

Sel-Don (AHR) better know as "Dinner" on the endurance race circuit, was nineteen years young when he achieved his 100 mile award in 1987. He may not be done yet.

Steve and Lin Hanson acquired 'Dinner' in the spring of '83 as a 15 year old beginner horse for their son Karl, who was then six. Whereas Karl's riding experience at that point consisted of a few training rides and one 25 mile competitive ride the previous year. Dinner had been a successful English and Western Pleasure horse for the Les Sellnow family in Brainerd, Mn for years. He was school in dressage and much to his dislike had even been used as a mountain pack horse.

Karl and Dinner did three competitive rides their first year. Together they discovered Dinner's forte, endurance racing, in 1984. When this pair started a string of "1st Junior" placing that stands presently at eighteen rides, unbroken save for one third place in 1986. The Hansons did not keep divisional placing records for 1984, but "across the line" records were kept. IN the twenty rides Dinner has completed 1984-87, he and Karl have been "1st across seven times, 2nd six times, 3rd three times and have never finished out of "top ten" This includes two 100 milers. The horse loves to run and the boy loves to ride.

This summer Karl and Dinner will be "eventing" together in Kentucky for a few weeks ('87) Hansons had planned to retire Dinner from endurance racing after a tremendous 1987 season. He's given us so much already and he's now twenty.

