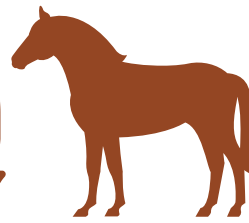


Equestrian Queen

Inspired by John 18:33-37



Jeanine grew up in a happy, humble home. She took on many of the characteristics of her parents. They modeled and taught her to work at your faith to grow it like a garden so that it may blossom into goodness, kindness, and mercy. She learned to care for her family, her neighbors, the land, and all the animals. She was born with a spirit for loving and caring for God's four-legged creatures, especially horses.

As a little girl, Jeanine's bedroom was filled with images of beautiful horses; there were horses on the walls, on the shelves, and on a huge rug that kept her feet warm on cold winter mornings. She thanked God for these special creatures and felt she could see His love reflected in their eyes as she stroked and brushed them. She felt His protection as she rode through the fields on horseback, and she felt His mercy when her first pony Annabelle died of old age at 32.

Jeanine knew she was very blessed to be able to devote her life to caring for horses. She grew a successful business from her love for them. Demand grew globally for the horses Jeanine raised. They were among the healthiest and strongest and gentlest in the world. Those with her unique "J" brand became beloved family farm additions as well as champion racers. Jeanine stayed very hands-on with her beloved animals to be certain they were treated right. She hired others to handle the business side and publicity. She was never the least bit interested in fame and fortune.

Early one crisp Fall morning when the light was just beginning to break through, Jeanine was in the barn grooming her J-team, as she called them, when she was approached by a reporter. Patrick worked for a national tabloid better known for shocking, exploitive news, rather than accurate, life-giving news. Patrick said to Jeanine, "Are you the Mean Horse Queen behind this breeding business?" Without stopping her work she calmly answered, "Do you say this from your own research of actual facts, or did you draw that conclusion based on what others have said about me?" Patrick answered, "I'm no horse expert, am I? Your own former employees who are now your competitors, and people in the industry handed over the information to me.

They say you have done terrible things to your horses to get them to perform at such a top level."

Remaining composed and confident in her truth, Jeanine answered, "My interest in these beautiful creatures does not belong to the business world. If my motivation was merely to make money, rather than to love and care for the horses it would show. These beauties would be fighting me. I would have been handed over to the authorities for animal abuse long ago. But, as you can see, that is not the case here. My kingdom is built on genuine love of horses."

Twisting her statement, Patrick pressed his agenda further. "So, you do consider yourself a Queen?" Jeanine didn't allow his persistence of negativity to rattle her. She answered, "You say I am a Queen. I was born with a deep love for horses. I believe this is my true life's purpose and gift to the Equestrian World. That is my truth, and you are here to listen to the truth straight from my voice. Everyone belongs and everyone has a purpose. It is up to you what you publish."

###