



# Spring 2025 ICAA Newsletter

## From the Arena Fence

After a long winter, spring is finally here! We see lots of babies posted on Facebook, and those are just the beginning of many. We'd love photos of your new little ones! We have not one, but two articles this quarter, so please enjoy!

The ICAA Bi-Annual Membership Meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 12:00 EST (11:00 CST, 10:00 MST, 9:00 PST). We do hope everyone can attend! This is the time to offer your thoughts and suggestions where they can be heard by all attendees. We do listen to our members and value your input!

Sharon January  
Chairman

## Retiring and Moving With Your Horses

By Joanne Jordan

*(Joanne is the ICAA District Representative for District II)*

Sarasota, Florida; Okatie, South Carolina; Tryon, North Carolina; Lexington, Kentucky; Jamestown, Tennessee. What do these places have in common? They contain some of the most desirable horseback riding/equestrian living areas in the country.

If you are approaching retirement and horses are a part of your retirement plans, you may have wondered: where might be the best place to retire? About 2 years ago, I asked myself this question. This article shares my experience choosing the best place for myself and my husband — perhaps it may help with your retirement destination decision.

Because our pre-retirement state, Washington, had a very high cost of living (COL) and property was out of reach, we decided to move out of state. Listing our priorities helped:

- No state income tax
- Lower COL including affordable land and property taxes
- Less government intervention
- Moderate weather
- Beautiful scenery
- Amazing trail riding/large equestrian presence



Map showing Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, Jamestown, and Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area (BSF)  
Jamestown and BSF not to scale

For us, Tennessee checked all boxes and appears to appeal to many others also. Tennessee had the 6th highest state population growth between 2022-2023 (US Census, 12/19/23). Once the state was chosen, further research found that some of the best trail riding in the country is found around the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area (BSF). If you've spent any time on Facebook trail riding groups, one of the most frequent questions asked is "where's the best place to trail ride?" And one of the most common answers is the BSF.

The BSF is 125,000 acres of scenic gorges and sandstone bluffs packed with natural and historic features and outdoor activities. There are 212 miles of signed and marked riding trails where you can ride from Tennessee all the way to Kentucky if you want, and never leave the park.

(Link to the BSF page) [Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area](#)

With all of that information, the decision to move to the BSF area was made. Two trips to the area narrowed it down to an equine community close to Jamestown. This delightful, small town (city population 2,000) has experienced recent, rapid growth that sometimes challenges its infrastructure—something all growing towns experience. But the friendly, helpful residents made our decision to move here easy.



*Gypsy Caravan Leaving Washington*

The momentous task of finding the right property, selling the old property and moving 2 horses, a dog, minimal household belongings, 2 vehicles and 2 people, 2,550 miles seemed a bit daunting but we were determined. House in Tennessee found and closed, house in Washington sold and closed. We sold everything else but what would fit in a small rental van and 7 days later, we landed in Tennessee and haven't regretted a single thing.

There are many wonderful places to retire to and no reason to not include your spotted equines. Make sure you know your priorities. Do your research. Visit as many places and times as possible. Plan your move carefully. Traveling many days with horses requires a living-quarters trailer, nightly stays at horse motels ([horsemotel.com](#)) plus people hotels, camping or hiring professional horse and/or household movers. We found the nightly horse hotel then human hotel route to be exhausting. Being in charge of your own horses' travel is both comforting and extremely stressful. If you have multiple drivers, I'm sure it would be easier to move your own horses great distances but we didn't as one of us had to drive the rental van. If we had to do it over, we would have hired professionals to move the horses. Your mileage may vary.



*Magoo says, "Let's Go!" with Tom Jordan*





Above Photos: JCA Rogue Rose (aka River, F7 Bay Dun Filly) and BCA Olympic Drizzle (aka Drizzle, F6 Black Filly) offloaded for the night at a horse hotel near Kansas City, KS: Phalen Equestrian Center ([phalenequestriancenter.com](http://phalenequestriancenter.com)).

If you have any plans to move with horses, I'd be happy to elaborate further about the process so please don't hesitate to contact me at [jsjordan2011@yahoo.com](mailto:jsjordan2011@yahoo.com) or on Facebook Messenger, Joanne Jordan. Happy trails, y'all.



