

Member Spotlight: Carey Knapper



My name is Carey Knapper, and I have been a member of MQHA for seven years. My husband and I live on a small farm in Robertsville, Missouri. I am originally from Ohio, but I moved to Missouri in 1998 when I met my husband, Jeff Knapper. We met when he traveled as a driver/handler of the Budweiser Clydesdales, and they stayed at the barn I was working at. I am now an account manager for Cisco, and my husband is the General Manager of the Budweiser Clydesdales. My work life is very high-tech, so in my time off, I really enjoy being as “low-tech” as possible, working or relaxing with my horse, Quinn.

Growing up, my whole family was in to horses. We were active in 4-H, open shows, trail riding, and raising foals. I started riding when I was 4 years old, and you just couldn’t get me off the back of a horse! Our first Quarter horse was an aged gelding named Bubba Sorrel.

My current horse is Crown Riva, or “Quinn.” He is a grey, nine year old gelding with a heart of gold. He is truly the horse I’ve waited my whole life for. I focus on the over-fence events, including working hunter, equitation over fences, and hunter hack. Right now, I have to travel to out-of state shows where fence classes are offered. We definitely need more shows where fence classes are offered – Quarter Horse shows are so fun! I would love to get to know more over-fence people who would like to compete here in our home state; let me know who you are and let’s get it on the docket! My next endeavor is teaching Quinn how to drive.

We recently returned from the All-American Quarter Horse Congress where Quinn and I were Reserve Champions in the NSBA Amateur Equitation Over Fences and had several other top-ten finishes. My sister, Kiley Dill, was Champion in Open Jumping and Reserve in Amateur Jumping. Our older sister Amy and her daughter, Taylor, were there cheering us on, so showing is definitely still a family affair for us! It was so special to share such a special achievement with my sister. Great memories that will last a lifetime!