

Rita Lauby

Amateur Volunteer Ranch Riding Clinician and Judge

Rita Lauby has lived in Ft. Collins the last 30 years, but that is not where she got her start in horses. Rita was born in central Nebraska. She began riding horses at age 5. Many of her younger years were spent riding bareback, since she was not allowed to ride with a saddle until she was old enough to saddle her horses by herself. In the summertime, she and her siblings rode nearly every day, staying out all day.



*Figure 1 Rita Glaser Lauby & Circle Bar Pistolcat
Top Ten Ranch Horse Pleasure*

At age 8, Lauby joined 4-H and began to compete at local horse shows. She continued to be a member for 10 years and competed at the 4-H State Level as well as at AKSARBEN Stock Show. Rita went 15 years without horses as an adult. She worked hard to save enough money to purchase property that would allow horse ownership. Today, she enjoys horses through competing, trail riding, and driving.

A favorite quote that sums up horse activities can be found on her refrigerator. It reads, “I can sit on a therapist’s couch, or I can go ride my horse.” Horses have always brought her pleasure, pride, challenges, friendship, social networks, continuous learning, and emotional/mental therapy. Her involvement with horses helps her to stay in good, physical shape.

Some of Rita’s achievements include:

- Placed in Top Ten in Select AQHA World Championship for last 2 years
- 20 years of active horse showing in AQHA and NVRHA
- Exhibited Lit Bit of Badge - whose pedigree includes Freckles Playboy, Peppy San Badger and Poco Tivio - to the top NVRHA Award; the Legend. (There are only 13 Legends in last 10 years in NVRHA)

As to her motivation for helping with the Ranch Horse Round Up/Helping Our Warrior Vets Event, Rita states, “It is something I can do to volunteer and give back. My and my husband’s family has a history of Veteran service. It is a source of pride to us. I am happy that I can help and be a small part of the weekend event.