

Kentucky Equine Research Congratulates Team Member Champions

Chris Anckersen is a Newnan, Georgia equine professional who names Flint River Mills (FRM) feed as a crucial element in the success of his horses. Anckersen manages the Arabian stallion *Dakar El Jamaal, a competitor at the recent 2002 U.S. Arabian and Half-Arabian National Championships in Louisville, Kentucky. The spectacular gray horse, owned by the Dakar Kartel and shown by Michael Byatt, was named 2002 U.S. National Champion Senior Stallion.

Anckersen made the decision to use products manufactured by FRM, a Team Member of Kentucky Equine Research (KER), in order to ensure superior nutrition without feeding an array of supplements and additives. He has been pleased with the way all his horses, from young stock to breeding animals, have thrived on feed provided by FRM. Their impressive records underscore the importance of careful feed management in producing and showing quality horses.

One of *Dakar El Jamaal's first offspring, the three-year-old Dakharo, was a 2002 U.S. National Top Ten Futurity Stallion. Dakharo is owned by the Dakharo Partners of Rome, Georgia. Star Intention, owned by Chapel Farms Arabians, claimed the titles of Junior Champion Colt and Supreme Show Champion at the 2002 Alabama Arabian Show. Chatrinaa, also owned by Chapel Farms Arabians, was Junior Champion Filly at five major Arabian shows in 2001 and 2002. Flint River Mills is proud of the accomplishments of these outstanding Arabians.

Adam Snow has just achieved what most people can only dream of: being at the top of the game. He is one of only a dozen polo players in the world to earn a ten-goal handicap, an all-star designation awarded to players with the highest levels of experience, dedication, and skill. But Snow doesn't want to talk about his own honors. He wants to talk about his polo ponies.

"I have 26 horses," he said, "and of those, only one is a gelding. I like mares for polo. My mare Pumbaa is a nine-year-old American Thoroughbred. She was the winner of the Best Playing Pony prize at the 2002 U.S. Open in Boca Raton, Florida." He is also proud of the talents of Hale-Bopp, Bag Lady,

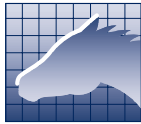
and his other top horses, speaking with justified pride of their contributions to his success.

A key member of Snow's support team is his wife, veterinarian Shelley Onderdonk. Knowing that training, competition, and travel make tremendous physical demands on the horses, Onderdonk researched the nutritional requirements of top polo horses and decided a custom mix was needed. "I wanted somewhat less protein and a little more fat than a regular feed," she explained. "These horses compete in warm climates, and fat digestion adds far less body heat than protein metabolism." She was also looking for a high-fiber ration that would complement timothy/alfalfa hay. She contacted polo enthusiast Charlie Herrick, owner of Banks Mill in Aiken, South Carolina, about manufacturing a custom mix. Onderdonk's ideas and Herrick's knowledge of feed ingredients and mill technology led to the formulation of a ration offering 10% protein, 10% fat, and 15% fiber.

Banks Mill, a KER Team Member, feeds all of Snow's polo mounts, mostly Thoroughbreds ranging from 7 to 16 years old. Each horse spends only half the year in work and is turned out for the remaining months, a schedule that requires adjustments in feed management. Snow and his wife praised the assistance they have received from Banks Mill, and felt that Herrick's knowledge and attention to detail have been instrumental in eliminating problems such as tying-up and colic. Onderdonk said, "Charlie was the one who suggested adding probiotics to the feed, and I really like this modification." Knowing they can rely on the nutritional expertise of Banks Mill, the Snow stable is free to concentrate on the important thing: superior performance on the polo field.

In last fall's Breeders' Cup races, a longtime KER Team Member deserved part of the applause as more than a quarter of the starting horses, and nearly half those finishing in the money, were fueled by feed supplied by Farmers Feed Mill. In "win-place-show" style, Farmers Feed Mill counted the top three Breeders' Cup Series money earners among its clients. OO

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