



IBN BINT ZAHR

PERSERVE- the motto for UMECRA is well exemplified by Ibn. In his yearling year the Naperville Clinic said Ibn would never be capable of much work due to an arthritic development and a ricket-like bone deficiency. In 1973 however Ibn was Senior Western Pleasure Champion for Southern Wisconsin Saddle Club. He was shown under saddle in western and hunt classes for several years. Ibn was part of the Equestrians Mounted Drill Team for over four years. He was used for lessons, cowboy polo, parades, trail riding, etc. for ten years before his first distance ride in 1977.

For five years, Ibn amazed veterinarians, fellow competitors, and his owner with what he did with his chubby, arthritic body. Ibn won many rides including being the highest scoring competitive horse at the Badger Ride in 1979 - after going 50 miles in the endurance ride the day before! He was in the UMECRA Top Ten four out of five years, including Reserve Champion in 1978. He received his International Distance Riding Award and UMECRA 1000 Mile Award at the age of fourteen in 1981. At the ApDRA ride in 1981 his fellow competitors gave him the tribute of applauding his retirement from competition.

Ibn is a three-quarters Arab and one-quarter Saddlebred gelding of Gulastra, Abu Farwa, and Zriffe breeding.

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