



# Fall 2021 Newsletter

## From the Arena Fence

I hope everyone had a smooth 2021 foaling and haying season. After a wet and humid summer in a large portion of the country we are ready for cool crisp fall mornings. With the increase in Covid restrictions please be safe out there.

We want to thank all of the participants in the ICAA Virtual Performance Show and hope you all had fun making your videos. The videos for the final show will be October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please feel free to share feedback and ideas on some other fun activities we can do with our horses. Check the website and Facebook pages for details.

See our new “Spooktacular” special on page 4, which will run from October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>!

Cheryl Miller-Yurcak  
Chairman/CEO

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### SIMON'S SAGA

By Margo Carter Condon

*This is the story of an Appaloosa gelding that had a broken jaw. The writer is the lady who owns him, and what you're going to read here is his story. I am going to explain what can go right, and what can go wrong and what I wish I had known from the start. Heaven forbid that this should happen to one of your horses, but if it does, I hope that what I tell you here will provide some guidance as you make your decisions on how to handle the mess that you've found yourself in.*

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It was New Year's Eve and gently snowing when we went out to put the horses in for the night. Everything looked to be fine until I went to close the stall door of the youngest of the three horses. Technically he was going to be a two-year-old at midnight, but he was 19 months old right then and he was standing three with a bloody mouth and was unable to eat his grain though he tried.



Simon – The Abscess

I rushed into the house to put in a call to our vet. The fellow on the call was new to the practice earlier that year, and he had never been to our barn before. Needless to say, I wasn't really happy about that. But he showed up with his wife (also a vet) who had done work for us earlier in the summer. Two vets for the price of one! They both examined him and agreed – he had apparently been kicked and the jaw was broken.

We discussed treatment options for him. The jaw could be wired for stability so that it could heal. Estimated cost for this was \$1,200 to \$1,500. If it wasn't possible to wire it, the alternative would be to put in a steel plate (more expensive). Minimum cost for this would probably be at least \$3,000. We have an equine practice downstate that could handle this, and our two vets went home to make the arrangements after the gelding was given a shot of Banamine for the night.

Needless to say, we did not have a good night. I don't think either my husband or I really slept too much during the night. I worried about my guy being hungry and in pain. The two-hour trip was going to be a bummer because it snowed all night and would continue to snow on New Year's Day. The next morning our vet

returned, gave the gelding another shot for pain and helped us load him into the trailer. As expected, it was a nasty, nerve-racking trip but we finally got there in one piece.

After making an \$800 deposit, we left him there and returned home to await news following the surgery scheduled for later that day. Unfortunately, the news was not good. The vet was unable to wire the jaw successfully and did not have the supplies on hand to plate it. The gelding would have to be hauled to another larger equine practice in a neighboring state. Arrangements were made, so off we went to pick him up and drive another two hours to deliver him so that his jaw could finally be plated. The weather that day was great! As we were leaving the practice, I spied a bald eagle gliding over the Androscoggin River, and for some obscure reason this gave me hope that everything would be alright eventually. I know, “*strange*” lady but that’s the way it was.

We eventually arrived at our destination, got him unloaded, stalled, met the vet who would perform the surgery later that day, and plunked down a \$3,000 deposit before leaving. We got excellent news after we returned home. This surgery was successful and we could return in four days to bring him home after paying the balance due on the bill – another \$775. Once he was home, my real work started.



*Simon – After his 2nd surgery. Shows stitches & above those the site of the abscess - not swollen any longer, but it continued to drain small amounts for probably another month.*

Obviously, this guy was not going to come home and chow down on grain and hay. He had to be fed Trotter and hay-extender melted-down pellets four times a day. Because it was winter and the barn was cold, I didn’t prepare both of them at the same time. I wanted him to have warm food to eat so essentially, he got fed eight times a day starting at 6 AM and ending at 11 PM. Things were going along really well until he developed an abscess under his jaw that had to be hot packed numerous times a day. During January and February, I pretty much lived in the barn.

At this point in his saga, we had approximately \$4,600 invested, but expenses were ongoing. Vets from my local practice visited weekly – farm calls [\$50 a visit] for staple removal, more antibiotics, the abscess, two sets of x-rays, etc. Costs were mounting up, and then came the “BIGGIE.” The second set of x-rays showed that one of the screws had come loose and was lying alongside the steel plate. The plate was going to have to come out! Perhaps we should have inquired about this to start with, but it just never

occurred to us to do so. Once you’re into the mess this far, it’s way too late to stop. The vet advised that the cost for that would be from \$1,200 to \$1,600 depending on the length of the surgery. When we went to bring him home the total bill for this was \$2,000.

Now let me digress for a moment. Years earlier I had shopped across the U.S. and Canada looking for a Bright Eyes Brother-bred mare that was colored and would qualify for the ApHC’s FPD program that had recently been approved. I found a yearling filly in Alberta and had her shipped to Quebec where I picked her up and brought her home to Maine. Eight years later, I decided to breed her to an LP/LP stud standing in Illinois. I was not getting any younger and since this would probably be the last home-grown foal I would raise; I wanted a reasonable guarantee for a colored foal.

