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Leon, My Kind of Teacher

By Steven Long

There is a particular quality that comes only from cowboys. It is exemplified with a quiet competence, a soft spoken voice, and simplicity of communication that makes every word understandable, comprehensible, and not in the least bit obtuse.

That is Leon Harrel, five time World Champion cutting horseman and two time NCHA Futurity winner. And that is the rare quality brought to his new video.

Known for decades as a master in the arena, Harrel was chosen to write the book *Cutting* in the vaunted *Western Horseman* series on equine sports, no small honor when you consider the competitors who could have been chosen. He's recognized as one of the reigning masters of his sport.

Now, Harrel has launched a new instructional CD, Leon Harrel, "Serious Horseplay for Amateur Cutters."

I've sat through scores of these things and they always lose me - always. I find myself dozing about 30 minutes into most videos because the production quality is often so poor and the presentation is generally so ill conceived. The videographers did a masterful job of capturing Harrel in the arena as he executes some pretty intricate moves, and the audio quality is superb.

I found myself glued to my screen and talking back to it, finally anxious to put on a pair of boots and spurs, race to the stable, and get on Façade to try what I just learned, or better still get on Bruja, Vicki's horse who is the most gifted athlete I've seen, either human or horse, since Mohammed Ali.

From his Springtown, Texas home in Parker County, Harrel dispenses wisdom in doses large and small, but most important, frequently. Moreover, he follows a logical pattern, on the video, starting with a guide to buying the right horse, what to look for, and what to avoid. He then moves to equipment, the tack so essential for success in the cutting arena. Finally, he is horseback on a magnificent dapple gray mare and rare for a cowboy, shows affection to her. He also admits something else.

"I love pretty horses," he says early in the program. Harrel gives a hint why. "So do the judges."

I've watched the NCHA World Championships many times. I know what the elite in the sport look like and what the greatest of their mounts are capable of. Harrel has been there at that lofty level so often it is habit, yet there is nothing pretentious about him and his presentation.

The video is available at leonharrel.com, (or call 877-288-9484). It is jammed packed with invaluable tips you just won't get anywhere else.

Finally, you don't have to own a cutting horse or even ever have the intention of separating a cow from the herd. You are sure to benefit no matter what your equine sport. This video is a horsemanship essential - period, and end of story.



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