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CUTTABAR CUTTING
HORSES

FRED & KIM
JOHNSON



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*'Our children & grandchildren
are our
greatest achievements'*



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FRED and Kim Johnson have dedicated the best part of their lives to breeding, training and competing Quarter Horses. The couple have been breeding Quarter Horses for more than 40 years; Johnson Equine was established in 2006 to offer their expertise of breeding mares.

The property is set at the foot of MT Teneriffe offering a world class facility with a personal touch, individual care and 24hr foal monitoring. Specialising in international stallion management, the facility is set up for frozen, chilled and natural service. The conception and embryo rate is high with their specialist Vet Stacey McGregor from Seven Creek Equine Veterinary.

Fred has been involved in the horse industry all his life. Born and raised in Weatherford, Texas, Fred says his love of Quarter Horses and Cutting was 'indoctrinated' into him by his father; Minor Johnson, a World Champion Cutting Horse trainer and USA NCHA Open Riders Hall of Fame inductee.

Fred on Cuttbar Driving Me Crazy, Open NCHA Futurity Finalist - Photo by Liz Speed



Fred Johnson & Maid Of Metal,
 (Sire: Metallic Cat imp X Dam: Quick Smart)
 This mare was purchased by Cuttabar. - Photo by Tracey Nicholson

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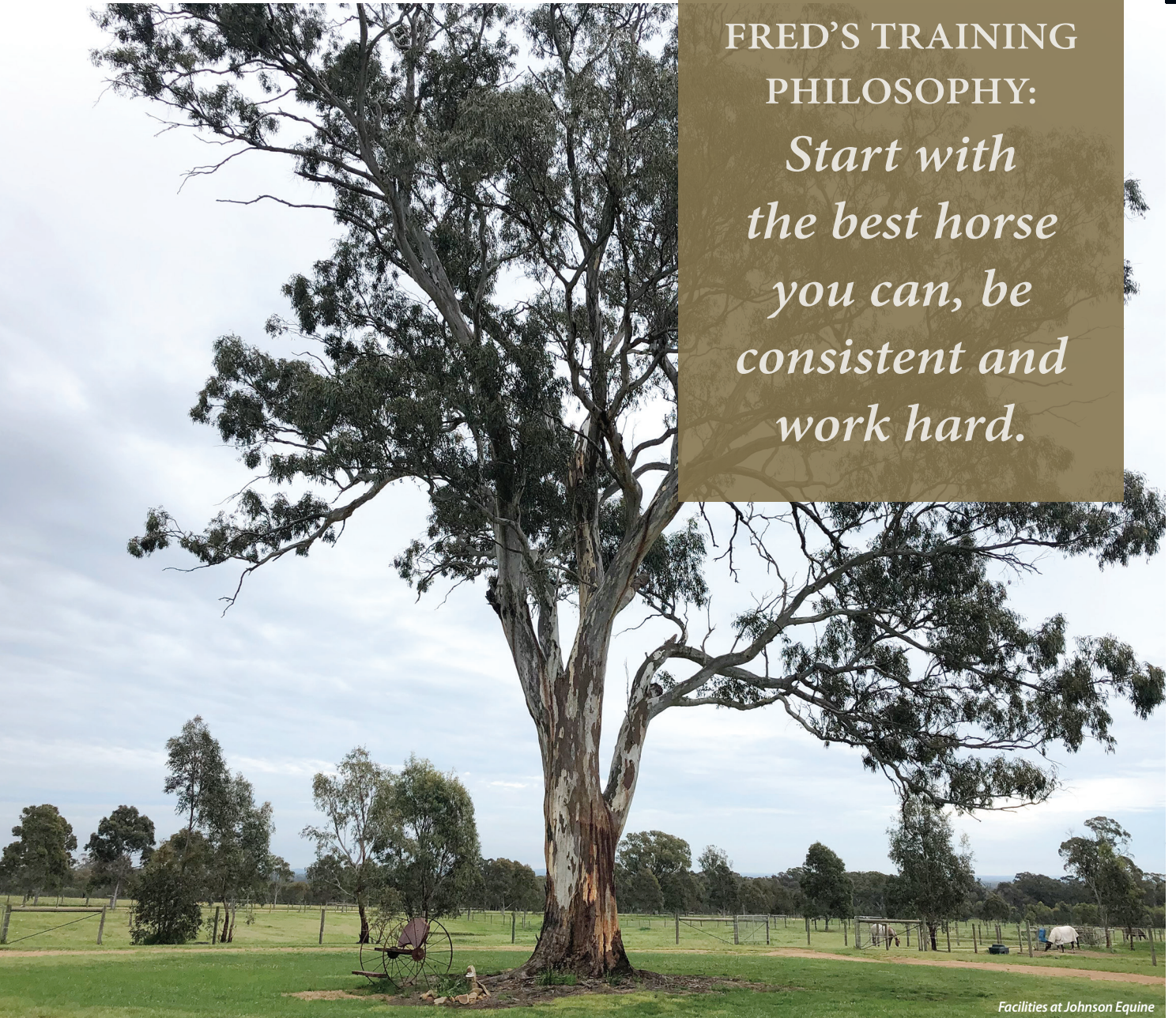


