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THE GIFT OF MIDAS

16.3 Hand 2005 Overo Stallion

APHA Reserve World Champion

PtHA Multiple World Champion

Sire of NSBA Reserve World Champion

2009 APHA Honor Roll Stallion • APHA Superior HUS & Trail

Sire: I Got Charisma | Dam: Supreme Silver Bullet



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I Got Charisma

Chestnut Overo Stallion

1997 - 2012

Sire: Red Charisma
APHA World Champion

**Owned and Standing at
Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch
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Passing The Torch Of Breeding Excellence

by Delores Kuhlwein

The horse business, and especially the breeding business, can be bittersweet; just ask any breeder. No one knows that more than Chuck and Sherry Marx of Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch in Arizona, who own and stand two stallions that pass along the wonderful bloodlines of Red Charisma, a legendary Paint Horse stallion. Already owners of the well-known 16.3 hand, 2005 Sorrel Overo stallion, The Gift Of Midas (aka Felipe), the Marx's had their dreams come true in 2012 to own and stand I Got Charisma, the legendary APHA sire of Felipe.



"The very sad news that we have to report – we've lost Hank – I Got Charisma – to colic. This 15 year old stallion was a gentle soul. He sired 116 outstanding foals in his career standing at The Jarvis Ranch in North Texas. We wanted Hank to stand "side by side" with his progeny, The Gift Of Midas. We are heartbroken that this vision will be unfulfilled. But Hank will live on in his wonderful foals and in our hearts," says Chuck Marx.

Before his passing in 2012, I Got Charisma moved up to #13 on the APHA Performance Point Earning Leading Sire List. Bred and raised by Deb and Eric Jarvis of Texas, I Got Charisma made his mark contributing to the Paint Horse breed as a sire, with offspring earning Champion or Reserve Champion titles at every major show attended since January of 2007. The foals he sired were known for "having long, flowing strides, pleasant personalities and abundant athletic talent," notes Deb Jarvis. According to Deb, Hank possessed the same ability that Red Charisma did, which was to "consistently pass along strong attributes when crossed with diverse bloodlines."



I GOT CHARISMA
Chestnut Overo Stallion
(1997 – 2012)

Sire: RED CHARISMA,
APHA World Champion Sire
Dam: VALS LITTLE GAL (AQHA),
APHA Champion Producer

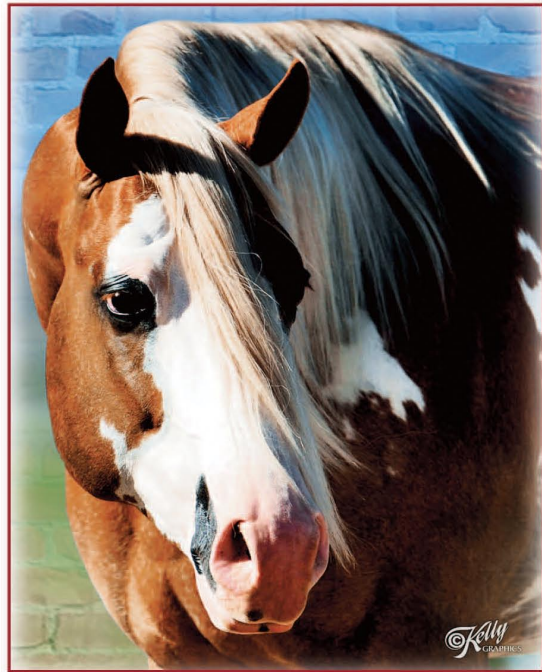


It was the appeal of I Got Charisma that originally began the evolution to Mountain View's and the Marx's success as a breeders.

Chuck and Sherry Marx were just starting out in the intriguing business of Paint Horse breeding back in 2004 when they bred a young mare – Supreme Silver Bullet – to a young “up and coming stallion” – I Got Charisma. The resulting foal, Felipe, went on to win title after title in the Paint, Pinto and NSBA show rings.

