

TWO EYED JACK

Two Eyed Jack and Howard Pitzer are so closely connected in Quarter Horse fame that you can not really talk about one without mentioning the other.

Two Eyed Jack was Quarter Horse stock from his cannons to his crest, and every inch of muscle in between. He was foaled in 1961 and was by Two D Two out of Triangle Tookie by Grey Badger III.

As a yearling, Two Eyed Jack was undefeated at halter throughout the Midwest, winning all 13 of his classes and taking seven grand champion titles. He won seven more grands as a 2-year-old, taking 16 of the 17 halter classes in which he was entered. On top of that, he earned four western pleasure points. In 1964, Two Eyed Jack wrapped up an AQHA Champion title and Superior honors in halter, in addition to earning points in western pleasure.

Eventually, Two Eyed Jack earned 217 halter points and 70 grand champions. He also earned performance points in western pleasure, hunter under saddle, reining, working cow horse and western riding.

Jack was in and out of the show ring until 1979. By then, his career as a halter and performance horse — impressive as it was — was already being upstaged by the achievements of his get.

Two Eyed Jack sired 1,416 horses, which accounted for 17,029 points in AQHA showing. Of them, 14 became AQHA World Champions,

while seven became AQHA World Champions. He sired the very first AQHA Superhorse, Vickie Lee Pine, and nearly 100 of his foals placed at the AQHA World Championship Show. Twenty-five became open high-point winners, while 55 were reserve high-point horses; eight were youth high-point winners and 29 finished reserve in those ranks. They account for 242 open Registers of Merit, 66 youth ROMs and six amateur ROMs. Sixty-nine became Superior performance horses. But perhaps the most staggering number is 119 — the number of open AQHA Champions sired by Two Eyed Jack.

On May 2, 1991, Two Eyed Jack was put down due to old age. He was inducted into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in 1996.



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Two Eyed Jack was a Quarter Horse stallion and showhorse, and the leading all time sire of American Quarter Horse Association (or AQHA) Champions.

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Life

Two Eyed Jack was foaled in 1961, a sorrel stallion bred by H. H. Mass. His sire was Two D Two, a descendant of Old Sorrel. Two D Two's dam was a linebred Little Joe mare, Little Joe being a son of Traveler. Triangle Tookie was a daughter of Grey Badger III, and a granddaughter of Grey Badger II. Tookie's dam traced back to Joe Hancock P-455.^[1] Triangle Tookie produced five AQHA Champions in her breeding career, including Two Eyed Jack.^[2]

Show career

Howard Pitzer bought Two Eyed Jack in 1964 to cross on Pitzer's Pat Star Jr mares, after the horse had already earned many of his lifetime 217 AQHA open halter points. Owned by Pitzer, he earned the rest of those halter points, as well picking up another 46.5 points in Western Pleasure, 7 points in hunt seat, 3 more points in Western Riding, 3 in working cow horse and 6 points in reining.^[2] Those points earned Two Eyed Jack an AQHA Superior Halter Horse award along with his AQHA Championship and a Performance Register of Merit.^[3]

Pitzer had previously looked at Two Eyed Jack twice before purchasing him, once when he was ten days old, and then again when Jack was two at the Denver Stock Show. The second time, Pitzer told his companions that Jack was a nice horse, and that he'd make an "awful nice gelding."^[4]

Two Eyed Jack	
Breed	<u>Quarter Horse</u>
Discipline	<u>Halter</u> <u>Western Pleasure</u>
Sire	Two D Two
Grandsire	Double Diamond
Dam	Triangle Tookie
Maternal grandsire	Grey Badger III
Sex	<u>Stallion</u>
Foaled	1961
Country	United States
Color	<u>Sorrel</u>
Breeder	H. H. Mass
Owner	Howard Pitzer
Other awards	
AQHA Performance ROM, AQHA Champion, AQHA Superior Halter Horse	
Honors	
<u>American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame</u>	
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Breeding record

