

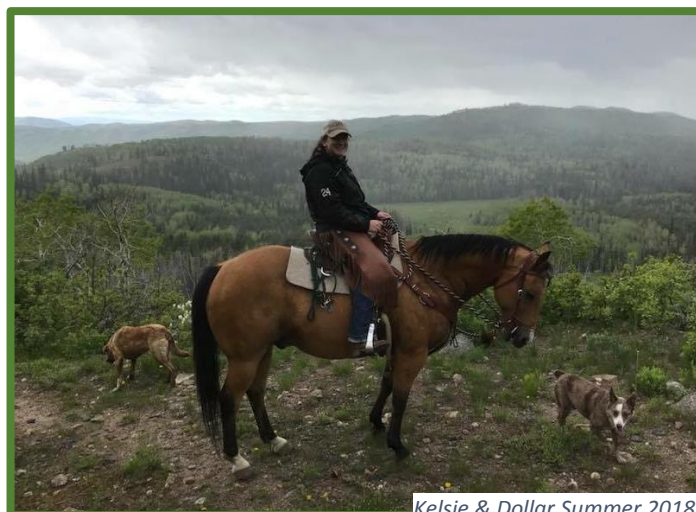
THE DOLLAR EFFECT

Let me introduce the one and only, Dollar! They say good things come in small packages, and he lives up to that! KP and I bought him from a private buyer for Vista Verde Ranch early in 2016. He was a promising dude ranch horse. Short, strong and stocky, with all the right buttons. He goes to the level of the rider. However, after a summer at Vista, we hardly used him because anytime we did use him, he consistently became back sore after a couple of rides. In turn, he'd get a week or two off, then another try. Back sore again. We kept him around because he was so dependable for guests, but started to look at the big picture – if he was going to work for the ranch long term. I left the ranch in pursuit of my saddle fitting business in the fall of 2016, so I didn't get to see Dollar much after that. From the updates I received from KP, he was still battling the same issues with Dollar. As a result, KP started talking about finding a new home for this cute little guy. My brother in law, Jesse, had been around Dollar here and there on visits to Vista, and really liked him (and his name...). When the opportunity arose for Dollar to find a new home – Kelsie and Jesse didn't blink an eye when KP asked if they would want to buy him. From there he went to his forever home in Craig.



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In the meantime, I had become a rep for TW & Specialized Saddles from El Paso, Texas. I had helped Kelsie get set up with her Classic Wade saddle for her horse Slammer, and the results were eye opening. His movement was better, and overall riding/work attitude improved with the TW Classic Wade. Knowing Dollar's background and history of becoming back sore, Jesse knew he wanted to invest in a TW Saddle. After doing some trial and error on the different models, Jesse decided on the TW Texas Wade. He designed it himself, and when it came in, we all gawked over it for awhile (it's beautiful!) We got right to work. Dollar loved the saddle. Less issues picking up the right lead, and loose and supple back muscles after a ride (which never happened before – they were always tight after a ride). I can 100% surely say since Kelsie and Jesse invested in a TW Saddle for Dollar – he hasn't been back sore once since they have been using the TW saddle. Former atrophied muscles filled in on his withers and back. This past summer we took him on quite a few long trail rides, and Kelsie would diligently check his back for any soreness or tight muscles – nada! Kelsie also rode him at a couple of local shows, where he was a rockstar and earned a couple of ribbons! We have been so amazed by the results. This horse deserves so much – he's hilarious, in your face, and Kelsie and Jesse's nickname for him now is "Lord Commander". He runs the barn and stares into the kitchen window and waits for Kelsie or Jesse to come outside. He cracks us up. It's been a pleasure to see Dollar go from suffering from back soreness to loving life and his saddle! We have TW to thank for that! Hope you all enjoy this story about one of the most deserving horses and families out there!



Kelsie & Dollar Summer 2018