

**Cassie
Royal Jade Lady**

Our story:

I was in a very serious car accident 15 years ago and as a result, had stashed away some money to be used on my facial nerve injuries in the future. I happened to be surrounded by Angels that day and was lucky to have escaped with the injuries I had.

I decided to use the money on a horse instead of my face and so after a summer of my daughter, Alyssa, leasing a horse, we let her pick her first horse.

Alyssa picked Cassie in December 2006 because she 'just knew'. Alyssa was only 10 years old at the time. The owner was impressed by Alyssa and she let us buy her horse.

Cassie, at this point, had been a show horse for a girl who grew up and then Cassie had three babies, and then Julie (an adult rider) purchased her for a year as a show horse.

I knew nothing really about horses, but for some reason, wanted to have the horse be used as a therapy horse, and so I bought a truck and trailer. Being a show horse, everyone was shocked that we wanted to use her in parades (4H) and also for a therapy horse. But I really felt I needed to do this and without knowing anything at all about horses.....I learned how to drive the truck and trailer and proceeded to do Courage Riders for the next four years. Cassie was the favorite of the Director as well as many riders.

Cassie also won Jr. Grand Champ one year at the Washington County 4H Fair, and seventh place at Champ Show in Showmanship for my daughter.

Cassie won the hearts of many, and was talented in English, Western, Showmanship and also her new found love, Dressage!

But due to injuries, was retired from the show circuit yet provided several folks lessons primarily in Dressage.

I have had five inquiries for her this past two months, which I feel so blessed for a nearly 19 year old horse! But I picked Freedom Farm ...there was just something special with Susie and her place.

There is something also very, very special about Cassie which you will soon find out. I did not understand at the time, why Cassie was not a nuzzler, and would wonder about her aloofness. Come to find out, that's a premier quality in a Therapeutic Horse.

Cassie is loved by many, and I am so happy to share her, and had I not had the accident, I would never have had the incredible joy of owning and sharing Cassie. I know she will continue to be loved and enjoyed and I am so happy that Alyssa and I can continue to be part of her life.

Laura Frickson