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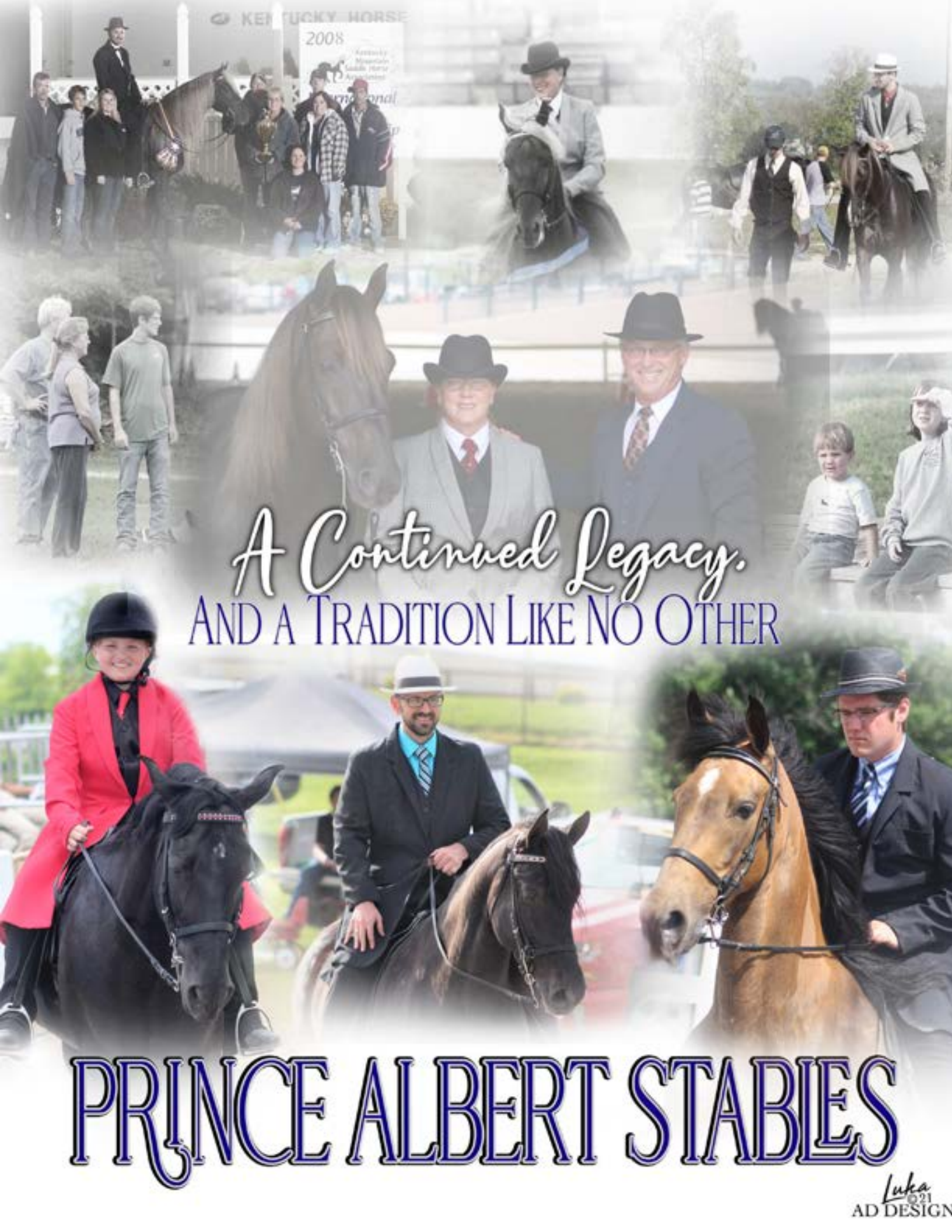
2021 marks the 33rd anniversary of the Rocky Mountain Horse Association International Grand Championships, and what a thrill it will be to bring the show back home to the Kentucky Horse Park! This year's show theme, "Horses and Heroes", is so appropriate,

given the past year we have all experienced with COVID-19. The RMHA will be honoring our COVID-19 frontline responders and healthcare heroes, who have put their own personal safety on the line to provide care and assistance during this global crisis. This year's show will be a celebration not just of our beautiful horses, but a celebration of each other and the journey that we have traveled together during the pandemic.

