

# XTRA QUARTER HORSES

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Xtra Quarter Horses is dedicated to the success and promotion of great reining horses across the world.

## Paving the way for new opportunities and incentives ...

Xtra Quarter Horses, established in 2010, not only strives to remain on the cutting edge of the reining industry, but they are paving the way for new opportunities and incentives for horse owners, breeders and trainers. Their premier reining facility is located in Purcell, Oklahoma, just 45 minutes from NRHA's International Headquarters in Oklahoma City.

The ranch is a full-scale equine operation with services ranging from stallion collection to finishing show horses, and everything in between. Set on 500 rolling acres, it boasts a total of 100 stalls, including a beautiful show barn with an attached 125' x 275' foot indoor arena as well as an open air mare motel. An exquisite stallion barn with state of the art breeding facilities, lab and viewing area was completed in 2015.

Next on the stallion roster, is the dynamic Shiners Voodoo Dr, earner of over \$88,000, and already having sired earners of over \$100,000 with his first foal crop beginning their show careers in 2015. He was booked full halfway through this year's breeding season.

Completing the impressive lineup is Wimpyneedsacocktail. He is the highest-earning stallion by Wimpys Little Step, with over \$285,000 and boasts a 2013 Open NRBC championship under the guidance of head trainer, NRHA Professional Thiago Boechat. His first foal crop is two years old, and showing a lot of promise and talent under saddle.

Breedings to all three of Xtra's stallions are available through NRHA's Sire & Dam program.

### A LITTLE XTRA INCENTIVE

In order to pay back to believers of their breeding program, Xtra has developed an incentive called the Xtra Breeders Futurity. Any horse born in 2012 or later, sired by an Xtra stallion is automatically eligible for thousands of dollars in additional payouts at the NRHA Futurity. Xtra implemented this program for the first time at the 2015 Futurity, and paid out almost \$60,000 to futurity finalists sired by their stallions. There is another \$600,000 available to finalists, both open and non pro for 2016. The appeal of the Xtra Breeders Futurity is that whether you breed your mare to one of their stallions, or buy one of their stallion's offspring later, it is still eligible for the incentive.

Xtra raises about 70 foals each year, so there is always a great selection of eligible prospects available. Ranch owner, Lorenzo Vargas, says, "We maintain great pride in our stallions and our offspring, and want to encourage prospective breeders and owners with a further incentive to be a part of Xtra's success."

### STELLAR STALLIONS

Wimpys Little Step, after winning \$185,000 as a three year old, was quick to become a leading sire, producing an Open Futurity Champion, as well as six open finalists from his first foal crop. He is currently the #1 living NRHA sire and second all-time sire based on offspring earnings with over \$8 Million in offspring earnings. Inducted into the NRHA Hall of Fame in 2011, he is the only stallion to sire two offspring to have earned over \$300,000 (NRHA), and the only sire to have one of his offspring, Wimpys Little Chic, consecutively win the NRHA Open Futurity, NRHA Open Derby and NRBC Open Championships. As NRHA's All-Time Leading Money Earner, Wimpys Little Chic continues the winning tradition, producing an Open Futurity Champion in both her first and second years in the breeding shed. Legacies don't lie.





#### TEAM EFFORT

As with any successful operation of this caliber, it truly takes a village. Thiago Boechat wears many hats as the head trainer and ranch manager. He coordinates all things related to the show horses, training program, stallion management, sales preparation, ranch promotions, and is always coming up with new innovative ideas to stay ahead of the game.

Associate trainer, Trevor Dare, originally from Ohio, comes from a family of horsemen. He was a 2015 NRHA Top Twenty Rider, adding over \$112,000 to his earnings. He piloted the stallion, Sugar Pop Step Ahead, to Level 2 and 3 Open Reserve championships at the 2015 NRBC. He also made the L2 and L3 Open Finals on all three of his 2015 NRHA Futurity mounts.

Boechat and Dare are supported by a full-time team of training assistants, breeding technicians, ranch maintenance workers and office staff.

#### XTRA EXCELLENCE

Xtra Quarter Horses is dedicated to the success and promotion of great reining horses across the world. They work at maintaining international connections that allow the reach of their programs to grow in strength and popularity. They are constantly integrating new concepts to recognize people who have taken part in their breeding and training programs.

Products of Xtra's program have also been well-represented at the NRHA Markel Futurity Prospect sales, including a second-highest seller in both 2014 and 2015 (Xtra Voodoo Doc- \$220,000 and Xtra Jacked Voodoo- \$200,000).

They have become known for showing great hospitality and appreciation by putting on exhibitor parties at the NRHA Futurity as well as hosting an annual open house at their ranch the Sunday after



**Thiago Boechat and Trevor Dare**

the NRHA Futurity finals. Xtra Quarter Horses encourages all aspects of growth of NRHA through their diverse relationships with members, breeders, fellow trainers and affiliate groups.

In March of 2016, Xtra showed their support for the local reining affiliate, the Oklahoma Reining Horse Association (OKRHA), by being the title sponsor of their OKRHA Ride and Slide. The horse show, held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, featured an Open and Non Pro Derby as well as two full slates of ancillary classes. The money added to the show by Xtra and other sponsors attracted almost double the exhibitors in past years.

"The turnout for the show was just bigger than we ever dreamed!" said OKRHA President, Heidi Arvidson. "Xtra's sponsorship certainly helped get the ball rolling to get other sponsors on board, and we know next year will be even better."

Whether you are in the market for a top reining prospect, or interested in breeding your mare to some of the best stallions in the industry, Xtra Quarter Horses is an elite operation that offers reiners everything they might need and more. ♦

