

SOUTHWEST

# All in, in Oklahoma

*Dr. Joe Carter has a vet clinic, stands stallions, and owns a sales company in his native state*

BY DAN LIEBMAN

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Saturdays for high school students usually mean sleeping late, goofing off with friends, or perhaps attending a sporting event, depending on the season. Not for Joe Carter.

A native of Tulsa, Carter spent his weekends on ranches in the Oklahoma panhandle region, doctoring cattle and working feed lots. Having known since the age of 10 that he wanted to pursue a career with animals, Carter seemed almost destined for veterinary school.

His father was a newspaper editor, but Carter's family lived in the country and had ranch horses and livestock (his father, Joe, still lives in Oklahoma; his mother, Beverly, *(continued on page 655)*



Joe Carter runs Oklahoma Equine; his wife, Terri, runs their Carter Sales Co.

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# 2009 Leading Sires in Texas

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	<b>VALID EXPECTATIONS</b> (93, Valid Appeal), Lane's End Texas	\$10,000	120/82	8/10	6/8	(Oak Motte, \$208,390)	<b>\$2,791,126</b>	483	38	1.39	1.29
2	<b>PINE BLUFF</b> (89, Danzig), Duncan 21 and Change Farm	N/A	71/38	0/0	0/0	(Who's Bluffing, \$88,885)	<b>\$1,227,455</b>	*568	34	1.58	1.68
3	<b>MAGIC CAT</b> (95, Storm Cat), Valor Farm	\$1,500	67/27	3/4	1/3	(Smoothcideup, \$90,925)	<b>\$749,872</b>	181	11	0.76	1.00
4	<b>EARLY FLYER</b> (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$3,000	54/28	1/1	0/1	(Rare Flyer, \$64,898)	<b>\$731,717</b>	92	4	1.07	0.94
5	<b>DIXIELAND HEAT</b> (90, Dixieland Band), Richland Ranch	\$1,500	43/19	0/0	0/0	(Dixie Dust, \$73,744)	<b>\$591,301</b>	*245	9	1.16	1.03
6	<b>SENECA JONES</b> (90, Alydar), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	35/17	2/2	1/2	(Seneca Summer, \$92,767)	<b>\$533,881</b>	210	11	1.00	0.90
7	<b>UNCLE ABBIE</b> (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch	\$3,000	32/18	1/1	1/1	(Texas Tycoon, \$83,050)	<b>\$465,534</b>	100	4	0.84	0.65
8	<b>TRULUCK</b> (95, Conquistador Cielo), Lane's End Texas	\$2,000	48/16	0/0	0/0	(General Charley, \$67,542)	<b>\$453,100</b>	141	2	0.74	0.74
9	<b>CAPTAIN COUNTDOWN</b> (96, Relaunch), Double S Thoroughbred Farm	\$500	37/19	1/1	0/1	(Lady Countdown, \$57,641)	<b>\$407,830</b>	79	1	0.69	0.68
10	<b>CITY STREET</b> (99, Carson City), Bullard Farms	\$1,500	39/18	2/3	1/2	(City Tone, \$98,754)	<b>\$403,052</b>	105	3	0.52	0.87

