



Winter 2023/2024 ICAA Newsletter

From the Arena Fence

As we put 2023 behind us, we look to 2024 with great hope and promise for a prosperous year for both the ICAA and all of its members. We're already seeing many posts on Facebook of expanding "baby-bellies" on mares with anxious anticipation by their owners of what these mares are going to produce in the months ahead. We pray for healthy babies and lots of new spots in your pastures. For others, they will be looking forward to spring when they can hit the trails again, attend shows, and enjoy their beautiful horses in warmer weather.

Please note the new mailing address for the ICAA on page 3!

*Sharon January
Chairman*

For the Love of Horses

By Michelle Vega (Willowsong)

I am often asked if I've always been into horses. For me, the answer is an easy yes. I was horse crazy from the time I was born. That little spirit that connects you to the most beautiful of all creatures has always been there. I did not grow up with or around horses; my "stable" was always being filled with the imaginary horses I picked out from movies and television. However, I always knew it would be an Appaloosa I would one day own from a dream I had as a child, of a black blanketed horse standing by a tree in my back yard.



"Chip" at 26 years old

Just like every little girl who wants a horse of their own, I begged my father incessantly. One day an opportunity arose where I could lease a horse for the summer from an agricultural high school that I would later attend. My father had thought once I discovered the expense and work associated with horses, I would give up my desire to own one. When you love something, it does not feel like work and the effort only deepens the connection. Thus began my resolve to purchase my own horse. I worked and saved until I found my first horse, or should I say, he found me.

I was 14 and had gone with a mentor to look at some horses. The horses were standing in cow stanchions of a converted dairy barn. There was a little spotted gelding who stared at me so I inquired about him. It was January and extremely cold, it had turned the muddy ground into frozen cups that was difficult to walk on. My mentor had thought it best not to purchase him as the ground made it difficult to accurately assess his movement. My search continued and come March, I found myself back at that same barn. When I walked in the gelding looked directly at me as if he was saying, "You came back! Take me home and I will be your best friend forever!" This little black and white gelding reminded me of chocolate chip ice cream and "Chip" became my best friend. He was three years old and lived to be 29 when he developed penile cancer. His



“Fly,” the filly I lost”

loyalty, heart, stamina, personality, sense of humor and devotion sold me on the breed. He also had Arab blood and the grey gene and eventually lost his color that only materialized when he was wet. He was such an amazing little horse who liked to steal doughnuts and drink Dunkin’ Donuts coffee. He stood steadfast when we bumped into a black bear crossing a road while in Maine and would come running when I called his name whether in the pasture or loose. He truly was my best friend. Chip made my dream come true of owning a horse.

Growing up with Chip inspired me to want to raise these very special horses and I had acquired a stallion and mare to begin my dreams. Unfortunately, life throws those speed bumps along the way and I had to give up on those dreams but not before I had been given a gorgeous, black and white filly by my stallion “Sky” and out of “Flicka”. Unfortunately, due to a pasture accident where she slid on wet grass and broke her leg in front me. I lost her also.

Shortly after, I had to part with my remaining horses but the embers of that dream banked for now, continued its low burn.

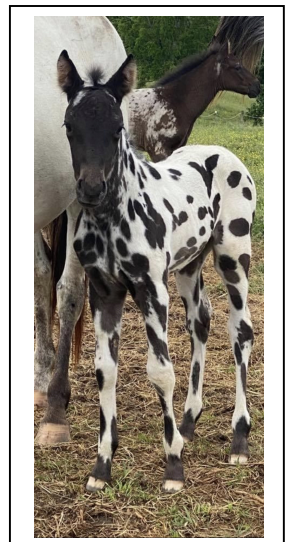
After several years of being “horseless”, I could not help myself but to begin to window shop. I thought perhaps a couple of nice mares to trail ride with my husband would be nice and perhaps get a foal later on if I chose. Then one day a gorgeous, loud spotted colt appeared on my newsfeed on Facebook. I stared at him for so long, I had to make his image my screen saver. I believe my husband took pity on me and asked where he was located. To my surprise, he was only an hour away! He said lets go see him and we made the arrangements to visit the farm.

The owners, Tom and Karen Freund of Mount Hope Stables in Columbia, Kentucky, were absolutely wonderful and I felt like we had known each other our whole lives. They made us feel welcomed and as we enjoyed lots of horse talk, a family grew from a newfound friendship. They took us around their farm and introduced us to all their beautiful horses. We walked out to see the foals and meet that little colt who, at once, had me hooked. He peeked out from behind his dam and nodded his head at me.

My husband laughed and said a challenge has been issued. That ember previously banked, now flared to life. Not only did this colt have my heart, but a filly decided my husband was her “person”. My husband, SpiritWolf, became enamored with this filly and both foals would later come home with us. As we watched the two grow, the dream I once had was now fully ignited and with SpiritWolf’s support, WillowWolf Appaloosas was born. MHS Mintaka of Orion and MHS Wanderlust Gypsy took over where Chip had left off. I know Chip is up there galloping through green pastures, happy to know he was a part of something special and will remain close to my heart always. One thing I learned, was never give up on your dreams, because your dreams never give up on you.



