



Animals of all kinds love David. They must sense that he loves them, too. A friendly dog joins David and Apollo! David had never seen this dog before, but he stayed by David no matter how fast he'd gallop Apollo!



Apollo always makes David laugh! Whenever Apollo hears a bird or a squirrel scamper in the weeds, his ears will pop up and he'll really look, just like he's doing here! That's when you'll hear David's ha-ha's!



The gentle hand of David on Apollo's neck is like the feeling of David's smile on your heart. Animals don't understand all the hangups some people have. David is so full of love for everything in this whole world! That's what's so wonderful about being with David. You feel his love radiate out in all directions, a constant warmth like the sun, his loving eyes give to everyone!

that with his nose! Every time he did a trick well, I gave him a sugar cube, which he really loved! Danny Boy was stabled on a sea-coast ranch near Malibu, and we would often go for morning rides along the beach, sometimes in the fog. He was a great horse!

"I had to give him away, though, because at that time I was just getting into show business and had to be away a lot of the time, in New York or Hollywood, rehearsing and trying out for roles.

"I don't think I'll ever forget Danny Boy, though. He was beautiful and smart. And I loved him more than I can ever tell you."

I asked David, "When did you first learn to ride?"

"Well, let's see, quite a while ago. I think the first time I rode a horse—other than on a merry-go-round—was when I was 13 years-old. I was living at a ranch boarding school in Northern California, and part of the school curriculum was learning to ride. We learned to 'show' horses and had a couple of horse shows where all the students competed.

"One time I won a first place Blue Ribbon in the barrel race. Each contestant was timed as to how long it would take him to ride a kind of obstacle course going around barrels—kind of like a ski slalom. And, having a little luck with me that day, I won! In fact, I'm sure I have that Blue Ribbon tucked away somewhere in my scrapbook."

By this time we had dismounted and were looking out across the valley. David patted Apollo's muzzle, while our photographer set up his equipment. The handsome golden horse whinnied to David, and held his beautiful head high as David stroked his cream-colored mane. David reached into his levi's pocket and pulled out a sugar cube for Apollo, which the great horse quickly gulped down.

David and the magnificent Apollo posed for a few pictures, which you see right here in these pages. Then with a wave goodbye, David and Apollo loped off down the canyon trail, to be alone together for another afternoon of spectacular riding!

I've always loved horses, but I never realized how much until I thought over all that David Cassidy had said to me about his great love for Danny Boy, and for all David's four-footed favorites, horses!