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1	<b>SUAVE PROSPECT</b> (92, Fortunate Prospect), Doubletree Farm	\$4,000	112/64	3/3	1/3	(Talented Princess, \$97,090)	<b>\$1,696,181</b>	358	16	1.20	1.08
2	<b>GOLD CASE</b> (94, Forty Niner), Mesa Vista Stud	\$5,000	101/57	1/3	1/1	(Red Hot N Gold, \$153,023)	<b>\$1,575,149</b>	*461	20	1.19	1.19
3	<b>GHOSTLY MOVES</b> (92, Silver Ghost), Callaway Farm	\$4,000	59/29	7/9	7/7	(Rig's Runner, \$193,115)	<b>\$1,486,632</b>	154	18	1.31	1.06
4	<b>FAVORITE TRICK</b> (95, Phone Trick)	Died, 2006	79/39	2/3	0/2	(F Swoop Trick, \$91,448)	<b>\$1,139,317</b>	*478	21	1.05	1.69
5	<b>CHIMES BAND</b> (91, Dixieland Band)	Died, 2005	54/29	3/5	3/3	(Let the Musicbegin, \$168,455)	<b>\$1,074,717</b>	311	23	1.20	1.33
6	<b>AVENUE OF FLAGS</b> (88, Seattle Slew), Hourigan Horse Farm	N/A	30/13	1/3	0/1	(California Flag, \$669,780)	<b>\$1,017,150</b>	448	24	1.47	1.29
7	<b>DESERT GOD</b> (91, Fappiano), A & A Horse Ranch	\$6,000	38/21	3/5	3/3	(Train Rider Blues, \$158,763)	<b>\$845,976</b>	163	13	1.23	0.68
8	<b>DOME</b> (98, Storm Cat)	N/A	56/20	1/3	1/1	(Glory Be Mine, \$223,518)	<b>\$787,707</b>	139	5	0.91	0.77
9	<b>IN EXCESSIVE BULL</b> (94, In Excess)	Died, 2006	77/28	1/1	1/1	(Excessive Victory, \$75,000)	<b>\$748,229</b>	256	8	0.70	0.76
10	<b>PROSPECTOR JONES</b> (92, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2007	42/16	2/2	2/2	(Enchanted Outlaw, \$172,671)	<b>\$658,312</b>	211	18	0.98	0.80
11	<b>QUINTON'S GOLD</b> (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	8/8	2/3	2/2	(Lefty Who, \$181,970)	<b>\$591,744</b>	14	2	5.16	0.88
12	<b>DEVON LANE</b> (93, Storm Cat), TNL Farm	\$2,500	69/24	3/3	2/3	(Chuchuloco, \$116,514)	<b>\$578,823</b>	309	14	0.86	0.76
13	<b>PRECOCCITY</b> (94, Aferd), Mesa Vista Stud	\$4,000	41/16	1/1	1/1	(Waymore's Blues, \$101,640)	<b>\$480,005</b>	147	6	1.00	0.97
14	<b>PROUD IRISH</b> (86, Irish River), Tricar Stables	\$4,000	38/18	0/0	0/0	(Ale's Pride, \$102,326)	<b>\$467,636</b>	242	10	0.99	0.84
15	<b>LESTERS BOY</b> (96, Cee's Tizzy), Weatherly Horse Farms	N/A	20/11	2/2	2/2	(Lesters Secret, \$159,325)	<b>\$435,338</b>	41	3	0.92	0.57

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By SEATTLE SLEW's Champion  
2YO Son CAPOTE

# Aeneas

Capote-Gone to Venus, by Gone West



2010 Fees: Private

Nom. to Breeders' Cup and N. M.-Bred Program and Lineage

- Multiple Graded Stakes-Performing Winner of \$434,485.
- Won or Placed from U.S.-IC furlongs; ICC+ Fevers Six Times.
- Out of a half-sister to the dam of Champion SILVERBULLETDAY (\$3,932,273).
- Powerful family of leading sire ARTS AND LETTERS, etc.
- Outstanding first foals include 2yo Venus Avenue, sprint winner at Zia Park.

## BANBURY CROSS

Storm Cat - Mythomania, by Nureyev

- Won/placed in 7 of 8 starts, w/ NTR 5.5F in 1:03 1/2 at Turfway Park.
- Maiden winner in debut by 6 lengths. Multiple allowance winner on synthetic by 8 lengths (off in 1:09 1/2) and by 3 lengths in new record time of 1:03 1/2 at Turfway. Allowance placed at Keeneland and Churchill.
- Half to 3 stakes horses, including NCR-G3SW INEXPLICABLE.
- Graded stakes family of MEINER LOVE-G1, ADORABLE-G1, etc.

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1	<b>TACTICAL CAT</b> (96, Storm Cat), Diamond G Ranch	\$2,000	141/73	3/6	1/3	(Wishful Tomcat, \$181,875)	<b>\$2,241,984</b>	427	23	1.18	1.34
2	<b>SERVICE STRIPE</b> (91, Deputy Minister), Rockin Z Ranch	\$2,000	104/58	1/2	0/1	(Field Commission, \$560,309)	<b>\$1,787,074</b>	311	15	1.30	1.12
3	<b>EVANSVILLE SLEW</b> (92, Slew City Slew), Diamond G Ranch	\$2,000	97/53	4/4	3/4	(Kizzy's Chaos, \$110,840)	<b>\$1,614,816</b>	*386	30	1.20	0.95
4	<b>ARTAX</b> (95, Marquetry), Diamond G Ranch	\$2,000	103/42	1/1	1/1	(Diabolical, \$293,601)	<b>\$1,564,393</b>	374	6	1.07	1.42
5	<b>DIAMOND</b> (95, Mr. Prospector), Oklahoma Equine	\$1,500	69/31	0/0	0/0	(Movin' Out, \$234,460)	<b>\$1,203,451</b>	230	5	1.21	1.13

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died of cancer about 20 years ago). That he grew up around horses is not surprising because there is a rich Carter family tradition of equine involvement.

