

COOPER



Registered Name: Sir Skippa Gold

Foaled: January 7, 2001

Breed: Quarter Horse

Sex: Gelding

Color: Palomino

Height: 15 hands

At NAC since: November 2007

**Donated by:
KB Horses & Brenda Metzger**

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Biography:

Cooper is a Quarter Horse that was born in 2001 and donated to the National Ability Center in April of 2008 by Brenda Metzger. Cooper has had extensive training including being shown in halter classes. Cooper's previous owner was going to put him down due to a navicular bone defect that would not allow him to perform in the job required of him. NAC took him on a 90 day trial and he has been a rock star ever since. Cooper seemed to know that we were his last stop and loves to be a therapy horse. Cooper is very mature for his young age and is very responsive to riders and will stop on a dime if asked.

Cooper recently has been nervered, a process that cuts the nerves in his front feet to allow the pressure of the navicular bone rotation to no longer affect his performance. Since his surgery and full recovery he has been able to show us some of his hidden talents such as spinning and his sliding stop. Cooper has once again proved his weight in "gold". And is looking like he will provide many more years of service as a therapy horse and letting students take him to show in Halter Classes at upcoming rodeo and horse shows this summer.