

High Field Angus Teams with N.Y. Jets Star To Promote Heroes Foundation and NJAA

Every young person, even someone faced with overwhelming challenges and obstacles deserves an opportunity to fulfill their dreams.

New York Angus breeders Lee and Jody Amaitis, owners of High Field Angus, are doing their part to make this happen, and are having a lot of fun along the way.

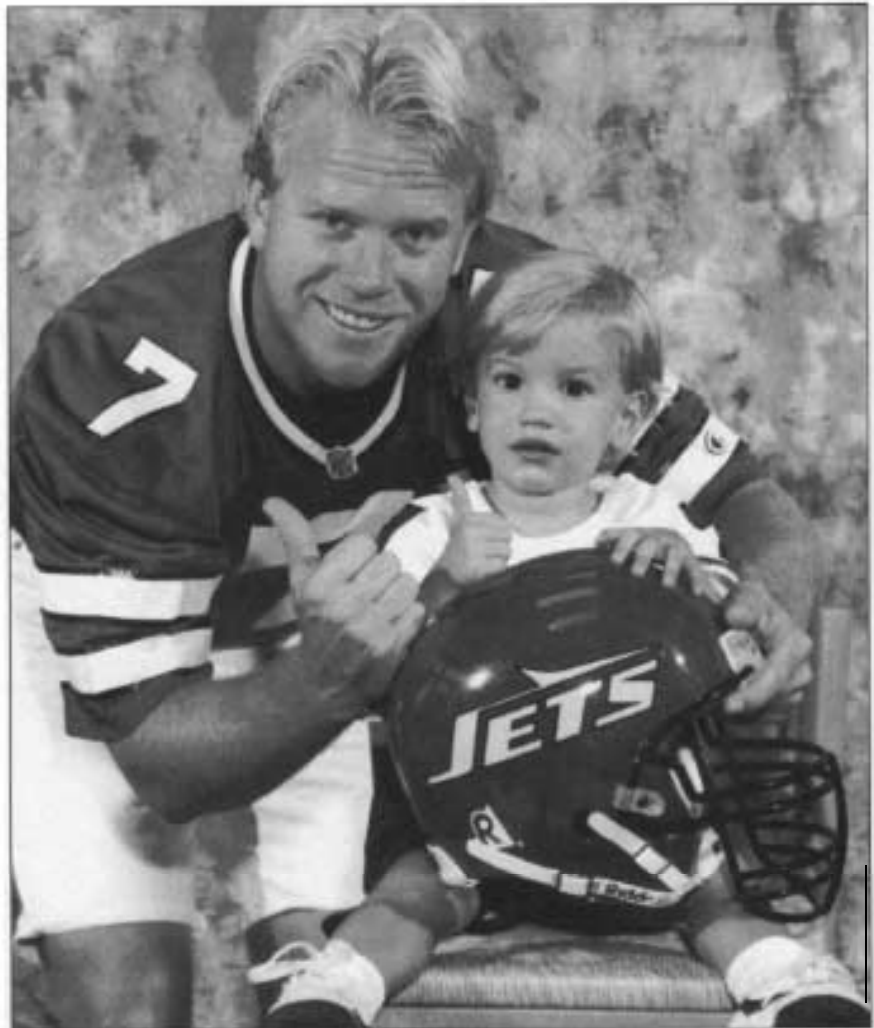
This past April a unique alliance was formed between High Field Angus and the Long Island-based charitable organization. The Boomer Esiason Heroes Foundation.

Lee Amaitis and Boomer Esiason, quarterback for the New York Jets football team, attended a cattle auction at Davis on the Highlands Angus Farm, Springfield, Ky. At this Angus sale they jointly purchased an Angus heifer, which they named High Field Boomer's Princess Sydney. The men plan to breed and market her calves, making her a symbol of their commitment. They also plan to build the High Field herd to where they can market 10 to 15 percent of calves directly each year for the Heroes Foundation and the New York and National Junior Angus Associations.

Fifty percent of the funds will go to the Heroes Foundation and 50 percent will go to the National Junior Angus Association, says Amaitis. Donations to the Heroes Fund will be earmarked for distribution to a Cincinnati research hospital which is working to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis, a disease afflicting 30,000 Americans, mostly children, including Esiason's young son, Gunnar.

During the course of the year's shows and auctions, Amaitis hopes to increase awareness and support of these causes. His first opportunity came May 21 at the 59th annual New York State Angus Sale and New England Angus Association Sale held at Rasweiler Farm, Crayville, N.Y. A registered Angus cow-calf pair was auctioned for charity proceeds. High Field Boomer's Princess Sydney was on display at the show. High Field Angus plans to offer a heifer at the Cow Power sale this fall, as well.

Esiason enjoyed his first experience in



Boomer Esiason, New York Jets quarterback, and his son, Gunnar. Esiason is working with High Field Angus in New York to raise awareness and funds for the Boomer Esiason Heroes Foundation. They seek a cure for Cystic Fibrosis, a disease which affects 30,000 Americans, including Esiason's young son.

the purebred cattle industry, and look forward to spending more time on the show and sale circuit whenever possible. "I enjoy the enthusiasm that High Field brings to the auction process," Esiason said. "I especially applaud their commitment to the junior Angus program. Lee has displayed a great affection for children, including my son, Gunnar, and daughter, Sydney. We have a great sup-

porter on our side."

Young Angus members also deserve an opportunity to show a quality animal, Amaitis believes, so in the future he hopes to put together an essay contest where a lucky junior Angus member will win the use of a show heifer or bull for a year. Look for more details in a future issue of the *Angus Journal*.

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