

Meet Cornelia Riedel

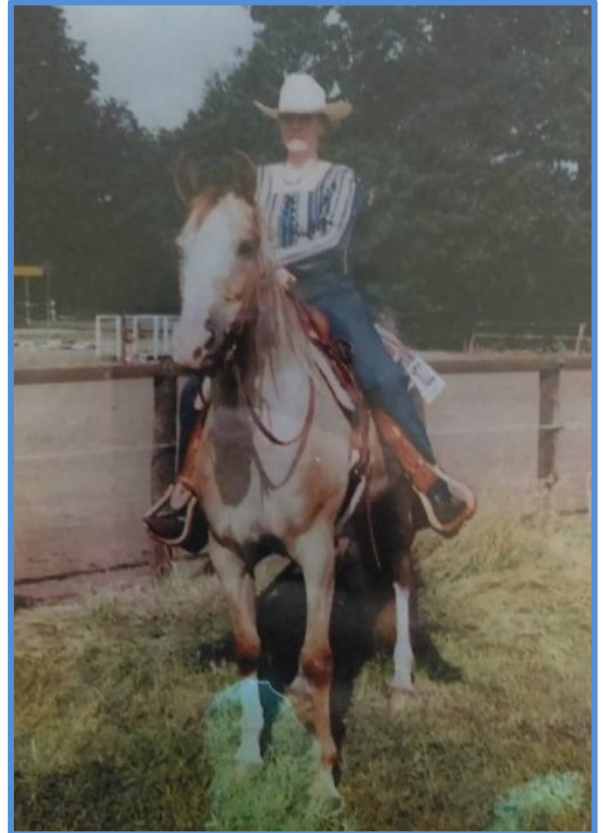
My name is Cornelia Riedel and I was born and raised in Germany which at that time had barely any western riding and so I took dressage lessons. In 2000 I leased a Western Horse and the owner of that horse bought an Appaloosa Mare who was going to change my whole life.

High Hand Rosie was a 3-year old unhandled filly that would let nobody but me close to her, so within one week I was the proud owner of an Appaloosa mare. Little did I know that she would rock my world, literally and figuratively speaking. Yes, I fell off that horse a lot during my first try in training a horse, but in 2001 we actually completed the Bronze Western Riding Badge in Germany

In 2003 I immigrated to the USA and "Honey" was shipped to me as soon as I had found a boarding facility. Due to personal reason I was not able to do any showing or breeding until I had moved to Texas and in 2009 I finally found an Appaloosa stallion whose dam and sire were Appaloosa. I was surprised at the amount of Appaloosa stallions standing here where only one of the parent was an Appaloosa.

"Honey" made my joy complete with the birth of my stallion "Ima Rockin Secret" in 2010. Unfortunately due to an accident as a yearling, he is only on a light riding schedule, but is always willing to help with ponying any of the mares on the facility or helping me cut any trees since I have this weird aversion against ladders.

In 2013 I was able to breed "Honey" with an Appaloosa Cutting stallion and my other Appaloosa Mare "Belle" with my stallion. But again it was not meant to be and "Belle" had a dys which resulted in a dead-born filly and the mare needed several Plasma and Blood Transfusions.



Cornelia and High Hand Rosie (Honey)



*Ima Rockin Secret F2-2711 as a foal.
See him in the ICAA Stallion Showcase*

To make matters worse, "Honey's" foal "Smart Rockin Rosie" decided to try and jump into a door at the age of 5 months and broke her front leg and was on stall rest for 4 months. Constrained with those medical bills, I was unable to do anything but work and work some more. I was interested in starting to do some showing later that year, but meeting several members of the ApHC who were not very nice neither helpful, so I decided to not go down that road.

In 2015 I met a wonderful man who is actually a German himself and in the Spring of 2016 we got married. Now with Timo standing by my side and fully supporting me in my breeding endeavors, we hopefully will be able to be a corner stone to the Appaloosas breed. "Honey" is still the Queen on our property and will be with us until the day she departs for the rainbow bridge.



"Honey" and Smart Rockin Rosie



Cornelia with her husband Timo, "Rosie" and "Honey"