

Dr. R.E. Vermillion is the past president of the Mid-American Hackney Association and the Boone County Medical Society. Doc has been practicing medicine in Ogden, Iowa since 1961 and is still seeing 25 patients a day, 5 days a week.

He has been married to his wife, Pat since 1949. they have 4 children, Terry, Jeff, Robin and Scott.

He has ridden Ragbrai for 15 years and is preparing for the 2006 ride.

Terry Vermillion Bittle was the first woman president of the Iowa Horse Show Association and Mid-American Hackney Association. She was a correspondent for the National Horseman.

She has donated her time and flowers to the Des Moines Spring Show and the Mid-American Horse and Pony Show for many years.

Terry has been married to Ron since 1967. They have 4 girls, Amy, Kerry, Kelly, and Joplin.

Doc & Terry are very proud to be inducted into the Horse Show Hall of Fame. It is an honor to join Gib Marcucci, Barry Yount, Dr. Alan Raun, and all the others that have made showing horses a wonderful experience.

Dr. Raun sold them there first real show pony, "Kings Secret." They had taken it to show and Pat had braided the pony mane on the wrong side. Gib Marcucci came up and offered to help. He has been their pony trainer ever since, King's Secret was named All American that year.

Doc had a 6 stall barn at home where he and Terry cleaned and trained ponies after work. They would haul 2 ponies for every class from Gilman to

Zearing. They went to 1 or 2 shows a weekend.

Training ponies was a lot of work and it was decided that showing ponies should be more fun. Bigger time ponies were bought and Gib Marcucci trained them all.

Some of the ponies purchased for show were Kings Fanfare, Brass Band, the Persuader, and Souvenir Sparkle. These all did well at the medium sized shows, but better was needed.

They bought Holly Hocks and she was named World Champion, Road Pony Mare, World Grand Champion, Road Pony & U.P.H.A.-Horse of the Year. Black Magic was the next purchase and she was crowned World Champion Road Pony Mare. The next 3 ponies created a Vermillion-Bittle show string to be reckoned with-the beautiful Holiday Swinger, the speedster Yeah Boy!, and the perfect ladies and amateur pony Dutch Director.

From Lexington to Louisville the blue ribbons were collected and World Champions were claimed. These ponies made memories that will last a lifetime for Dr. R.E. Vermillion & Terry Vermillion Bittle.

Doc & Terry thank the Horse Show Hall of Fame for this great honor.