



## Tardy Too

Tardy Too, a 1965 sorrel stallion by Mains Leo Buck and out of Pretty Plush, was bred by Alan Holmgren of Crawford, Nebraska. Though of humble origins, this foundation-bred stallion rose through the ranks to become a sire of influence in several breeds. Alan went to a sale held at the Hereford Breeders Pavilion in Crawford Sept 1961 and gave \$810 dollars for Pretty Plush, the dam of Tardy Too. He had studied up on his pedigrees. Disturbance, Pretty Plush's sire, was a grandson of Red Dog P-55 on top and he was Humdinger and Sergeant bred on the bottom. This gave him four shots of Peter McCue blood. Hat Seven Ate, Pretty Plush's dam, was a triple bred Midnight mare and this meant three more shots of Peter McCue. Due to Pretty Plush's tracing back to Peter McCue seven times; Alan figured he would have a great broodmare to cross on a Leo bred stallion. Alan bred Pretty Plush to Mains Leo Buck, a son of Leo in 1963. Her foal was born late, a filly and he named her Tardy McCue. He bred her back to the son of Leo in 1964, and the following year she came with Tardy Too. He wasn't born late, just named after his full sister.

In the spring of 1966, Holmgren consigned Tardy Too to the Dean Davis sale. Legendary breeder, Sonny Thomison, of Kechi, Kansas purchased Tardy Too. The following spring the 2 year old Tardy Too was test bred to a handful of mares. His very first crop of three foals had two headliners, Cowboys Squaw 2, earned 28 halter points, and Me Tardy Two earned 23 halter and 48 performance points.

In 1968, Tardy was made ready for the show ring. He was broke to ride and shown by Chris Barnes, Sonny's sister-in law, and hauled to 12 shows. Shown at halter 8 times, he earned 8 firsts with 5 grand champions and 3 reserves. Entered in western pleasure 6 times at the same shows he earned 4 firsts. He was well on his way toward AQHA championship when Tardy developed azoturia. The decision was made to retire him completely to stud. At one point after he was retired, Tardy was stolen and they tried to disguise him as a paint. Sonny finally found him hidden out in his cousins garage. When returned Tardy Too went on to becoming a prolific sire of halter and western pleasure horses competing in both classes at the same shows. Among these are Tardy's Bar Maid 1, a 1972 mare. She became the 1974 World Champion 2 year old halter mare and the 1974 & 1975 Junior western Pleasure World Champion. A feat unheard of nowadays.

Tardy Too also produced Tardys Bar Fly, a 1972 sorrel mare. She went on to win the 1975 first go round of the National Cutting Horse Association Futurity in Ft Worth, Texas.

Tardy Too was purchased by Jan and Gordon Hannagan in 1981. Jody Hannagan showed ET Tardy to the Youth Reserve World Champion 2 year old gelding. ET was later honor roll champion gelding and AQHA World Champion 3 year old Gelding. Tina Tardy, a 1982 palomino mare was shown by Mary Hannagan to an AQHA champion and 1984 & 1985 Palomino Reserve World Champion in halter.



In September of 1986 the Hannagans had a dispersal sale of their horses to build their event facility that they would call Gordyville, and Tardy Too was sold to Erland Kondrup the Cheesemaker then from Arthur, Illinois. Tardy Too was 21 years old. Tardy Too was given back to Mary Hannagan in the fall of 1989. Christmas Eve 1989 Tardy Too could not get up in his stall, the local grave digger came to unthaw the ground and he was laid to rest in the Hannagans back yard. Tardy Too was 24 years old. Through his career he sired 628 foals,

208 performers, 8 world champions, 5 reserve world champions, 8 AQHA Champions, 19 superior halter horses, 18 performance superiors, 73 Register of Merit winners, and 6587.5 points. The Hannagans still received incentive fund checks in the early 2000's. Tardy Too is even a more prolific broodmare sire with 259 daughters producing 9 world champs, 13 reserve world champions, 4 AQHA Champions, 39 Superior Awards, 53 Register of Merits, and 7146 points in all divisions.

Tardy Too was truly a "one of a kind" horse.