The RMHA International Show Committee has been hard at work to provide an amazing show experience for all levels and ages of riders. Once again, we are extending the show to four days to allow time for participants to easily compete in multiple classes and activities. This will also provide ample time to spend visiting with old friends and making new friends, while we celebrate together a return to a new normal with this amazing breed. We will also be offering friendly competition in the forms of a stall decorating contest and a "best dressed" award for male/female, adult and youth exhibitors. Shopping will once again be available on the concourse, along with a silent auction. Opening ceremonies on Friday evening will begin with a flag ceremony by the Kentucky Horse Park mounted patrol, followed by a recognition of our frontline heroes. This year's International Show will provide something for everyone to enjoy!

On behalf of the RMHA, I want to thank everyone for your love and support of the Rocky Mountain horse, and I wish each and every exhibitor success and safety as you ride your horses to honor our Heroes.

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Raising Your First Foal

by Melissa Grimes

Have you been looking for your next Rocky Mountain horse for months or even years but keep coming up empty handed? You finally see the perfect one listed for sale that is the exact age with the right experience and in the price range you are looking for only to quickly discover that it sold before you could even ask the first question or send a deposit? I have recently heard several folks compare finding the exact Rocky they need or want to that of finding a unicorn! It has become a very frustrating endeavor for many to say the least. The demand for this special horse has clearly outpaced its small production and current availability. Based on current registration numbers, this fact will not be changing anytime soon. The Rocky Mountain horse is listed with the Livestock Conservancy as a “threatened” breed because we register under 1,000 horses a year. Even with a sizable increase in registrations from 2019 to 2020, we still only registered 550 horses worldwide! The fact is: Rockies are rare, and they are in demand. To find one already started under saddle, experienced on the trail, or show proven is even more rare and seemingly harder to come by. Let’s be honest. The current market value of this horse has created prices not within every buyer’s budget. I know this was exactly our per-

sonal experience a few years back and ultimately what led to us to finally decide to do something that seemed wild and crazy at the time. We decided to buy a weanling and raise our own! I can now report that nearly seven years after purchasing our first foal, without a doubt I have zero regrets. It has actually been one of the best experiences of my adult life!

At the time of our purchase, we were complete novices to this breed and had never raised a weanling into a riding horse. I was taught just like everyone else that when buying a horse you must find an eight to ten year old, a “been there, done that” gelding. No mares allowed because you know . . . geldings are “easier” and “less moody”. (Don’t get me started on that fallacy!) So, buying a weanling was obviously never something that fit into the common narrative. We were full of concerns and considerations that are probably shared by many but some specific to us. Weanlings are baby horses who will become 1,000-pound animals! They require lots of correct handling and training that we had never done completely on our own before. We doubted ourselves and our abilities in every way. Maybe you can relate? Raising your own foal can certainly feel and seem like a daunting task better left to the “professionals”. Maybe in many ways and for the average buyer this is true. However, as I began to complete our own personal due diligence, I found I was able to see the possibilities. I saw a new possible reality that along the way introduced us to other non-professional enthusiasts just like ourselves who had successfully taken on the endeavor of raising their own foal. They told us, “YES! DO IT!” This new reality taught us too that

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we did not have to know everything there was to know about this process all at once. We could in fact learn enough to start and then work with professionals as needed to learn as we went. We discovered a reality that ultimately empowered us to believe we could take the plunge, and here is what else I discovered: so, can most of you! This is NOT meant to be a white flag freely waving everyone and anyone over to the first-time foal buyer line. Nor is this meant to serve as a “how to guide”. I am not qualified to dole out any professional advice, and I do not intend to spin a “rainbows and unicorns” story that clouds critical thinking. While foals are adorable, I understand the realities and cannot stress enough to anyone considering raising a foal for the first time to truly investigate what it requires.

