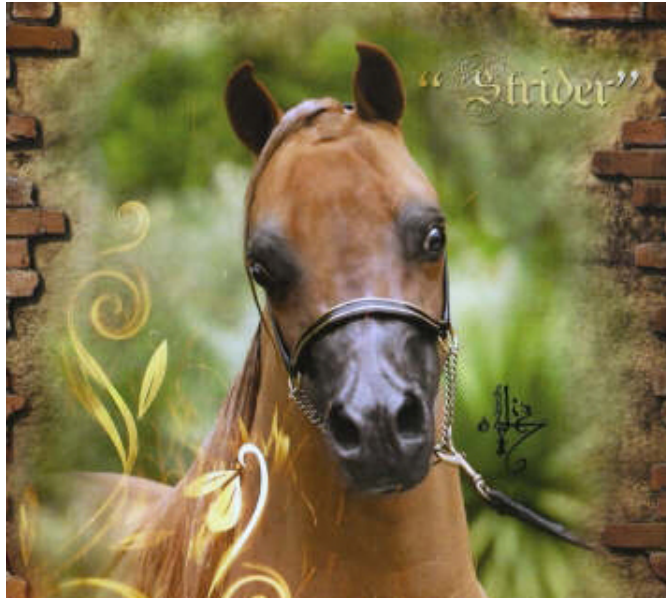


Lord of the Ring, or "Strider"



as he's known by his friends, was sired by the first Canadian World Grand Champion Miniature Horse, First Knight's Bit O Hot Shot, and was the last foal for the renowned mare, Lazy N's Rowdy Ginger. Big name, big shoes to fill, small horse.

Strider was bred and is still owned by K.C. Pappas of First Knight Miniatures of Calgary, Alberta. His dam was the foundation mare of a well respected breeding program at the Runnin Bare Farm in Texas. K.C. Pappas became good friends with Joe and Ginger Jeter of Runnin Bare after purchasing a mare from them in 1993. Due to their advancing age, Joe and Ginger could no longer care for their prize horses, and chose Alberta as the place they wanted them to live out the rest of their lives. Ginger, or "Sunshine", as K.C. called the gorgeous palomino mare, was in very poor condition when she put her on the trailer to make the long drive from Texas to Alberta. She was certain Sunshine would not be with them for much longer. With great support from Moore and Co. Vet Clinic, Sunshine surprised everyone, rebounded remarkably, and produced her last and best foal, Strider. They lost her in September of 2008, but Sunshine's lineage and great personality live on in every foal produced at First Knight.

Strider is the winner of three Grand Champion titles from the World Miniature Show in Fort Worth, Texas and has continued to make his mark on the Miniature breed through his offspring. He was the second highest stallion in the 2009 Futurity Sires held in Fort Worth, Texas. From his first crop of three foals born in Calgary in 2007, two have attained World Championship titles, with First Knight's Return of the King winning the coveted Grand Champion Futurity title in 2008. At the 2010 Worlds, Strider's offspring were on the podium once again with a yearling colt winning the Futurity and a yearling filly the Amateur Futurity and the Grand Futurity.

Through his years in the show ring, Strider developed a huge fan base. Since most farms were in competition with him, this was somewhat unusual, but when he was in the ring, people went crazy cheering. Strider is now eight and retired to stud and is the main babysitter of the foals. He is ever patient and watches over them constantly, with the mares quite content to have some time to themselves to graze without worry.