,007.79 and Real Caddy, \$23,702. Real Top Doc and Real Caddy are out of Miss Bar Top Reb, the good show daughter of Top Rebel. This mare has six NCHA money earners on her produce record. Top Rebel daughters have produced point earners and world show qualifiers in a variety of events including Western Pleasure, Barrel Racing, Cutting, Reining, Team Penning, Halter, Racing, Working Hunter, Jumping, Pole Bending and Working Cow Horse.

Rita's Orphan was the dam of Miss Rebel Rita. Carol described Rita's Orphan as "a big rangy mare that stood taller than her daughter. Real tall withers. She looked like a ranch mare. She had more bone than her daughter. She was a kind mare." Rita's Orphan was a trained cutting mare that was an NCHA money earner.

The sire of Rita's Orphan was Poco Baron. This 1961 bay stallion was a show stallion that had earned 7 Grand Championships and 6 Reserve Grand Championships. He won 20 of 23 halter classes he entered. His performance points came in western riding with 1 point; western pleasure with a half a point and 2 points in reining. He was undefeated in western riding with three wins and in reining with one win.

Poco Baron sired just 46 foals with only five of them becoming AQHA performers. This included four point earners in Vim N Vigor, Dusty Mos, Poco Blue Baron and Poco Yucca Maiden. Dusty Mos and Poco Blue Baron were ROM performers.

Poco Baron was sired by Poco Mos. Poco Mos was an AQHA Champion siring son of Poco Bueno. His AQHA Champion was Mr Blackburn 16. Poco Mos is best known as the broodmare sire of Thermo Poco Mos. This great mare was the dam of AQHA World Champion Western Pleasure Horse Doc O Mos. Thermo Poco Mos was an NCHA money winner of \$7,987. The last home of Thermo Poco Mos was Dan McWhirter Quarter Horses. The dam of Poco Mos was Pretty Me. This mare was sired by Pretty Buck by Pretty Boy and out of Suits Me by Pretty Boy. This makes her 2 X 2 inbred to Pretty Boy.

The dam of Poco Baron was Dun Choice. This mare was sired by Cody Bar by Bill Cody. Bill Cody was the first horse to earn the AQHA Honor Roll Halter Horse title. He was King Ranch bred. The dam of Cody Bar was Victory Bar by Bartender. The dam of Dun Choice was My Choice Hodges by Joe C by Roan Hancock by Joe Hancock. This gives us a possible third cross to Joe Hancock in the pedigree of Miss Rebel Rita.

Miss Leo Rita was the dam of Rita's Orphan. This mare was sired by Leo Tom by Leo. Leo Tom was an ROM race horse that was stakes placed with a second in the Nebraska Futurity at Burwell. He had two starts, winning one and placing second in the other. He was an NCHA money earner.

The dam of Leo Tom was Egle's Texas Sue. This mare was sired by Texas Tom by Tom Benear. Tom Benear was a full brother in blood to Bert P-227. Tom Benear and Bert were sired by Tommy Clegg. Bert was out of Lady Coolidge and Tom Benear was out of Dixie Beach, the full sister to Lady Coolidge.

Tuksit was the dam of Miss Leo Rita. This mare was sired by M's Black Bob. M's Black Bob was sired by Bert P-227. Thus we see an inbreeding/linebreeding pattern in the tail female line of Miss Rebel Rita to Bert and his full brother in blood Tom Benear. This makes Miss Leo Rita, the second dam of Miss Rebel Rita 4 X 3 to Tom Benear and Bert. It also gives us a linebreeding pattern through the tail female line of the sire and dam of Miss Rebel Rita to the blood of Tommy Clegg, Dixie Beach and Lady Coolidge. This is another version of the Formula One Pattern we found with linebreeding in the tail female line to Tom (Scooter) and Royal King. The original form of the "Formula One Pattern" traces to a prominent mare or matron in the tail female line of both the sire and dam of the individual being studied. This breeding pattern takes us to a Formula One Pattern through sons of the full sisters Dixie Beach and Lady Coolidge.

THE LEGACY OF MISS REBEL RITA

The produce record of Miss Rebel Rita gives us an indication of how she has become the founder of her own family of horses. She was successful from the onset with Investment Asset, a Reserve World Champion and Superior Western Pleasure Horse. She followed that up with a strong performance by Good Bars Ms and then came Good Asset. Good Asset defied the odds and overcame his injury to put together a solid show record. Then she produced the phenomenal show mare Assets. Assets earned her way as a

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Dan McWhirter & Good Asset - Photo by Rick Childress

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Good Asset shows us the basic breeding pattern of the Miss Rebel Rita foals. He shows multiple crosses to stallions like Leo, King P-234, and Poco Bueno. But these stallions appear beyond the fourth generation.

