

LAD'S MASTERPIECE



My name is Lad's Masterpiece, but they usually call me Lad. I'm a Missouri Fox Trotter born in 1993. My kind don't usually engage in distance riding since our smooth intermediate gaits aren't really for speed, they're for comfort. But, Joan liked the way I looked and moved anyhow and took me to live with her in 1998, when I was 5. I did my first competition when I was 7. I wouldn't say that I was convinced it was the thing for me, but Joan asked me to do it, so I did.

Over the next few years, we did some competitive and some limited distance, but Joan was pretty careful not to work me too hard. I usually lost points for fatigue (it's hard work carrying a heavyweight) and my P/R's weren't always the greatest (especially in the heat), but rarely did I lose any points for lameness or pain. I've completed all but two of my rides. I lost a shoe on one and I think Joan just got tired on the other one.

In 2004, Joan decided that she wanted me to finish off my 1,000 miles and that she wanted to finish in the UMECRA top ten. We accomplished both goals thanks to our riding buddies, Darlene and Auto, and I had the best finish of my distance career at the ride where I passed 1,000 miles.

Now, we're working on bringing back my smooth fox trot and slowing me down a bit. Everything was always going so fast for me, that I forget I can be easygoing. I'll probably do a few rides here and there, but just because we both love being out on a long trail ride. If you're looking for someone that's going to go slow, look us up.

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