*SpiritWolf
with his Filly
MHS
Wanderlust
Gypsy (F4)
←*



*MHS
Mintaka of
Orion (F5)
“The picture
that caught
my eye.”
→*

*MHS Mintaka of
Orion (F5) today
→*



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.

MAILING ADDRESS UPDATE

The move is complete and all mail being sent through the USPS should be mailed to:

125 S Main St, #185
McAlester, OK 74501

REMOVAL/SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Bylaws Article IX – Standards of Representation and Ethics:

"Any trustee, district representative, staff member, employee, or member who misrepresents the purposes or intent of the association, or who engages in criminal, fraudulent, unethical, or suspicious activities, or activities unbecoming a member or subversive to the purposes of this association, or who seeks to use his or her position to receive personal monetary or valuable gain (beyond that authorized by these bylaws or the trustees), or seeks to unfairly profit from his or her position, shall immediately be removed from said position in the association and be suspended from all involvement in the affairs of this association by the Board of Trustees pending further investigation."

Jan Dobson has had her rights to membership with the ICAA revoked. ICAA Membership owned, original ICAA files/records of all of her horses, her son's horses, and those horses she bred that were sold to other members, as well as her family's membership files were stolen while ICAA records were temporarily in her possession. She also sent libelous, defamatory letters against the ICAA to those members who own the horses bred by her and her son.

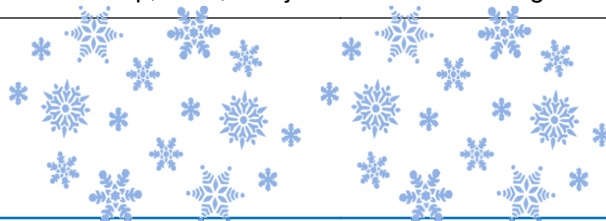
Scott Dobson has had his membership suspended for two years. Scott had knowledge of the theft of the above named records and failed to inform the ICAA.

SUSPENDED HORSES

All horses owned by other than the Dobson's that were suspended due to the theft of their records have had their suspensions removed due to the return of the stolen records. The Dobson horses owned by them are still under suspension until requested fees are paid on each.

Parliamentarian of ICAA

Lora Tipton has been appointed parliamentarian of the ICAA in addition to previously being appointed the ICAA's bylaws advisor. Lora is very knowledgeable of how meetings should be run properly and will be sitting in on all membership, BOT, and joint BOT/DR meetings.



ICAA Newsletter Contributions

If anyone has any contributions or questions to submit to the Newsletter, please contact us. We would love to hear from you! If you have questions that you would like submitted to the Newsletter, don't hesitate to ask. If you have a question, chances are others will have this question as well.

New Registrations



Poplars Netanya (F4)
Bay Near-Leopard Filly
Owned by Joan Collins, Poplarget Farm Appaloosas



PAPA Nuksays Fantasie (F4)
Black Leopard Colt
Owned by Daniel Bjergo, Primed~N~ Painted Ranch



Ghostdance Black Hawk (F6)
Black Near-Leopard Colt
Owned by Verna Roberts, Ghostdance Appaloosas



DSR Bluhawks Rocky (F5)
Black Leopard Stallion
Owned by Marie-Laure Demarles



BCA Red Deers Chicory (F7N)
Bay Solid Colt
Owned by Charles Potts, Blue Creek Appaloosas



RBR Tobys Wendy (F3N)
Dark Bay Solid Mare
Owned by Ronald H Seamons

New Registrations



FVF Bellamoon (F5)
Black Blanketed Filly
Owned by Vickie Smith



Bright White Brother (F3)
Buckskin Snowcap Varnish Stallion
Owned by Susan Buckley

Other Registrations

PAPA Nuksays Patchy Rain (F6)
Black Leopard Colt owned by Daniel Bjergo

Evan Talisman (F5)
Chestnut Fewspot Mare owned by Marie-Laure Demarles

BCA Yamas Pasxapa (F7)
Black Leopard Colt owned by Charles Potts



Welcome New Members!

Marie-Laure Demarles, Osny, France
Susan Buckley, Kansas



TMR Dancing Moonfire (F4)
Bay Snowcap Stallion
Owned by Scarlet Pennywell

The best horses in Heaven
they have no tail.
This is a rule they all know
without fail.

For when a new horse arrives
with a short cut bob,
they all know that this horse
did a very good job.

His owner could not bear
to part with her friend
so she saved his tail,
wrapped in ribbons
and in braids,
to hold with his memory
in a very loving way.

To enter Heaven
without a tail
is an honor, a message,
that without fail,
announces to everyone,
far and wide
that this horse
was more than a wonderful ride.

