



Spring 2020 ~ Newsletter

*The ICAA is the only **stand alone registry** dedicated to building and preserving the purebred Appaloosa defined by eight generations of Appaloosa x Appaloosa only. To that end, ICAA welcomes most Appaloosas with Appaloosa parents and characteristics, with a preference for contrasting coat color patterns.*

ICAA boasts a healthy and diverse gene pool with categories for Appaloosas with non-Appaloosa grandparents, great grandparents, etc. to contribute to the eight generation purebred Appaloosa. Intermediate categories allow breeders and buyers to identify Appaloosas that best suit these goals within their own programs.

ICAA offers opportunities for their registered Appaloosas and Youths to earn points in local breed and open shows, trail and distance programs, as well as national and international competitions, and offers awards for production achievement,.

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Learning With Our ICAA Spotties!

By Linda Hokanson

First of all, I would like to say how happy I am to finally have all my horses, that qualify, registered with the ICAA! It's taken a long time to achieve but we did it. Thank you to Sharon for all of her help and patience with getting this done. I am impressed with how she has incorporated all of the DNA testing results onto the registration papers. This should really simplify selling procedures. All the pertinent information in one place!

I had originally planned to write about my clinic experience with my gelding, Stars Wildfire, ICAA #F4-2715 but losing him to colic (torsion of small intestine) on October 12, 2018 put the brakes on that project. Losing him like that hit me pretty hard. I had put a lot into our relationship over that summer and had a lot of dreams and goals set out. It took quite some time to recover and get interested in working with another horse. I love all my guys, but this loss really was a very tough one. He was to be my last and forever project.



Stars Sugar n Spice ICAA #F2-2750

Meanwhile, sitting patiently on the sidelines was another spectacular gelding just waiting for me to get back at it. Stars Dreamerwalker, ICAA #F2-2748, is a year younger than Wildfire. I had sent him out to be started in the early summer of 2018 with a well known trainer, but not who I usually use. He received 3 months of training. When I resumed working with him again mid winter, I was very disappointed. He appeared to be sour, unwilling and very nonconfident. Not at all what I expected from this trainer. So, back to square one we went! I decided to concentrate on rebuilding his confidence and not think of riding at least until summer again. He also seemed to have a lot of issues with the bit, constantly fussing with it and trying to avoid it so I put him into the sidepull. Almost impossible to move forward with learning with such a strong distraction. Teeth were checked out and fine. Then, in May my good friend and very talented equine



*Stars Wildfire ICAA F4-2715 deceased October 12, 2018
Navigating the mud obstacle at liberty July 2018
(Photo courtesy of Jeanne)*

therapist (massage, chiropractic, Bush Flower Therapy, acupressure) from Switzerland came for an extended visit so we started a very intensive therapy program with him. She found many problem areas that required chiropractic & massage work. All of which was supported by acupressure and Bush Flower therapies. He responded really well. His body began to function properly again!

We were then able to attend a four day clinic with Josh Nichol A Horseman's Pursuit. I have attended clinics with Josh on an annual basis for many years now. I love his philosophy, approach and teaching methods. I still did not feel comfortable riding Dreamer and Josh was very pleased with my cautious approach, using my experience and "wisdom" to stay safe. After his evaluation, he set me and Dreamer on a program to achieve softness and relaxation. The body mapping technique was amazing! The pair of

us worked very hard over those 4 days and by the end of the last session I rode him and he remained soft and relaxed! Although we still had a long way to go the changes were immense. What a great feeling to be able to help my boy out!



*Navigating the mud obstacle the second time at liberty to
Make sure it wasn't an accident! July 2018
Photo courtesy of Jeanne*

We continued to practice the groundwork at home and I began to ride him more. He continued to make progress but there were still elements of nonconfidence and I still felt he could just blow at some point. Felt a bit uneasy, not as young as I once was and really don't want to get caught up in any "rodeo" moments anymore! My next clinic was the last week of July with Jimmy Anderson of Higher Horsemanship, my 5th clinic with Jim. This clinic was five days. It is truly amazing what can be accomplished in these longer clinics! By day 3 we are starting to comprehend what the clinician is trying to teach, day 4 we are starting to be able to execute but then DAY 5 we actually GET IT! Really love this format. I did not want to ride Dreamer this clinic but really concentrate on filling in as many uncertain areas as possible. Everything just built on what we had done with Josh

and the progress was even quicker. We challenged Dreamer with so many new obstacles and requests it was amazing and by the last couple of days he was acting so much more confident and I would have to say, proud of himself! I wasn't planning on doing liberty with him, but Jim talked me into it and I am very happy that he did. It seemed to really boost Dreamer's confidence level even more. Plus, there is always that fun factor!