Our story: After all the facts were laid out on the table, the pros and cons weighed, measured and sorted, it became abundantly clear that the positives far outweighed the negatives. We were lucky enough to have another horse to ride while our foal was growing, and we had the space to add a weanling. So, the search began. I called around to the well-known facilities as well as to the smaller farms I found along the way and began getting to know a few breeders. Some farms may have twenty new foals a year to choose from while the smaller farms may only have one to five. I watched the various social media pages and began to develop relationships with other enthusiasts, breeders and trainers alike. It is a small, friendly community, and it was easy to just jump right in. I got a gauge of the market pricing and set an appropriate budget. Eventually, I got to know a few breeders on a first name basis and became more comfortable knowing the type of breeder I wanted to work with. I looked at photos and videos of the sires, dams and siblings. I considered my long-term goals for this horse and what I wanted our future together to look like. Mostly, I asked questions - LOTS of questions! Most importantly, I was not in a hurry. I just kept adding information to my toolbox so I could home in




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on what I really wanted so that when the timing was right, the right one would be there. For me, it also came down to finding a breeder that was more likely to support me long term in raising my first foal. As novices to this breed, we also did our best to learn correct breed conformation. We also considered the gait of both parents. As for the actual foal we chose, it ultimately came down to the temperament of both the sire and dam as well. I am not ashamed to add that I did choose a foal who was also a color that I loved! While I do agree that color should not be the first consideration for anyone buying a horse, once all the other boxes are checked, why not get the color you love too? Some folks decide to purchase a foal in utero based on previous siblings or based on the parents alone. Unlike the slim options when searching for a riding horse, the choices you have

when purchasing a foal are almost endless! So, before we knew it, we were leading a nearly seven month-old uniquely colored filly off our trailer and into our family.

Foals are weaned between the age of four and seven months. By this point, they are doing well on feed, grazing and ready to go to their new homes. Now what? Well, let the fun begin! I picked up my first foal out of state and had to trailer her home many states away. I was so worried about her along the way, but she did great! She happily munched on her hay and even drank some water when offered. Once we were home, I put her in a small, safe paddock where she had plenty of room to move, but it was small enough that I could easily catch her if needed. This was also a place that my other horses could safely come to meet her. If you have ever seen a foal interact with new, older horses then you know how

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cute it is when you see them “baby mouthing” (officially called foal clacking) to a new horse it meets. This is essentially posturing to the others and saying, “I am just a baby. I am no threat. Please don’t hurt me!”. No matter the meaning, it is one of the many joys when watching your foal grow up! I was lucky enough to have an older quiet gelding I could eventually turn out with my young filly. Just like children, horses learn by example. So, I felt it was important to have her with a horse who was not spooky and one that was even natured. He would teach her, essentially, how to behave. She instantly bonded with him so that gelding and I became an instant team in raising our first foal!

A horse is considered a weanling up to the age of one year old. I like to compare weanlings to human toddlers. Just like toddlers, they have short attention spans. Your communication with them should be clear and consistent but also brief and to the point. From the first day I brought my weanling home until she turned into a yearling, our “training periods” were only a few focused minutes a day. The training was just the small things - learning to stand tied, walking politely on a lead, having her feet held, standing for the farrier, accepting fly spray, learning not to rush the person bringing meals, standing patiently at the gate or stall to be haltered, and learning to be calm when brought in or out. Also, because we live in Florida, we also must teach them from a young age to get hosed off because of sweat and bugs. They also must learn how to load/unload in a trailer just in case of hurricane evacuations! What is wonderful about raising your own foal is that you get to train it YOUR way. You get to decide early on what is important to you and train specifically to your needs and desires. Because our horses are on a daily turnout schedule, our feeding and turnout times became the easy option for



