



WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

ABOUT ZENYATTA

OLD KENTUCKY HOME: Bred by Eric Kronfeld's Maverick Productions, Zenyatta was raised at Winter Quarter Farm near Lexington. She was purchased at the 2005 Keeneland September yearling sale for \$60,000 by David Ingordo for Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Moss. Trained by John Sherriffs from his West Coast base,

she never raced in Lexington — but was paraded at Keeneland before her fans in a retirement ceremony in 2010.

NATURAL NURTURER: "Exemplary" is how Lane's End broodmare manager Charles Campbell describes Zenyatta the mother. "Normally, you worry about how maiden mares will take to their foals ... and every other small step they will encounter as first-time mothers," he said. "Zenyatta took it all in stride and seemed to know exactly what her role was. She never put a foot wrong."

ZENYATTA BUNCH: Last year Zenyatta practically adopted two other foals turned out in the same paddock with her and her first foal, a son of Bernardini named Cozmic One. The three followed her around the paddock, one behind the other. She took them all under her wing.

HERE WE GO AGAIN: This year has been no different. As soon as Zenyatta was shown her second foal, a chestnut son of Tapit, she took to him immediately. "She has such kindness and is so

delicate," Campbell said. "You have to see it to believe just how incredible she is, both as a racehorse and as a mother. It's a one-in-a-million kind of thing."

PERSONALITIES: Both of Zenyatta's foals are outgoing and well-adjusted. "They are both very curious of anyone and anything that is around them," Campbell said. "They've both inherited so much character from her."

DAY IN THE LIFE: In the spring-time Zenyatta and her foal head out to her pasture around 7:30 a.m. and come in around 3:30 p.m., weather permitting. In the summer they are turned out at night and come in for part of the day. Her handlers still see the occasional "dance," the dressage-like strut that was her signature pre-race move, come out when they are leading her to or from the barn — usually when she gets excited about something.

TREATS BUT NO STOUT: Peppermints have been the favorite treat of this equine star dating back to her younger days, and she still gets plenty on the farm. But her old racing diet, which included a healthy amount of Guinness, is no more. Mrs. Moss brings Zenyatta pears and carrots when she comes to visit instead.

PLENTY OF FANFARE: Zenyatta's website (www.zenyatta.com) has been viewed close to 6 million times since January 2012. She has around 124,000 Facebook fans, and still receives stacks of "snail mail" too, especially around her birthday.



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By Claire Novak

The Bluegrass welcomed back one of racing's beloved leading ladies in December 2010 when Kentucky-bred Horse of the Year Zenyatta retired to Lane's End Farm. This brilliant dark bay daughter of Street Cry — who raced to 19 straight victories for Jerry and Ann Moss before losing an epic battle with Blame in the Breeders' Cup Classic by a nose, her last start — is now a mother of two far from the spotlight. Still, her fans

stay in touch to follow this new chapter of Zenyatta's life, and those who are privileged enough to work with her on a daily basis say she hasn't lost an ounce of the charisma she displayed on the track. Her owners, along with former trainer John Sherriffs and Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith, stop by to visit every chance they get. They say there's no doubt the 9-year-old mare is instilling the characteristics of a champion in her offspring. 🐾