Superior Pleasure Horse and a multiple World Show Qualifier and Aged Event winner. But the proof of how successful Miss Rebel Rita is comes through her grandget. The foals and grand foals of this great mare have earned over 24,392 AQHA points and \$1,053,564 through 2004. This has all come about because of the producing ability of her foals.

Investment Asset went from the show pen to the stud barn and became a leading sire. His foals have earned in excess of \$483,157. His performers have earned over 17,366 AQHA points; 270 performance ROM's and 99 Superior Awards. This record has made him a leading sire and the sire of foals like Smart Asset, World Champion Hunter Under Saddle; Frozen Assets, 2 time APHA World Champion Amateur Western Pleasure Horse; Willy B An Asset, All American Quarter Horse Congress NYATT Western Pleasure Champion; Regal Asset, All American Quarter Horse Congress Three-Year-Old Non-Pro Futurity Reserve Champion and Lucky Asset, All American Quarter Horse Congress Western Riding Reserve Champion.

Good Asset quickly followed his older brother into the stud barn to become a leading sire. His foals have earned to date \$422,886 with 144 ROM and 38 Superior Awards. His foals include Save Your Assets, All American Quarter Horse Congress All Around 11 and Under Youth Champion and the Equi-Stat #1 All Ages Western Pleasure Money Earner; Protect Your Assets, NSBA 2-Year-Old Western Pleasure Champion; Good Obsession, All American Quarter Horse Congress Novice Amateur Western Pleasure Champion; UpTown Asset, All American Quarter Horse Congress 2-Year Old Non-Pro Futurity Reserve Champion and Hotroddin Good Time, All American Quarter Horse Congress Junior Western Pleasure Champion.

The success of Investment Asset and Good Asset has put them on the AQHA Leading Sire List at the same time. The leading sire categories they appear on include Open Performance Point Earners, Open Point Earning Performance Horses, Amateur Performance Point Earners, Amateur Point Earning Performance Horses, Youth Performance Point Earners and Youth Point Earning Performance Horses. This is an interesting phenomenon as we seldom see sons of the same mare make their mark in the breeding industry. This would put the sons of Miss

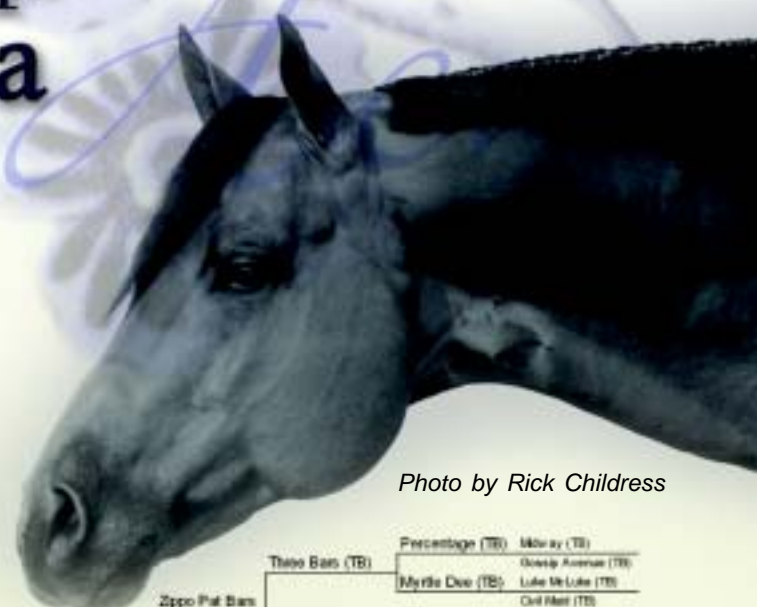
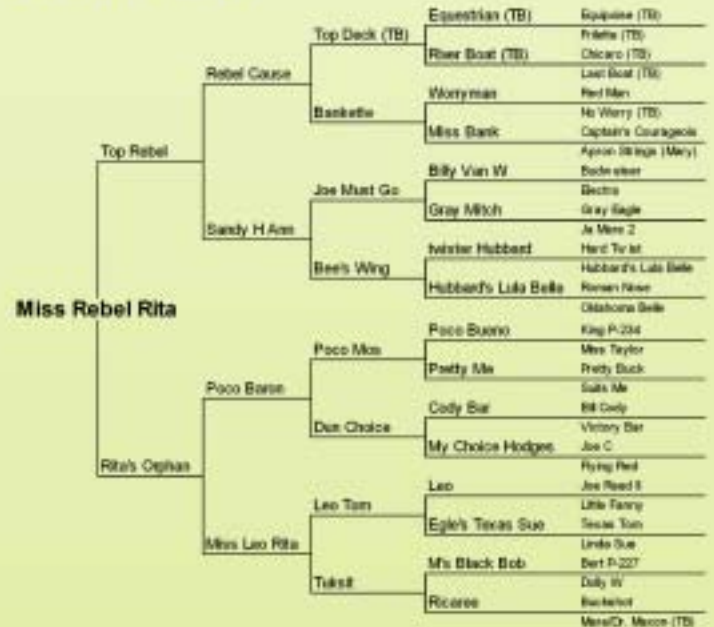


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Rebel Rita in the company of such famous sires as the brothers teams of Poco Pine and Poco Stampede and then Doc O'Lena and Dry Doc. These four stallions are all out of blue hen mares and they have allowed their dams to become major contributors to the breed.

