

*CORRECTION: Our apologies. We misprinted the incorrect photos in the August issue. We apologize. We present the Atwood Ranch Article as it should have run. Thank you!*

# Atwood Ranch

## *A Testament to Atwood Ranch*



“When I retired my horse of 17 years, I looked to Atwood Ranch for a young horse I could develop after a perfect beginning. I returned my profile, carefully reviewed the videos, breeding, and Horsenalities of the eight yearling colts they recommended, and then traveled to California to meet them all and make a choice. But when they brought them out to play, this bay filly was in the mix. What? I hadn’t wanted a mare! And there were no bay horses in anything I reviewed. But there she was. And as soon as my eyes met hers, I knew she was my new partner! It turns out she was put in the mix after I arrived and had met Catherine and Mike. How and why that exactly transpired I will never know, but they knew – and they were spot on.

“Tyra (AR Chicks Red Fire) is a brilliant Appendix, a challenge to take me to an advanced level of horsemanship I never thought possible. She is now six. We are confident at extreme trail riding, playing Level 4+ Liberty and On Line, and beginning French Lightness as our foray into Finesse. I am forever grateful to Atwood Ranch for somehow knowing more than I did about what I wanted and needed, and for allowing me the opportunity to have such a gifted horse find her way into my life.”

– Diane Neddenriep-Atlas

“I’d been dreaming of owning my own Atwood quarter horse ever since Atwood Ranch developed their Preschool Program. Not only did I immediately fall in love with these smart, charismatic yearlings, but also with the immense dedication Atwood’s staff and volunteers put into educating them. Never believing I would have an Atwood horse of my own, I “oohed” and “aahed” over them for years. It wasn’t until November 2010 that my dreams became reality.

“I was introduced to AR Another Reality Chex (called ‘Lady’), by David Ellis. She was at his ranch in Porterville, CA being started under saddle. From the first moment I climbed on her back, I knew there must be something truly different about Atwood’s horses. I was shocked by how calm, connected, and responsive she seemed – and she was only two years old! David took me on a tour of his ranch, which included many steep hills, creeks, logs to jump and gates to open. I was so impressed by the mental, emotional and physical fitness she showed throughout the entire ride. I remember thinking to myself that I would have never enjoyed that ride on my other horses. They wouldn’t have been able to keep their wits about them the way Lady did. I was sold!

“Now, several years later, Lady still astonishes me with her ability to adapt to every new situation that comes our way. Not only has Lady’s foundation fast-tracked me into advanced Level 4 concepts, but we are able to go out and rope, herd cows, and fix fences together. She is always exuberant and willing to get a job done. I know I can count on her to be my perfect partner.”

– Rebecca Carroll