

MY HOA FARM AND RANCH YEAR END CHAMPION



My name is Kendra Chavez, I own this beauty, Colonial Dream "Dream" (#HOA-2002). "Dream" is out of Fly Like an Eagle (#HOA-1096) from Karma Farms, TX and Lindita (#HOA-2136) from Baca Chica Herd, NM.

Back in 2014 I was looking for a buggy for my driving horse when I found the ad by Baca Chica Farms selling their buggy. When I went to purchase the buggy, I was admiring the remaining Baca Chica herd and immediately fell in love with their personalities, build, colors and history. I was informed that 2 of them were available and on February 1, 2014, Dream came to live with me!!! I've since fallen more in love with the breed. We started training from ground zero and within a very short time I was riding her. I loved training her myself with direction from a good friend and trainer. She's my main ride now that my other horses are 28 and



26. I remember those first rides on her, she never offered to buck or do anything crazy. She would get spooked by butterflies and grasshoppers, but would only jump in place and stand still.

We've since encountered more scary critters... upset mama cows, deer, elk, bear,

backpackers, bicycles, dogs and motorcycles...she takes it all in stride. I trust her with my life and she has carried me to many beautiful destinations. We ride fence and push cows here at home (no photos from that as they are usually solo rides), but we do a lot of trail riding here in beautiful NM too.





Last year was a dream come true for me, Dream and I rode on the Gulf Coast! My dear friend Barb and I drove to Crystal Beach TX. We stopped and rode along the way, including Bandera TX where we rode through town and tied our horses at the hitching posts. When we got to Crystal Beach, Dream was hesitant to get her toes wet...I can honestly say she has never seen that much water being a desert horse LOL. She did go in finally and we had a blast!



My stories are from trail riding, but Farm and Ranch work plays a big part in our lives. 2022-2023 has us riding fences, pushing cows and riding trails here in NM.

I'm looking forward to our next adventures.



Thanks to Executive Committee Member (representing New Mexico and Arizona) Kendra Chavez for allowing us to post her story for our Fall 2022 Newsletter early so that our other 2021 Year End Winners could see what we had in mind as to space used, choosing good color pictures, and sharing a little about yourself and your HOA Year End Champion.

If your horse is one of these new HOA 2021 Year End Champions (or Reserve Champions) in any category, please get us your story and pictures by October 30, 2022