One of the areas that has taken off for Miss Rebel Rita's status as a blue hen mare is through daughters of Investment Asset and Good Asset. Robin Glenn Pedigrees reports that they have 53 performers out of Investment Asset daughters in their data base. The 53 performers have earned \$165,967 for an average of \$3,131 per money earner. Some of the performers in this data base are Investing Wisely, 2002 AQHA World Champion Junior Western Pleasure Horse; Britney Pine, 2003 AQHA World Champion Junior Western Pleasure Horse; RL A Sudden Passion, the Triple Crown Extravaganza NSBA Three-Year-Old Limited Open Champion and Lopin So Pine, Kansas QHA Bonanza Futurity Three/Four-Year-Old Maturity Champion.

Good Asset appears to be following his older brother in this category as well. He is the broodmare sire of horses like Absolutely My Bet. This 2001 mare has earned \$7,910.58 with wins in the NSBA Breeders Championship Silver Two-Year-Old Open Western Pleasure. Dont Skip The Asset is another performer out of a Good Asset daughter. This 2002 stallion has earned \$5,075.71 as the winner of events like the Kentucky QHA Breeders Futurity Open and the Georgia QHA Futurity Non-Pro.

But the story is far from over. We have several very good up and coming sires in the pleasure industry and they include Potential Asset, Got Lota Potential, Investing Wisely, Vested Asset and Absolute Asset. Potential Investment and Got Lota Potential are grandsons of Miss Rebel Rita as their dam is Assets. They are both sired by Potential Investment. Gota Lota Potential is the sire of Lazy Loper. This horse is a two time All American Quarter Horse Congress Reserve Champion in the 2004 Open Derby and Limited Open Derby. By the way, the World Champion Investing Wisely is sired by Potential Investment and out of a daughter of Investment Asset. This World Champion will surely have an opportunity to showcase the blood of Miss Rebel Rita. Vested Asset is a full brother to the World Champion Britney Pine. This young stallion is just starting his show career. He is sired by Vested Pine and out of Assets Peaches. Dan and Carol McWhirter have added Absolute Asset to the stallion roster at Dan McWhirter Quarter Horses. This son of Good Asset is unshown due to injury. His first foals arrived in 2004. The dam of Absolute Asset is Investment Ms, another foundation mare for the McWhirters that is sired by there Hall of Fame Stallion The Big Investment.

An added note: These fine young stallions not only showcase the blood of Miss Rebel Rita, but they carry a great deal of Dan McWhirter Quarter Horses in their veins. This influence comes through The Investor and The Big Investment, the foundation stallions for Dan McWhirter Quarter Horses.

Our review of the pedigree of Miss Rebel Rita gave us a good look at a mare that is an outcross on the Zippo Pat Bars bloodlines of The Investor and Zippo Pine Bar. Outside of the tail female lines of her sire and dam, we have no close up inbreeding in the pedigree of this mare. If common ancestors do show up it is outside the fifth generation. She carries no Three Bars blood. Leo is found one time in her fourth generation. Her foals produced by The Investor line and the Zippo Pine Bar line have multiple crosses to Leo, but Leo is found no closer than the fourth or fifth generations in these matings. Bert is found in the fifth generation on her dam's side and the seventh and sixth generation on her sires side of the pedigree. This shows that we can be successful with outcross individuals in our breeding program. After all the key to success is hybrid vigor and the outcrossing of the different bloodlines.

One of the keys to Miss Rebel Rita being a blue hen mare has to do with her being a hybrid individual that has the ability to mark her colts. She does this even down to the special little foretop that has become a family trait of her get and grand get. Miss Rebel Rita had the ability to show at both hunt seat and western pleasure and her foals and grand foals have that ability.

So the legacy of Miss Rebel Rita as a blue hen mare is continuing in the modern pleasure horse. She was a proven performer, a good producing mare and now she is building her reputation as a blue hen mare through her descendants. Thus Miss Rebel Rita is leaving a legacy that will endure over time in the tradition of mares like Della Moore as a member of the Blue Hen Club.

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