

2016 Hall of Fame Inductee

Cherry's Leader

Jokers Leader x Cherry Twist

1969 Buckskin Stallion

1969-1988



Cherry's Leader changed the Appaloosa cutting and roping horse industry by siring some of the greatest cow horses of his time. Blanche Wolf O'Connor of Bay City, Texas, bred Cherry's Leader. Cherry Twist foaled him on February 2, 1969. Dean Alexander trained for O'Connor Ranch. Dean purchased the colt as a yearling in 1970 and never sold him.

Dean trained and showed Cherry's Leader, who forged ahead in cutting and roping after successfully competing in halter. The stallion earned nine World and National titles along with six reserves. He received a register of merit in calf roping and cutting from the Texas Appaloosa Horse Club and later earned the title of Texas Appaloosa Champion.

Cherry's Leader sired 127 foals during his 16-year career as a breeding stallion. Twenty-four of his foals earned a combined 261.7 performance points in classes ranging from western pleasure and halter to cutting and reining. Eight earned a combined 47 halter points. Six earned seven registers of merit.

Cherry's Leader's foals collected 10 bronze medallions and three superior achievement certificates. They excelled in non-pro and youth classes as well as open.