If any horse can carry on a legacy of breeding and performance such as that belonging to I Got Charisma, a two time member of the annual APHA Leading Sires list and sire of multiple World and Reserve World Champion Paint Horses, the stallion would be The Gift Of Midas. Felipe, an APHA Reserve World Champion and the 2009 Pinto World Show Reserve High Point Hunt Seat Horse, is strikingly reminiscent of Hank, and, at first glance, almost a twin of the great sire.

The resemblance doesn't stop there, however, as Felipe also proved himself in the show pen for five years before beginning his stallion career, just like Hank. “He won the hearts of many that saw him perform on the rail, over fences and on the trail course. His long flaxen mane and forelock have become very well known in the Paint World,” tell the Marxes. Felipe boasts two Pinto World Championships, four Pinto Reserve World Championships, and, of course, an APHA Reserve World Championship. He earned his APHA Superior Titles in Hunter Under Saddle and Trail, along with many ROMs. Hank had equivalent talents, earning his Superior in Hunter Under Saddle, along with ROMs in Hunter Hack and Pleasure Driving.



But when all was said and done in the show ring, The Gift Of Midas also became an APHA honor roll sire, earning rights as a three-time APHA Honor Roll Stallion, following in his great sire's footsteps.

“The Gift of Midas has just completed his second foaling season since his retirement from the show ring as a seven-time world show buckle winner – he enjoyed presenting 15 foals to the Paint World in

There are a number of Facebook pages set up to follow the foals of The Gift of Midas.

- **The Gift Of Midas**
- **Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch – The Gift Of Midas**
- **Mountain View Paints (friend list is full)**
- **The Gift Of Midas Two**

his first year of breeding and 10 foals in his second year – in a tough market for all of us,” explains Chuck. “Felipe is OLWS positive (the overo color gene), so we only breed him to OLWS negative mares – usually solid bred Paints. Even under those circumstances, his first two seasons have resulted in him throwing color on 80% of his offspring.”



The Marxs understand the big picture of supporting all the foals that carry on the legacy of both Hank and Felipe. Chuck elaborates, “Whether Felipe’s offspring have full color, such as this two year old owned by Carolyn Dobbins (*pictured left*), or are solid, like this yearling owned by Jennifer Cignoni (*pictured right*), they have striking heads, long necks and great conformation. We can’t wait to see these horses competing for the annual \$5,000 APHA World Champion incentive – earned by the first horse in

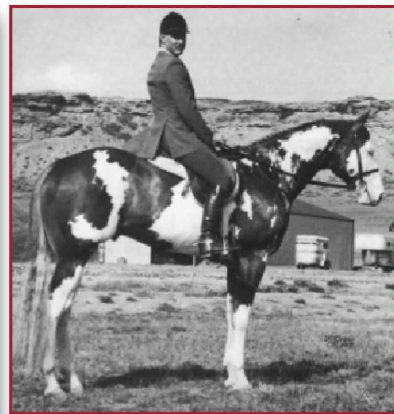


each foal class to win an APHA World Championship.”

Fans of Hank’s may also be relieved to know that Felipe was such a strong foal, the ranch bred him back to Felipe’s dam three more times before the passing of I Got Charisma. “The results have proven just as strong with a two-time World Show Top 10 hunt seat gelding named Supreme Charisma, and now, the eventual successor to The Gift Of Midas, appropriately named – The Gift Of Midas Two, also known as Gaston. He will show as a two year old in 2013 – but then, it’s off to the breeding shed for him. This full brother to The Gift Of Midas is OLWS negative, which is Hank’s “gift” to all the OLWS positive mares that want to breed to the Red Charisma blood line. The picture above includes Gaston (sorrel) and one of Felipe’s 2011 colt sons – Gifted To The Max,” explains Chuck.