"I was raised around horses, my grandfather was a western Kansas cowboy, and my great-grandfather raced horses in the Midwest," Carter said. "I always had my heart set on a career with animals, and I knew it was probably going to be large animals."

Having finished his undergraduate degree at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater in just three years, Carter graduated from the veterinary school there in 1984. He paid his way through school by continuing to work weekends at cattle sale barns in nearby Covington and Pawnee. He not only banked enough for tuition, but learned valuable lessons not possible in a classroom setting.

Having grown up in an area of Oklahoma called Ten Mile Flats—the river bottom of the South Canadian River, which was home to numerous Quarter Horse farms—Carter had gained considerable experience with horses. But during his junior year of veterinary school he was exposed to something that made him realize he wanted to pursue a career in equine veterinary medicine.

"As soon as I got into my junior year of vet school and did a colic surgery, I became enamored with equine surgery and the thought of having an equine practice," Carter said. "When I was about to graduate, I had offers from Texas A&M and Oklahoma State for internships. But I also had an offer from Littleton (Large Animal Clinic) near Denver, which was 90% equine, or more like 99% equine. So I decided to do that."

Following the internship, Carter moved to California for a position at the Alamo Pintado Equine Clinic in Los Olivos, Calif., a facility long known for its expertise in the research and treatment of equine lameness (which would later become one of the two primary focuses of Carter's practice, along with surgery).

"We did 42 colic surgeries the first month  
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## Mighty Acres 2010 Roster

**AIR COMMANDER** 2010 Fee: \$2,000  
*Point Given – Santaria, by Star de Naskra*

- Santa Anita Grade 2 Stakes Winner on Synthetics
- First or Second in 5 of 9 starts, \$248,680
- Half-brother to **E2SW** & top freshman sire **MEDALLIST**



**RA RA SUPERSTAR** 2010 Fee: \$1,500  
*Deputy Minister – Miss Ra He Ra, by Rahy*

- By twice Leading Sire & Sire of Sires **DEPUTY MINISTER**.
- First 2YC's race in 2010
- Family of Leading Sire **AWESOME AGAIN** (by **DEPUTY MINISTER**)



**SAVE BIG MONEY** 2010 Fee: \$2,000  
*Storm Cat – Tomisue's Delight, by A.P. Indy*

- Stakes performer on Dirt, Turf & Synthetics
- Keeneland track record setter
- C/o **G1SW** **TOMISUE'S DELIGHT**, full-sister to Horse of the Year **MINESHAFT**



**THE VISUALISER** 2010 Fee: \$1,500  
*Giant's Causeway – Smokey Mirage, by Holy Bull*

- Graded Performer & Allowance Winner
- By 2009 Leading Sire **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**
- First four dams are **ALL Black-Typed**



All Fees Live Foal, payable when foal stands & nurses  
All Stallions nominated to the Breeders' Cup, Oklahoma Stallion Stakes,  
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Royal Strand-Gal's List, by List



Unbridled's Song-Zing, by Storm Cat

## Third All-Time Top Louisiana-bred Earner Multiple Stakes Winner of \$901,616

- Broke his maiden first out at two by 4 lengths.
- **2006 Champion Louisiana-Bred** Three-year-old Colt with 8 wins, 6 stakes wins at three.
- **2007 Champion Louisiana-Bred** Older Male at four with 5 wins by a combined 52 3/4 lengths, 4 stakes wins, setting **NTR** at EVD: 1 mile in 1:36 2/5.
- **2007 Louisiana Horse of the Year.**

\$1,000 Live Foal payable September 1st of year bred or \$1,500 Live Foal payable when foal stands and nurses  
Nominated to Louisiana Stallion S. and Breeders' Cup

## Record Setting GSW by UNBRIDLED'S SONG

- Undefeated 2YO. Broke his maiden by 10 3/4 lengths at Keeneland and went on to capture the \$120,000 Three Chimneys Juvenile S. at Churchill Downs by 4 1/4 lengths setting a **NEW STAKES RECORD.**
- Sold for \$6,100,000 at the '06 KEE Nov. Breeding Stock Sale, the highest price ever for a horse in training sold at Keeneland. As a 2YO sold for a record price of \$1,400,000.
- Full-brother to: a \$1,700,000 weanling, (highest priced weanling at public auction in '05); a \$2,600,000 KEE Sept. yearling, (3rd highest priced yearling of '07); and a \$1,150,000 '08 KEE Sept. yearling.