Stretches after chiropractic adjustment



Watching & learning

Also, in Jim's clinic was my daughter with Stars Sugar N Spice ICAA F2-2750. Spice is from our last foal crop that we bred and raised. She had been started by Greg Czech (who does an amazing job and am so blessed to have found!) in the fall of 2018 and Kristin began riding her in the spring of 2019. What a pair they are together! This was the first year that Kristin has been able to ride for about seven years due to a back injury. It's been so good to see her back in the saddle again and on such a beautiful spottie mare! Watching the two of them working liberty was so heartwarming as they have a super tight bond. Whenever Kristin would get a bit of distance between them for the connecting exercise, Spice would start nickering to her! Funny but very sweet! Not much issue with their connection at all. It was a very successful clinic for this pair as well. It allowed Kristin a great venue for getting back into the saddle, for learning and in a safe environment. They further developed a wonderful base in their relationship to carry on with training.

I totally enjoy participating in horsemanship clinics with my guys! Life and horseman is a journey of learning and

improving our skills. We also meet some of the best people at these events, some that become long time friends. We develop a superb support system where we can get help when we get stuck with something (there is always at least one person who remembers what our clinician said!) And best of all – do our spotties stand out in the crowd!!



Josh demonstrating how to ask Dreamer, ICAA #F2-2748, to step properly under himself from the ground. He now is able to step up under the front cinch with his hind leg which indicates relaxation over the topline! Huge improvements!



Kristin & Spice learning to line up to mounting block



Kristin & Spice practicing recall at liberty



Obstacle fun with Jim Anderson (clinician) – all participants swam the pond! Jim is the featured horse trainer in PBS documentary “Equus”



Sending Dreamer through the mud hole obstacle fondly referred to as Robin's Grand Canyon!

Linda Hokanson, of Starmyri Appaloosas, is on the ICAA Board of Trustees, and is also an ICAA District Representative for District XII, CA District 1: Alberta.

For those who wish to receive a hard-copy of the Newsletter, please notify us and they will be sent through snail mail. We understand some people do not have access online or just like to hold the hard-copies in their hands!

New members automatically receive a hard-copy of the Newsletter for one year following their membership. If those of you who are currently receiving a hard-copy within this year's timeframe please let us know if you want to continue receiving the hard-copy

Our next Quarterly Mini-Meeting will be held on April 25th, 2020 via teleconference at 12:00 noon EST. Please be sure your membership is current, and if not, please renew now to be included. The call-in number and access code will be sent to all members approximately one week before the meeting. Be sure to attend to update yourself on current events, to be involved in discussions, and to share your thoughts.

New Registrations



CTR Apache Outlaw F4-2757, 5-Panel N/N
Black Leopard
Owned by Renee Clarke

Welcome New Members!

Amanda Hubbert from WA
Patricia Frahm from ID



The 2020 ICAA Stallion Service Auction is over. We wish to thank all of the gracious stallion owners who donated their amazing stallions, and the mare owners who bid on them. Stallion owners, remember that you are eligible for a free registration in 2020 or 2021 for donating. Winning bidders received a free 2020 ICAA membership.

New District Rep for District I

We have a new District Representative for District I. Renee Dubyk, from Spring City, PA, and owner of Murder Hollow, will be taking over this position. We're excited to have her on board! She has been featured in two ICAA Newsletters, and was in last quarter's Newsletter featuring driving horses. We think she will be an excellent fit for ICAA. You can read her bio on the ICAA Officials: Bios page.



New, Updated ICAA-AGI Test Submission Form

As you know, ICAA is partnered with AGI to give member discounts for genetic testing packages. Recently, we updated these packages, so please take a look at our new form, located on the Forms page of the ICAA website. We have added champagne back into our color package, as we are seeing more champagne Appaloosas. The biggest changes are, 1) AGI is now doing 6-Panel testing, and we have added this into both the genetic defects packages, and 2) few people were using the package that had SCID added in. Since geldings do not need to be DNA Typed, which was included with both packages, we have taken out both SCID and the DNA Typing from that second package, and now it is a straight 6-Panel with no other tests included, for a better discount of \$75.

New, Updated ICAA Website

At some point we would have been forced to update to a new GoDaddy platform, so we decided to go ahead and get it done. It is much more restrictive than the old platform, so there have been many work-arounds to try to keep the same features as the old site. Some changes are:

- Files cannot be put in the same section as photos and text. So the Stallion Showcase does not have the stallion's flyers with their photo. All of the flyer files are at the bottom, under all of the horses, in alphabetical order.
- There is no feature to set a link to open in a new window. If it's an outside link, it will open in a new window, but if it's in the website itself, it will not, so viewers have to remember to hit their back button so as not to be thrown out.
- The Menu is on the side, but not stacked tight like the old site. It's strung out longer, and you'll have to scroll down to get to some navigation tabs.
- The new site will not work with Internet Explorer. They said this is an outdated browser that Microsoft is recommending people don't use anymore, as the security is not good. Microsoft recommends using Microsoft Edge. We know that the new site is functioning well on Edge, Chrome, and Firefox. If you have Internet Explorer, please download a new browser.

