



ZOE SCHAFFEL

2021 JENNIFER C. ROBERTSON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

We congratulate Zoe Schaffel for the 2021 Jennifer C. Robertson Sportsmanship Award. We have watched Zoe from a young age progress in this industry as an accomplished driver and rider. Her early days as a junior exhibitor, driving and riding under saddle the great world's champion road ponies PT Cruiser and Mr. Lucky Man, were so fun to watch as she navigated the ring. We also loved watching the first time she drove the multi-titled, once-in-a-lifetime road horse, ^{GR CH} IAMNOTACOW.

We believe Zoe has shown in just about every division in this industry. But it is Zoe's attitude and presence inside and outside the show ring that set her apart. She has always shown amazing grace and excitement for any ribbon she gets. She is just happy to be around the horses and the horse people.

We have always seen Zoe around the show grounds speaking to trainers with enthusiasm and wanting to learn more about the sport. Even as a junior exhibitor she would stand along the rail trying to strike up conversations with trainers about horses so she could learn. Trainers would remark that she seemed so eager to learn and was wise beyond her years.

Trainers would always comment that Zoe's attitude and smiling face are why we need more like her in this industry. Young children that would follow her when she was a junior exhibitor are now showing in the ring and parents always comment they are so glad that their children had Zoe to look up to earlier in their careers. We believe Zoe has set a prime example of what sportsmanship in this industry should be about.

After graduating from the University of Florida in Animal Sciences in 2019, Zoe has started her own therapy business, Perfect Touch Equine Therapy, so she can continue her passion in the horse industry by helping our equine athletes.

Zoe is a friend to everyone and always has a smile on her face. She helps everyone by being a mentor to the younger kids and being a dear friend to her fellow riders. She encourages everyone around her to learn from mistakes and become better riders because of the mistakes. She finds the best of every situation or outcome she experiences. Zoe wants everybody in this industry to be successful.

That's the definition of sportsmanship.