Joanne and River enjoying the beauty of the rock cliffs and ledges in Tennessee



Olympic Appaloosas at its new location in Jamestown, Tennessee with Magoo and River in tow



Joanne and River



Joanne and Drizzle



## New Registrations



*Pearl Handled Pistol (#)  
Bay Dun Stallion  
Owned by Dawn Beach Spencer, Smokin' True Ranch*



*ERB Spotted Crhix Vilt (F4)  
Black Blanket Filly  
Bred by Bre Ramirez*

***Are you an Appaloosa fan or an ICAA member?  
Join the movement by becoming a District  
Representative or applying for a seat on the  
Board of Trustees.***

***Welcome New Members!***  
**Stachia Fielder-Bjergo, MN**  
**Danyell Zak, MN**  
**Andrew Chappell, NC**  
**Barbara Henry, MN**

### ICAA Bi-Annual Membership Meeting

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### **ICAA STALLION SHOWCASE**

Members may put their ICAA stallions in the Stallion Showcase on the ICAA website for free! For those stallions already in the showcase: owners please look over your stallion's flyer and give us any updates that may be needed for the 2025 breeding season.

## **International Colored Appaloosa Association, Inc**

### **Dedicated to the Development, Preservation, and Promotion of the Purebred Appaloosa**

- ❖ Foundation was a place to start. The ICAA is building the finished product -- a breed for the future, one generation at a time.
- ❖ Founded in 1991, the ICAA is well established and in it for the long haul.
- ❖ The only registry offering a program to track a horse's training from birth.
- ❖ The only registry building a database of breeders who are producing five-plus generation horses.
- ❖ A "stand-alone" registry that does not require prior registration in another registry if the horse is the product of an ICAA registered sire and dam.
- ❖ The only registry using the full-generational concept of eight-generations plus, with no out-crossing, to produce a true, purebred Appaloosa, following the generally accepted genealogy method of generational identification.
- ❖ The ICAA is partnered with AGI and offers members exclusive pricing options on 6-Panel, color, and pattern testing, as well as DNA Profiling. Parentage verification is free on foals from parents who have been DNA Profiled.

**Depths of Love**  
**By J. SpiritWolf Vega**  
**December 22. 2024**

The very empowerment of the deep love is truly felt between your equine and your spirit that has a permanent bond. How? There is no explanation to this question and there are no words that can simply describe it. Close, but no true answer that would ever clarify such a bond.

The morning came sooner than my heart's desire. Only two days ago I was delivering my baby, GypsyAnna to her new trainer. The night was long prior as my thoughts shifted in so many directions. This will be the first time in three years that we will be away from each other. I could feel my eyes well up and it would pull me out of any level of sleep to which I wanted so that I could keep my mind at peace

I walked towards the barn. Here she was snickering at hearing my voice from a distance. As I slid the gate up she began to walk in circles inside her pen stall. My heart pounded ever so much faster. She placed her head over the pen panel and displayed her excitement. "Hello Baby. Where is my GypsyAnna"? The daily routine of my day when I come to see her. The other horses joined in. A smile came across my face.

Her eyes glaring and softened up by expression as I approached her to embrace her forehead with a light stroke. Something just always. And I mean 'Always'. An emotion that triggers a slight energetic tingle as soon as we are in touch.

She was emanating a different feel this morning as though she could feel my energy which was occupied with what I had to do and prepare for her departing. I stepped into her pen and she casually walked over to me and leaned against me so that I could scratch her ears. I did. It was like she melted right into me as I melted into her and wrapped my arms around her neck. She slipped her muzzle under my arm and we hugged warmly.

We laid down their food so that they could have a tummy full of grain and hay to start with. We left the barn to prepare the trailer and hitch it up to our friends 2500 Ram truck. Oh boy. Now comes the time for me to go and get her and Mintaka. First one on the trailer is Mintaka. No problem there. That is Willowsong's baby and the 'Appy Fabio of Morehead, KY'. Lol. You will understand in the near future. So look out for the new promotional graphic image development on that subject.



