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ZIPPOSCOUNTRYGIRL

ON APRIL 29, 1984, a bright, blanketed chestnut filly entered the world in Lexington, Nebraska. When Barbara Tool bred her mare, Nelms Polkadott Tot, to Zippo Pine Bars (AQHA Hall of Fame) she knew it would be a good cross, but could she have known that the mare's impact on the breed would be legendary? Zippocountrygirl was a fantastic mare, probably ahead of her time, but through both her own success and especially through her progeny, she redefined and "set the bar" for the next generation of western pleasure horses in the Appaloosa breed.

Zippocountrygirl made a name for herself and represented the breed in open competition as she accumulated 62 ApHC western pleasure points and won more than \$20,000 in prestigious open futurities including the Tom Powers and NSBA. She sealed her place in history when she produced foals that in total earned 14 World and National Championship titles, 11 Reserve World and National Championship titles, 308 open points, 486 youth and non-pro points, 8 Registers of Merit and 8 Bronze Medallions. The foals that comprised a class of young pleasure horses that furthered Zippo's legacy include: Foolish Principles, Hotrod Rosie, Idol Asset, Invited Back, Principle Asset, Solid Principles, Principle Partner, and Pistols And Roses.

The mare was sold to Jack and Ginny Pitts in 1985 and was then purchased at the National Show in Albuquerque by S. Lee and Rosie Kling of Grayling Farms from Villa Ridge, Missouri in 1987. Sandy Jirkovsky, Zippo's trainer at the time, said of the mare, "She's a natural mover who loves apples and carrots, give her those and leave her be. She'll let you know that she hates to be petted and loved on." That was good advice that Rosie followed for the next 26 years as Zippo enjoyed a long and luxuriant retirement on Grayling Farms, where she was laid to rest in a lush pasture in 2013 at the age of 29.

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