



## ROCK SOLID HH

**ROCK SOLID HH**, "Rocky," made Appaloosa history by becoming the first horse to win Supreme Championships in Youth, Open and Non-Pro. From the time he was foaled, Rocky stood out. He was beautiful, extremely intelligent and loved doing his job. Rock Solid HH was bred by Carol Huntington of Shawano, Wisconsin. The 1988 Gelding was sired by Rock Star and out of Abdulls Sassy Day.

Rocky performed exceptionally under many different owners, but it wasn't until he met Kristina Giesbrecht (formerly Kaiser) that his true potential came through. They were the perfect match and the two of them together as a team were unstoppable. Rock Solid HH earned 1,008.5 Youth points, 1,153 Non-Pro points, 253 Open Halter points, and 948 Open Performance points for a spectacular total of 3,362.5 points during his career. He earned six Youth, 10 Open and seven Non-Pro Registers of Merit (ROMs).

Rocky had earned his Open Supreme Championship in 1997 prior to being purchased by Katrina's family. After about a year with Rocky, Katrina made it her goal to help him earn his Youth and Non-Pro Supreme Championships.

Under the direction of Steve Cruse, Katrina and Rocky set off on a journey to make Appaloosa history. In 2002 Katrina and Rocky attained the requirements for the Non-Pro Supreme. In 2003, Steve's daughter Courtney Cruse completed the youth requirements by winning the keyhole race at the Las Vegas Sweetheart Classic. *Appaloosa Journal* recognized Rocky and Katrina for this stupendous achievement by fea-

turing them on the cover of the June 2004 magazine and in an article about them. Rocky loved to show and continued to do so until he was retired at the age of 21. Over the years the love and respect of his family deepened. When Glen, Katrina's father, had to undergo major brain surgery he had to be extra careful not to jeopardize his health. Rocky was the only horse they trusted to safely carry him. He was a rock solid mount, true to his name.

Katrina described Rock Solid HH as, "the definition of versatility." His achievements encouraged others to try to do the same. Rock Solid HH collected a stunning amount of awards, buckles and ribbons throughout his 20-year show career. He loved competing and his "people," as Katrina refers to herself and her family. Sadly, Rock Solid HH passed away on November 12, 2013 at the age of 25 at his permanent home with the Kaiser family. He was devoted, intelligent, and accomplished and will be remembered for years to come for his accomplishments. His induction into the Appaloosa Horse Club Hall of Fame is well deserved.