But this horse was loved and cherished
by one
and when his time serving on this Earth
was done,

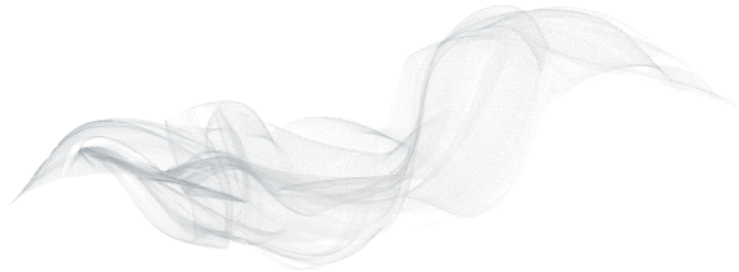
he left behind a broken heart
and a soul
from which he never will part.

Author Unknown



“THE DREAM THAT MANY WILL NOT UNDERSTAND”

My horses are my personal dream.
One day when I am very old and when I cannot walk anymore, it will be in my heart as a trophy of my memories.
I met people who taught me something and have the same spirit and I met others that I'm glad I forgot.
I got wet,
I felt cold,
And I felt warm;
I was afraid,
I fell,
And I stood up.
I even hurt myself, I have been broken,
But also, I laughed out loud inside.
I spoke a thousand times with myself.
I sang and shouted with joy like a madman,
And yes ... sometimes I cried.
I have seen wonderful places and lived unforgettable experiences.
I climbed on horses that made me feel brave and excited...and then there were ones that terrified me.....
I stopped a thousand times to see a landscape.
I spoke with perfect strangers, and I forgot people I see every day.
I went out with my demons inside and returned home with a feeling of absolute peace in my heart.
I always thought how dangerous it is, knowing that the meaning of courage is to advance even feeling fear.
Every time I go out to my horses I think about how wonderful they are.
I stopped talking about it to those who do not understand, and I learned to communicate with other riders.
I have met some amazing people I now call friends because of my horses.
I spent money that I did not have, giving up many things, but all these things are not worth even one special moment with my horse.
They are not a means of transport or a piece of iron with wheels, they are the lost part of my soul and my spirit.
And when someone says to me: "You have to sell the horses and you have to be more sensible", ... I do not answer. I just swing my head and smile.
A horse..... only the person who loves them understands it.
May God bless my friends and all their horses...
And the adventure continues...
~Author Unknown~



BCA Olympic Drizzle (F6) with a Friend



FVF Wind Serenade (F3) with Owner Lauren Smith



2024 ICAA Stallion Service Auction

Bidding for the 2024 ICAA Stallion Service Auction closes on January 15th. We wish to thank all of the stallion owners who so graciously donated their beautiful stallions for this year's auction. These donations and the mare owners who bid on them help the ICAA keep their fees as low as possible while still providing awards to enrollees of our programs, help with advertising costs, and help to keep us in office supplies with rising costs. We appreciate all of you!

Stallions graciously donated by their owners:



BCA Chats Nuksay (F5)



Shado of King Plaudit (#)



TMR Dancing Moonfire (F4)



Wranglin Dream (F3N)



Bright White Brother (F3)



RSecretJoe Medallion (F3)



Ulrich Cool McQueen (F4)



BCA Zamos Replica (F6N)



BCA Iron White Star (F7)



Sumrall Gun Smoke (F5)



Wakons Snow Leopard (F3)

All of these stallions can be seen in the Stallion Showcase on the ICAA website for their information and owner contact information.

From the website Mama on the Homestead and Contributed by Michelle Vega

Homemade Horse Treats

Ingredients:

- 3 cups Oats
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 large carrots, chopped or grated
- 1/4 cup Molasses or Honey
- 1 cup applesauce
- 1 large apple, diced or chopped
- 1 TBSP Vegetable Oil or Coconut Oil



Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350 F.
2. Grease a cookie sheet to keep the treats from sticking OR line the cookie sheet with parchment paper instead of using grease if you prefer.
3. Finely chop or grate 2 large carrots into small pieces. A food processor works great for this if you have one.
4. Mix the oats and the flour together in a large bowl until they are combined well.
5. Now you can stir in the applesauce and molasses. Mix well.
6. Roll the treat mixture into small balls (or whatever size you want to give to your horses).
7. Place the uncooked treats onto the greased or lined baking pan and bake at 350 F for 15 minutes.
8. Let your horses enjoy as an occasional treat!

Some of our Photos Posted on Facebook for Working Horse Wednesday



BCA Chats Nuksay Checking Cows Ridden by Stachia Bjergo



*RockledgeToshwurahTLC (F4)
Skijoring - Ted Shultz Riding
Owned by Dawn Beach Spencer, Smokin' True Ranch*



*Kellys SunRockMagnum (F4)
Owned and Ridden by Joanne Jordan*



*MSF Sunchic Fandango (F4), photo credit Becky Pearman
3D OD Fort Valley ride in VA, placed 11th out of 28 entries
Owned by Marlene Salvatora, ridden by daughter Amie Ealy*



*BCA Zamos Muldoon (F6)
Being Ponied by Owner Alexa Maine
Backcountry Ride Central WA*

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.*



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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  
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Need to contact ICAA? Here's how!

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or email us at [icaa@icaainc.com](mailto:icaa@icaainc.com)

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

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!



WA Ulrich Gem (F3) and Owner Robyn Lay

## Endurance

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