### Brilliant speed...bred for the classics.

- Won the G2 Richter Scale Breeders' Cup Sprint at Gulfstream Park after blistering internal fractions of :21 3/5 and :43 3/5. His Average winning margin was over 4 lengths.
- His first crop weanlings averaged \$36,000 at the Nov. KEE Sale.

\$4,500 Live Foal payable September 1st of year bred or \$5,000 Live Foal payable when foal stands and nurses  
Nominated to Louisiana Stallion S. and Breeders' Cup

## AFTERNOON DEELITES

Private Terms-Intimate Girl, by Medaille d'Or

**22 STAKES WINNERS • 7 GRADED SW  
53 STAKES HORSES  
PROGENY EARNINGS \$23 MILLION  
13% STAKES HORSES  
AVE EARNINGS PER STARTER \$57,437**

\$3,000 Live Foal September 1st or  
\$3,500 Live Foal S/N  
Nominated to Louisiana Stallion S.  
and Breeders' Cup

## B.J.'S MARK

Sheikh Albadou-Gem's For Julie, by Diamond Prospect

**AVE EARNINGS  
PER STARTER \$55,797  
AEI 1.47  
70% Wnrs/Starters  
17% Stakes Horses**

\$1,000 Live Foal September 1st or  
\$1,500 Live Foal S/N

## DOCTOR MIKE

Autocracy-Run Prissy Run, by Bayou Hebert

**7-TIME STAKES WINNER  
OF OVER  
HALF-A-MILLION DOLLARS!**

\$1,000 Live Foal September 1st or  
\$1,500 Live Foal S/N  
Nominated to Louisiana Stallion S.  
and Breeders' Cup



# IDE



Forty Niner-Maytide, by Naskra

## A.L. "Red" Erwin 2009 Louisiana Stallion of the Year

Louisiana-bred runners by **IDE** accumulated \$2,231,521 in 2009 ranking him the #1 Leading Sire of Louisiana Breds for the year, and earning him the title "A. L. 'Red' Erwin 2009 Louisiana Stallion of the Year." His top earner for the year was 2yo filly **SHEZACRAZYGIRL**, winner of the inaugural \$250,000 Louisiana Jewel S. at DED.

The Ide Group, LLC would like to thank the many owners and breeders whose support has contributed to Ide's success.

**56 Winners of over \$100,000 each**  
**75% Winners/Starters**  
**\$58,830 Ave. Earnings/Starter**  
8 winners already in January 2010.

THE LEADING SIRE by average, two or more sold at the '09 Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana, Inc. Yearling Sale

\$2,500 Live Foal payable September 1st of year bred or \$3,000 Live Foal payable when foal stands and nurses  
Nominated to Louisiana Stallion S. and Breeders' Cup

# LION TAMER



Will's Way-Tippecanoe Creek, by Olympio

## Brilliant Millionaire G1 Winning Sprinter/Miler TRIPLE DIGIT BEYERS 9 TIMES.

### Leading First Crop Sire

by average, two or more sold

at the **Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana, Inc. Yearling Sale & Fasig Tipton Texas Yearling Sale**

- Broke his maiden at 2, zipping through 5 fur. in :56 4/5 to stop the clock in 1:08 3/5 at Belmont. Won first 2 starts at 3, including the G2 Hutcheson S. in 1:22 3/5.
- 16 of 20 starts in stakes-15 graded.
- Won the G1 Cigar Mile H. in 1:33 2/5 (111 Beyer); ran 3rd in the G1 Breeders' Cup Sprint (106 Beyer); 3rd in the G1 Vosburgh H. (104 Beyer).

\$2,500 Live Foal payable September 1st of year bred  
Nominated to Louisiana Stallion S. and Breeders' Cup

## FORD EVERY STREAM

Seeking the Gold-Classic Slew, by Seattle Slew

### G3 PLACED WINNER OF \$263,007

His first winner **PASS IT DOWN** wins the Louisiana Stallion Stakes

Two winners in one week (1-23 & 24-10) rank him among leading 2nd crop sires in Louisiana.

