



Cat and "Spur" before the National Championship Ride.

Top ANCER finishers

CAT CARTER
Thespuroftthemoment
DIANA MACDONALD
Bask N Coins
JEFF HARTMAN
Waps Blackcherry
VICKIE SMITH
Sundance Tatezi
MEGHAN DELP
Fourmile's Kuna
LIM LITTLE
Khans Magic Piper
JULIE FIGG
Goldseekers Wish
CAROLYN LOEDEMAN
Canadianluvaffair
CAROL ANN BECKNER
Chelsea Image Bee



Cat packs Thespuroftthemoment's hooves with a protective fiberglass mixture. Top and below.



The answer is Cat Carter

2009 ANCER title won by Cat and her gelding, Thespuroftthemoment

On September 19, Cat Carter of Reiterstown, Maryland, and her Appaloosa, Thespuroftthemoment, turned in a time of 4:46 over 50 miles to secure a Cracked OAATS Crunch win and their second consecutive ApHC National Championship Endurance Ride title. Not only did Cat and "Spur" set the fastest time, Spur also claimed the coveted ApHC's George Hatley Cup for best conditioned Appaloosa and the Cracked OAATS Crunch Best Condition award.

"It was a heated race as the frontrunners burst out of the woods into the meadow and headed for the finish line," says Kevin Pullen, ApHC Trail and Distance Coordinator. "Rich Stedman on Second Wind Soldier appeared first with Cat and Spur behind. Cat urged Spur forward and it

became a run-off. Wow! It was exciting. In the remaining 100 yards, Spur caught and passed the Arab, winning by a neck."

Cat, on the other hand, didn't feel the thrill of the drama as it unfolded. "I tuned everything out and focused on my horse," she says. "And, I was trying to figure out where the finish line actually was."

While Cat and Spur overtook a field of 48 entrants and 34 finishers for the wins, several Appaloosas finished in the OAATS top 10, ranking them for ANCER honors as well. Diana MacDonald of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, riding Bask N Coins finished third overall and took second place for ANCER. Also finishing in the top 10 on an Appaloosa was Jeff Hartman of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, with his mare Waps Blackcherry and Vickie Smith of Vergennes, Vermont, with Sundance Tatezi.



Cat has owned Thespuroftthemoment since 1996

Tenacity pays off

Cat says that while ANCER is important to her, her first priority this year was trying to do some 100-mile rides. At the beginning of each season, Cat creates a schedule of which rides she and Spur will compete in. Some rides are more important than others, and, quite often, some rides are building blocks to get to others. "When we train, we really train for the season overall," Cat says.

But plans have a funny way of changing. A sprained ankle for Cat and a shoeing problem that left Spur barefoot for three

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The spurofthemoment receives electrolytes during a routine stop on the ride.

weeks mid-summer necessitated rethinking the remainder of the season. "I wasn't sure how fit we were because of our time off before ANCER," Cat says. "And I knew this year's ride was going to be tougher competition-wise."

Despite the downtime, Cat decided that Spur's 100-mile fitness level before the break enabled him—with a little fine tuning—to do ANCER. In the weeks leading up to the ride, Cat and Spur returned to their training and their tenacity paid off.

"I'm very proud of Spur," she says. "And I'm grateful for all the help from my friends. Because of them we were able to accomplish this, I'm sure of that. And I don't think I could have smiled any bigger at the finish or the rest of that night. It's a great accomplishment. And it says a lot about the Appaloosa breed." 🐾

ANCER

The ApHC began offering the ApHC National Championship Endurance Ride four years ago. ANCER is held annually in conjunction with an American Endurance Ride Conference-approved ride. Appaloosa entrants actually compete in two rides: ANCER and the AERC host ride. ApHC officials select a different location each year to allow participants from around the nation easier access to this exciting opportunity.

This year's ANCER was held in conjunction with the Cracked OAATS (Ohio Arabian & All-Breed Trail Riding Society) Crunch Ride and that organization's Region 14 championships. The ride took place in Cuyahoga Valley National Park, just outside Cleveland, Ohio.

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