spending a few extra minutes here and there to teach these early principles and expectations. I hear so many people say they don’t have time to raise their own foal. That may be true. If you don’t have the patience or time to wait until they are old enough to go under saddle. However, in terms of the actual time spent having to work with them, it’s only a few focused minutes a day or even a week! They are smart and learn quickly! We are lucky enough to keep our horses at home making it easier for us to work in a few minutes daily, but it can be done only weekly too. You can also work with your boarding barn staff to help you with your early handling needs.

From a yearling until two years of age is when we usually start advancing the time spent and the enhancing the curriculum. Any consistent training time we spend with them is teaching them quickly that outside of playing and eating they have a job they are expected to do! This focused teaching time is how we help them develop a good work ethic. Depending on your future goals or the type of riding that you are planning to do, you may change what type of early training you choose to add in or leave out. For example, my husband and I love to trail ride and feel like the sooner we can introduce our future riding horses to life in the woods, the better. So, for us, we love to start ponying at this age on short trail rides. We use a settled trail mount and hold our weanlings on a long enough lead



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line that they can move as needed but still short enough that we can keep control of them from the saddle. We keep the rides short to start but do increase the time as they grow and are more physically and mentally able to focus. This gives them the opportunity to be exposed to all that they may encounter in the woods long before we ever sit on their backs. Think of all they have to get used to seeing when we trail ride! In our area it is things such as wildlife specific to Florida, other riders, bikers, four wheelers, dogs etc. It also presents water crossings, natural trail obstacles and teaches them early on how to move in different footings. We have found that this early exposure to the trails truly pays us back in dividends once they are under saddle and in the woods as our mount!

We generally don't start more serious training or round pen work until our horses are at least two years old. It bears repeating that there is not a right or wrong age, this age is just what works for us. By two years of age, they are physically stronger and mentally ready to learn some new principles. Between the ages of one and three there are many things you can teach them, and as they learn there is an ever expanding list of skills to introduce. For now, we teach them how to yield to pressure on the ground, we do lots of "sacking out" exercises and obstacles in hand. Eventually, we expose them to wearing a saddle and carrying a bit. We also begin to pony them fully tacked up so that they grow comfortable wearing tack long before we ever sit in the saddle or engage the bit. At this age, you can also long line to teach the bit signals - es-

entially teaching them how to steer and giving them a set of brakes! As I have previously mentioned, I am not a trainer. However, I have learned there is much of this early teaching that you can do on your own if you want to. We have attended clinics, have taken lots of lessons, dug through YouTube videos and we constantly talk to professionals in the breed that have helped us learn along the way. Doing as much of the early training as I can on my own has not only expanded my personal skill set but has also built a strong foundation of trust and a connection with my horses that is irreplaceable. For this reason, I will always advocate for anyone to do as much of the training that they are skilled enough to



do OR as much as they have time for before sending their horses to a professional.

Generally speaking, horses are started under saddle around the age of three, or between the ages of three and five. There are differing opinions on when horses should or should not be started under saddle. I am not here to have that conversation. Every horse and human duo has its own unique needs. Some horses are ready sooner physically but may not be ready mentally, and vice versa. Many trainers may start a horse lightly for 90 days at two years old and then leave them alone to grow until they are three. Some folks choose to just wait until they are older and start all under saddle training then.

