

## **PAINTED POSSE SHERIFF ELMO**

Sheriff Elmo, who rounds up Cole Bros. Circus pinto pony drill in center ring, has enjoyed a multi-faceted career in and out of show business.

After obtaining an undergraduate degree in linguistics, Elmo moved on to graduate studies at Clown College in Florida. Professional training in classic comic routines and circus arts honed his natural comedic skills, and he progressed to featured performing roles in major circuses throughout the United States and Japan. During a stint as promotional clown for Cole Bros. Circus, Elmo even ran for President on the platform, “Keep America Laughing. Put a Real Clown in the White House.”

Disaster awaited Elmo at the end of the campaign trail, where he bought the farm. The farm, located in North Central Florida, turned into a ranch where the reinvented Elmo raised show quality Shetland ponies. Nostalgia for circus life lured Elmo away from this pastoral setting, and, of course, he brought the ponies with him to perform under the Cole Bros. Circus Big Top.

With tiny bobble-headed dolls atop their saddles as they race around the ring, Elmo’s ponies delight young and old alike. Elmo says he has vowed to remain with the circus, but as the 2008 election draws nearer, you might see Elmo hit the trail again!