

Doc Bar

Inducted into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in 1993



Doc Bar revolutionized the cutting industry in a way never seen before or since.

The chestnut stallion was foaled in 1956 on Tom Finley's Arizona ranch. Doc Bar was by Lightning Bar by Three Bars (TB) and out of Dandy Doll by Texas Dandy. The chestnut colt was bred to run, but failed miserably.

Earning a total of \$95 in four outs, Doc Bar was given to Charley Araujo of California to show at halter. This endeavor seemed doomed to fail because Doc Bar did not fit what the judge's eye had been groomed to see. The chestnut stood a scant 15 hands and did not have the punched-together look of his contemporaries.

The halter industry was ripe for change. With Araujo at the lead and the stallion's unique conformation, the guidelines for halter horse champions were altered almost overnight. Out of 15 shows, Doc Bar won nine grand champion titles and one reserve champion title.

Doc Bar attracted the attention of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Jensen of Double J Ranch in Paicines, California. The couple had pieced together a broodmare band of Poco Tivio, Hollywood Gold, King and Leo mares, and was in the market for a stallion. Doc Bar fit their needs and the couple bought him in 1963 for \$30,000.

Over the following years, Doc Bar sired National Cutting Horse Association Futurity winners, world champions and top-10 horses. A few progeny include Doc O'Lena, Dry Doc, Fizzabar and Doc's Kitty. He was the grandsire of Smart Little Lena, Tenino San, Docs Sangria and Don N Willy.

In AQHA competitions, Doc Bar's get amassed nearly 9,000 points and won multiple world championships.

The key to Doc Bar's success was summed up by Charlie Ward, manager of the Jensens' ranch, "is that he's so consistent in his type. His colts are all uniform and possess a lot of sense. They're easy to train, they have a lot of natural ability – every one of them is cowy."

Doc Bar died in 1992 at 36. He was inducted into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in 1993.