On the plus side, there are some good features:

- This new site will be much easier to update, and so will be updated much more often than it was in the past.
- There is the availability of Members Only pages, which we may utilize in the future.
- There can be many sub-pages under one main page, so a few pages have been broken down into smaller pages, which may be easier for viewers to find what they're looking for without scrolling so much on long pages. Registration has been broken down considerably, as has Programs.

There have been a lot of new photos added to the Home page slideshow, and a lot of new articles put under the Publications: Articles page. **If you have any interesting ICAA horse photos, please send them and we may be able to add those to the Home page slideshow!**

If you have any suggestions or problems maneuvering in the new site, please let us know!



ICAA Official Forms

We have recently updated all of our forms, and currently they are not fillable as they were before. We hope to have these forms all fillable again in the future for your convenience. All forms can be found on the ICAA website under the Forms page.

Proposal Form

If you have any proposals to turn in for discussion and voting on, there is now a form available for this. You can add pages if your proposal is too long. This form can be found near the bottom of the Forms page in the Misc section.

Just a Trail Horse

By Sharon January

I've heard it many times over the years. People don't think a horse is worth what someone is asking, because he's "just a trail horse". People don't think a horse is as good as that fancy, high-dollar, trained-for-the-showing show horse, because he's "just a trail horse". Keep in mind, when I say "he", there are many mares that are every bit as good as the geldings.

Those like me, who want a good horse to carry them into "God's country," and are bored to death with the thought of taking a horse into a claustrophobic arena and going in circles, know the true value and attributes of a well-seasoned trail horse.

The following is a list of attributes and characteristics that are "must haves" in a trail horse, to keep you safe, them safe, and give you the enjoyable ride you're seeking.

- They must cross water calmly, with no hesitation, regardless if it's a mud puddle, a shallow, narrow stream, or a wide, fairly deep river. They must freely walk into it and through it without trying to jump it or trying to avoid getting their feet wet.
- They should work off of your legs. This is not just a showing thing, but a true usable "feature" in any horse. If you're riding down the road and a car is coming, you want to be able to move your whole horse off the road, not just his head. If you're riding a tight, winding trail, you need be able to navigate him around trees so you don't get your knees wrecked by his brushing against them. If you've ridden into on a tight, winding trail that unexpectedly ends, and you see you can't keep going, and there is no room to turn around, you need to be able to back him out, maneuvering around trees. Which brings me to another attribute:
- They need to know how to back up willingly. Many times you cannot turn around and have to back out of a tight spot.
- They **must** have a good, calm, sane mind that can think. This is one of **the** most important attributes of a good trail horse. If you really want to ride into the most gorgeous parts of the country, you and/or your horse **will** get hurt sooner or later without this kind of mind.
- They must be able to calmly and willingly navigate extremely rough terrain; boulders, down trees, slick rocks, rocks in creeks and rivers, manage extremely tight trails with drops-offs that you do **not** want to fall off of, and manage extremely steep climbs, up and down.
- They must have good bone and conformation that might rival a performance show horse. A good trail horse is an athlete that must be able to withstand the rigors of miles and hours of extremely challenging trails. Many times they will go out at daybreak and not quit until dark, with only small breaks in between.
- They must stay in a flat-footed walk; regardless if you're heading back towards camp/home, or there are horses up ahead that he wants to catch up with. A fast walk is okay, but it is never okay to break gait without your permission, or start prancing around and getting stupid, trying to play catch up, or to get back to home base. In rough country, they will be too distracted to think about where they're placing their feet, which can end in a catastrophe.
- They must be able to be tied to a picket line or hitching rail for many hours.
- They must be willing to drink from creeks, rivers, and other water sources that seems strange to them.
- They must not be spooky, seeing spooks and boogers at every turn. While even the best horse can spook every once in awhile, a good trail horse will keep calm when they see many things, such as deer, elk, grouse that fly up right in front of them, rabbits, and many other forms of wildlife, dependent on the area. They must stay calm when they see or hear kids playing, picnic tables, trash cans, loud generators, people walking and being rowdy, dogs in camp and on the trails, llamas on trails, dirt bikes, bicycles, 4-wheelers on the trails, and the myriad of other things you might encounter, including things as simple as tree stumps and plastic bags. They must stay calm being around (multiple) other strange horses, including those going faster and blowing by them, or passing a string of horses from the other direction, or another horse blowing up close to them. If they do spook, they need to be the kind of horse to just tense up and basically "spook in place," or "grab the ground", rather than jumping out from under you, or doing a 180, and heading for high-ground. A spooky horse will eventually get you (and them) hurt in rough country.
- They must stay calm and keep working in storms, if you get caught in one. Storms can come up quickly and catch you off guard in the mountains.
- They must tolerate things like big yellow rain slickers being tossed around, maybe blowing in the wind, while you're up on top of them so you can get it on without dismounting. Many times, in a multiple horse situation, there will be multiple people close by that are also tossing around rain slickers to put on. Keep in mind that these other horses may be going nuts around you over these slickers, which falls back to the category above about the importance of a good trail horse not getting worked up when other strange horses are around them,

