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Shamrock

Purchased in 2006 as a two and a half year old Purcheron Quarter horse cross, the horse trader thought he was a 4 year old until the vet check proved otherwise. With 30 days of driving experience and little riding, Mike convinced Joann to take this gangly looking big boy home.

Shamrock was supposed to be Mike's horse, but when Dillon became lame for the year, Joann needed another horse and took him over. Shamrock started some intense training to substitute for Dillon. Diligently working him every day, perfecting his cues and accelerating his training, his first police horse competition was a big one. 2007 he went to the North American Police Equestrian Championships in Gaithersburg, Maryland and garnered enough obstacle points to place 3rd in Team Obstacle! Of course, he was so young and still quite green. The dressage pattern for the equitation course was totally blown as he swerved out of and then back into the perimeter white chains. He bucked going into his lope and then stood still at the end as if to say, so how did I do?

Shamrock has such a personality with a curiosity that will serve him well in the future. He has matured since that first competition and can now perform a dressage pattern with the best of them. Agile and fun to ride, this big boy's once gangly appearance has disappeared and his eager learning abilities shine.