

## Celebrating the Good Times

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My horse Teddy is very sociable and loves nothing better than to be the center of attention. When I found out he was facing some serious health problems, I decided to throw him a fabulous party so that he could enjoy a great day that was just for him. I also wanted to give the people who have been part of our lives a chance to visit and help me celebrate a very special horse.

Horse Illustrated photographer Sharon P. Fibelkorn, who is also a very good friend of Ted's and mine, attended and did us the great honor of taking Teddy's official portrait. You should have seen his eyes light up when he saw the beautiful rosette she brought for him to wear! I think he was very proud of it. Thanks to Sharon, I have many beautiful photos of my horse, including the party photos here.

Enjoy the party, and remember to celebrate the special horses in your life, too.

Cheers,  
Liz & Ted

### Equine Lymphosarcoma

Teddy was diagnosed with lymphosarcoma (also sometimes referred to as lymphoma), a very deadly cancer in horses. For information on lymphosarcoma from our featured veterinary expert, Dr. Janice Posnikoff, [Click here >>](#)

Dr. P. has been a longtime contributor to the magazine, and Teddy's vet as well.

### Saying Goodbye

As you may have read in my August Free Rein column, "Letting Go," I had to say goodbye to Teddy not too long ago.

Whether you had time to have a party and say goodbye like I did, or your loss was sudden and unexpected, it's not easy to lose a horse you love.

Here are some resources on HorseChannel.com that can help:

[Horse Loss >>](#)

[Coping With Loss >>](#)

It also helps to talk to horse people who understand what you are going through. Log on to the HorseChannel community, where you're among friends.