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GOOD COWBOY MARGARITA

Just the facts: 2006 bay Quarter Horse stallion, sired by Zippos Mr Good Bar and out of One Potent Margarita, by Potential Investment.

Barn name: Cowboy.

Owned by: The Gollehon and Trommer families of Kentucky, making up the Good Cowboy Margarita, LLC. To be shown in 2011 by Versailles, Kentucky, trainer Robin Gollehon and novice amateur Kathy Trommer.

Big wins: Shown as a 2- and 3-year-old by Brian Baker of Sunbury, Ohio, Cowboy became a three-time National Snaffle Bit Association world champion, a three-time Reichert Celebration champion, and an AQHA reserve world champion. In 2009, he finished No. 1 in the nation in the American Quarter Horse Association's junior Western pleasure and was the high-point all-ages Western pleasure stallion. For his efforts, NSBA named Cowboy its Horse of the Year, the first-ever stallion to earn the title.

Grandma's got it: Cowboy takes after his granddam, Scotch Margarita, who earned some 2,000 AQHA Western pleasure points.

Scratch here, please: Featured on the All American Quarter Horse Congress' Million Dollar Stallion Avenue, Cowboy attracted crowds of children and adults alike who gathered around his stall, scratching him all over. While other stallions had signs asking people not to touch them, Robin joked that Cowboy would have liked a sign that read, "Scratch here, please," as he soaked up the attention.

All natural: "His lope sets him apart. He's so natural, and his legs swing so freely," Robin says. This year, Cowboy begins his career in trail and Western riding. A natural mover, Cowboy learned to change leads effortlessly after only three weeks of training.

...Chelsea E. Toy