The mare was a seal bay with a good-sized blanket with halo spots across her back and hips, a small star and a couple of short socks. Anyone looking at her would not think that she was a BEB-bred horse. The stud was black [sort of roan on the front] with a large white blanket, no spots. The foal didn’t turn out anywhere near like what I expected! What arrived was a palomino colt with four high whites, a blaze with a white lower lip and a snowflake hip blanket [no spots]! Eleven days later, he and his mom made his first trip downstate to the equine practice where he was diagnosed with an ulcer. Thank goodness he was a little dude because one tube of the expensive ulcer medication would last quite a few days.



*Plate and Screws*

So .... when that fateful New Year's Eve rolled around 18 months later, and this guy came into the barn with a broken jaw, we already had some good money invested in him. A \$3,000 estimate to get it fixed wasn't really going to break us financially so we started him down the road to recovery.

As you already read, that \$3,000 estimate escalated over the next few months. In addition to the vet bills [\$4,575 by the time we brought him home the first time], you have the expense of the pelleted feed because he can't eat the hay you have stored in your barn. He was eating the melted-down Trotter & hay-extender pellets for about two months, eventually leading to soaked alfalfa pellets & later soaked alfalfa cubes and finally moving on to very fine timothy/grass hay.



*Simon – Some time later but still showing shaved area*

When you're making your decision as to what you're going to do with your horse with the broken jaw, you need to keep your pocket book in mind. We knew approximately what it would cost to have it wired or to have it plated. What we should have asked was if the clinic downstate could not wire the jaw, did they have the equipment on hand to plate it. The fact that we didn't ask this question cost us \$800 for a surgery that didn't get the job done! At the time this happened I was not working so I was at home and could feed him eight times a day. If you can't be at home yourself, you're going to need someone you can depend on to help you feed. And once the jaw has been repaired and healed there is always the possibility that the wire or the plate will have to be removed and you'll be spending more money for that. And don't forget the follow-up vet bills! Also keep in mind that the prices they will quote you are just estimates. It was our experience that the estimates we were given were always less than the actual bills. In the

end, this broken jaw cost us somewhere between \$7,500 and \$8,000.

I honestly cannot tell you that if, at the beginning of this mess we had known what the final cost would be, would we have made the decision that we did. I just don't know, but I will tell you this. For the money that we have sunk into this guy [AI breeding, ulcer diagnosis and treatment, broken jaw and training fees] our guy really is a "gold-plated" palomino Appaloosa, and he will remain here with us until the end!



### **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.





### SPOOKTACULAR MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

**This Membership special will run from October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Membership will be good for the remainder of 2021 and all of 2022. At this discounted rate, there is a limit of two years (2022 and 2023) that can be purchased.**



**Membership fee will be reduced from \$15 to \$10 for each year.**

**Membership Applications and online payment options are on the ICAA website at [www.icaainc.com](http://www.icaainc.com).**

### ICAA Mailing Address

The ICAA mailing address is that of the Secretary. The Secretary is currently Sharon January.

Sharon moved to a TX ranch from a NM ranch (same owner, at his request) in the summer of 2020, which was the reason for last year's change of mailing address for ICAA. She was originally supposed to move to OK, but due to a number of circumstances, ended up in TX, which she hoped was temporary. It looked like the OK move would be nixed but is back on! The timing will be dependent on getting a home built or temporary place to live in OK until the home is finished. In the future, you will want to keep abreast of the correct mailing address for ICAA before sending anything through the mail.

The forms will be updated with a notation to check the ICAA website to be sure you are mailing paperwork to the correct mailing address. The website is much quicker to update, and so more reliable for accuracy than what are possibly old forms printed out in the past that may or may not have the correct mailing address.

Hopefully, Oklahoma will be a permanent address, as this is to be a retirement home and location. The address will be advertised as soon as it is known. Currently the mailing address is still PO Box 427, Whiteface, TX 79379. The main office is located in Corry, PA.

### 2021 Annual ICAA Membership Meeting

The 2021 Annual ICAA Membership Meeting was held on September 25, 2021 via teleconference. Below are a few of the most important items discussed, with rule changes from two proposals that were submitted and passed to take effect January 1, 2022.

**IMM:** Starting January 1, 2022, all horses being registered must have a negative IMM test. AGI has had this in their panel test for quite some time now, making their 5-Panel a 6-Panel at no additional charge. We were allowed to add IMM to our Panel package, making it a 6-Panel as well, at no additional charge to our members. For horses that are being registered on their parents/grandparents negative 5-Panel tests, or already have a 5-Panel that does not include IMM, he/she will need to have an individual negative IMM test to be registered. We will be in touch with AGI to see if they will allow us to add that test individually at a discount on our forms. Horses registered with Etalon tests need to be sure IMM is included in their test results.

