

The Tale of Pearls for Josie

I was born in New York on March 21, 2017. My registered Jockey Club name is Pearls for Josie but everyone calls me Pearl.

I am the first-born filly for my dad, Make Reservations. He is a son of Tapit and Formal Reception. I'm sure you know who Tapit is. Formal Reception's dad is Unbridled. I bet you know who that is too! You can read more about my dad and his family on his webpage. Anyway, I think he has great expectations from me!

Mama Get Even is my mom and let me tell you, she will! During her race career, she came in the money 8 out of 10 times. My mom's dad is Multiple Graded Stakes Winner, Stephen Got Even. Her mom is Tomisue's Mamaloi who is by the Multiple Graded Stakes Winner, Gone West. My family tree has a lot of winner in it!

Growing up, I had a lot of fun and my mom was pretty cool. Sometimes I was a bit of a handful but it's all part of growing up. I was raised along with this group called The Posse. I think they are just dumb boys showing off but when it was time to go to school in Ocala, they let me hitch a ride with them so I guess they're okay.

I was an excellent student at Cadence Training Stable. My lessons were done well but sometimes my teacher, Dawn, would call my mom and complain about my "diva personality". Whatever. I am a "pearl".

I graduated school the same time as The Posse leader, Energizer. We both went to Tampa Bay Downs where I met my trainer, Kent Sweezey. Track life is harder and stricter than school but I know how to smother everyone with sweetness! I'll be here until spring and then I head home to New Jersey. Then I get to be with my mom and dad more - which may or may not be good! Unfortunately, my mom is "hip" to me so there's no getting away with anything!

When mom and dad visit it's the best! They bring me snacks and tell me how beautiful I am and how proud they are of me. They know what their diva needs!

My parents told me I had to decide on an aftercare I will run and earn for. After thinking long and hard, I decided on Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation. True Prosperity gave me the suggestion because she runs for them too!

The day finally came at the end of my 2-year-old year where I was ready to run my first race. I guess I did okay, finishing 4th out of a field of nine. Everyone thought I did fabulous and earned a great speed figure! I know I can and will do better next time!

Well, that's all I can say about my life so far. I hope you might continue to follow my journey because I'm sure there will be plenty to add to my story.

Look for me in 2020! It's going to be a fabulous year!

To be continued