

Good Asset euthanized following brief illness

AQHA Leading Performance Sire Good Asset was euthanized August 30, 2005 following a brief illness caused by an inoperable liver abscess, according to owners Dan and Carol McWhirter, Doniphan, Nebraska. He was 16 years old.



“It was a sad day when we put a great sire of performance horses to sleep,” says Carol. “There was no hope for his survival, according to the surgeons at Kansas State University. We brought him home to spend his last few days comfortably in his own stall and buried him under an oak tree next to The Investor.”

Over his breeding career, Good Asset sired more than 25 performance horses who went on to Top 10 finishes at the All American Quarter Horse Congress and at the AQHA World Show. As of the end of 2004, 144 of his get had earned AQHA Performance ROM's, 38 of which earned Superiors. His influence as a sire will continue to make a significant impact on the quarter horse industry through his producing sons and daughters.

“Good Asset is a proven producer of stallions and mares that have also earned reputations as producers,” says Dan. “That’s a unique trait in the industry at this time and one that we’re very proud of.”

His legacy will live on at Dan McWhirter Quarter Horses. The broodmare band includes a exceptional set of mares sired by Good Asset and the stallion lineup includes two young stallions by Good Asset.

“We feel fortunate to have two sons of Good Asset in place right now out of two of our very best dams,” says Dan. “Absolute Asset already has two foal crops on the ground and Think Im Good is a tremendous two-year-old western pleasure and western riding prospect. Carol and I are very excited about Absolute Asset’s 12 yearlings; they are among the best in our yearling group.”

Despite the loss of Good Asset, the McWhirters feel strongly that Absolute Asset will produce as well as his sire and that Think Im Good is a tremendous prospect as a producing stallion. “In our breeding business we have always planned ahead and continuously bred with herd improvement in mind,” says Carol. “With every year’s foal crop we watch our very best mare lines for prospective stallion prospects to be born.

“We have been through this before with both The Big Investment and The Investor; we’re fortunate that we were prepared.”