

BOB ACRE DOC

Earning His Star

by Christie Miller

He was out of a mother with questionable credentials, and an orphan to boot. Yet despite his humble beginnings, Bob Acre Doc proved that, given a chance, there's more than one road to the top.

"Bob was a little toot when he was younger," said Bob Acre Doc's owner, Suzan Cardwell. "He was an orphan who would eat off the table in the back yard."

Who could have known that this "little toot" would grow up to earn over \$381,000 in cutting? Perhaps the star on his forehead should have been a clue to his future.

The stallion's breeder, E.R. (Bobbie) Broussard, of Delcambre, La., didn't really plan on breeding a champion. He just believed it was time to breed his mare. For Broussard, it all started several years earlier when he bought that mare, Sapp's Sandy.

"She wasn't a cutting mare," Broussard explained, "but she could have been. I bought her in Lafayette for my own use



Bob Acre Doc and trainer Sam Wilson were a familiar pair on the NCHA circuit. Wilson and Bob won the 1987 NCHA open finals and won reserve champion honors in the NCHA open world and AQHA world senior cutting competitions.



Foaled in 1981, Bob Acre Doc turns 20 years old this year. To date, his offspring have earned nearly \$4.5 million in NCHA competition and another \$30,000 in NRHA competition.

to work cattle on the farm. She was a medium-sized, nicely-built mare. Everything about her was nice."

Sapp's Sandy, bred by Claude Crochet of Elton, La., and foaled in 1964, was by Sapp Head, by Pudden Head. A striking bay stallion, Pudden Head carried the genes of the great Bert and matriarch Dixie Beach.

The dam of Sapp's Sandy was a 1952 bay mare named Nancy Eula. By Little Joe, Nancy Eula was out of Godard's Copper Beauty, of Old Joe Bailey and Pretty Boy breeding. At the time of her birth, according to AQHA records, Sapp's Sandy was owned by Deborah Ann Francois of Eunice, La. In 1969, Sapp's Sandy foaled a sorrel filly by Super Allen (Super Charge x Red Lady Mac), the now-deceased Precious Super. Also that year, Sapp's Sandy was dam of two other foals, Precious Leo and Super Charge Rey, before Broussard found her.

The years passed as Sapp's Sandy continued earning her keep at Broussard's. When the mare reached the age of 16, Broussard thought he might breed her.

"I really don't know how I got into breeding horses," Broussard reflected. "Sandy was getting a little old, so I told my son (Robbie) maybe we ought to breed some horses."

Broussard said the mare, despite her age, was easy to get in foal. His stallion of choice: Son Ofa Doc.

"I really don't know why I bred her to him," Broussard said. "It just was like that."

Nevertheless, it proved to be an excellent cross. Son Ofa Doc, by Doc Bar and out of Jazzy Socks (Royal King x Tony Jazz), is one of the top-ranked cutting sires in the nation. Now age 25 and sterile, he is owned by Daniel "Sam" Wilson of Pattison, Texas.