When fretting over this process, I often remind myself of what my Navy husband learned when working with seal team members: slow is smooth and smooth is fast! There is no hurry. You have years ahead of you! Ultimately, what is great about raising your own horse is that you get to choose what is right for you and your horse! By three to four years of age, our horses are comfortable wearing a saddle and a gentle bit. They know how to steer under saddle from long lining on the ground, they know how to yield to pressure, to stop and go and they are ready to handle an appropriately sized rider's weight. They know how to do all of these things and more with a rider on board. This is the point at which most folks choose to send their horses to a trainer. You have to know when the time is right for you and your horse. If you are not 100 percent confident that you can do this on your own, DON'T! There is definitely a time and a place to let the professionals do what they do. There are two old sayings that ring true here: green on green makes black and blue and pride comes before the fall! A green horse and rider combo can be dangerous. I suggest you do what you can do confidently and safely do but know your limits. When it is time, march promptly to the professionals for the rest!

I will never forget the first time I sat on my girl. A moment that was literally years in waiting, and finally there we were. It was truly magical. The average period a young horse stays in initial training is 90 days. Maybe 30 days may be enough for some folks who are willing or skilled enough to finish the training at home. Others may want a more settled and finished mount and choose to keep them in professional training for longer periods. Again, there is no right or wrong way. It is only what is right for you and your horse. No matter how long the horse has been with the trainer, once home from the trainer's domain is when the real riding begins. This is where all of your early handling, training and relationship hits the saddle (literally) and you're off and riding! While the first time you ride the horse you raised will feel like the grand finale, in truth it is just the beginning. Let me be clear, you still have a young horse on your hands with a young mind and limited miles. I personally believe it takes a year (or two!) of consistently riding your newly started horse to really "know" each other, to have some solid miles, and have a good working relationship under saddle. My filly is now a certified mare. She and I have trail ridden and camped in several states. She has been competed in several local shows by novices, pros and youth alike. She has been to the Rocky Mountain Horse Interna-

tional! She is now only six and is truly rideable by even the most novice rider. I am also excited to report she is expecting her first foal in early 2022! Talk about full circle! At only six years old we both still have many years to create new adventures, to expand our relationship and grow in our training. I don't mean to sound melodramatic, but I can honestly say that raising my own foal has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

If raising your own Rocky Mountain foal sounds like something you may want to consider, the RMHA website is a great place to start. You can learn more about our breed and get contact information on some of our amazing B.E.S.T.S. (Breeders, Equine Services, Trainers and Sales) info there: <https://www.rmhorse.com/breed/breeders>. You can also begin to connect with breeders you find on the various social media pages as I did. Feel free to ask lots of questions, analyze your own personal pro's and con's list, start to research pricing and watch as foals come available. Before you know it, you too, could be walking a young foal off your trailer and into a lifelong experience that ultimately provides you with the Rocky Mountain horse of your dreams!

