

## AQHA Stallion IMA SMOKIN ZIPPER, Humanely Euthanized in Texas.

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The Quarter Horse World lost a great sire in July when AQHA Stallion Ima Smokin Zipper was humanely euthanized in the weeks following a freak injury that resulted in a fractured front coffin bone. “Despite



valiant efforts by multiple veterinarians, and over the course of several weeks, it became evident, ultimately, that it was not in Zipper’s best interest to continue trying to keep him alive” said Dr. Theresa Dwyer, his main veterinarian & breeding manager at Dr. T’s Equine Clinic in Salado, TX.

Ima Smokin Zipper, known affectionately as “Zipper,” was not only a notable sire, but also an accomplished show horse in his own right. The handsome 1992 Chestnut was a son of the legendary Zippo Pine Bar out of the producing mare, Sheer Smoke. During his career Zipper earned an AQHA Superior in both Western Pleasure and Trail. Additionally, Zipper was an AQHA Reserve World Champion in Western Riding, AQHA World Top 3 in Trail and a finalist in Jr. Western Pleasure. At the time of his death, Zipper had recently been taken out of retirement to earn his ROM in Performance Halter, and was only

points away from doing so, remarkable for an aged stallion in his mid-teens! Zipper’s get continue to win and make names for themselves throughout the Nation, he was the proud sire of World & Congress Champions, NSBA Money Earners, Futurity and Circuit Champions. Zipper’s final owner and biggest fan was Melissa Miller of Belton, Texas who also owns and stands the notable AQHA Stallion, Roo Star. Zipper stood at Dr. T’s Equine Clinic who managed his day-to-day care, breeding & collection. “He’ll be sorely missed- not only by me, but by all my staff” continued Dr. Theresa Dwyer, “He was a special horse with a very special personality, we’re proud to have been associated with him” Zipper’s legacy will continue through the accomplishments of his get.