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Chrome Shines a Light on California

When California Chrome romped home in the \$10 million Dubai World Cup, he became North America's leading money-earning Thoroughbred. A California-bred has topped all others to become the richest horse ever in U.S. racing.

This prestigious honor is shared not only by his connections but also by all the past and present who have tirelessly worked producing and racing horses in the Golden State. Chrome's accomplishments over the past few years have brought not only recognition to the quality of horses bred in California, but also a sense of pride. Furthermore, he has helped stimulate the production and ownership of California-breds, as evidenced by the positive foal-crop trends and demand at commercial and private sales.

Yes, the more than \$35 million Incentive and Racing Program is the chief reason for the positive trends. However, the accomplishments by Team Chrome have assisted in validating the potential successes associated with California breeding. For those of us who have helped craft all the advantages of our state-bred program (Golden State Series, Maiden Bonus, Breeder Awards, Stallion Awards, and lucrative restricted purses), this is extremely gratifying.

Before he conquered the world in the American classics and in Dubai, Chrome received his racing education and experience in Cal-bred races. California-bred maiden special weight races, as well as stakes at 2 and early in his 3-year-old season, helped prepare him to move up the ladder and compete in graded company, company that he has never left.

There have been some great California-breds over the years: Swaps, Native Diver, Bertrando, Snow Chief, Lava Man, Best Pal, and two-time Breeders' Cup Classic winner Tiznow. But few have captured the hearts and imagination of the Cinderella story that has surrounded California Chrome. His following is not just centered in California; it exists throughout the country. In fact, people from all over frequently contact us requesting copies of any material or promotional items that we produce that feature Chrome. The horse and all connections continue to be the proud face of the California breeding industry.

With that, the CTBA is pleased to include a commemorative insert in this edition of *California Thoroughbred*, depicting the journey and accomplishments California Chrome recently experienced in the 2016 Dubai World Cup. The first Cal-bred to win the world's richest race. **CTB**

CAL-BRED EARNERS BY WORLDWIDE EARNINGS*

Name	Starts	Wins	2nd	3rd	Earnings (US\$)
1 California Chrome	21	12	3	1	\$12,532,650
2 Tiznow	15	8	4	2	\$6,427,830
3 Best Pal	47	18	11	4	\$5,668,245
4 Lava Man	47	17	8	5	\$5,268,706
5 Snow Chief	24	13	3	5	\$3,383,210
6 Bertrando	24	9	6	2	\$3,185,610
7 Free House	22	9	5	3	\$3,178,971
8 General Challenge	21	9	3	1	\$2,877,178
9 Budroyale	52	17	12	2	\$2,840,810
10 Thor's Echo	28	5	4	6	\$2,461,490
11 Nostalgia's Star	59	9	17	13	\$2,154,827
12 Acclamation	30	11	2	6	\$1,958,048
13 Amazombie	29	12	5	6	\$1,920,378
14 Native Desert	74	21	13	17	\$1,828,177
15 Flying Continental	51	12	15	10	\$1,815,938
16 Big Jag	30	13	5	3	\$1,800,329
17 Grey Memo	54	8	4	10	\$1,736,683
18 Proud Tower Too	22	7	5	2	\$1,735,572
19 Bold Chieftain	47	18	14	4	\$1,683,181
20 Brother Derek	17	6	2	3	\$1,611,138
21 The Usual Q. T.	23	8	6	5	\$1,537,320
22 McCann's Mojave	35	12	4	0	\$1,513,565
23 Dancing in Silks	25	7	2	4	\$1,500,401
24 Super Diamond	37	16	5	5	\$1,469,233
25 Men's Exclusive	48	11	16	4	\$1,451,126
26 Moscow Burning	33	11	8	4	\$1,417,800
27 Continental Red	74	8	15	16	\$1,383,788
28 Fran's Valentine	34	13	4	5	\$1,375,465
29 Unusual Suspect	72	10	8	7	\$1,361,898
30 Brown Bess	36	16	8	6	\$1,300,920
31 Idiot Proof	17	5	5	2	\$1,294,484
32 California Flag	27	11	0	2	\$1,288,825
33 Silveyville	56	19	11	8	\$1,282,880
34 Full Moon Madness	71	19	18	15	\$1,256,553
35 Gourmet Girl	33	9	7	10	\$1,255,373
36 Cavonnier	23	8	3	2	\$1,254,165
37 Ancient Title	57	24	11	9	\$1,252,791
38 Nashoba's Key	10	8	1	0	\$1,252,090
39 Juno Pentagon	33	4	6	2	\$1,239,897
40 Texcess	22	4	5	3	\$1,235,335

* Includes worldwide race results since 1980 and only horses that had a minimum of two starts in the U.S. or Canada