“This is a very strong line of horses that have sired some of the best hunt seat horses of our time including some of the leading stallions of the day. Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch of Arizona has been breeding and showing horses from within this line since its inception – a number of them still showing in Arizona today – including APHA World Show Top 10 horses ‘Only The Best Will Do’ and ‘Red Classy Sensation’ from the Red Sonny Dee line of the family tree. Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch also has Red Charisma mares that it is breeding to other leading Paint Horse hunt seat stallions to continue the strong Red Charisma traits and add diversity to the industry,” the Marxs explain. “The line is strong on top and bottom, but very impressive when one looks at the sire/sire line.”



A colorful line of great stallions...

The Gift Of Midas / I Got Charisma / Red Charisma / Red Sonny Mount

1.1. The Gift of Midas – 7 time World Show Buckle Winner / World Show Open Reserve Champion

1.2. I Got Charisma – World Champion Sire / Current Honor Roll Sire

1.3. Red Charisma – APHA Champion / World Champion Sire / Honor Roll Sire

1.4. Red Sonny Mount – APHA Champion / World Champion Sire

1.5. Red Sonny Dee – APHA Lifetime Leading Sire – sired 20 APHA World Champions

1.6. Sonny Dee Bar - AQHA & APHA Lifetime Leading Sire – foals earned 43,000 APHA / AQHA points

I Got Charisma also had a very strong show career as well earning the following titles: World And Reserve Champion Sire; APHA Honor Roll Sire; Superior Hunter Under Saddle; ROM Pleasure Driving; and ROM Hunter Hack.

The Marxes of Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch ask the Paint and Pinto Horse world to help them honor this wonderful Paint Horse stallion: "Please visit I Got Charisma's new Facebook page and leave your stories about your interactions with him – many people have seen him in the show pen or visited with him at Jarvis Ranch. If you own one of Hank's offspring, please feel free to post pictures of your Hank foals and show horses on his Facebook page. Please continue to visit his page to talk to one another. Hank will also live in all of us."

(<https://www.facebook.com/#!/APHASTallionIGotCharisma>)

Readers can also find out more about the Prescott Valley/Scottsdale, Arizona ranches by visiting their website at www.mountainviewpainthorseranch.com. Sherry can be contacted by cell phone: 602.882.0868 or emailed at riomontana@aol.com, and Chuck at 602.820.7801. □

I Got Charisma sired 116 horses – 32 of which have done very well in the show ring. You've seen them in your classes around the country, and you'll see them and more for years to come.

2003 Gelding - I Got Game
 2003 Gelding - I Got It Too
 2003 Mare - Charisma Park
 2003 Mare - Heathens Charisma
 2003 Mare - Red Hot Charisma
 2004 Gelding - Give Me Goosebumps
 2004 Gelding - Trippin On Charisma
 2004 Gelding - You Got It
 2004 Gelding - You Got Me Red Hot
 2004 Mare - Calismic Charisma
 2004 Mare - I Got It From My Dad
 2004 Stallion - Charismatic Image
 2005 Gelding - I Got The Talkin Dun
 2005 Stallion - The Gift Of Midas
 2006 Gelding - Charisma On Ice
 2006 Gelding - Chucks Charisma
 2006 Gelding - EPR Whats His Face
 2006 Gelding - I Got It
 2006 Gelding - I Got The Jack
 2006 Gelding - I Gota Bug On My Rose
 2006 Gelding - Supreme Charisma
 2006 Mare - Give It To Me Slowly
 2006 Mare - Scarlet Charisma
 2007 Gelding - Alwyzntheprinzplzofis
 2007 Gelding - I Got Some Too
 2007 Gelding - Trust Me I Got It
 2007 Mare - Shade Of Charisma
 2007 Mare - I Soo Got It
 2008 Gelding - Charismatic World
 2008 Gelding - Gotta Get The Details
 2010 Gelding - EPR III Tell You What
 2011 Stallion - The Gift Of Midas Two