

***“There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man”.* Winston Churchill.**

In 1990 a robbery at the stable, horses, tack and trailers taken, save Ladybird. Amelita pondered this remarkable fate as she threw herself into the recovery efforts of the other owners.

‘Bystanders have the opportunity to lead crowd toward empathy or indifference said’, said James A. Michener. Amelita knew then she would make it her life mission to lead, educate other horse owners and make a difference.

These events and the reality of equine infectious diseases inspired Amelita to reinvented herself and next career path. Equine sciences and microbiology seemed a perfect fit; a path that led her to study at Texas A&M as well as Colorado State.

Amelita's equine career encompasses numerous leadership positions and awards including:

US Animal Health Association

- * Infectious Diseases of Horses Committee
 - * Equine Infectious Diseases Committee
 - * Equine ID Committee
 - * Animal Welfare Committee
- National Institute of Animal Agriculture
- * 2005 Volunteer of the Year
- Texas & SW Cattle Raisers Association
- * Horse Inspection Program
- American Association of Equine Practitioners

Her passion for equine ID and electronic diagnostic lab forms/reporting, lead her career to a Project Management position with the Center for Epidemiology and Animal Health (CEAH) within USDA Veterinary Services, Fort Collins, CO.

For 25 years, Amelita has managed the practice and diagnostic laboratory for Lone Star Park Equine Hospital in Grand Prairie, Texas.