

# Chris French and “Skipper” Win Reserve Champion at the Ravenwood Fall Festival 2007 Cowboy Race

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*Chris and “Skipper” being presented with the Reserve Champion breast collar by Chris Redden from Ravenwood, Missouri.*

Chris French of Rafter CF Training Mule Company in Bedford, Iowa was in the Ravenwood Fall Festival 2007 Cowboy Race on August 11<sup>th</sup> held in Ravenwood, Missouri. There were nineteen entries and he was the only mule entered. Chris rode his ten-year-old mule, Skipper. There were nineteen contestants and five judges. Ten points were based on

speed with the rest of the points on horsemanship and how the animal completed each obstacle. Chris tied for second in the first round but got third because the horse’s time was faster. The top seven qualified for a second round and they drew a wild card from the other names to be the eighth rider. In the second round more points were based on speed but

horsemanship was still a factor.

Chris ended up second overall and won the Ravenwood Fall Festival 2007 Cowboy Race Reserve Champion breast collar and \$90. We were very proud of Skipper. He just does everything so nice!

The crowd was amazed to see a mule do all of the obstacles so nice and that a mule could actually run! It was a great day and Chris and Skipper had fun! Skipper is the first mule Chris trained and as you can see, he has done well. Chris and Skipper plan to do more Extreme Cowboy Races in the future.



*Chris and “Skipper” standing in a designated box roping a dummy.*



*Chris and “Skipper” going across a water hole.*



*Event winners with Chris and “Skipper” being second from the left.*

