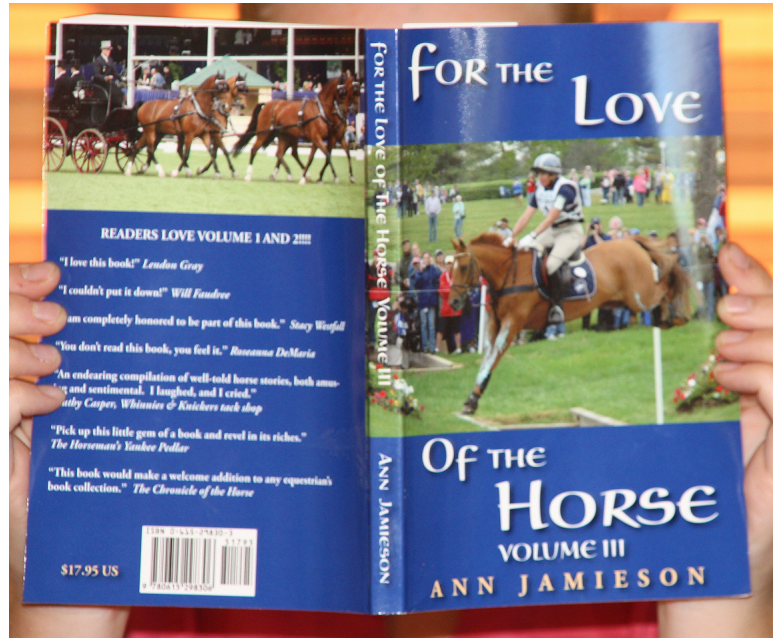


Chester Weber's Horse of the Year, Jamaica, Featured in New Equine Book

Ocala, FL (October 14, 2009)- Jamaica, the 2008 USEF Horse of the Year and the most valuable player on Chester Weber's Four-In-Hand Combined Driving team, is being featured in a new book called For The Love Of The Horse, Volume III. Written by Ann Jamieson, the book features a chapter on Jamaica's rags to riches story that captivated the equestrian nation when Jamaica was nominated for his Horse of the Year title.



Jamaica, now 18 years old, may be a highly decorated member of Team Weber, but his career as a world-class four-in-hand horse almost didn't come to pass. In the book, Jamieson recounts how Jamaica ended up at a slaughterhouse before being sold to a carriage company.

“What I like best about Jamaica's story is the fact that Jamaica probably found himself in a slaughterhouse because of his 'difficult' temperament, and yet that temperament is exactly what endows him with such bravery, competitive spirit and desire to win,” Jamieson said.

Weber has often said that Jamaica is the most spirited horse he owns and that Jamaica likes doing things his own way. “Working with Jamaica is like doing business with organized crime – you need patience and understanding with this horse because if you aren't flexible it won't go your way,” Weber said.

Fortunately for Jamaica, he and Weber turned out to be a perfect match – a spirited horse and a horseman with patience. Jamieson said that fact inspired her while writing Jamaica's story. “What I found inspirational about Jamaica's story is that, against tremendous odds, he and Chester wound up together, producing a perfect pairing. It is the synergy of the two that has created such an unstoppable dynamic in the world of driving. Chester allows Jamaica to be who he is, and in return, Jamaica gives everything he has,” Jamieson said.

Despite his fame, Jamaica isn't resting on his laurels and in fact is hoping to help Team Weber defend their Four-In-Hand National Championship title. Weber and his team have won the title six consecutive years in a row and are hoping to be the first team to ever win the title seven times. Weber also has his sights set on the World Equestrian Games in 2010, which will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, and is hoping that Jamaica, his amazing horse with the rags to riches story, will be along for the ride.

"It is an honor for a such a special horse's story to be recorded in a book, along with many others," Weber said. "It is a must read."

Photo: Jamaica, the 2008 USEF Horse of the Year, is featured in a new horse book called For The Love Of The Horse, Volume III by Ann Jamieson. The story describes Jamaica's adventure from being rescued from a slaughterhouse to being part of Chester Weber's world class Four-In-Hand Combined Driving team. (Photo courtesy of JRPR, no credit necessary)