Beautiful gardens at Johnson Equine



Spurs are from Freds brother - Russell from the Ranch in Texas (WALKING THREE)

FRED'S TRAINING
PHILOSOPHY:
*Start with
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consistent and
work hard.*



Facilities at Johnson Equine

In 1974 David Farquhar approached Fred with the proposal of conducting some training schools in Australia. During his stay other people approached Fred to ride and school their horses, as his customer base grew his short stay turned into a permanent one.

Kim has been in the horse industry 40 years, a horse crazy little girl from Euroa, who pestered her father for several years before he finally softened and purchased her first horse, her persistence had paid off. Competing in Dressage, Hacking and jumping over the years, Kim rode her first Quarter horse through a trail class and couldn't believe the temperament and ability of the breed.

Kim purchased her first Quarter Horse from Millbrook Stud and has been hooked on the breed since, competing in Pleasure, trail, Hunter under saddle and halter, then into Cutting. Kim has won several State and National Titles.

The couple are extremely proud of their three children and their achievements. Brad and his wife Katie are based in Tasmania with their three children. Brad has had a successful career in Cricket, playing in England and winning the Presidents medal. Holly and Kane both compete in Western Pleasure and Hunter classes and Holly is now coming back into Cutting. Holly purchased a Hunter mare in the USA as a weanling; the horse remained there and was trained to become a World Champion Hunter Under Saddle, with her progeny in the USA also becoming World Champions. The mare was brought back to Australia and with her progeny being sold back to the USA. Nikki Morgan and her husband Guy have been very successful in the Cutting pen over the years. Guy has trained a number of champions, one of them was 'This Cats Destiny'. Nikki was also inducted into the Non Pro Hall of Fame. *"our children and our grandchildren are our greatest joy and achievement."* says Kim.



High Distinction Q-85279
- Trained by Fred Johnson
Classic Challenge Champion

Johnsons Equine offers two Stallions at their facility NRR Cat King Cole (imp) Q-90230 - World Champion Stallion with earnings of \$230,000 plus. This Cats Destiny Q-68048 bred by Fred & Kim and owned by Nikki & Guy Morgan, the Stallion is out of the great mare Colonels Destiny Q-24898. He is a Multi Champion sire and in 2020 he was listed in the Stallion Equistat World top 20 Junior Sires list. He is producing Derby, Futurity and Classic Champions. Curly as he is affectionately known holds an AQHA Register of Merit in Cutting and AQHA Register of Merit in Non Pro Cutting. Out of 13 aged events he has finalled in 9 and won 3. 2012 Vic NCHA Non Pro Derby Champion, 2011 NCHA Non Pro Futurity Champion and NCHA Non Pro Limited Futurity Champion with highest scoring lady of the show.

The breeding side is very important; the strengths of bloodlines in undeniable, having a great mare and seeing her progeny perform, along with their grandsons and granddaughters. Fred loves the training side of their journey, having the right one from the start with good confirmation, athleticism, their trainability to 'want that cow' a special inherent quality. The couple breed 3-5 of their own mares each season, possibly selling 1-2 of those progeny.



This Cats Destiny Q-68048
Trained by Guy and shown by Nikki
to win the NCHA Non Pro Futurity

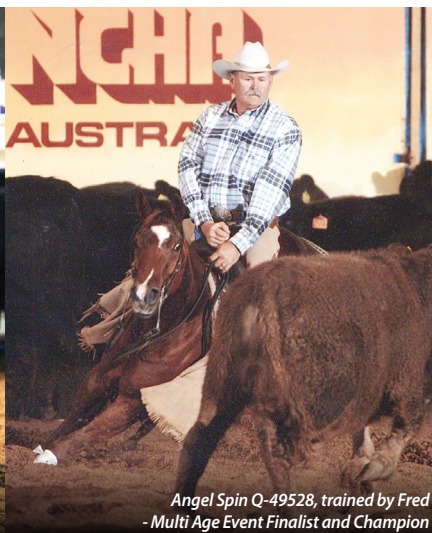


Colonels Destiny Q-24898 enjoying her time in the paddock

Their broodmare quality is top shelf, one special mare that is the matriarch of their breeding is a great one. No other than 2019 Heritage Hall of Fame inductee 'Colonels Destiny Q-24898.' By 'Cuttabars Colonel IMP' out of the great imported mare 'Bit of Pep (IMP)'. Both her parents are champions themselves and have gone on to produce. 'Colonels Destiny Q-24898' has achieved many accolades, winning Futurities, Derbies, and the Australian Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Championships, to name a few, she holds a special place in their hearts as being that 'special' one. Her progeny are impressive; to date 'Colonels Destiny Q-24898' has produced 18 foals of which 14 are NCHA money earners of more than \$200,000.



