

DASHA



Registered Name: Victoria Dash

Foaled: 1998

Breed: Quarter Horse

Sex: Mare

Color: Sorrel

Height: 16.1 hands

At NAC since: September 2005

Donated by:
**Kristi Brangle, with a partial
purchase by NAC**

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Biography:

Bred and born out of the champion Quarter Horse racing line, Dash for Cash, Victoria Dash (Dasha) came to us after a career in barrel racing. Her previous owner, Kristi Brangle donated her to the National Ability Center. Foaled in March of 1998, Dasha has been owned by the National Ability Center since 2004 and is a strong member of our horse team. She is a beautiful sorrel mare who is 16.1 hands with a long white blaze. Dasha brings much to the equestrian program through her even temperament and size. She is used in advanced lessons for young adults like dressage and trails, but she is also used in lead walking and walk-only lessons for children.

Dasha has formed a special bond with one of our riders, Nate. Nate is a young adult who has been riding Dasha for more than a year. Nate has Down's Syndrome and has become one of Dasha's favorite lessons. On one particular lesson, Nate's group went on a trail ride and on the way back from the ride, it became obvious that something was wrong with Dasha. She became very lethargic, stumbling and shaking a little. Dasha finished the trail ride with Nate, and immediately after she entered the arena she knelt down, let Nate off and went into a very violent colic. Even though she wasn't feeling well, she did her job in taking care of Nate. Like this instance illustrates, Dasha consistently takes care of her riders and has always been able to respond appropriately to the level of her riders.