\$2,500 Live Foal September 1st or \$3,000 Live Foal S/N

Nominated to Louisiana Stallion S. and Breeders' Cup

## OLE REBEL

Carson City-Velvet Tulip, by Valid Appeal

**MULTIPLE STAKES WINNING SPRINT SPECIALIST**  
**Triple Digit Beyers 4 Times!**

\$1,500 Live Foal September 1st or \$2,000 Live Foal S/N

Nominated to Louisiana Stallion S. and Breeders' Cup

## PORTO FORICOS

Mr. Prospector-Gallanta (FR), by Nureyev

**AEI 1.73 - APEX 1.99**  
**TOPS IN THE STATE!**  
**AVE EARNINGS**  
**PER STARTER \$61,373**

\$1,500 Live Foal September 1st or \$2,000 Live Foal S/N

Nominated to Louisiana Stallion S. and Breeders' Cup



DEVOTION  
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REPUTATION  
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1	YONAGUSKA (98, Cherokee Run), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	209/126	8/11	2/8	(Musket Man, \$836,000)	\$5,326,420	*378	12	1.30	1.33
2	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	156/97	5/5	2/5	(Bad Action, \$288,905)	\$2,991,421	*465	10	1.10	1.06
3	YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$5,000	112/62	4/5	1/4	(Supermodel, \$123,414)	\$2,618,935	173	7	1.52	1.38
4	IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	119/57	3/4	2/3	(Shezacrazygirl, \$172,800)	\$2,346,920	396	15	1.29	1.16
5	LEESTOWN (94, Seattle Slew), Red River Farms	Died, 2008	184/62	2/2	2/2	(Lee City Slew, \$123,931)	\$2,249,140	442	15	0.93	1.00
6	SNUCK IN (97, Montbrook), Matthews Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	125/74	1/1	1/1	(Sneak a Cold Treat, \$97,260)	\$1,756,113	250	4	0.93	1.01
7	GOOD AND TOUGH (95, Carson City), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	103/50	0/0	0/0	(Jemilyn, \$178,120)	\$1,754,165	*287	11	1.30	1.23
8	SEFAPIANO (89, Fappiano), Landlock Equine Center	\$2,500	69/36	5/9	3/5	(Jonesboro, \$585,110)	\$1,732,840	296	22	1.39	0.97
9	GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms	\$2,000	102/50	2/2	0/2	(Cajun Conference, \$141,300)	\$1,721,942	*354	6	1.06	1.17
10	ROSSINI (97, Miswaki), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	127/49	1/1	1/1	(Gandolfini, \$127,474)	\$1,325,117	*395	6	0.69	0.85
11	RICHTER SCALE (94, Habitony), Chad & Pat White Farms	\$2,500	118/55	0/0	0/0	(Rock Hard Candy, \$74,880)	\$1,287,619	305	7	0.82	1.41
12	TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Heritage Stud	\$2,000	76/39	0/0	0/0	(Yare, \$150,720)	\$1,284,139	175	3	1.04	0.98
13	AFTERNOON DEELITES (92, Private Terms), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,000	101/40	1/2	1/1	(Classy Deelites, \$201,500)	\$1,245,210	*492	22	1.23	1.51
14	ROBYN DANCER (87, Crafty Prospector), Shady Lane Farm	Died, 2009	91/47	2/2	1/2	(Fancy Runner, \$160,890)	\$1,092,747	623	22	1.14	1.35
15	ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev), Foxwood Plantation	\$3,500	54/24	2/3	2/2	(Zarb's Ballerina, \$175,100)	\$994,041	*289	14	1.15	0.90
16	SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), Millennium Farms at Moon Lake	\$2,500	63/36	1/2	1/1	(Single Scoop, \$71,910)	\$978,369	92	2	0.96	0.99
17	HONOR GLIDE (94, Honor Grades), Fanlew Farms	\$2,500	61/35	1/1	0/1	(Euroglide, \$93,332)	\$899,333	133	2	0.72	1.16
18	PORTO FORICOS (95, Mr. Prospector), Clear Creek Stud	\$1,500	37/13	1/1	1/1	(Mr. Foricos Two U, \$321,659)	\$843,066	108	5	1.60	1.25
19	RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Foxwood Plantation	\$1,500	29/18	1/1	1/1	(Productive Envoy, \$172,460)	\$824,866	50	3	1.64	1.00
20	LITTLEEXPECTATIONS (97, Valid Appeal), Millennium Farms at Moon Lake	\$2,000	57/25	2/6	1/2	(Seven Seventythree, \$227,100)	\$774,616	114	3	0.96	1.11
21	MILLENNIUM WIND (98, Cryptoclearance), 519 Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	86/32	1/1	0/1	(Whirlwind Poppy, \$59,914)	\$756,164	*216	3	0.59	1.38
22	TETON FOREST (01, Forestry), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	43/21	1/1	1/1	(Deltalicious, \$86,510)	\$754,316	85	1	0.94	1.09
23	EASYFROMTHEGITGO (99, Dehere), Ryder River Ridge Farm	\$2,000	45/17	1/2	0/1	(Happyfromthegitgo, \$169,710)	\$685,135	81	1	0.80	1.07
24	TOOLIGHTTOQUIT (92, Dixieland Brass), Ryder River Ridge Farm	\$2,000	35/19	2/2	2/2	(Coach Mike, \$92,000)	\$643,208	128	7	1.10	1.11
25	FINEST HOUR (94, Forty Niner), Camelot Farm	\$2,000	72/21	0/0	0/0	(Sparkling Diamond, \$64,700)	\$638,644	256	4	0.70	0.80

