

# POCO BUENO

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*Poco Bueno. The English translation reads, “pretty good.” It is a wishy-washy compliment for one of the most influential sires of the 1940s, ‘50s and ‘60s.*

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Foaled in 1944, Poco Bueno was by King P-234 and out of Miss Taylor. The plain brown colt did not possess his sire's regal blood bay color, and he was a late bloomer.

In October of 1945, Hankins loaded the colt and some other horses, and hauled them to San Angelo, Texas. E. Paul Waggoner of the Waggoner Ranch bought the brown yearling for \$5,700.

Waggoner shipped the stallion to his Three D Stock Farm in Arlington, Texas, and began showing Poco Bueno. The brown colt won

several shows such as the Denver National Western Stock Show and the Southwestern Exposition & Fat Stock Show.

Bob Burton broke the two-year-old to ride, but it was Pine Johnson who showed the brown stallion to cutting fame. Johnson took Poco Bueno to the toughest competitions, and the duo consistently raked in the prizes.

Waggoner then sent Poco Bueno back to the arena to earn his AQHA Champion title. The stallion earned the award at the same time as his daughter Poco Lena.

Poco Bueno sired 405 registered foals. Of these, 36 were AQHA Champions, and three are in the National Cutting Horse Association's Hall of Fame: Poco Mona, Poco Stampede and the renowned Poco Lena.

Fagan once said, "To tell you the truth, Poco Bueno was the greatest horse I've ever been with, and I've been around a lot of them. He was easy to handle. Gentle. And smart. Nearly all his colts were the same way."

The brown stallion died in 1969, and was buried standing up across from the ranch entrance. A four-ton granite marker marks the special spot.

Poco Bueno was inducted into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in 1990.

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