



Winter 2024/2025 ICAA Newsletter

From the Arena Fence

It looks like we've made it through 2024! For many of us, 2024 was been a very trying year. Fingers crossed that things will be much brighter for all of us in 2025. Many are watching their mares getting really big bellies and are looking forward to seeing what's in there! We wish you all lots of spots in the upcoming months.

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*

Meet Bre Ramirez ERB Spotted Acres

In 2018 a small piece of heaven was purchased in Northern Utah, with a 5-year vision of being self-sufficient. What started out as a 1941 house and some empty acres, quickly developed into a homestead raising black angus beef, Nigerian and Nubian milk goats, Yorkshire swine, and a fun variety of Ameraucana or Welsummer chickens. With a strong passion for all critters, owner Bre Ramirez has an extra special place in her heart for the Appaloosa horse.

Today, ERB SPOTTED ACRES is home to many well known Appaloosa bloodlines, and all are 100% foundation bred. These horses are linked back to several famous appaloosas and the Nez Perce tribe. Bre herself is from Crow heritage and is very proud to be part of the "Walks over Ice" family in Montana, where appaloosas are a big part of everyday life.



BCA IRON WHITE STAR (F7/GAP 7/100% FPD Stallion)

When Bre was asked what her biggest accomplishment to date was, she replied, "I have been blessed in so many ways. There are so many good people out there that have been breeding these exceptional rare beauties (ERB) for 30 years, and I have been blessed to purchase some. A few months ago, my family took a road trip to visit Charles Potts in Walla Walla, Washington where he showed us his beautiful Blue Creek Appaloosa herd. Every horse was in exceptional condition, very friendly, and just happy. That weekend we purchased two mares and a stallion. I am very proud to own these three beauties and I still cannot believe they are in my barn."

ERB SPOTTED ACRES is one of the few breeders in Utah that produces 100% foundation bloodlines, including the Indian shuffle gaited genes. Below are a few examples of those lucky horses that call Bre's farm their home.



SUMRALL GUN SMOKE (F5/GAP 5/100% FPD, Stallion)

Bre was asked what her goal is with breeding and what would be one recommendation when purchasing an Appaloosa. Bre replied, "It's really easy to be captivated by the unique leopard spots, snowcaps, or blankets, but I am more so interested in bloodlines, conformation, and overall kindness. I have come across some stunning, well-bred horses, but their personality was sour and their eye was not kind, so I quickly passed. I have no interest in breeding any animal that hasn't proven its ability to be well-rounded. Prior to bringing home any new addition, make sure they are 6-panel clean and vaccinated. I personally am shocked that some registries allow members to register equines that are not 6-panel negative. It's irresponsible and in my opinion, these registries are just interested in the financial aspect and not the quality of these animals. It's just sad to see positive horses bred, and these horses also have a 50% chance of their foals being positive. New, or uneducated, or experienced buyers all need to have any equines tested prior to purchase".



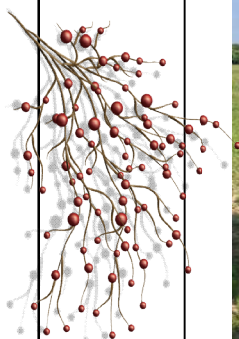
BCA ZAMOS BOCAWATCHI (F6/GAP 6/100% FPD Mare)



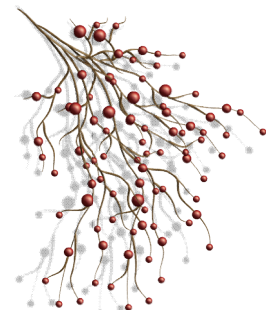
**ERB SPOTTED BHIAC VHCR F6/
GAP 6/100% FPD Colt)**
By SUMRALL GUN SMOKE
Owned by Steven Johnson of Michigan



