

# Skylark 17 Horses of Half Moon Ranch: A Legacy of Excellence in Western Performance Horses



Nestled amidst the rolling hills of California's Central Coast, Skylark 17 Horses of Half Moon Ranch has established itself as a premier breeding,

training, and showing operation for Western performance horses. With a passion for preserving and promoting the American Quarter Horse, the ranch has produced a remarkable lineage of champions that have excelled in reined cow horse, cutting, and ranch versatility events.



## Skylark: Book 17 (Horses of Half Moon Ranch)

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### A Legacy of Breeding Excellence

The foundation of Skylark 17's success lies in its meticulous breeding program. The ranch's stallions and mares are carefully selected for their exceptional athleticism, trainability, and unwavering cow sense. The bloodlines of renowned performance horses, such as Doc Bar, Zippo Pine Bar, and Smart Little Lena, flow through the veins of Skylark 17's horses.

One of the ranch's most influential stallions is the legendary reined cow horse sire **\*\*Smart Little Jarvis\*\***. This exceptional stallion has sired numerous champions, including multiple NRCHA World Champions and AQHA Super Horses. His progeny is known for its high level of intelligence, athleticism, and responsiveness to training.

## **Exceptional Training and Development**

Beyond genetics, Skylark 17 Horses focuses on providing its horses with the highest level of training and development. The ranch's team of experienced trainers employs a comprehensive approach that encompasses all aspects of Western performance horse training.

Horses are introduced to cattle work at an early age, allowing them to develop a natural instinct for cow sense and herd control. They undergo rigorous reining and cutting exercises to enhance their athleticism, agility, and responsiveness to their riders' cues.



The ranch also places a strong emphasis on ranch versatility training. Horses are exposed to a variety of tasks, such as roping, herding, and obstacle courses. This comprehensive training regimen prepares them for the diverse challenges of ranch life and Western performance competitions.

## A Record of Championship Success

The results of Skylark 17 Horses' dedication to breeding, training, and showing are evident in its impressive record of championship success. The ranch's horses have consistently performed at the highest levels of Western performance competition.

In reined cow horse, Skylark 17 Horses has produced numerous NRCHA World Champions, including **\*\*Smart Top Sail\*\*** and **\*\*Smart Invested\*\***. These exceptional horses have showcased their versatility, athleticism, and cow sense on the world stage.

In cutting, the ranch's horses have achieved similar success. **\*\*Smart Little Whiz\*\*** and **\*\*Smart Little Kitty\*\*** are among the many cutting champions bred and trained by Skylark 17 Horses. Their exceptional ability to read and cut cattle with precision has earned them top honors in major events.



Beyond reined cow horse and cutting, Skylark 17 Horses has also produced champions in ranch versatility events. **\*\*Smart Little Gambler\*\*** and **\*\*Doc Smart Pistol\*\*** have excelled in all aspects of ranch work, including roping, herding, and obstacle courses.

## **A Commitment to the American Quarter Horse**

Skylark 17 Horses of Half Moon Ranch is more than just a breeding and training operation; it is a testament to the enduring legacy of the American Quarter Horse. The ranch's commitment to preserving and promoting this iconic breed is evident in every aspect of its work.

The ranch actively participates in AQHA events and supports youth programs that encourage young riders to embrace the Western performance horse tradition. Skylark 17 Horses also works closely with other breeders and trainers to advance the breed and ensure its future success.

Through its exceptional horses, dedicated trainers, and unwavering passion for the American Quarter Horse, Skylark 17 Horses of Half Moon Ranch continues to set the standard for Western performance horse excellence.

Skylark 17 Horses of Half Moon Ranch is a true gem in the world of Western performance horses. Its unwavering commitment to breeding, training, and showing exceptional horses has resulted in a legacy of championship success and a profound impact on the American Quarter Horse industry.

As the ranch continues to produce exceptional horses and inspire riders of all ages, its influence on the Western performance horse tradition is sure to endure for generations to come.

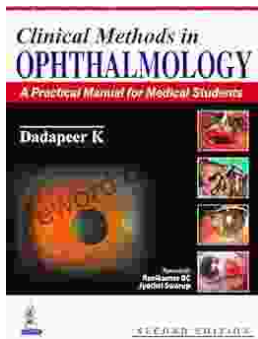


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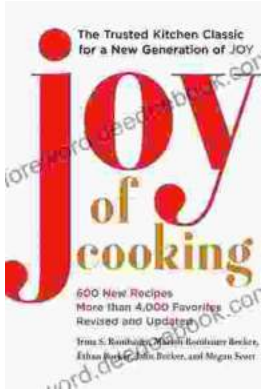
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