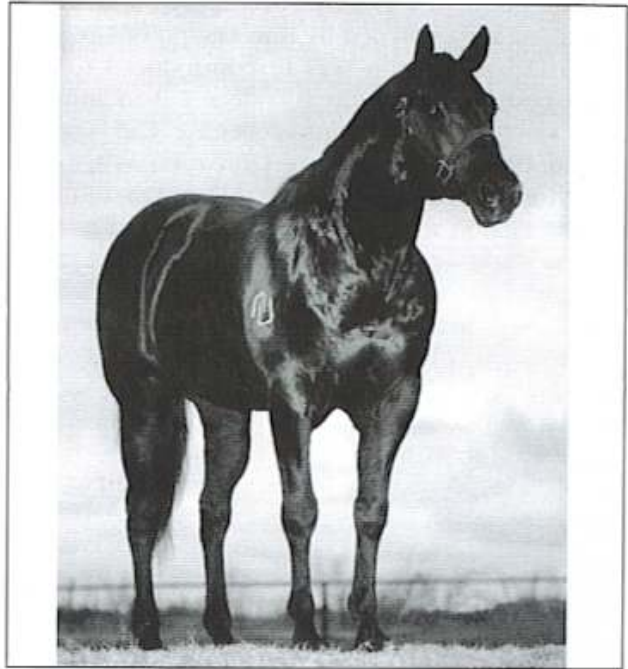


Drifts Chip A black stallion bred by Freeland Thorson of Nampa, Idaho, Drifts Chip was sired by Double Drift out of Diamond Isle by Diamond Chip by Silver King and out of a daughter of Dusty Hancock. This cross combined a double dose of Driftwood with the proven performance bloodlines of the King Ranch and Joe Hancock.

Freeland had an agreement with Witch Holeman of Nevada to break a number of his foals each year and Drifts Chip was one of them. Thorson remembers, "The night I hauled Drifts Chip down to Witch, he was a rank long yearling. Holeman had to rope him and jerk him down to get a halter on. That was the last time I saw Drifts Chip. Holeman called me some time later and said he had a buyer for the black colt. I said, "sell him! "

The purchaser was Jim West, who ranched at Ione, Oregon. Under his handling, Drifts Chip became an all-around ranch horse who worked for his feed all week, and a team roping and hazing horse on holiday. He also developed into a top pickup horse, seeing action at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. West described the black stud as "Pretty enough to lead a parade, tough enough to pick up bucking horses at the NFR, fast enough to haze for bulldoggers and still sound at 21 after years of hard use." Drifts Chip sired many good ranch horses in addition to roping and dogging mounts, barrel racers and show winners. His daughters are sought after as broodmares.

In 1997 West sold the stallion to Perry Johns of Fort Worth, Texas. Johns made arrangements to stand Drifts Chip at the well-known Burnett Ranch (the 6666) where the Texas horsemen would have access to him. During Drifts Chip's time in Texas, ranchers, rodeo hands, and breeders have taken mares to him. Some of these individuals are looking for performance geldings, others are interested in future broodmares or stallion prospects. As a sire, Drifts Chip has not disappointed them.



***Drifts Chip**, a black 1979 son of Double Drift/Diamond Isle, has been a great ranch horse, rope horse and pickup horse, in addition to being a standout sire for Jim West of Ione, Oregon. In 1997 Drifts Chip was sold to Perry Johns of Fort Worth, Texas, who stands him at the 6666 ranch in Guthrie, Texas.*

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