

Missouri Quarter Horse Association Member Spotlight

J. D. Roberson

Horse show arenas are very familiar to J. D. (aka Jeff), but many people may be surprised to know that the rodeo arena is familiar to him, too. Back in the day, J. D. use to rodeo. He competed in bull riding, bareback saddle bronc riding, and roping. He also applied his talent to breaking colts.

When J. D. was about halfway through college, he knew he wanted to be a trainer. He was riding for himself and had met Stacey at the time. After graduation, he worked various jobs and rode horses on the side. When he and Stacey married, a dream became a reality when Diamond R Quarter horses opened for business.

Today J. D. spends about 60 percent of his time working with all-around horses and 40 percent training reining and working cow horses. He's a judge for the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) and devotes time to that also.



JD with daughters JoJo and June

One never knows when Jeff's sense of humor will show up. When asked what his most memorable horse moment was, he replied, "This past Saturday. A two-year-old drug me all over the farm." He was serious.

When it comes to braggin' rights, Jeff shares the following: His daughter, JoJo, was fifth in the nation on Traditional Fudge in the NRHA Open and 16th in the nation in Youth. Jeff and Little Red Rawheidi (Heidi) were ninth in the nation at the Novice Horse level. Pretty impressive!

J. D. has sage words of wisdom for those that want to make a living with horses. "Don't ever turn anything down unless your barn is full. If they bring it, take it." And, "Don't ever think you'll ever be totally free of cleaning stalls or hauling hay."

When asked if he would do anything different, J. D. replied, "I'd do it again. I wouldn't change anything."