**Solid Non-Characteristic Horses:** Several rule changes were made concerning these horses. These changes will take effect January 1, 2022.

- The Non-Characteristic Division will be deleted in its entirety. Horses that are non-characteristic (either untested phenotypically solid, or tested lp/lp) will still have the prefix "N" with their level number.
- All solid stallions, regardless of level, will now be eligible for registration if all other requirements have been met. Previously they had to be an F3 or above.
- Solid horses may now compete in ICAA shows with the colored horses. The judge will deduct a few points for the lack of coat pattern, as this is an important trait in an Appaloosa and our breed standards state a horse should have a recognizable coat pattern at 15 feet. Registration certificates will no longer be stamped "Ineligible to compete in ICAA shows unless solid classes are offered." If you have a non-characteristic certificate and wish to have the stamp removed, please send the original registration certificate with an Affidavit for Corrected Certificate and the proper fee.

## New Registrations



Ghostdance Savannah F5N-2798  
Solid Chestnut Mare  
Owned by Verna Roberts, Ghostdance Appaloosas



STJ Asia Bella F3N-2799  
Solid Black Mare  
Owned by Verna Roberts, Ghostdance Appaloosas



GGR Latgawa Chiefsam F5-2800  
Bay Leopard Stallion  
Owned by Joanne Jordan



HHA Twisted Iron F4-2801  
Black Blanketed Stallion  
Owned by Amanda Hubbert



FVF Cowboys Pistol F6-2802  
Dark Bay Blanketed Stallion  
Owned by Vickie Smith

### ***Welcome New Members!***

Hilah Owen of IA  
Stanton & Linda Broderick of NY  
Daniel Bjergo of MN  
Meaghan Monahan of CO  
Vickie B Smith of VT  
Jacinto (Spirit Wolf) Vega of KY  
Cynthia and Keith Evans of TX  
Anastasia Rose Peterson of MN (*youngest member!*)  
Stefanie Grubb of WA

**The Newsletter is available almost exclusively online, other than for those who request that a hard copy be mailed to them. We also send a hard copy to new members for one year. If after the one year any new members desire to continue to receive a hard copy, please let us know.**





Congratulations to Karisa Larsen and NorthStar Ladys Man F2-2793 for completion of 100 hours in the ICAA Horsemanship Program!

While the Horsemanship Program allows for hours counted with nearly every activity you do with your horse, from ground work, grooming, training, etc, the majority of Ladys Man's time was spent riding in some gorgeous areas of the country.



Congratulations to Marlene Salvatora and MSF Sunchic Fandango F4-2773 for completion of 100 hours in the ICAA Horsemanship Program!

Most time spent with Sunchic was spent doing a lot of groundwork and training, with some trail riding.



Meet Amanda Hubbert, ICAA's new District Representative for District VII.

You can read about her on the ICAA website at <https://icaainc.com/bios>

We think she will be a great addition to our ICAA Officials.

Welcome Amanda!



Also, meet Samantha Peterson, ICAA's new District Representative for District IX.

You can read about her on the ICAA website at <https://icaainc.com/bios>

We think she, too, will be a great addition to our ICAA Officials.

Welcome Samantha!



And, meet Meaghan Monahan, ICAA's new District Representative for District VI.

You can read about her on the ICAA website at <https://icaainc.com/bios>

We also think she will make a great addition to our ICAA Officials.

Welcome Meaghan!

*We are thrilled to have these three new ladies to fill these positions!*

*If you would be interested in a District Representative position, please see the What's New page on the ICAA website and see if your District is open or available! We would love to have you!*

*Please contact us at [icaa@icaainc.com](mailto:icaa@icaainc.com).*

**As an ICAA member you will receive reduced registration fees, reduced transfer fees, reduced testing fees, and other fees at reduced rates.** You can file your ICAA **Stallion Reports for free** if filed by Dec 31st of the breeding year. You can enroll your Appaloosa or Youth in the **Open Show Point Program, The ICAA Distance Program,** and/or enroll in the **ICAA Horsemanship Program,** and you can receive **Production Achievement Awards** for your mares producing 5 (five) colored ICAA registered foals, or for your stallions producing 15 (fifteen) colored ICAA registered foals. You can **advertise** your ICAA registered stallions **for free** in the **Stallion Showcase,** as well as **advertise** your ICAA registered horses for sale in the **Sale File,** also **for free.**



## Annual Membership Form

Clip and mail with fees to:  
ICAA, PO Box 427, Whiteface, TX 79379  
or pay online and email this form

Membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

I am a NEW Adult Member (\$15)

I am a NEW Youth Member (\$15)

I want to RENEW my Adult membership (\$15)

I want to RENEW my Youth Membership (\$15)

Payment for year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ICAA Membership (if renewing) # \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (if Youth) \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site URL: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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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## Contact Information

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Visit our website at [www.icaainc.com](http://www.icaainc.com)

Like us on Facebook (type International Colored  
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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!



HHR Cherico Sundance, F4-2537  
Owned by Debra VanOrd

## Heritage

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