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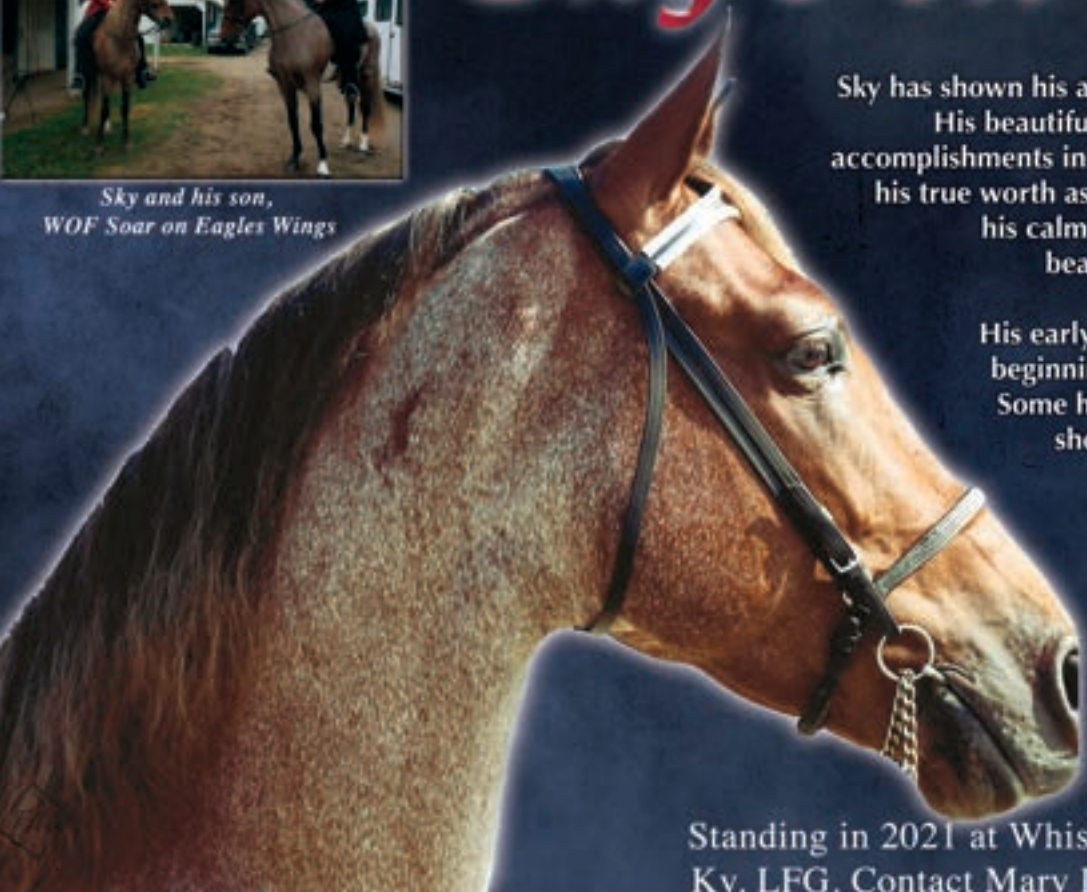


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Sky is producing a variety of roans: palomino, chocolate, bay, red, silver bay, and has currently produced at least 6 blue roans. Sky carries the red gene, without which, some of these colors would not be possible

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Introduction to Equine Coat Color Modifier Genes

By: *Diana Hastings*

AS any breeder or horse enthusiast knows, when it comes to the color of a horse, what you SEE, isn't always the true genetic color of a horse. For example, when looking at a completely white foal, without knowing the genetic color makeup of it, it is impossible to say what "color" it is. It is likely that such a foal carries two copies of the cream gene. However, depending on the color genetics of the sire and the dam, it may also carry black and/or red, agouti (bay), or silver. Another foal may appear to be completely black, then shed its foal coat in the fall, uncovering the fact that it's actually a black roan. Since all horses are basically black-based or red-based in color, how is it that horses can be found in so many colors, with so many variations? The answer lies in the effects of color modifier genes.

Color modifiers are genes that may alter the base color and patterning of a horse. What is the base color of a horse? Well, that is the easy part. Every horse receives a copy of either a red gene or a black gene from each parent. What they receive depends on what the parents carry, and what the parents threw for that particular breeding. Additionally, any given horse may or may not receive color modifiers carried by either parent. A black-based horse may have one copy of black, and one copy of red (heterozygous black), or two copies of the black (homozygous black). Since the red gene is recessive, a horse cannot be red without receiving a red gene from each of its parents. If it does receive two red genes, chances are it will be genetically and phenotypically (seen as) red, as there are only a few modifiers that will change the coat color of a red horse. One such modifier is the cream gene. If a red horse receives a single cream gene, viola, it becomes a palomino. Did your red foal also receive two cream genes? Congratulations, you have a beautiful cremello. Another color modifier that will effect red (and every other color it is combined with) is grey.



Grey horses are generally not born grey, but rather black, bay (agouti), or red. It is not until the grey gene begins to affect the base color - which can start to occur anywhere from a few weeks to a few years-that the horse will begin to appear as grey. This occurs because the grey modifier gene causes a progressive loss of pigment. Most grey horses will exhibit various progressive shades and patterns such as fading, dappling, or flea-bitten (speckled). Some will fade to a completely white-looking horse. As with several other color modifiers, there are no strictly understood and predictable rules for grey. What a grey gene modifier does for one horse, it is not guaranteed to do for another. Practically no two grey horses will look exactly alike.

