

# Jet's Hot Rodder

Jet's Hot Rodder was foaled in 1985 and nearly 28 years later, still resides with his original owners, Vance and Kathy Blackmore. Sired by National Champion Roman Jet and out of Bluff's Hot Issue, "Hot Rodder" was shown by Vance at the 1985 OAHA Futurity, winning the weanling colts class. In the following years, he was shown in Hunter Under Saddle and Western Pleasure classes by Sherry and Anita Newbigging and Vance Blackmore.

In 1990, Hot Rodder started his career as a youth horse with Erin in dressage lessons. Born a solid palomino, the Blackmore's were thrilled when, in the spring of 1992, the gelding's winter coat shed out to reveal dozens of snowflake spots across his hips, just in time for his debut at the 1992 Canadian National Appaloosa show. That year, the pair took home the very first National Championship title and went on to be named Reserve High Point Youth 9 & Under at that show, launching several successful show seasons for the pair. Over the years, they competed at Appaloosa and open shows in English, Western, Gaming and Jumping classes, and had fun trying out some cattle classes despite Hot Rodder never having even seen a cow before. Despite an injury, Erin and Hot Rodder competed at the 1996 Canadian Nationals, taking home several top 10 placings. By the late 1990's, Amber Blackmore had taken an interest in showing on the Appaloosa circuit, and so Hot Rodder was passed down for her to enjoy. Amber and Hot Rodder were a part of the "Southwest Belles" youth team at the 2000 Canadian Nationals and showed at saddle club shows until 2002.

Outside of the show ring, Jet's Hot Rodder has represented the Appaloosa Breed on numerous trail rides in Ontario and Michigan, and participated in the Sheltowee Trail Ride three times, first with Erin in 1994, and then with Vance in 1996 and 1997. His quiet, confident nature has meant that he has been entrusted with the most novice riders, and in 2000, he took his turn as a therapy horse for a young girl born without eyes, eventually helping her learn to walk on her own.

Throughout the last 20 years, Jet's Hot Rodder has participated in nearly two dozen parades, and in 2010, he became part of Vance's campaign for re-election as the Deputy Mayor of Southwest Middlesex. With election lawn signs tied on to his saddle bags, Vance proudly rode Hot Rodder in two local fair parades. A few months later, the trustworthy palomino showed no objection to being lit up like a Christmas tree for the night-time Santa Claus parade down the streets of Glencoe. A true family horse, Jet's Hot Rodder has been an exemplary member of the breed, both in and out of the show ring.