*SpiritWolf Vega and MHS Wanderlust Gypsy,  
aka GypsyAnna (F4)*



*SpiritWolf Vega and GypsyAnna*

Now comes the equine love of my life. The dream of a 9-year old boy who loved working on a horse ranch every opportunity he could steal of time. Here we are 53 years later and a dream come true. Yep. Later in life, but true to reality of a boy's dream. Yet more than anything ever I imagined with GypsyAnna.



She stood tall and proud as I began to place the halter on. So calm she was. Once adjusted and fitted, she slowly turned towards me and gave her loving horse kiss. I felt that she knew and we began to walk out of the barn. A little excited she was as she usually never goes towards the front of our home. She paused at the trailer. She watched me step in two times, then she hoofed the floor and then jumped right in with me.

Upon arrival, we shared a few words with Eddie Crothers of Cedar Brook Farms in Ohio. We then introduced him to our babies. Shortly after that we began to set the horses with their leads and we began with GypsyAnna. She leaped in the air as she exited looking like super girl. Ha. Ha. Ha.

Eddie guided me to her stall where she will be residing. As we approached the stall, GypsyAnna stalled at the door. I walked in to show her she is safe and that I would not abandon her. Eddie tried the crinkle paper method behind her and got the reaction with a look directly at him as if that was going to work.

Well. The third time was a charm of me walking in and whispering my song to her ears. The depth of love for our horses run deeper than one ever truly realizes until their absence and the power of their medicine that heals the soul. Take a deep look into their eyes and see the bond of shared spirits and an unbreakable bond. The calm in which blankets both of your hearts.

This is the depth of love.

Many Blessings,  
SpiritWolf



*SpiritWolf Vega and Gypsyanna*



*SpiritWolf Vega and Gypsyanna*





*ERB Spotted Diamonds By Dinah (F7 pending)  
Black Snowcap Filly  
By BCA Iron White Star (F7)  
Out of BCA Zamos Bocawatchi (F6N)  
Owned by Bre Ramirez, ERB Spotted Acres*

***Congratulations to Bre Ramirez, for  
getting one of those very elusive  
7-generation fillies!***

Are you an Appaloosa fan or ICAA member? Join the movement by becoming a District Representative or applying for a seat on the Board of Trustees.

Do you own or have a passion for the Appaloosa horse? Join the International Colored Appaloosa Association (ICAA) to help support the ongoing success of the Appaloosa breed. If you are already a member of this dedicated organization and want to play an active role in its future, consider reaching out to us about becoming a district representative in your area. Your voice matters! Be part of a larger mission to preserve our beloved Appaloosa.

The Appaloosa is celebrated for its diverse range of colors and coat patterns, as well as its exceptional versatility and trainability. These horses excel in various disciplines and are known for their gentle, calm demeanor, making them ideal for novice and experienced riders. Additionally, Appaloosas are highly regarded for their endurance, which makes them a popular choice in endurance-riding competitions. The ICAA plays a vital role in preserving this remarkable breed by addressing the impacts of uncontrolled crossbreeding on the Appaloosa lineage. Their mission is to maintain the integrity of the purebred Appaloosa, promote this versatile and athletic breed on a global scale, and honor its rich heritage.

**You do not need to own an Appaloosa to be a member and support ICAA.**

***Memberships can be paid for and submitted online.***

***Registrations and other work can also be paid for and submitted online  
if paperwork is quality scanned and emailed.***

**As always, thank you for supporting the best breed and remaining true to the Appaloosa!**

***All letters to the editor, materials submitted for publication, and advertisements should be sent to  
[icaa@icaainc.com](mailto:icaa@icaainc.com).***

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**Like us on Facebook (type International Colored Appaloosa Association in your Facebook search engine)**

## Remember

Current members get discounted rates on registrations, transfers, and genetic testing through AGI. Members can also enjoy the benefits of free advertising on ICAA's website and inclusion in teleconference meetings!

Advertise your ICAA stallions for free in the Stallion Showcase!

Advertise your ICAA sale horses for free in our Sale File!

Show off your ICAA horses on the ICAA Facebook Page!



MHS Still Irish Whiskey (pending)  
By MHS Still Orion (F4) Out of MHS Super Nova  
Owned by Tom and Karen Freund, Mount Hope Stables

**Cuteness**

**The  
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