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(at Alamo Pintado)," Carter recalled, though not all were Thoroughbreds. At the time there was also an extensive Arabian population in the area.

While at Alamo Pintado, Carter assisted Dr. Van Snow, the resident vet at Monty Robert's Flag Is Up Farms near Buellton, treating sick foals and helping with emergency cases. He later replaced Snow at Flag Is Up, but Carter knew he would not

be there for long.

(Roberts gained international acclaim as "The Man Who Listens to Horses," with his method of communicating with horses through their natural body language.)

"In 1984 Oklahoma passed pari-mutuel (wagering), and I had made my plans clear that in 1988 I was going home," Carter said. "There were no jobs in Oklahoma when I graduated, so here would be the one chance to return. There would be an

influx of a thousand horses."

True to his word, Carter packed up and moved back to the Sooner State, establishing Oklahoma Equine in the little town of Washington, between Norman and Purcell. He was at Remington Park when the track ran its first card September 1, 1988.

"Yeah, there I was, me and about 25 other vets that showed up at Remington," Carter said laughing. "About half a dozen of us survived."

One of the reasons Carter survived, he believes, was the two years he spent at Flag Is Up.

"I worked with young horses (at Flag Is Up) because they would break 125 to 150 yearlings a year and get them ready for 2-year-old sales," said Carter, who celebrated his 50th birthday last October. "I gained a lot of experience with young horses."

Carter had a successful racetrack practice, but like many racetrack vets, decided it was causing him to miss too much time with his family. He and his wife, Terri, who met at Oklahoma State, will celebrate wedding anniversary number 30 this summer. They have three children: Jessi is continuing the family tradition, having graduated from the same vet school as her father last year and is now employed at Weatherford Equine Medical Center in Texas; Matt is an investment banker with Barclays in New York; and Rylie is a freshman at Norman High School.

To be closer to his family, Carter built Oklahoma Equine Hospital in 1989, located

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The Carter family after Jessi graduated from the Oklahoma State vet school in 2009

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Business at the facility has not been without its challenges, in particular, Carter said, the decision in 1999 by the Quarter Horse industry to change its rules to allow for the shipment of semen. Not coincidentally, Oklahoma Equine experienced a precipitous decline in business.

"Indian gaming had taken off, the fan base was gone, handle was down, and purses were down... when the Quarter Horse industry changed its rules, in one year we went from 1,000 Quarter Horse mares to 450, and the next year to 250. All of our clients were racing Quarter Horse people. In one year our gross at the clinic dropped \$400,000."

The Oklahoma Equine stallion barn got its first occupant when Carter's neighbors, Brent and Jo Ann Charlton, who own Charlton Ranch, approached him about standing Prospector's Music (Mr. Prospector—Minstrella, by The Minstrel). He moved from Kentucky for the 2002 breeding season for a \$2,000 fee (Prospector's Music died in 2004 of a ruptured cecum).