Probably the most common color modifier in all breeds of horses is agouti (bay). Only one copy of an agouti trait is needed to push the black of a black horse out to its points (legs, tips of ears, mane, and tail) resulting in a bay horse. Agouti has no effect on red (chestnut or sorrel), though a bay horse may or may not carry a single red gene. If a bay foal receives a cream gene, it becomes a buckskin. If it receives a silver gene, it will be a silver bay (sometimes

called red chocolate). If it receives a champagne gene, it will be called an amber champagne. A cream gene and a silver gene added to a bay horses will produce a silver buckskin. Two cream genes added to a horse with agouti will result in a creamy-white looking horse we call perlino. Although a perlino may basically look like a white horse, it is actually an agouti (bay) that is being modified by two cream genes.

Let's look at some other color modifiers:

Dun is a trait that causes effect that are often referred to as "primitive markings". The effects can vary, and may include cobwebbing marks on the face, horizontal leg markings on the shoulders and legs, and a dorsal stripe that runs from the withers to the tailhead. Regardless of all other markings, a true dun will possess a dorsal stripe. The dun modifier gene can affect all colors of horses, resulting in such colors as dunalino (palomino dun), dunskin (buckskin dun), red dun, bay dun, and grullo (back dun).

Champagne is another interesting color modifier. Added to black, the result is classic champagne. Added to red, the horse will be a golden champagne. A bay horse with a champagne gene is called amber champagne. Of course other modifiers such as cream,



silver, roan, and dun can also be added to produce any number of color combinations.

One of the most common color modifier gene in the Rocky Mountain Horse breed is the **silver** gene. A red (sorrel or chestnut) horse may carry the silver gene, but the color of the horse will not be modified. On the other hand, a black horse which inherits the silver gene will become a silver black (formerly known as chocolate), usually having a light white or flaxen mane and tail. A bay horse which inherits a silver gene will become a silver bay (formerly known as red chocolate). The silver gene will always affect (dilute) black-based and bay horses. Since the silver gene is known to be linked to MCOA (Multiple Congenital Ocular Anomalies) when homozygous, some breeders will avoid breeding silver carriers to silver carriers in order to prevent the chance of producing a horse with MCOA. In breeding a single silver gene carrier to a single silver gene carrier, there is 25 percent chance of producing a horse that is homozygous (double) silver, which will most certainly be affected by MCOA. MCOA can manifest as causing very mild to severe issues for a horse's vision, though it is generally not thought to be progressive.

There are too many color modifier genes to list, and in fact, not all modifying



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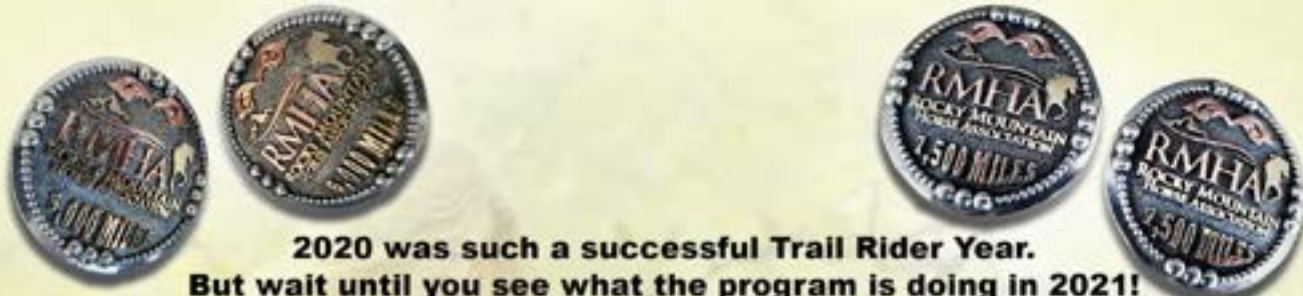
genes are clearly understood. Some, like the sooty modifier, or the pangare modifier are easily identified when seen, but to date there are no genetic tests for these. It is thought by some that the sooty trait, as well as “seal brown” might possibly be variants of agouti (bay) though this is only a guess.

