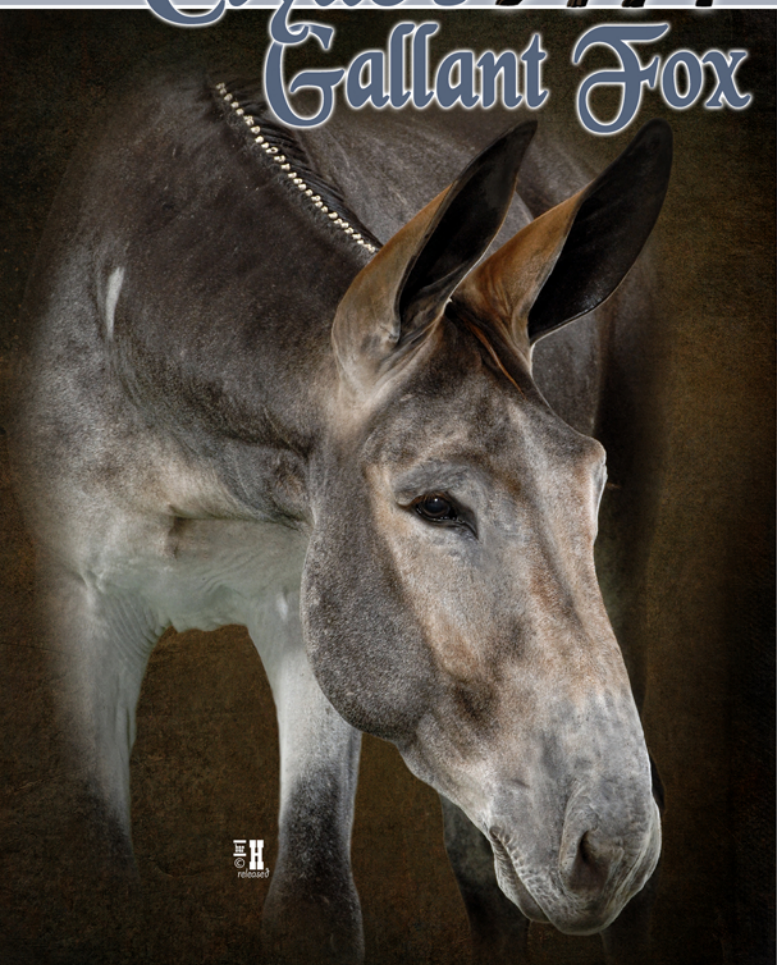


# Clyde's Gallant Fox



## Front Cover Story



Clyde's Gallant Fox has greatness in his blood. Sired by 5 time NASMA leading jack, TJC Clyde, "Ted", as he is affectionately called, is following his father's hoof prints and becoming a leading producer in his own right.

Foaled in 2007, Ted's unequalled consistency and natural ability has launched a stellar show career. He is the reigning NASMA High Point Open Donkey and has retained this honor for three years in a row. He was the first donkey to earn a Superior Performance event award and now holds 4 Superior event titles. He is the only donkey on record to hold multiple Superior performance awards. He has been World Champion high point donkey at Bishop Mule Days twice. He has more than 1000 NASMA points to his credit with halter championships and high point honors at nearly every major show in the Nation.

"He just does his job and he loves doing it," says his trainer, Tabitha Holland. "He has always been easy to train. At Bishop in 2011, Ted ran in the pole bending where he was fast enough to earn the World Championship. Immediately following his run, he trotted down the track a couple hundred yards into the arena where he also won the World Championship in western pleasure ridden one-handed on a full drape of rein. That is versatility -

both mentally and physically - and you very seldom see it to that extent."

Owner Samantha Francis says that she was always impressed by Ted's disposition. She was so sure Ted was going to be successful that she nick named him after her favorite rock star, Ted Nugent.

"I chose his name because I knew my little donkey was going to ROCK the place when he grew up!" said Francis.

Those who have been lucky enough to be a part of Ted's rise to fame have never doubted his ability to perform. However, the question on everyone's mind was, "Will he pass on his greatness and continue his success as a sire?"