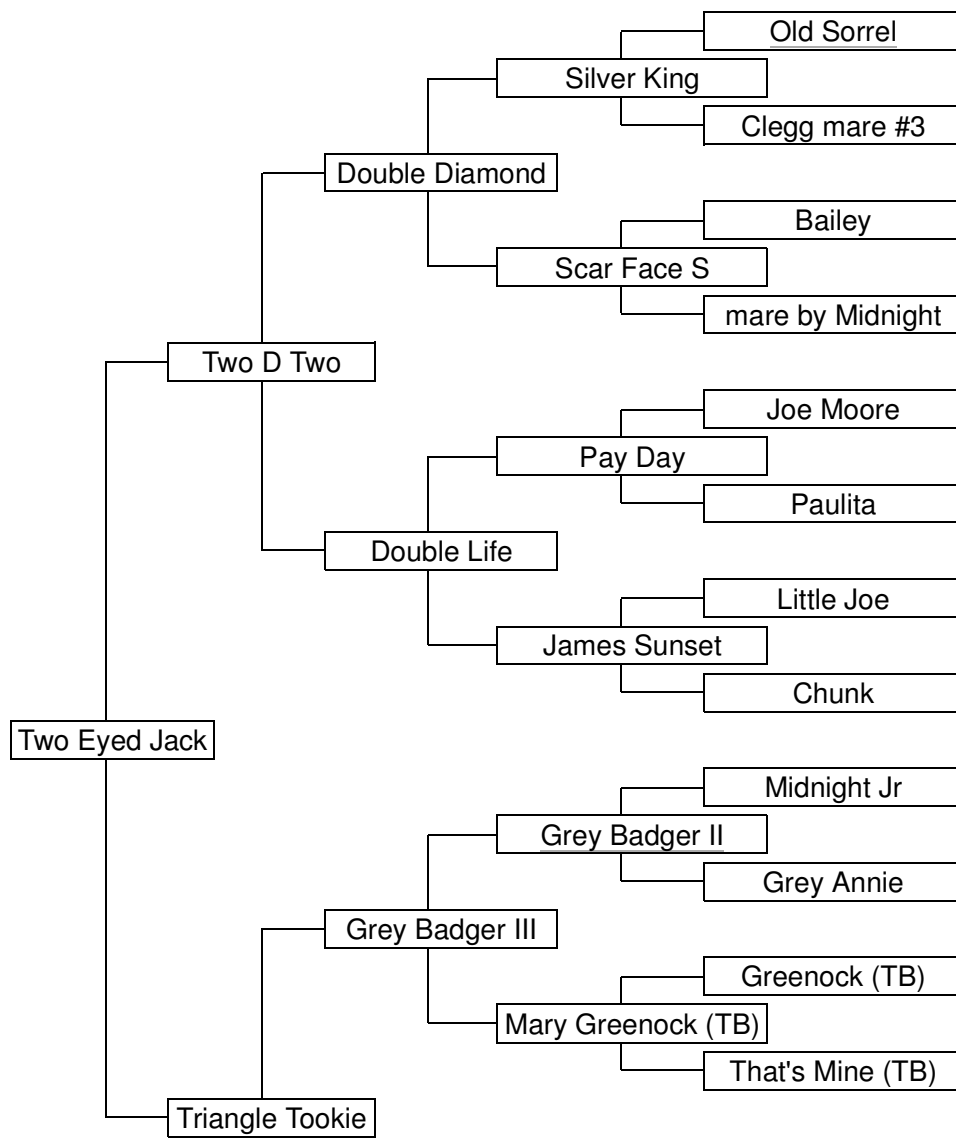
Two Eyed Jack is the all time leading sire of AQHA Champions, having sired 119 Champions. He also sired sixteen AQHA World Show Champions, as well as 242 Performance Register of Merit earners.^[5] He also sired three AQHA Supreme Champions.^[6] His daughter Vickie Lee Pine was the 1978 AQHA World Show Superhorse. Among his other offspring were Two Eyed Patti, Two Eyed Donna, Watch Joe Jack, Two Eyed Del, Deacon Jack, Two ID Bartender, Jack Eyed, and Two Jack.^[3]

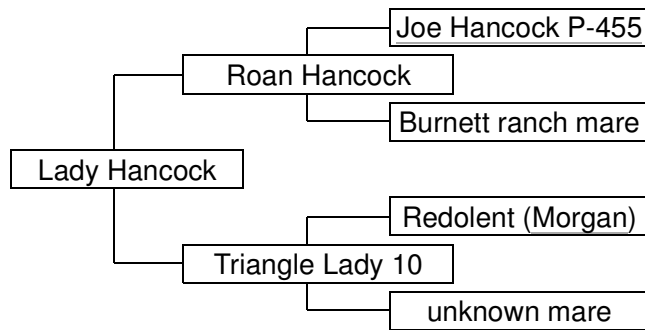
Death and honors

Two Eyed Jack stood 15.2½ hands high and weighed 1350 pounds.^[2] He died on March 2, 1991.^[6] He's buried on Pitzer's ranch in Ericson, Nebraska where Pitzer buried all his stallions.^[7]

He was inducted into the AQHA Hall of Fame in 1996.^[8] In 2007 *Western Horseman* magazine chose Two Eyed Jack as number four on their list of top ten ranch horse bloodlines.^[9]

Pedigree





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