A Tribute to Norm



Norm and Ceasar

Norman A. Daloisio Hi-Flashun Jack Russell Terriers In Loving Memory

The Jack Russell Terrier community recently lost one of its long standing and most respected members, Norm Daloisio. A perfectionist with a sense of humor, Norm always put his utmost into all his endeavors. Norm grew up in Ohio, but never forgot his Italian heritage (Abruzzi, Italy). He left Ohio for southern California in the early 1970s, when he received a scholarship from the famed Pasadena Playhouse, a renowned school of acting. He worked in the film industry for 10 years as an actor and later as a publicist for Universal Studios. During that period, Norm attended several Hollywood premiers and award events, often mingling with celebrities and other interesting people.

He later developed a passion for horses and eventually left the film industry to form a partnership breeding and training Arabian horses. Norm enjoyed his successful business and eventually became a judge of Arabian horses, traveling internationally to judge at shows. He was a renaissance man when it came to animals and also bred Emus and the best Angel fish in the CA area. When his Arabian horse business partner, Don Wardle, who was a well-respected Arabian horse judge and a mentor to Norm, had an accident–rendering him a paraplegic with limited resources, Norm took Don in and cared for him for nearly 16 years, an incredible act of kindness and selflessness.

While trying to thin out the rabbit and other small quarry population on his ranch in the early 1990s, Norm discovered Jack Russell Terriers and quickly became an enthusiast. He bred JRTs for nearly 14 years, applying much of the knowledge gained from breeding horses to his terrier breeding program. Norm wanted to breed high quality and attractive Jack Russell Terriers and the demand for his terriers around the country was a testament to his success in that regard. It was always hard for Norm to part with a puppy. He delighted in being around his terriers and cherished each of them. Norm was a long time member of the South Coast JRT club in Southern California and always looked forward to seeing and visiting with club members.

Norm was always busy working with his horses, terriers, and maintaining his home and property. Although this prevented him from traveling long distances to terrier trials, Norm enjoyed people and made many friends through the years. He was a polite and gracious person who served as an inspiration to many. Norm's passing greatly saddens us, but we rejoice in having known him and will keep him in our thoughts and hearts.

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