

From Then to Now
By Dr. Cassee Terry

Joslynn Terry is the youngest daughter of Dr. Cassee Terry. Needless to say she was quite literally born into the endurance world in 2009. Mom has been vetting most of the endurance rides in Oregon and Washington since 2005. At the age of eight Joslynn was showing interest in riding horses more than just around the house. Sue Summers overheard Joslynn talking about wanting to get a mustang to ride. That information was passed onto Sue McLain who owned AH Priority Male who was bred by Dennis and Sue Summers.

“Prior” as he is affectionately known was born May, 17, 1999. He is half mustang, half arab a 15.1 h stout chestnut. Prior had 2165 endurance miles under his belt till 2014. Sue never intended to rehome Prior but after talking to Joslynn the deal was done and in the fall of 2017 we acquired our first endurance horse. He was sound and surefooted as the day is long. We laugh that he has a governor and once he hits that pace of about 7-8 miles an hour he can chug along at it endlessly. Prior took care of Joslynn and was a great horse to learn on. This was very important to a mom who is sending her kiddo out with trusted sponsors for 25 to 50 mile rides. He has proven his weight in gold over and over as even now going on 22 he trains and has all kinds of green juniors on him. He is the trusted steed upon which all kids at my house first ride. Steady and true he helps those kids gain more confidence and become better riders themselves.

Joslynn rode Prior during the 2018 season for 105 AERC miles and 55 EDRA miles. In 2019 she added another 125 AERC miles and 25 EDRA miles to his record. We are so grateful to the many sponsors and friends who would haul Prior and Joslynn sometimes to the events for her to participate in.

Summer of 2019 Prior was out with a hoof abscess, it was put out to the local community that Joslynn would love to ride at the OR 100 if someone had a trusted Junior horse. Darlene Merlich called me up to have Joslynn come ride SAR Tiki Eclipse aka “Lumpy”, Lumpy was bred by Ron Sproat and Carol Giles, born January 24, 2001 and owned by Terry Ross. Lumpy, a 15.3 H gray arab had much more pep in his step and

Joslynn loved him. Prior had given her the tools to be a better rider and though Lumpy was “more horse” he was so gentle with her. They have become an unstoppable force. Lumpy came to us with 2585 AERC miles and last completed in 2014. Joslynn finished the 2019 season aboard Lumpy with 60 AERC miles and 50 EDRA miles. Lumpy allowed Joslynn to ride longer rides as she started to want to ride the 50 mile distance and to ride multi days.

In 2020 Joslynn and Lumpy started and completed 14 rides in a row getting their Sandybaar. She rode in four multi-day rides, three of which she completed “Mini Pioneers” (3 days, each day completing 25 miles, term her mom calls it). She completed two 50 miles as well. The original plan for 2020 was for her to use both Prior and Lumpy for local multi day rides, due to COVID that was not to be, so we found ourselves again hitching rides with trusted friends and sponsors to Idaho most of the year.

Currently as 2021 is upon us, both horses are strong and looking forward to the season where both can get on the trail, hopefully with more juniors onboard. Lumpy just turning 19 and Prior who will be 22 in May. If this keeps up we will be ready for the next horse destined for a second life of going down the trail with a junior onboard.