Fred on Miss Duelin Dynesty Q-64096
- Classic Challenge Multi Finalist



Angel Spin Q-49528, trained by Fred
- Multi Age Event Finalist and Champion

Some of these quality progeny include 'Lethal Lotus', 'Angel Spin', 'Colonel Johnson', A Little Red Colonel', 'Colonel Reylated', 'Stylish Deseray', 'This Cats Destiny', 'Uno Pepto Tempo', 'High Destinction', and 'Cuttabar Designer Cat' which is owned by Tri-Star QHS, she is the highest money earner of Destiny and was 2019 NCHA High Point mare. 'Driving Me Crazy' was finalled by Fred in the Open Futurity and she was sold to long time friends Graham & Trish Lamey. 'Looks Lika Cat' has produced two NCHA Futurity Finalists, 'This Ones Timeless' was sold at the 2021 Nutrien Equine Sale for \$85,000. Angel Spin (Docs Spinifex X Colonels Destiny Q-24898) is Curly's sister. *Always gave her all.*

Angel has produced nine progeny, one of which is the gelding This Catifex (WR This Cats Smart). Bred by Fred & Kim the gelding was gifted to Nikki as a Christmas present, she nicknamed him 'Sue' after the Johnny Cash song. Nikki and Guy trained him and finalled in the NCHA Non Pro Futurity before selling him to Dean and Julie Jones who went on to win the Goondiwindi and Victorian Non Pro Futurity in 2015. Sarah Crawford also rode him to victory in the Ladies Pink Cutting in 2017.

At the end of his aged events they sold him on to Mark and Shelly Ruff, who had since purchased his mother Angel Spin and sister Angel Reys. Sue commenced his Campdrafting career and headed off to Paradise Lagoons in 2019, he finalled in the Mort & Co Open having run a 91 and 90, and an 88 in the final round saw him share top spot with Peter O'Neill. They went in for a run off where he placed 2nd. In 2020 with Pete O'Neill holding the reins 'Sue' took home the Condamine Bell.

Fred has had some great achievements over the years, winning Futurities, Derby's and Championships; he was inducted into the NCHA Riders Hall of Fame in 1997 and recently won the Tri Star 5/6/7 year old Open with 'High Destinction'. Kim has won National Titles in Trail Riding and Hunter under Saddle, but they both agree there's nothing more satisfying than seeing their home bred horses go on and perform with success.

Their family are an important part of their lives, as are their lifelong friendships they have made along the way. Graham & Trish Lamey, Bernie & Murray Pullin, Martin and Leanne Moran along with many others who have supported them along the way.

Fred believes Graham Amos is one of the greatest horsemen in the Cutting Industry. He also admires fellow trainers who have spent time with him that have gone on to be world known trainers such as John Mitchell and Sean Flynn. Fred also spent time with Matlock Rose, Buster Welch and Shorty Freeman all whom he admired greatly and has incorporated their training methods into his.

Kim has a great deal of respect for horse trainers such as Ian Francis, Pauline Stewart - Fox and Nancy Cahill whom all possess tremendous horsemanship skills. Nancy was the coach of the USA team for the Youth World Cup and Kim was the Manager for the Australian team when their paths crossed many times. *"Her clinics are amazing,"* says Kim.



Kim on her mare Colonels Dreamcatcher Q-57203 winning the Non Pro event at Garfield



Nikki winning the Classic with a son of "This Cats Destiny Q-68048"



Guy on Uno Tiempo Pepto Q-82059 - Open NCHA Futurity Finalist



Nikki on This Cats Destiny Q-68048 - Winning the Non Pro Derby at Victorian Futurity

Fred’s training philosophy: Start with the best horse you can, be consistent and work hard.

The couple have supported the industry over many years and love giving back and enjoy seeing the Youth come through. Fred was a past President of the NCHA and was on the Board of Directors for a sum of nine years. Kim has been an AQHA director for the past 16 years and past President and Fred was also a past Director. The couple are heavily involved in the Victorian Cutting Horse Futurity as committee members.

Their success includes the very best genetics from a mare line that just keeps producing. *“In a horseman’s lifetime if you’re lucky to have one great one, you’re fortunate. We’ve been lucky to breed and train several and consider ourselves very blessed. We’re excited about the future of the NCHA, AQHA and our family,”* says Fred and Kim.

“If you enjoy the journey, it makes the destination even better,” Kim Johnson. 🌟



Looks Lika Cat Q-70331 - trained by Fred, ridden by Nikki to win Reserve Champion Non Pro NCHA Classic Challenge

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