

Itsy Bitsy Burro Co. **Mr. Playbill**, 07-02-2004, began his "career" at Li'l Angels Miniature Donkeys (Ken and Jeannie Richards) serving as a prominent herdsire to their outstanding herd of miniature donkeys. In addition to serving at Li'l Angels, Mr. Playbill was leased to Gayla Rankin for a season producing outstanding offspring for the GLR Ranch herd as well.. His sons and daughters reside at many outstanding farms throughout the country. It seems each time we have Mr. Playbill "out and about" we learn of yet another farm that owns a son or daughter of this gorgeous little 31.5" black w/star former herdsire. The American Donkey and Mule Society currently reports 28 progeny of Itsy Bitsy Mr. Playbill in the registry.

To this day, many outstanding farms across the country enjoy having Playbill's offspring in their breeding programs and show teams. The 2008 National Reserve Junior Champion, Li'l Angels Lacey Doll (owned by Legendary Farms, Richard & Katrina Fleenor), can boast of having IBBC Mr. Playbill as her handsome sire.

In 2011 Mr. Playbill was gelded and training began in preparation for his move to H3 Miniatures. Charles and Mandy Henderson brought him home in early 2012. He was to be Mandy's first show donkey...a performance donkey! It was a first for both of them. With his willingness and outstanding attitude it was a natural progression in this little guy's life. Life with the Henderson's was good and Mr. Playbill served there as Mandy's show donkey for 2 years. Their last "performance" together was at the 2014 National Show.

During those couple of years we admired this little guy and asked the Hendersons to think of us if the time ever came when they thought they might consider parting with him. His sire, Circle C Main Event, was our herdsire and we knew well the disposition and willingness of this line. We knew of his potential. The call came last year and we were excited to bring IBBC Mr. Playbill to Brayberry Farm. He became the newest member of our show team. He quickly transitioned into our grandson's new show donkey...and what a show partnership it became! Playbill will do anything for Ryder (age 8). When offered a donkey with more experience for show, Ryder quickly refused and considers Mr. Playbill the only donkey for him. What a fabulous transition from jack to gelding this amazing little donkey has made.

His contribution to the world of miniature donkeys is admirable...both as a former prominent herdsire for the breed and now as a child's show donkey and best friend. Whether it's in the show ring, at a school field trip or merely working with and entertaining kids that pay a visit to the farm, Mr. Playbill is an amazing ambassador that makes us proud to have mini donkeys as a part of our lives.