

## Meet Renee Dubyk

A few years ago, Allen and I were given the opportunity to move back to the farm where Allen was raised...and with some convincing and promises of horses, I gladly left our Philadelphia center city life. Both Allen and I were raised with a love of horses – Allen grew up on a Morgan horse breeding farm that was regularly showing and while I “suffered” though my childhood without a pony, I enjoyed many years of pony camp and jumping. I had always loved the bold coat patterns that appaloosas offer and was excited to find my perfect horse. I wasn’t particularly familiar with the breed given we live in Chester County, Pennsylvania where warmbloods are the norm and my limited experience of the breed was with misbehaving lesson horses.



*CTR Super Sonic F4-2716  
See him in the Stallion Showcase  
Photo by Lynn Rose Equine Photography*

I was incredibly fortunate to find CTR Super Sonic, F4-2716, a loud leopard stallion who had spent the prior few years starting a breeding program in Ohio. I fell instantly in love with his disposition and gentle nature. I got in touch with his original breeder, Cheryl Woods of CT Ranch and Cheryl was so willing and happy to share all that she has learned in her years of breeding and enjoying appaloosas. Cheryl happened to be getting out of the breeding business and offered up for sale Wyoming Wind, F3-2734, and her foal, CTR Murder Hollow, F4-2735, who we quickly snapped up. From there, our breeding program, Murder Hollow, was born.



*This picture was taken at Dressage at Devon – MH Sonic Boom (F4-2737) was entered in the Colts of the Current Year class and was adored by every single person he walked by on his way to the ring. He had a line of little girl admirers looking to give him love and attention as soon as the class was over.*

This past year we have added a homozygous black & PATN stallion, CTR Turn and Burn, F4-2745, as well as two additional fewspot mares, Candy Coated Angel and Chelseas Honey Whirl who also happens to be buckskin. We’re very excited to see what the next year’s foal crop will bring! Allen is a four-in-hand whip and we’ve started to train CTR Super Sonic to drive and look forward to possibly having him in a team. While the appaloosa breed tends to have a reputation of being a “backyard” horse, we’ve enjoyed getting to change people’s perspective by introducing them to our well-bred, willing and kind breed ambassadors.

We've made some wonderful friendships and have enjoyed the comradery of the many passionate foundation breeders and owners. We proudly support the ICAA and its mission by registering all of our horses and foals. The preservation of this beautiful breed is essential and it is up to the members of ICAA to help promote and foster the breed so newcomers can appreciate everything our horses have to offer.

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*Chelseas Honey Whirl, F2-2743, a buckskin fewspot mare we recently purchased from Hawkeye Ranch.  
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