

Cowboy Frankie Gets A Horse

First In A Series

Cowboy Frankie

True Tales

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Frankie lived in town where his parents operated a grocery store. But, Frankie always wanted to be a cowboy.

He rode a rocking horse named Ole Red at his grandma's apartment above the store and dreamed he was a cowboy going after bank robbers just like those cowboys on television.

Sometimes, Frank got on the arm of his Grandma's divan and pretended that was his second horse, Gray. Frankie looked out the window onto Main Street and imagined he was helping gather cattle in the pasture.

When Frankie helped at the grocery store, he rode the brooms just like they were real horses. There were three: Ole Yeller, Blue and another Red.

All Frankie could think about was having a horse and being a cowboy. When he delivered groceries with his Dad, sometimes they'd stop at a place where there were horses. Frankie walked up to the horses and petted them as they nuzzled him.

Whenever real cowboys were hauling their horses in pickups going to help drive cattle on Flint Hills pastures, Frankie would wave at them, and the cowboys would wave back. Frankie thought he was a cowboy, just by waving back at the real cowboys.

Frankie's good friend Johnny took Frankie to the rodeo. The horses and cowboys made Frankie so excited he felt like he'd explode if he didn't have a horse of his own,

Some of Frankie's classmates had horses, and Frankie thought they were so lucky. He wanted to have a horse just like they did.

Frankie's cousins owned a horse named Sandy. Frankie always wanted to go see his cousins so he could pet, and sometimes even ride Sandy.

Johnny was the best friend Frankie could ever have, because Johnny took Frankie out to a farm, and let him ride a horse named Pal. That was really fun.

Craig had a black horse named Warpaint that he rode at the sale barn. Frankie waved at Craig every Saturday when he went by with Warpaint in the back of his pickup. Frankie wanted to be a cowboy like Craig.

Frankie begged and begged his parents to buy him a horse, so he could be a cowboy. Frankie even saved the allowance his Mommy gave him for working at the grocery store to buy his very own horse.

When he thought there was enough in the savings account, Frankie asked his Mommy and Daddy if he could go buy his own horse, so he could be a real cowboy.

Frankie's Mommy and Daddy said they didn't have a place to keep a horse. But, Frankie continued to beg until they finally found a little ranch where Frankie could keep a horse.

Now, there were no more excuses. So, Frankie's Daddy went to a farm sale and came home with a brown and white spotted mare, named Spot, the most beautiful horse in the world Frankie thought.

Frankie had a horse, and now he was a real cowboy.

That was the true beginning of Cowboy Frankie.