

Dusty High Bar

In May 1982, Dusty High Bar, at age four, arrived in Mount Albert, Ontario to become the then 12 year old Leanne Verzin's show horse. "Dusty" had been bred by Ken and Leslie Bursaw of Dunnville, Ontario, who were long-time Appaloosa breeders and promoters and the owners of High Bar, a breeding stallion with a very successful show history. High Bar's babies were well known in Canada and the U.S. as versatile and extremely trainable individuals.

Leanne and Dusty began a long relationship with Ken and Leslie, as well as Patty Brouwer, who trained Dusty while she was at college in Findlay, Ohio. Patty learned from teachers such as Clark Bradley and Dale Wilkinson and put her knowledge to good use in training Dusty. Dusty's show career lasted about 10 years, during which time she won many ROM's, AOM's as well as ApHC National Top Ten several times. She was an excellent trail horse, and Leanne won 11 command classes in a row and was undefeated in that event one OAHA season. She was a multiple OAHA year end award winner. Just as she was a good show horse, Dusty proved to be a good mother as well, producing three foals by Prince Candy Man and one by Kelo Connection as well as two by Dream Scheme. Leanne and Dusty were a great team and it was always a treat to watch them work together. Ken Bursaw said, "I could breed horses for another 20 years, and never get another Dusty High Bar."

