

TO THE NINES

The spotlight will be on Street Sense tomorrow as everyone gears up for the Preakness Stakes, making the thoroughbred that won the Kentucky Derby the most famous 3-year-old around these days. But you

don't have to be a horse — of course, of course — to make it big at age 3.

— Ryan E. Smith

9 Famous Three-Year-Olds

1. Child actor Shirley Temple got her start in movies at the age of three. (She had to wait until she was 6, though, to win an Academy Award.)



2. A 3-year-old dog named Pal was the first canine to play the role of Lassie, in the 1943 movie *Lassie Come Home*.

3. A chimpanzee named Ham was shot into space at the age of three aboard the Mercury Redstone rocket in 1961. Upon his safe return, he spent most of his life on display in the Washington Zoo.



4. Darren Baker, 3, son of San Francisco Giants manager Dusty Baker, made headlines in 2002 when the little bat boy was almost run over at the plate by a player during the World Series.

5. Reebok came up with a marketing campaign in 2003 focused on 3-year-old Mark Walker Jr., including a clip of the little basketball sharpshooter making 18 shots in a row on an 8-foot youth hoop.

6. Fossil hunters in Ethiopia unearthed the bones of 3-year-old Selam, a baby ape-girl who lived 3.3 million years ago, making her the earliest child ancestor discovered so far.



7. Three-year-old Budhia Singh, of India, became famous for running marathon distances in 2005 and appeared in a spate of TV commercials.

8. Pax Thien Jolie, 3, found his name plastered across tabloids everywhere when Angelina Jolie adopted the Vietnamese orphan earlier this year.



9. Jodie Foster made her acting debut in a Copper-tone suntan lotion commercial when she was 3 years old.