Breeders who were willing to take a chance on this young jack are now seeing big results. His first foal, a striking black molly named I'm Foxy and I Know It, has already earned her halter Register of Merit. In fact, with only a small group of yearlings competing in halter classes, Ted's foals have earned enough points to garner him the 2013 NASMA Leading Jack award.

"I was shocked when I learned Ted had earned the leading jack award," said Tabitha Holland. "Ted's foals are not yet old enough to compete under saddle so I am very proud that they earned enough points showing only in halter to secure the title."

Dan and Tabitha Holland earned the 2013 NASMA Leading Breeder award for breeding the most point earning mules. All of their foals were sired by Clyde's Gallant Fox. "He stamps them all with beautiful heads and athletic bodies," states Holland. "He is putting a lot more size with refinement on his foals than I have seen from many other jacks. These are modern, gorgeous mules that anyone would be proud to own and show."



*I'm Foxy And I Know It, yearling molly mule owned by Dana Heath, College Station, TX*



*Pistols And Posies, 2012 Molly, World Champion 2 & Under Quarter Horse Type Bishop Mule Days*

Dana Heath of College Station, Texas recently had the opportunity to purchase Ted's first foal, I'm Foxy And I Know It.

"I love Ted and I really wanted one of his babies," said Heath. "The thing that drew me to Foxy was her structural correctness and elegance. She has size, length of stride and a delicate head and neck with a bright expression in her eyes."

Heath went on to say, "I love her presence and the way she trots with her head naturally level. She expresses so much confidence in the show ring. She captures your attention and holds it."

W.P. West of Broken Arrow, OK brought Ted his first public mare to breed. "I wanted to breed a mule colt with a great disposition and correct conformation for my wife,"

reflected West. "I looked for solid, straight feet and legs. Ted had the overall quality I was looking for and I thought he would be a good cross for my mare."

"I knew I was taking a chance," said West. "Bottom line, 'the proof is in the pudding,' and I made a great decision! My john is extremely conformationally correct with a temperament that you just can't beat."

First year breeders, Julia Wilmerding and Beth Gerace from Lander, WY are also excited about their foal sired by Clyde's Gallant Fox.

"Beth and I spent a long time looking at jacks for Dolly. We wanted to be able to ride, drive, pack and maybe show our future mule. We looked at a lot of different jacks. Even though Ted was young and unproven we kept coming back to him. He has good size without being bulky, a beautiful head and a lovely eye... Yes we were smitten!" Gerace said.

"Coulter, our first mule foal, is all we wanted! He is friendly, extremely smart and willing to learn, has great conformation and is a good mover, said Gerace. "We could not be happier with the results of this breeding! We are going to breed her back again in the spring."

Ted's mule foals are making quite an impression and the excitement is

building for the birth of his first donkey foal. Jayne Zajicek with Circle Z Donkeys in College Station, TX, has an outstanding jennet due to foal this spring.

"We could not have asked for a nicer jennet to produce Ted's first donkey foal," said Holland. "We are thankful that Jayne gave us the opportunity to breed Ted to a proven producer." Holland continued, "We are also looking forward to the future. We just booked National Champion jennet, Cooper's Farm Pride's Pauline for the 2014 breeding season.

"We are planning on breeding Pauline to Clyde's Gallant Fox this spring," said Elisha Iager of Woodbine, MD. "We have had the opportunity to spend some time with Ted at the shows and he has such a great temperament and outstanding conformation. Ted fits exactly what we are looking for in a jack. We are very excited about the future of the resulting donkey foal from this cross!"

Clyde's Gallant Fox has earned superstar status as he criss-crosses the Nation to shows. He has his very own Facebook page and boasts nearly 500 fans! He stands at Signature Equine in Morris, Oklahoma. His 2014 fee is \$450 with multiple mare discounts and shipped semen available. For more information, follow Ted on Facebook or visit [www.ClydesGallantFox.com](http://www.ClydesGallantFox.com).



*Foals by Clyde's Gallant Fox*