

# Chatty's Corner- Liz Haverty



Clint & Liz Haverty



Zane Haverty



I had a good career and my last time to show a pleasure horse was in 2001 when I won the Ladies Western class on Alchemy. That is a 25 year span! I looked up and down the lineup and I was the oldest female competitor in there. There were so many beautiful young girls with glitzy bling bling outfits. I said to myself as I sat there waiting for the results to be announced that if I got lucky and won the class, it would be my last time to show in pleasure. We won and that was it. Now I'm a non pro reiner and have lots of fun. I love how everything is so subject to change--you may be a 68 one day and a 73 the next! It's such a fair scoring system, and although it can be a little humbling to watch those videos after you show, it tells the tale!



By Chatty Collier

What a courageous lady this is! For the last 9 years she has been in a medical nightmare. Liz battled breast cancer, then had a meningitis attack, and was recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma, another type of cancer. She told me that, "it's been a real challenge for someone with such an active lifestyle. But I am blessed with a wonderful family and terrific friends along with a strong faith and positive outlook. If something good can come out of this, it is to encourage all my girlfriends to get their mammograms regularly, as early detection is the key. It's also made me realize how people in the horse training profession need to have a backup plan because you never know what's coming at you. The thing I want to do is dispel all rumors because when you have health issues, they sure get to running wild ... AND I AM VERY MUCH ALIVE AND PLAN TO RECOVER AND RECLAIM MY LIFE!"

**Name: Liz Haverty**

**Home: Krum, Texas**

**Tell me about your family:**

I've actually had two families in my lifetime. I was adopted as a baby and grew up in Dallas. My folks were very supportive of my love of horses as a child and hauled me around to all the kid shows around Dallas where I did all-around competition. I did a search about 20 years ago and found my birth family. I still had a mom and 6 full siblings at the time! Wow, what a shock. I was welcomed into their gang and really bonded with them all instantly. I could have easily grown up with them. We had many similarities.

**Where were you born?**

Fort Worth, Texas

**When is your birthday?**

Valentine's Day

**Can you get a senior discount?**

You bet!

**Do you take a senior discount?**

Of course!

**Where did you grow up?**

Dallas

**Where did you go to school?**

Dallas and Texas Tech (briefly).

**Did you like school?**

Not especially.

**What did you want to be when you grew up?**

A horse trainer's wife, of course.

**When did you discover horses?**

Always loved horses. Took lessons as a child and my folks finally bought me one when I was 12.

**Where and how did you meet your husband?**

In Corpus Christi, Texas. I was midway through a divorce and he lived with a girlfriend across the street from where I was boarding my horses at the time! Great start, huh?

**Any difficulties being married to a horse trainer?**

Is there a time limit on this article?

**What kind of horses does your husband train?**

Reiners and we have a great colt-starting program for other trainers who don't like that part of the process.



The oldest picture is from 1976 when I showed my first World Champion Western Pleasure Horse (Sweet Pearl). Clint and I had just gotten married and honeymooned at the show!

### Tell me about your riding reiners.

Well, I used to be pretty critical when Clint reined...stuff like "how could you possibly spin too many times...any idiot can count to 4!" At the time, I trained pleasure horses as a professional, but my days were numbered. So I gave up my Pro card when Clint talked me into becoming a Non Pro Reiner. It didn't take long to figure out that reining wasn't that easy! I said when I started this, though, that I'd had enough pressure showing for other people and this was going to be for fun if I did it.

### Which is your favorite horse and why?

I love our stallion, WHO WHIZ IT. He is the kindest horse I've ever been around. His goal in life seems to be to please us! I started physical therapy for my balance issues (from meningitis side effects) and part of my treatment plan is to try to ride as often as I can but very quietly. Our stallion, Mark This Spot, is the perfect "taxi" for me right now.

### What is your biggest accomplishment?

Staying married to a horse trainer for nearly 33 years, of course.

### What do you do for work?

I manage our breeding division and do all the secretarial/bookwork part of our business.

### Favorite Pastimes?

Clint and I like to work on our communication skills with each other, so when we are home on Sunday, we go to a movie. Actually, I don't think we talk much, but we do eat lots of popcorn together.

### What do you do for fun?

I'm pretty social, so I enjoy my friends. I go to girl-lunches when I can and love to bargain shop. Solar nails, pedicures, and massages are all high on my want list.

### What's the secret in making your life work?

I have a good sense of humor and I've experienced the good and bad in the horse business so I just try to take things in stride. I have the best husband in the World and a son that I am so proud of.

### Your favorite place to vacation?

What's a vacation???

### How do you maintain your sanity?

Again, Valium and wine. Seriously, I try to prioritize and it really does help. I'm big on making lots of lists too.

### Do you believe in karma?

Oh, absolutely...they put it in my cappuccino at Starbucks every time!

### What is down the road for you?

Staying alive, I hope!

### What people don't know about me:

I love to write. I've started a fiction piece about the horse business. When I tell people though, they look really nervous. Honest, it's just fiction.

### Favorite recipe?

Defrost frozen precooked shrimp and break out the cocktail sauce.



Liz & Who Whiz It



### Favorite restaurant?

Lucilles (near the Coliseum) in Fort Worth.

### Favorite thing to eat:

Lobster

### Any words of wisdom?

Keep a good sense of humor, realistic goals, and be honest

with yourself and others. Your reputation is paramount in the horse business!

## Recipes from Liz Haverty

### Clint's Absolute Favorite Coca Cola Roast

Chuck Roast  
Brown on both sides  
Salt and pepper  
Put a Coca Cola in it for gravy  
Slice up an onion  
Cook on very low heat, 250, in oven all afternoon  
Add veggies (potatoes, carrots, whatever) the last hour.

### Liz Haverty's Lifesaver Cowboy Stew (for drop-in company!)

1 lb ground meat, browned  
Add 1 can stewed tomatoes and 1 can golden hominy.  
Serve with biscuits or rolls.  
The next day, if there are any leftovers, add rice or noodles.  
Quick and easy!

### The Summer's Greatest Salad:

Romaine Lettuce or Spinach(or both)  
Can of Ranch Style Beans  
1 Bottle of Catalina Dressing  
1 Bag of Cheese Cubes(Cheddar)  
1 Package of Fritos mashed up  
12 cherry tomatoes

Drain the beans-run them through a strainer with water!

Mix all the ingrediants and everyone loves this salad! You can add other stuff like olives or avacodo depending on your individual taste. It's an easy dish for a "bring a dish" meal, too. You just add the catalina dressing when you get there. Enjoy!