

= Poco Pine =

Poco Pine (1954 ? 1974) was an American Quarter Horse stallion and breeding stallion . He earned 50 Grand Championships in his showing career and after his death was inducted into the American Quarter Horse Association 's (or AQHA) AQHA Hall of Fame in 2010 . Two of his descendants have also been inducted into the AQHA Hall of Fame . 37 of his offspring earned an AQHA Championship during their own showing careers .

= = Life = =

Poco Pine was a 1954 bay stallion , sired by Poco Bueno , and out of Pretty Rosalie , a daughter of Pretty Boy . As a foal , he was bought at E. Paul Waggoner 's 1954 Waggoner Ranch sale by Paul Curtner . Curtner had originally intended to purchase a daughter of Blackburn and a filly by Poco Bueno , but instead ended up purchasing two different horses ? a mare by Pretty Boy (Pretty Rosalie) and a colt by Poco Bueno (Poco Pine) . While still at the sale , Curtner was approached by two employees of Waggoner 's , both informing Curtner that in their opinion , he 'd bought the best mare in the sale . One of the employees , Pine Johnson , Waggoner 's trainer , also felt that the colt was the best Poco Bueno colt he 'd ever seen . Because of Johnson 's praise for the colt , Curtner decided to register the foal as Poco Pine .

Poco Pine was shown about five times as a weanling , winning all the halter classes he was shown in . Curtner , however , felt that he was slow to develop and therefore didn 't show him as a yearling or as a two @-@ year @-@ old . By 1957 Curtner felt that Poco Pine was once again ready to perform , and took him to a show in Fort Worth , Texas . Although Poco Pine won his class , Curtner was sure the horse wouldn 't win either Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion , and ended up betting B. F. Phillips and Billy Bush that Poco Pine would not win the championship or reserve . Poco Pine won the Championship , which meant that Curtner lost money on his horse winning .

Curtner 's goal with Poco Pine 's halter career was to have the stallion win 50 Grand Championships , a goal the stallion accomplished on October 27 , 1960 , when he was six years old . Curtner then retired the horse from halter showing . While Poco Pine was showing at halter , he was also showing in cutting competitions and standing at stud to a large book of mares . In 1958 , for example , he bred 80 mares at a stud fee of \$ 800 (approximately \$ 6 @,@ 600 in 2016) as well as showing both halter and cutting . In August 1960 , Poco Pine earned enough performance points to qualify for an AQHA Championship and was retired from performance showing . In total , Poco Pine earned 135 AQHA Halter points and 17 AQHA Performance points .

Curtner had two opportunities to sell Poco Pine during his showing career ? the first time for \$ 40 @,@ 000 (approximately \$ 328 @,@ 100 in 2016) , the second for \$ 100 @,@ 000 (approximately \$ 820 @,@ 200 in 2016) ? but both times he turned the offers down .

= = Breeding career = =

Poco Pine 's foals earned \$ 14 @,@ 794 in National Cutting Horse Association competition . He sired 37 AQHA Champions , 19 Superior Western Pleasure Horses , 2 Superior Trail Horses , 15 Superior Halter Horses , 84 Performance Registers of Merit and 4 year end high point horses with the AQHA . He sired 19 foals crops , with a total of 464 foals . His son Poco Pecho was the sire of Pecho Dexter , who was inducted into the AQHA Hall of Fame . Another descendant inducted into the Hall of Fame was Zippo Pine Bar , who was out of a Poco Pine daughter .

Poco Pine died in his sleep on November 1 , 1974 . He was inducted into the AQHA Hall of Fame in 2010 .

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