**HRA HOCUS
POCUS** (100% FPD Mare)

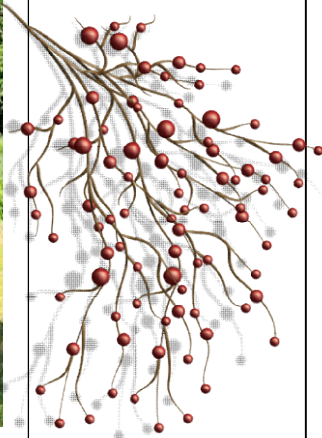


LA GHOSTWIND REINA
(100% FPD Mare)





WYOMING WIND (F3/100% FDP)
& Her Filly ERB SPOTTED
AONLTX VLIT
Filly purchased by private buyer



BCA CHATANGA SAPANUK (F5/GAP 5/100% FPD Black Mare)



ERB SPOTTED ACRES is ready to welcome 2025 by the arrival of new foals. During this busy time, Bre and her support group would like to invite others to take a look at her Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/bre.ramirez.393>) to be part of the new arrivals starting in January. If anyone is interested in learning more about this Utah herd, they are welcome to reach out to Bre at Paintedpony1000@gmail.com or review the International Colored Appaloosa Association (ICAA) website (www.icaainc.com), where Bre will donate a breeding next year to each of her stallions; live or frozen semen.



We need articles for publication in the ICAA Newsletter. Any current member can contribute! As you've seen from our articles, almost any horse related or personal topic can be submitted.

ICAA Bi-Annual Membership Meeting

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ONLINE PAYMENTS

WHEN PAYING FOR ANY SERVICES ONLINE, PLEASE ONLY SEND PAYMENT THROUGH THE ONLINE PAYMENT PAGE OF THE ICAA WEBSITE! DO NOT SEND TO THE ICAA EMAIL ADDRESS. PAYPAL CHARGES US FEES, WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE ONLINE PAYMENT PAGE'S PAYPAL BUTTONS. IF MONEY IS SENT STRAIGHT TO OUR EMAIL ADDRESS, PAYPAL TAKES OUT THE SAME FEES AND WE LOSE MONEY.



Memberships are due on or before January 1st of each year to stay current

You must be a current member to not only receive member discounts on fees for services, but also to receive testing discounts AGI has offered us for our members (we must order the tests). Also, members can list their ICAA stallions in the Stallion Showcase and members can advertise their ICAA horses in the Sale Files for free.

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.

New Registrations



*Rivendales Shadow Dancer (F6)
Black Blanketed Filly
Owned by Derrick Lopez*



*Raven Cajun Raven (F5)
Bay Fewspot Mare
Owned by Jim Keith and Cynthia Evans*



*Honors Silver Lux (F5)
Black Blanketed Filly
Owned by Jordan Fair*



*Mighty War Prince (F3)
Buckskin Near-Leopard Gelding
Owned by Jamie Galbraith*



*BCA Zamos Bocawatchi (F6N)
Black Solid Mare
Owned by Bre Ramirez*

Other Registrations

Eagles Thunder Bunny (F4)
Black Snowcap Mare
Owned by Jim Keith & Cynthia Evans

Shadows DoubleDomino (F4)
Black Varnish Mare
Owned by Jim Keith & Cynthia Evans

High Clouds Cricket (F5)
Dark Bay Leopard Mare
Owned by Derrick Lopez

Welcome New Members!

**Savanah Annett (Youth) of WA
Kylee Birdwell of OR
Jamie Galbraith of WA**

Registering/Testing/Ownership By Cynthia Evans

Why is registering, testing, and transferring ownership of your horses so important? I can tell you from my own experience how important these activities are.

We purchased our first horse, a grade Appaloosa, from a Falon Taylor online auction. We were just looking for a good riding horse and we had not had horses since we were kids. He's a great horse but since this was an online auction we know very little about his history. Several years later we purchased another grade Appaloosa from a rescue in California. This horse was a gift to our granddaughter, and he has turned out to be a great horse for kids. It did not take long for us to fall in love with this breed!

