

PUSSYCAT DOLL (USA)

Globeform 117+

Globeform 115+ in 2006

2002 b f Real Quiet (GF 124) – Hookedonthefeelin / Citidancer (USA)

O: Mike Pegram

B: Mike Pegram, Kentucky

T: Bob Baffert USA



Pussycat Doll winning the 2007 Santa Monica. © www.benoitphoto.com

Pedigree notes Pussycat Doll

Real Quiet (USA) 1995 GF 124 as 3yo	Quiet American (USA) 1986	Fappiano (USA) 1977
	Really Blue (USA) 1983	Demure (USA) 1977
	Citidancer (USA) 1987	Believe It (USA) 1975
Hookedonthefeelin (USA) 1996	Prospective Joy (USA) 1991	Meadow Blue (USA) 1975
		Dixieland Band (USA) 1980
		Willamae (USA) 1980
		Allen's Prospect (USA) 1982
		Jovial Joy (USA) 1985

Real Quiet won the Kentucky Derby (G1) and Preakness Stakes (G1), and just failed to lift the Triple Crown when beaten a nose by his Churchill Downs runner-up Victory Gallop in the Belmont Stakes (G1). He also won the Santa Anita Oaks (G1), and as a 4yo he took the Hollywood Gold Cup (G1) and Pimlico Special (G1). Also owned by Mike Pegram, he is the sire of Wonder Lady Anne L, winner of the 2006 CCA Oaks (G1), Midnight Lute, and Perryville Stakes (G3) winner Midnight Lute, who was third in the latest edition of the Malibu Stakes (G1) and ran second in the San Fernando Stakes (G2) in January, 2007.

Hookedonthefeelin also won the La Brea Stakes (G1) at Santa Anita as 3-year-old,

having won the Landaluce Stakes (G2) at Hollywood Park at two. In 2002, she was sold for \$1.5 million when in foal to Deputy Minister, and in 2006, she changed hands again for \$2.9 million at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale. This time in foal to Distorted Humor, the sire of 2002 Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Funny Cide. Hookedonthefeelin has a 2003 Deputy Minister filly named Say It With Feelin, a 2004 Unbridled's Song colt named New Heights, a 2005 colt by Vindication and a 2006 filly by Unbridled's Song.

The second dam, **Prospective Joy**, was a restricted stakes winner at Laurel, and she is dam of five winners – Hookedonthefeelin being the only stakes winner among them.



Her Santa Monica win is so comfortable, and Garrett Gomez eases her down close home.

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The 'seven-panel' girl

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\$757,831 (01Mar07)

Best performances:

WON 2007 SANTA MONICA H (G1) GF 117+

7 fur. dirt (fast) Santa Anita 28 Jan 2007

WON HUMANA DISTAFF H (G1) GF 115+

7 fur. dirt (fast) Churchill Downs 6 May 2006

In Pussycat Doll's case, it is necessary to make an exception to our format, and begin with her first run in 2007, which was visually so impressive and also earned her a career best Globeform rating, GF 117+.

The 2007 **Santa Monica Handicap (G1)** had a field of ten, with quite solid recent stakes form in the mix, via the La Brea (G1) runner-up Squallacious and the Kalookan Queen Handicap winner Indian Flare. They took plenty of action at the windows, both going off at around 4-1. The serious cash, however, was down on horse number eight; Mike Pegram and Bob Baffert's Pussycat Doll. She had not raced since winning the Humana Distaff (G1) at Churchill Downs on Kentucky Derby day but her works leading up to this comeback had been spectacular. The 5yo mare clocked 1:10 going six furlongs from the gate on January 7, and she had put in three sharp drills over shorter distances since.

She was even money as the windows closed and the stalls opened for the 7-furlong contest, and she won the race like an odds-on shot.

Always travelling well just off the pace, Pussycat Doll, ridden by Garrett Gomez, shot through between horses early in the straight – and ran out an impressive 4-length winner. The Jerry Hollendorfer trained Secret Scheme, who had been part of the early speed, tired a bit late

and was beaten a length for second by 37-1 chance Nossa Cancao, a Brazilian bred 7yo mare trained by A C Avilia. She came from way off the pace, which had been so sharp, and her presence on the board drags the form down a bit. That's not to say Pussycat Doll was not impressive. She was, winning with ease.

Nossa Cancao was coming off a tidy win over 6.5 furlongs at the same venue on New Year's eve, but she is fully exposed and not a top class runner. She was fourth in last year's Santa Monica, 7 ½ lengths behind Behaving Badly while carrying 1lb less. This time, Nossa Cancao carried 7lbs less than Pussycat Doll, who had beaten her by 7 lengths (plus 6lbs) when they met in the 2006 **Humana Distaff Handicap (G1)** over 7 furlongs on Derby day at Churchill Downs.

Pussycat Doll took that event by a length from the smart filly Behaving Badly, with Bending Strings 1 ¼ lengths back in third. The Pegram bred and owned filly has had an interrupted career. The Humana Distaff was only her second outing in 2006, and came nearly three months after she was below form in fourth behind Seafree in the La Canada (G2). She was odds-on that day, based on her strong win in the La Brea (G1) over 7 furlongs on December 28, 2005 - a race she took by nearly six lengths from Leave Me Alone, after coming from well off the pace over a wet-fast track, proving that she handles all conditions on dirt.

Form summary / 2007

High class 7-furlong specialist, has won three G1 events over that trip (different tracks) over the past year and a half, the latest coming in impressive style when she took the Santa Monica Hcap at Santa Anita in January 2007 – had landed the Humana Distaff Hcap on her previous start – back in May '06.

Looking ahead

A return to Churchill Downs and the Humana Distaff H (G1) seems the logical way to go with this filly, and it would come as no surprise to see her line up without a prep race. Running her fresh has worked out brilliantly in the past.