

Beduinos Cat *Wins*

Stallion Service Auction Derby



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Beduinos Cat is owned by Jennings Beegle and trained by Rettele’s wife, Carol. The big bay three-year-old gelding won the 400-yard race with a time of :20.428. He was just a neck in front of the race favorite Patriot Warrior, who was ridden by jockey Richard Gillard. DNA Chrystalandstone and Gabriel Lagunes came in third place.

Beduinos Cat and jockey Richard Rettele were the quickest to the wire in the 12th running of the \$50,000 Stallion Service Auction Derby Saturday, Sept. 5. The race was part of Wild West Adventure, featuring purses in excess of \$150,000 for Quarter Horse Stakes action.

The 2009 Quarter Horse Stallion Service Auction Derby Final was filled by eight Quarter Horses. The field was made up of three-year-olds that qualified with the fastest times in the Derby Trials held Aug. 20.

Beduinos Cat had a clear start. Rettele had the son of Panther Mountain focused as he left from the gate and headed down the stretch.

“He was perfect in the gate,” said Rettele. “I couldn’t have asked for anything better. We have been working with him a lot in the gate. He was very calm and did just what I asked for. He got away really good and everything went smooth.”

As the field headed down the stretch Beduinos Cat quickly took towards the front of the pack.

“I knew he (Beduinos Cat) was going to win by mid-way down the track,” said Rettele. “He was just on it today. He didn’t give me any doubts. I am very proud of this colt.”

The Derby win was Beduinos Cat’s fifth win of his career and the second in 2009. It also marked the biggest purse win to date, bumping his career earnings to more than \$47,000.

“This horse (Beduinos Cat) is a smooth ride,” said Rettele. “He is much more seasoned now and is ready to do whatever I ask him to

Patriot Warrior turned in the fastest time trial of :20.573 in four heats to advance to the final. Beduinos Cat had the second fastest time trial of the three-year-olds qualifying for the final, finishing second in the time trial behind Patriot Warrior.

“This colt (Beduinos Cat) has really come a long way,” said Carol.



“We’ve worked a lot with him recently and he’s really come around. I’m glad for Jennings (Beegle) since he bred and raised him.”

The Rettele family has fared well at Hoosier Park Racing and Casino over the years. They have also teamed up for two stakes wins in the Governor’s Stake and conditioned Kelsey Bug to a win in the 2001 edition of the Stallion Service Auction Futurity. The Retteles are based in Michigan and also race Thoroughbreds at Pinnacle Racecourse near Detroit.