

# Kentucky Equine Research Congratulates Team Member Champions

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Allied Feeds, Inc. in Cuero and San Antonio, Texas recently joined the family of feed manufacturers around the globe that are a part of the Kentucky Equine Research (KER) Team Member program. The company's introduction to KER came about, as often happens, through a client that had found great success using KER-formulated feeds for his horses. That success brought KER and Allied together to offer other horse owners in Texas the same high-quality formulations and products Team Members from Australia to Maine have come to expect.


Jim Boudreau is the ranch manager of the Heiligbrodt Racing Stables in Palacios, Texas. The ranch raises and races Thoroughbreds and is renowned for producing outstanding American Quarter Horses like Meradas Little Sue, a three-time world champion cutting horse and the highest money-winning mare in the sport.

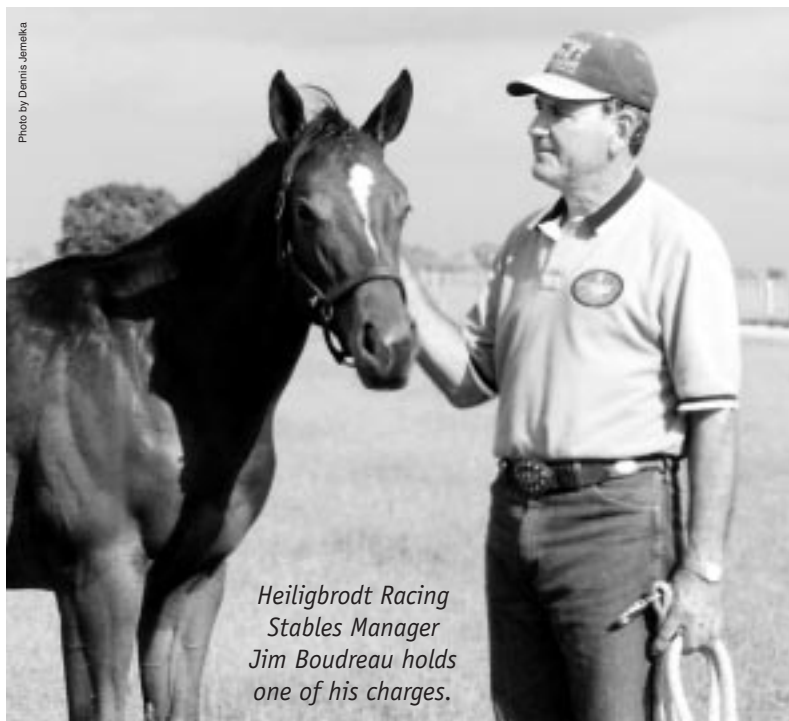
Mr. Boudreau learned about KER when he visited Kentucky to tour farms and check on horses Heiligbrodt had stabled there. He found that the Kentucky horses were in better overall condition than the horses he had stabled in Texas. While he had experienced success with his feeding pro-

gram in Texas with the Quarter Horses, the Thoroughbreds that he brought there did not flourish as he had hoped. As the stables are becoming increasingly more focused on the Thoroughbreds, Mr. Boudreau sought the advice of the nutritionists at KER and described his horses' needs. The Thoroughbreds demanded a specific nutritional program related to their athletic prowess that would take into consideration the dissimilar weather conditions and hay types in Texas. Any feeding program developed for the horses would have to take into account the diversity in activity, forages, and climate.

KER President Dr. Joe Pagan worked with other members of his staff to develop feeding programs that would meet all the needs of the Heiligbrodt horses. These programs have been in effect for a year and have already proven to be effective. Mr. Boudreau reports that he has been able to feed 30% less concentrate than he was previously providing to his horses. The horses transferred from Florida to Texas do not lose any ground on growth or condition. The horses all look as if they are groomed daily, and have a muscular appearance without looking fat. "What makes this operation work," said Mr. Boudreau, "is a good feed program, a managed forage plan, and monitored parasite control. It is a winning combination."

Through its connection with KER, Allied Feeds is poised to provide the same type of successful, tailored program as that used by Heiligbrodt Racing Stables to farms throughout Texas. The company's feed specialists have worked with Dr. Pagan and his staff to develop concentrates and specialty products to help enhance both equine performance and breeding results.

Team Member Brandt's Mill in Lebanon, Pennsylvania is the proud feed supplier of Quel Senior, the winner of the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase. The horse, owned by Coppertree Farm, was piloted by Cyril Murphy to a 5 3/4 length victory in the race held at Far Hills in New Jersey. This is Brandt's Mill's second Breeders' Cup winner. The company also supplied a nutritional program for John's Call, the horse that won the Turf Classic at Belmont Park in 2000. The horse placed in 29 of 34 starts, including a few in-the-money finishes over fences. 



*Heiligbrodt Racing Stables Manager Jim Boudreau holds one of his charges.*

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