I reached out to the sellers of both horse's multiple times without success. I still have no information on their pedigree, registrations, show records, breeding etc... For Zeke, we have photos of him and his dam. I know he was foaled in California in 2010 and that's it. I have no further information on him. I had Zeke tested and reached out to the ApHC but I was unable to find his dam and sire. I've posted these pictures in multiple Facebook groups hoping someone might recognize his dam. I've searched the ApHC and All Breed Pedigree on the chance that perhaps he was registered with his name. I would give anything to know more about him. I would especially be interested in his pedigree as I would happily purchase another Appaloosa from this pedigree.

My experience has made me very passionate about making sure all my horses are registered and tested.

I think everyone knows how important testing is. Some of these diseases are fatal. I know there are people who purchase horses without being aware these diseases exist. I would hate for someone to unknowingly purchase a horse with one of these diseases. If we want to continue progressing this breed forward, then we must all test our horses and not pass these along to future generations.

Registering, testing and transferring ownership takes some hard work, but it's worth it in the end. However, once we've got them registered and tested we need a good strategy for storing these records.

Recently, I read about a woman who had a house fire and lost all her transfer reports and registration documents for her horses. Not all her horses had been transferred into her name. She was able to reach out to all but 2 of the people she purchased her horses from.

This post made me really stop and think about the need for having a digital backup of my registration certificates and any other important documents. I, too, have been known to procrastinate a bit on getting my horses transferred into my name. Think of a horse's registration certificate like the title to your truck; how important it is to immediately transfer the title, and all the hoops a person has to jump through if that title is lost, especially if it wasn't transferred. Many times previous owners can't be found to help fix anything with a replacement transfer and signatures. If a registration certificate is lost or destroyed, an Affidavit for Reissue of a Registration Certificate has to be filled out, signed by the owner of record, and notarized. If you never transferred the horse into your name, this means tracking down the person who sold you the horse; the owner of record. You do not want to get yourself into this position by not having transferred the horse. YOU need to be the owner of record on every horse you own. More often than not, a registry cannot help you in this situation.

I use a software program to store information about all of my horses. It stores everything about my horses including where they are registered, testing results, Coggins tests, vacations, farrier records, etc. After reading that post, I've scanned all my testing results, registration certificates, etc. into this program. The data is stored in "the cloud" and I'm able to access it from my iphone, ipad and computer at any time.

You don't have to have a software program to store this information. There are several ways to scan and store this information digitally. For example, computer backups, thumb drives, M-Disks (touted to last up to 1,000 years), or external hard drives. If storing data on physical devices like a thumb drive, you should regularly check and make sure that the physical device has not become corrupted. If storing it on a physical device, make sure you store it somewhere outside your home or in a fireproof box. Use a safety deposit box, fireproof box at home, or even send a copy to a friend or family member. The safest by far is to store at least one of these backups off site.

In most cases you can request reprints from registries and testing facilities but it's going to take time and money to do so.

A Few of our Working Horse Wednesday Horses Posted on the ICAA Facebook Page



MHS Freya (F5)
Owned by Tom and Karen Freund, Mount Hope Stables
Ridden by Tom Freund



BCA Nuksays Nooksak (F6)
Owned by Daniel Bjergo
Lightly Ridden at two-years old by Stachia Bjergo



RockledgeToshwiraH TLC (F4) Skijoring
Owned by Dawn Beach Spencer, Smokin' True Ranch
Ridden by Ted Shultz



JCA Rogue Rose (F7)
Owned and Ridden by Joanne Jordan
Jamestown, TN
Kipsap County Sheriff



WA Ulrich Gem (F3)
Owned and Ridden by Robyn Lay



Integrity

Choosing courage over comfort; choosing what is right over what is fun, fast, or easy; and choosing to practice our values rather than simply professing them.

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.

We at ICAA hope each of you had a very

Merry Christmas

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
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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!



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Versatility

The ICAA APPALOOSA



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