



DEAN'S KITTEN

THE HORSE

Although Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey have had enormous success as owners at Churchill Downs over the past several years, their names are in the Kentucky Derby listings only once – with Ten Cents A Shine, who finished eighth in 2003. The owners and breeders of Dean's Kitten hope their son of Ramsey double millionaire Kitten's Joy, who made nearly all his money turf racing, will fill the major gap in their Churchill Downs resume.

The homebred chestnut colt punched his ticket to the Derby by scoring a solid victory in Turfway Park's Lane's End Stakes. It was the colt's second lifetime stakes victory and first as a 3-year-old. The winner's portion of the purse, \$291,000, easily put the Ramsey winner into the Kentucky Derby as far as graded earnings are concerned,

With heavy turf breeding and no history of running on dirt, the major question in Dean's Kitten's run-up to the Kentucky Derby centers on how he'll handle the Churchill Downs surface.

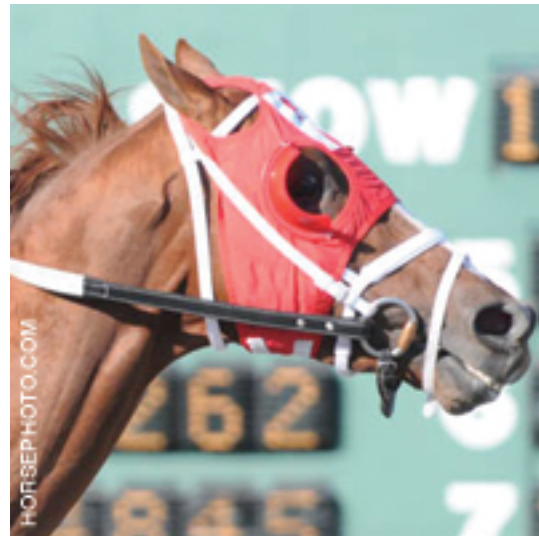
THE OWNERS/BREEDERS

Kenneth L. Ramsey and Sarah K. Ramsey

The husband-and-wife team of Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey has been a high-profile owner/breeder duo for several years in Kentucky. They both are natives of Artemus, Ky., and they live on Ramsey Farm, near Nicholasville, Ky., about 10 miles south of Lexington.

Kenneth Ramsey is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and struck it rich by accumulating a string of cellular telephone franchises, mostly along Interstate 75 in northeastern Georgia and southeastern Kentucky. Prior to that, he had found success in executive positions with a number of trucking firms and in real estate. He sold his cellular business, then valued at approximately \$39 million, in 1994 and became a major player in racing, first in owning horses and then in owning and breeding.

Ramsey got his first look at Churchill Downs' famed twin spires from the back gate of the racetrack while on a Christmas shopping trip to Louisville with his



family. During his real estate heyday, he developed a passion for horse racing by attending Keeneland, Churchill Downs and River Downs (in Cincinnati). His first taste of ownership came in 1969 when he claimed a horse named Red Redeemer for \$1,500 at the now-defunct Miles Park in Louisville. The horse was blind in one eye and never won a race for Ramsey.

He gave up racing for a short time to concentrate on business matters.

Since getting into racing in a big way in the 1990s, the Ramseys have had 17 runners in the Breeders' Cup championships, six in 2009, including their first winner, Furthest Land, in the Dirt Mile. Prior to that victory, the Ramseys' biggest day came in 2004 when Kitten's Joy was second to Better Talk Now in the Turf and Roses in May was second to eventual Horse of the Year Ghostzapper in the Classic.

The Ramseys were voted the 2004 Eclipse Award as the nation's outstanding owners while racing Kitten's Joy and Roses in May. The latter came back in 2005 to win the Dubai World Cup, helping the couple become the nation's leading owners by earnings. They have won the Kentucky Thoroughbred Media award for the owner with the most Kentucky victories in a calendar year for nine straight years.

They have won 29 leading owner titles at Kentucky racetracks, seven at Keeneland, seven at Turfway Park, one at Ellis Park and a record 14 at Churchill Downs. Also, they have been leading owner at Gulfstream Park and Saratoga.

In 1994, the Ramseys bought the former Almahurst Farm, the birthplace of 1918 Kentucky Derby winner Exterminator and Standardbred legend Greyhound, and renamed it Ramsey Farm. The farm now covers 1,200 acres and is home to more than 150 broodmares and stallions Kitten's Joy and Catienus, previously a leading sire in New York. Both are homebreds. Roses in May was sold for stud duty in Japan.

The Ramseys have about 100 horses in training with Mike Maker, Wesley Ward, Bryan Lynch and Chad Brown. The stable's horses earned \$4.1 million in 2009, putting the Ramseys at eighth on the national list.