

Jimmie Miller Smith

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Jimmie has been a prominent supporter and contributor to the Appaloosa breed since the 1960s and an Appaloosa owner since she was 9 years old. She has bred, owned and shown multiple National and World champions including Docs Hickory Doll, Miss Doc O'Lena, Doc O'Lena Doll and ApHC futurity champion Ima Colida O'Lena.

Jimmie's roots are in cattle work, which she learned about from her dad on their 5,000-acre ranch along the north fork of the Canadian River. Her interest in Appaloosas and using them for cutting increased. She began showing Appaloosas in cutting — against Quarter Horses, whose owners thought the idea of Appaloosa cow horses was ridiculous — and winning. Jimmie and her family have owned, bred, trained and shown Appaloosa cutters — making a place for Appaloosas in the cutting world, especially at National Cutting Horse Association events, which positively promoted and increased people's awareness of the breed.

At the 1991 National Show, seven of the eight top horses in junior and senior cutting were the result of the Smiths' breeding program, and the family has collected many bronze production plaques for their successes. Four generations in Jimmie's family have enjoyed cutting — it's their passion and way of life.

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