"I agreed to stand him, and right after we bought him he had Gygistar (a five-time graded stakes winner, including the grade I King's Bishop Stakes), so we bred 72 mares to him. We had him leased, so it was a financial windfall."

Perhaps more importantly, because of the purchase of Prospector's Music, Carter established a relationship with Chris Baker, who manages Edward Evans' Spring Hill Farm in Virginia. Evans co-bred and raced Prospector's Music (and bred and raced Gygistar). At about the same time, Carter also began a relationship with Richard Golden and Tom Bowman at Northview Stallion Station in Maryland.

This year five stallions will stand at Oklahoma Equine, though 1994 Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) winner Concern (Broad Brush—Fara's Team, by Tunerup), who moved from Northview in 2004, is basically pensioned. He may still cover a mare or two.

The other current stallions are Diamond (Mr. Prospector—



Liquor Cabinet covered 57 Thoroughbred mares last breeding season

# 2009 Leading Sires in Arkansas

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1	<b>STORM AND A HALF</b> (97, Storm Cat), McDowell Farm	\$1,500	117/53	1/1	1/1	(Sheriff Hotdog, \$58,070)	<b>\$1,167,411</b>	277	12	0.87	1.04
2	<b>PROUDEST ROMEO</b> (90, Proud Truth), Kilkerry Farm	N/A	49/25	1/1	1/1	(Summer of Summers, \$85,920)	<b>\$606,921</b>	154	7	1.03	1.27
3	<b>DOVE HUNT</b> (91, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center	N/A	50/22	0/0	0/0	(Little Dovefeather, \$61,343)	<b>\$524,602</b>	302	10	0.93	1.10
4	<b>MORLUC</b> (96, Housebuster), Trophy Club Training Center	\$1,500	19/10	1/1	0/1	(Princeville Condo, \$152,515)	<b>\$321,312</b>	43	1	0.79	0.83
5	<b>SMOLDERIN HEART</b> (95, Two Punch)	Died, 2004	32/17	0/0	0/0	(Cactus Town, \$33,401)	<b>\$312,578</b>	59	1	0.63	0.79
6	<b>FUTURE STORM</b> (90, Storm Cat), Against the Wind Farm	\$1,500	41/15	0/0	0/0	(Winter Warning, \$41,136)	<b>\$278,780</b>	*448	12	0.92	1.39
7	<b>HESABULL</b> (93, Dispersal), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$1,000	13/7	1/1	0/1	(Behave, \$77,452)	<b>\$278,204</b>	77	4	1.12	1.26
8	<b>SHARLUK</b> (87, Sharpen Up), Against the Wind Farm	\$1,500	23/10	0/0	0/0	(Blazinett, \$64,294)	<b>\$275,475</b>	159	5	0.89	0.72
9	<b>FATHER STEVE</b> (99, Pulpit), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$1,000	23/11	0/0	0/0	(Prince Steve, \$35,947)	<b>\$214,967</b>	65	0	0.69	0.85
10	<b>IDABEL</b> (86, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2004	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Jack's Lil Bit, \$64,772)	<b>\$205,300</b>	*179	8	0.74	0.92

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Pure Profit, by Key to the Mint), who relocated from Northview in 2006 and whose 2010 fee is \$1,500; Liquor Cabinet (Hennessy—Key Hunter, by Jade Hunter), who was bred and raced by Evans, \$1,500; Major Leaguer (Grand Slam—Dance Review, by Northern Dancer), who raced for Ed, Marilyn, and Krista Seltzer, \$1,000; and Seeking Greatness (Seeking the Gold—Touch of Greatness, by Hero's Honor), who was co-bred and raced for Jayeff B Stables, \$1,000.

Seeking Greatness covered 28 mares in 2009 while Diamond and Major Leaguer covered 11 each. The popular guy in the stud barn was first-year stallion Liquor Cabinet, who covered 57 mares, the second-highest total for any stallion standing in Oklahoma last year (Tales Not Told covered 72).

"In the fall of 2008, Chris (Baker) and I had been talking and they had some horses coming off the track," Carter said. "I liked his (Liquor Cabinet) breeding; he's by Hennessy, which I thought would work in Oklahoma, and there weren't any (other sons of Hennessy) here; he had speed, with a 113 Beyer (Speed Figure); he was a graded stakes winner (grade III Aqueduct Handicap); and he is from a good female family. We bought him, and by just word of mouth he was well received. He also covered a dozen Quarter Horse mares."



