

Kay Schooler was raised on a working ranch in Hamilton, Texas. Horses have been a huge part of her entire life. Growing up, her family had working horses that doubled as family pets. Her show career began when she started competing in barrels, poles and western pleasure classes at open horse shows in the late sixties while stationed in Utah serving in the Air Force. She served as President for the Foundation Quarter Horse Association in the years past. After raising quarter horses and paints for many years, she acquired her first registered Appaloosa, Goessa's Red Ruby. Ruby was a finished cutter and Kay immediately started showing her in March of 2001.

In 2004, her first appaloosa colt was born on the family ranch. "Cuttermistthecolor," went on to win the 3-Year-Old Cutting Futurity in 2008 at the ApCHA World Show. She purchased two horses trained in cutting from Terry Thomason, went on to breed some of her own and purchase other horses from Liz Kincaid for the purpose of cutting. Kay has been actively involved in the cutting pen on her horses as a competitor and owner, earning high point Non-pro rider several times. In 2009 and 2015 Schooler's horses won the Reserve World Champion Junior Cutting title. Another notable win for Schooler includes owning the 2015 Texas ApHC High Point Cutting Horse. Schooler's horses have won multiple top ten titles at the National and World show and have earned high point horse of the year multiple times.

Outside of the cutting pen, Schooler has competed in working cow horse and reining at Appaloosa sanctioned shows. She also participated in the Central Texas Horse Show Association shows for many years. Kay is currently on the Board of Directors for the Appaloosa Cutting Horse Association and is a member of the ApHC, NCHA, AQHA, ApCHA, and APHA. She played a vital role in establishing a riding club in her hometown of Hamilton, serving as President and as a board member for multiple years.

Appaloosas and the Appaloosa cutting industry will always hold a special place in Kay's heart. Kay and her sister, Jane Schooler-Norman, competed in many shows together throughout Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Mississippi. While attending a cutting in Amarillo in 2009, Jane suffered a heart attack and was called home. Kay sponsors the Jane Norman Memorial class at the World Show in honor of her late sister, which has been held of the last six years.

Kay has shared her love for Appaloosa cutters with so many people. She has even graciously provided opportunities for several riders to compete on her horses in youth and novice classes, as a way for them to learn about the sport of cutting. Schooler retired from her medical career several years so and has focused her time and attention on her horses. She has done an outstanding job of breeding and showing amazing horses and promoting the Appaloosa cutting horse industry.