



Congratulations to
Jake Wells
for being Inducted into the
2025 USTPA Hall of Fame!



Hall of Fame

Congratulations to this Year's Inductee!

Jake Wells was born and raised in the small West Texas town of Breckenridge. He started riding at the age of five when his family gave him a pony for his birthday. As a family they rode in the local drill team and he spent many hours practicing, traveling, and riding in parades. As a teenager he worked in a feed mill, did day work on local ranches, and raised cattle and hogs with his dad. After high school graduation he attended Texas A&M and graduated from Vet School in 1974.



In 1971 he married Nancy Corbett and they raised four children, two boys and two girls. They did 4H and FFA so Jake was busy with animal projects for many years. They showed turkeys, hogs, steers, heifers, rabbits and goats at shows all across Texas. All four graduated from Texas A&M and have careers as lawyers, doctors, and meat professionals but no Vets!

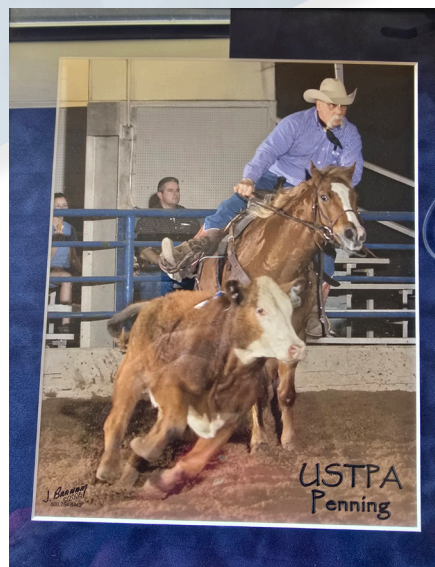
Since 1984 Jake has volunteered at the San Antonio Livestock Show. He served as the chairman of the Horse Show and then on the Executive Committee. He was President of the Show from 2002 to 2004 and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2011.

Jake was able to resume riding when the last kid graduated from high school. He started team penning at San Antonio Livestock Show functions. At the Fall Fest fundraiser he borrowed a horse and was hooked on the event. Together with Ronnie Gebauer, Larry Johnston, and Pat

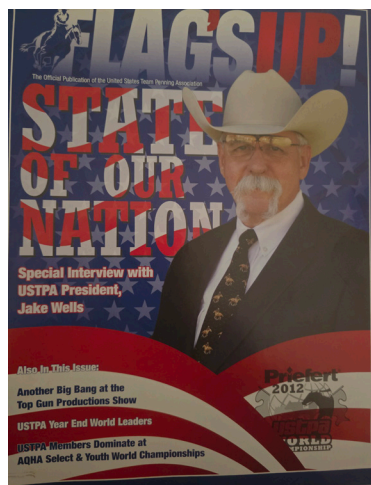
Ellis they established the Hill Country TPA and produced events around San Antonio for several years. Jake became a USTPA life member and served as a Director. In 2011 he became President and served until 2013.

Jake's veterinary career spanned fifty years and covered lots of different animals but horses were his true love. His first job was in Beeville, Texas, in a mixed practice. When cattle prices took a down turn, he moved to the San Antonio area and took over a practice that had been through four vets in six months but it became his home base. He owned and operated six different practices but finally worked into a rural area with just horses. He became certified in acupuncture and chiropractic medicine which greatly benefited his patients. A member of TEVA, AAEP, AVMA, and TVMA, he served as a director and officer at several different times. In 2012 he was selected as the PRCA Veterinarian of the year.

The time I spent with the USTPA was a special part of my life. It offered me time to spend with horses and horse people. Lots of miles on the road and hours in the pen but I loved it all.



I won numerous regional, national, and world titles but the best part was the friends I made along the way. To be inducted in this Hall of Fame is a great honor and one that I greatly treasure. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this tribute.





USTPA Hall of Fame Mission Statement

1. Honor the Heroes of Team Penning and Ranch Sorting. We shall recognize and honor those individuals who have made an impact on our sport and our members.
2. Celebrate Excellence. We shall enshrine those who excelled and made our sport better.
3. Preserve our History. We shall honor those who sacrificed and worked whenever they were asked without personal reward.
4. Promote USTPA Values. Family, teamwork, leadership, excellence, horsemanship, community and sportsmanship.

