

THE RISE OF CANDY RIDE

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Had it not been for Arrogate, Lane's End's Candy Ride would have been lauded as the leading North American sire for 2017.

The 19-year-old Argentine-bred son of Ride the Rails finished the year with seven graded stakes winners and \$15,432,953 in progeny earnings. His top performer for the year was leading Horse of the Year candidate Gun Runner, who earned an impressive \$6,950,700 in purses.

No one, however, could overcome the \$13 million head start that Arrogate gave his sire, the late Unbridled's Song, in the first half of the racing season when he won the world's richest races: the inaugural \$12 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) and the \$10 million Dubai World Cup Sponsored by Emirates Airline (G1).



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Candy Ride at Lane's End

Candy Ride has been a steady presence in the upper ranks of North America's leading sires for several years. He first broke into the top five on

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Shakin It Up shown winning the Grade 1 Malibu Stakes in 1:20 2/5

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