



JADAN BLU+ -- purebred Arabian gelding; bred & owned by Sara A Davis

BLU+ was foaled March of '73, out of my original endurance mare, Rasheedah, and arrived on my birthday -- what a gift he turned out to be! BLU+ is a true companion and an exceptional horse as well: he is tremendously willing and honest and affectionate. Since I've learned to 'listen' to him, he's really taught me alot, especially about being his caretaker.

Gelded as a five-year-old, BLU+'s trail work began when he was seven - thanks to R.T. and Tom Guy, who introduced him to the wonders of water. Our first season was 1981: BLU+ completed 250 long & slow endurance and 50 competitive miles, averaging 34 work miles per week for 18 weeks.

In 1982 BLU+ successfully completed all 8 endurance rides entered - 400 miles - and was first-to-finish four times. He was really getting trail-wise: knowing where the trail was (when I didn't) and sensing the closeness of the finish. BLU+ finished the year in the UMECRA Top Six; his work averaged 37 miles per week for 23 weeks.

BLU+ earned his 1000-mile award on 7-02-83 at the Double X Ride. He was pulled from one ride in 1983 (twisted ankle after two miles) and completed 15 events for a season high of 755 miles, and a career total of 1405 miles. He averaged 47 work miles per week for 30 weeks. BLU+ earned the 1983 AERC Midwest region Best Condition Championship, along with the 1983 AERC Midwest region, UMECRA, and AHDRA Endurance Championships, and the #14 in the Nation rank from AERC. BLU+ overcame much adversity in earning his year-end title.

The latest highlight of his career occurred in February 1984 when International Arabian Horse Association conferred to JADAN BLU+ the Legion of Honor award solely on his endurance performances of '82 and '83 -- twenty-four 50 mile events, finishing out of the 'Top 5' only three times.

Having shared over 3000 miles together, I feel great respect and fondness for BLU+; he is truly a dream come true!!

May we all enjoy our horses as much as I enjoy 'my' BLU+!

*Sara Davis*