



## *Trainer Candidate*

# **KENNETH M. "KENNY" COX**

Kenny Cox, who obtained his trainer's license in 1989, was born and raised in Gambrills, Md., not far from Bowie, and still lives there on a small farm.

His father was involved in horse racing, so Cox spent a lot of time at Bowie Race Course when it was open for racing, and he stabled there when it was only a training center after live racing ended in 1985.

"I used to go to the track with my dad all the time," Cox said. "Any free time I had I would be at the racetrack, even in the winter when I got out of school."

Cox, whose runners have earned more than \$6.6 million, trained Maryland-bred Flaming Emperor, a multiple stakes winner who placed in the Grade 3 De Francis Dash, won 18 races and earned almost \$700,000; Super Chunky, a winner of more than \$450,000 who was Grade 3 stakes-placed in Canada; and My Cuz C J, who earned nearly \$200,000. Cox's best year came in 2005, when he won two meet training titles in Maryland, had a total of 72 victories and his horses earned in excess of \$1 million.

Cox's wife, Kelly Jo, was a clocker at Bowie and then started her own equine therapy business, which continues today.

Offering a voice to all members of the horsemen's community in Maryland is a priority for Cox.

"To me, one of the most important things is all of us learning to work together, putting our own agendas aside and coming together to do what's best for horsemen," Cox said. "Our horsemen don't feel like they are included in things. I think the majority of them feel that way. Their opinions matter.

"My biggest strength and ability is to take a common-sense approach. Anybody who knows me knows I fight for what's right for everybody."