



Ken Arnold Ranch

Maintaining a tradition of the love, care and well-being of Thoroughbreds

Ken Arnold Ranch is located eight miles east of Stockton in California's fertile San Joaquin Valley. A full-service facility, the ranch poses a breathtaking view. Walnut trees surround the property that was given a refreshing new paint job of blue and white for the new millennium. When visitors approach the ranch from a pleasant driveway lined up fruitless plum trees, their first impression is that it was built first and foremost for the love, care and well-being of the horse.

Ken has always had a passion for horses. He bought his first racehorse in the 1950s and has been in love with the sport ever since. He built the ranch from the ground up and just boarded horses there for the first few years of its existence. He is believed to be one of the first horsemen in California to install an equine swimming pool, used as therapy and rehabilitation for horses coming off lay-ups or getting ready to begin their racing careers. Working in the water does not put stress on joints and tendons, and horses can swim themselves into

condition without risk of injury. It was this swimming program that helped to put Ken Arnold Ranch on the map.

The pool is still heavily used at the ranch and its successful Swim to Win program is now in its 31st year. In addition, the ranch also features an aqua treadmill, jogging machine and five hotwalkers. There are five barns with 65 stalls and 90 outdoor paddocks of various sizes.

Ken has managed the ranch until a year ago when he turned over the operation to his wife Barbara and farm manager Diego Lozano. Diego has been with the ranch for 11 years and has a great eye for horses. He is assisted by Jose Rodlebo, a 12-year employee. They make a great team. Barbara helps out at the ranch and transports horses several times a week back and forth to Northern California tracks. The ranch is 85 miles from Bay Meadows and Golden Gate Fields, making it a convenient place for horses to rest up from the rigors of racing.

Not Tricky stood his first season at Ken Arnold Ranch this year. Trained

by D. Wayne Lukas, he came out of the same Phone Trick crop as 1997 Horse of the Year Favorite Trick and ran the fastest five furlongs (:55 4/5) ever clocked by a 2-year-old. Graded stakes-placed twice to Coronado's Quest in the 1997 Cowdin and Nashua Stakes, Not Tricky won three of his eight starts and earned \$123,225. His first foals are now yearlings.

Storm Ashore brought the popular Storm Cat sire line to the ranch in 2001 and is out of a half-sister to the dam of international champion Taiki Shuttle. He was unbeaten at two in Ireland and won or placed in all of his starts at three, including a third in the Ruby Stakes, for earnings of \$66,223. Storm Ashore's first foals are now yearlings.

Makula King is a young son of Stop the Music—Sieve the Queen, by Afleet. His dam hails from the Northern Dancer sire line and is a half-sister to two stakes-placed performers, \$154,923-earner Stop Searching and \$92,175-earner Vigorous Search.