possibly acting up. I was in a situation once like that. We'd just headed out with about 200 people, got caught in a fast approaching storm on top of a dam with lightning everywhere. Everyone was still bunched up at that point, and they were all pulling out rain slickers. There were horses blowing up all around us with big scary yellow rain slickers being tossed around, and the horses were feeding off of each other. It was a pretty tense and very unexpected situation to be in, and it all happened very quickly (we did all turn around and head back until the storm was over, as it was too dangerous with the lightning and we were still close to home base).

- They must stand calmly to be mounted on the trail. You will always need to get off for some reason, especially on long rides, and they need to stand calmly while you do what you have to do, and for you to get back on. This includes if your other rider(s) goes on ahead without you.
- They must be content to be alone and/or without their pasture buddy. Hollering for another horse is not tolerated. They're too distracted to concentrate on where they're stepping.
- They must allow for their feet to be handled on the trail. There are times when they will pick up a rock or have a problem with a shoe.
- Of course they need to do the other normal things calmly and willingly that any other horse should do, such as bath, tie, lead, load, and haul well, and stand for the farrier.
- Any bad behaviors, such as bucking, rearing, or kicking for any reason, should never be in a good trail horse's mind. These behaviors **will** get you both hurt eventually. While staying calm in a bee attack, or when a giant horsefly lands between their hips where they can't get to it and it bites can be a challenge for any horse, a good trail horse will still not get stupid and try to run, buck, or kick. They will allow you to quickly guide them out of the bee attack, or allow you time to swat the horsefly.
- They must allow you to set the pace. In a multiple horse situation, they must be willing to stay back from the horse(s) in front of them so those other horses will not feel crowded and kick your horse, especially if the horse in front of you is a known kicker. This can not only get your horse hurt, but can also get your leg broke if the other horse accidentally kicks you.
- A good trail horse will keep working when others want to quit.

You have to trust these horses with your life. He is your partner and you will depend on each other, probably more than in almost any other horse and rider relationship. You have to trust they can navigate that very steep trail going down without falling, and that they can take you through creeks and trails with slick rocks under them, and that they will stay on the narrow trail on the side of a mountain without falling over the side and tumbling into the ravine far below. In turn, they also have to trust you; that you will not take them anywhere that will get them hurt. I was on my best trail horse once and in a fairly rough area. The one other rider was a good ways in front of us. He really wanted to catch up; had his head and ears up, walking fast, but he never broke gait. We came to a creek where we had to go down, through the creek littered with rocks and sticks, and back up the other side. When we came to that point where he had to navigate the rocky creek, I felt his whole body come down. His head dropped and he slowly and carefully picked his way through the creek with his whole focus on where he was putting his feet, until getting back to the flatter trail, where he perked back up wanting to catch up again, and continued his fast, but flat-footed walk. This is the sign of a good trail horse.

A good trail horse is worth his weight in gold, and not every horse will make one. So next time you want to say "he's just a trail horse" when you see one advertised for more than you think he should be, not being a show horse, and/or maybe not having a phenomenal pedigree, you might ask yourself if that fancy, high-dollar show horse can go out and do the things this trail horse can do. A few can, **if** they have the mind for it, and **if** they're in the hands of the right trainer who knows the value of getting them out in the real world. But those are very rare.

Slideshow Photos

As you may have noticed, if you've checked out the new website, there are many new photos in the Home page slideshow. Please feel free to send in any good photos of your ICAA horses to be included! It's much easier to update these than in the past, and they can be captioned.

Trail Logging Program

Stay tuned for this program to be renamed and completely revamped to be much more inclusive of earning hours on your horses! Nothing will be taken away, but much added, including ground-work.

As an ICAA member you'll get 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 **Trial Logging 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**.



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***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!

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