Disappointment with sales of Oklahoma-breds motivated the Carters to start their own auction house

Though one would think Carter's veterinary practice would mostly be treating Thoroughbreds, that is not the case today, with about 85% of his clients owning Western performance horses.

Carter and his wife are not big breeders themselves; they own half a dozen mares. But disillusionment with the prices they saw Oklahoma-bred horses bringing at sales both in and outside the state caused the couple to take a bold step, starting their own sales company.

Terri Carter is the sales manager for the Carter Sale Co., which the past three years has held an annual yearling sale at the Oklahoma City State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. Last year, with a catalog of 113 horses, the sale gross was up 22% to \$420,700 while the average decreased 8%. The top price the first two years

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1	OLIVER'S TWIST (92, Horatius), Menoken Farms	\$1,000	46/19	3/3	3/3	(E F Five, \$30,463)	\$271,434	194	10	0.59	0.80
2	PROSPECTORS GAMBLE (85, Crafty Prospector)	Died, 2003	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Bluefinger, \$50,740)	\$125,734	460	16	1.29	1.22
3	MAJORBIGTIMESHEET (95, Carson City), Wafer Thoroughbred Ranch	Died, 2009	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Major River, \$39,914)	\$121,429	24	1	0.57	0.60
4	CASH DEPOSIT (94, Deposit Ticket)	Died, 2009	23/8	0/0	0/0	(Homerun King, \$15,238)	\$94,177	104	4	0.27	0.52
5	CRYSTAL CLASS (00, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	14/5	1/1	1/1	(Illusive Crystals, \$21,580)	\$63,965	21	1	0.30	0.45

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was \$50,000 while last year the sale topper was an Alphabet Soup colt that brought \$33,000. The average the first two years was more than \$8,000 while last year it dipped to about \$7,700.

This year's yearling sale is set for Aug. 24, but the big news is that the sale company is planning an auction of 2-year-olds in training at Remington Park in June and a mixed sale in December.

The Carters do have a few horses in training, including Ucankeepthechange, a 4-year-old colt by Seeking Greatness out of the Presto Lad mare Nanny's Lil Lassie. Ucankeepthechange is raced in partnership with Mark Rodgers, a local television sportscaster in Oklahoma City who purchased the colt as a yearling for \$17,000.

Ucankeepthechange broke his maiden first out for trainer Bret Calhoun, and was then favored in the 2008 Oklahoma Classic Juvenile, but he clipped heels and chipped both knees. He bowed a tendon upon his return last fall, had stem cell replacement therapy, and is currently undergoing rehabilitation.

The Carters did breed the graded stakes-

winning Quarter Horse Sunday Zoom, and bred and raced the stakes winning Quarter Horse Guilty of Zoom. The latter is out of a Thoroughbred mare, Suspicious Appeal, by Valid Appeal, who is a half-sister to Meadowlake and Leo Castelli.

In addition to his veterinary practice and stallion operation, Carter is a past president of the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association and past recipient of the Oklahoma Equine Practitioner of The Year Award. He also served as a member of the American Quarter Horse Association's Animal Welfare Assurance Task Force, is a past director of the Oklahoma Thoroughbred Association, and served as member of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission.

Carter is also active politically, both in state and national issues and races. He and many other members of the equine community in Oklahoma supported Brad Henry, who was elected governor in 2002 and helped push through passage of slots legislation two years later. Henry was re-elected in 2006 by a wide margin.

"We were very active in Henry's cam-

paign," Carter said. "I think the horse industry is what won the election for him. He did everything he said he would do. He gets all the credit; nothing would have happened (in regard to slots) without his support."

With term limits ending Henry's tenure this year, Carter and others are now supporting the current lieutenant governor, Jari Askins, in her bid for the top office in the state.

"She is a strong advocate for the horse industry," Carter said.

Carter was a delegate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, and he and Terri attended President Barack Obama's inauguration last January. They attended a luncheon in Washington, D.C., where the entertainment was provided by Cheryl Crow, Bon Jovi, and their longtime friend and client, Lyle Lovett.

"Lyle is an excellent horseman," Carter said. "He rides reiners and cowhorses, and last year he and Scoop Vessels bred a Quarter Horse mare to Storm Cat."

It figures he would mention that about Lovett, because everything with Carter eventually leads back to horses. 🐾

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