

Donation from Dr Sue Smith of US\$1000 for an equitation science research project.

About Dr Smith:

I entered Purdue University in 1966. I graduated with honors in 1969 - BS in mathematics. I worked as a computer analyst/programmer for Penn Central RR starting in 1969. I entered University of Pennsylvania in 1972. Graduated in 1976 with a VMD. I married a classmate, Dr Bill (Tex) Smith in 1979. I was a small animal practitioner for 39 years. Tex was a mixed animal practitioner for 39 years. We retired and sold our practice Jan 2015.

I have had a passion for animal behavior for a long time. I read 'Don't Shoot the Dog' by Karen Pryor. That encouraged me to use positive training more often. I eventually became a KP certified trainer -just for my animals and friends.

I started riding infrequently in Radnor Pa when in elementary school. English tack, forward seat, two point. Never had my own horse. I married a 'cowboy' so switched to western tack. I did a few Competitive Trail rides but mostly I was just a trail rider. In our mid 60s we started riding and showing reining horses. What fun!!! A very supportive community- we cheer for each other at shows!

I am not a consistent enough rider to train a horse. Fortunately I have a fantastic trail horse and a lovely, kind, finished reiner (Mag Light. He won about \$23,000 before I bought him. I've helped him earn about \$200 😊). But I do play with them with tricks.

We have two married sons, 6 horses, 3 dogs (one in training temporarily with us as a service dog) and 2 cats.

And I have a father, a physician, who is 101 years old and still smarter than the rest of us.

Susie

Dr Smith would like her donation to go towards research into a facet of riding, training or the use of equipment that impacts pleasure and low-level competition horses. If you or a student of yours has such a project, please write (approximately 500 to 1000 words) describing your investigation and why you would find the money useful. Be sure to focus on the relevant information that will help us make our decision – this may be your innovative research idea, the practical implications of your study or another central theme of your work. We realize some extra money is always useful but would be interested to know how you plan to spend the money and whether your project has any other funding. Dr Smith looks forward to assisting the ISES Council with the decision.

Please be sure to include all of your relevant contact details and tell us whether you are a student or a supervisor and your institution.

The closing date for applications is November 30th, 2021. Please send applications to media@equitationsscience.com