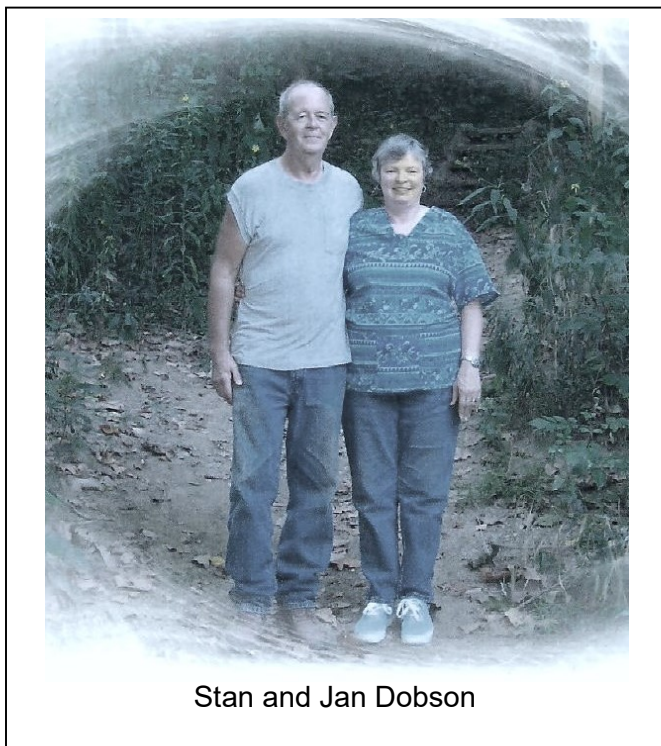


Meet Jan Dobson of Foggy Valley Farms

Hi: My name is Jan Dobson. I am proud to be the ICAA Representative for District 2 which includes Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, Delaware, and Maryland.

My husband Stan and I own Foggy Valley Farms located in the beautiful rolling hills about 60 miles East of Nashville, Tennessee. Stan and I are native Tennesseans who went to high school together and married on February 12, 1965. It's hard to believe we will be married 50 years in February, 2015.

A good portion of those 50 years we have spent loving and raising not only our children but also Appaloosa Horses. Stan grew up on a dairy farm and soon after we married we bought our first farm. One day at a local sale we purchased a chestnut roan - sparse mane and tail Appaloosa mare. Her name was Belle and she became the best all-round family horse ever. Stan could work cows with her; we could go for trail rides, take her to the local Saddle Club on Saturday nights and win at barrel racing and western pleasure. Our kids learned to ride on Belle and refused to have a pony - they wanted to ride "Daddy's horse". We decided that if this was what Appaloosas were like then, of course, we wanted more of them. Later we were able to purchase a great Appaloosa Stallion named Cajun's Vantes. Cajun came from the country music star Jimmy C. Newman's program and he was the beginning of our registered Appaloosas.



Stan and Jan Dobson

Our family became involved with the ApHC as we began to raise registered Appaloosas and later with the Tennessee State Regional Club. In the mid 1990's I became more interested in bloodlines and the history of the Appaloosa. I began to read, study and do some research. I discovered the Foundation Pedigree Designation program (FPD) offered by the ApHC and was shocked when told by the ApHC Registration Department that there were less than 2000 horses within the ApHC that qualified for FPD at even 50%. I began to realize what was happening to the Appaloosa horse due to the allowed out crossing - the Appaloosa blood was disappearing!!!! My family became determined to do our part to stop the dilution of Appaloosa blood in our horse program by breeding only Appaloosa to Appaloosa horses - NO out crossing.

With quality, conformation and athletic ability always the top priority, Foggy Valley Farms does strive for the color patterns and characteristics that distinguish our horses as Appaloosas. We have successfully campaigned our horses in not only the ApHC show ring but at local events and all-breed shows. Our Appaloosas have been trail ridden many miles and our sons have carried their spotted horses Elk hunting and riding in the mountains of Colorado and other western states. FVF horses have always done us proud.

Realizing that such a thing as a Purebred Appaloosa Horse did not exist, the goal of the Dobson Appaloosa Breeding Program became focused on breeding for Purebred Appaloosas. After much research we decided that the only way to produce "purebred" was by following the accepted Animal Husbandry Standards of generational breeding registered animal to registered animal for 8 generations. Starting with "Cajun and Shadow" we now have 6 generation horses with nothing but registered Appaloosa ancestry behind them for 6 generations. In April, 2015 we hope to see the birth of the first documented 7 generation Appaloosa Horse ever produced. We look forward to someday achieving the goal of an 8 generation Purebred Appaloosa.

Sadly, after all these years of involvement with the ApHC, I have come to realize that the ApHC Registry is not too concerned with the preservation and promotion of the App to App bred horses. Excessive out- crossing for specialization has become the driving force for the ApHC and the leadership has "followed the money" instead of following the heart and history and breed of the Appaloosa. That is why Stan and I at Foggy Valley Farms and our sons and families at Three D Appaloosas have become supporters of ICAA. We believe in the structure, rules, and goals that ICAA has set for those breeders who are working toward Purebred Status for the Appaloosa. We have a vested interest of almost 50 years in a herd of close to 50 Appaloosa horses and we must be sure that the Purebred Appaloosa Breed is established and survives for future generations. We think the ICAA Registry will accomplish this.

If anyone is interested in quality, high percentage Appaloosa horses, please contact us. We have several young stallions available that would be an asset to any program. Visitors are always welcome at our farm and we love to talk "Appaloosas". Call us at (615) 408-4667 or Email fvfarms@dtccom.net.

Happy Appy Days

Jan and Stan Dobson
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