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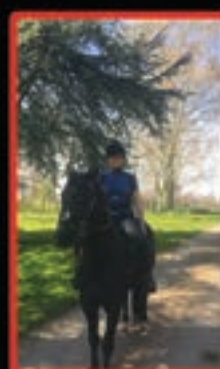
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The aim of the stud is to produce quality gaited stock for a variety of purposes, with a particular emphasis on endurance. Most importantly, the stud aims to provide horses with the self-assurance that comes from late weaning and a temperament that can only be achieved when a foal is brought up in a herd environment.



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The Rocky Mountain Horse Association's affiliated regional clubs are organized and managed by local RMHA members. These Clubs provide a local connection to the RMHA for all who share a common interest and appreciation for the Rocky Mountain Horse. Regional clubs are great resources for RMHA members and others. They promote friendships, networking, fundraisers, social gatherings and special events throughout the year. The RMHA is grateful to our volunteer members who provide an outstanding service to our members at the local level.

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LONE STAR ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE CLUB

It was the event of the 2021 SEASON....in spite of COVID. In March, LSC members were key supporters of The Corsicana Benefit Horse Show. The Corsicana TX High School FFA members stationed themselves at every entrance and provided their assistance to attendees. Their cheerful and friendly help was appreciated by all. Proceeds from the show were donated to this lovely group of young people.

The venue accommodated horses, trainers, owners and exhibitors from four states outside of Texas! They brought their “game on” horses and energy.

Club Member Examiners (Loyd St. John, Billy and Fran Odom) were presented eight horses for review and were awarded their gold seal. Four horses were from Kansas, and four were from Kentucky.

We are so proud to see members and their Texas bred horses showing in the current showseason in Kentucky. This year Texas breeders are looking at a nice crop of Rocky babies. Anyone looking for good old bloodlines and wonderful gait, contact this club with your interests. Everybody is friendly, helpful & supportive.

The Club is looking towards cool weather to organize a Fall Gather. There will be fun games,



obstacles, BBQ, even camping. Time to let down and have a good time. Stay tuned for more information, or please email to get your name on the list!

Photos are a sampling of the club members' excellent horses' performances at the Benefit Show.



PACIFIC CREST ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE CLUB



We have been enjoying our beautiful spring days and lots of riding and hope you have been out enjoying your Rockies. It has been pretty encouraging to see things starting to open up after a bleak 2020, and we have had great turn outs on our events so far which have included:

Skills Clinic with Trainer Marcie Hall.

Successful weekend working on gait, tack, trail skills, etc. We also had several horses for sale available and a certification clinic. Fun was had by all.

Group Trail Ride. Fantastic blue-sky winter day and 14 riders on a 9-mile ride led by Leslie Vandersyde. Hidden Falls is a gem for trail riders offering well groomed trails, rock outcroppings and pools and waterfalls.

Obstacle clinic, competition and camp out. What fantastic weekend and group of people. Congrats Terri Hill on winning the trail obstacle competition.

Campout at Skyline Regional Park, Napa CA. Another successful camping trip - good food, good times, and good trails overlooking the San Francisco Bay and Napa Valley wine country.

We have several campouts planned for the coming months at locations including Sequoia National Park, Tahoe National Forest, the Marble Mountains, Marin Headlands and ending with our annual Rocktoberfest at Pt. Reyes National Seashore.

Finally, we want to brag a bit about our club members accomplishments in the RMHA Trail

Mileage program.

Dean Moon - 4th place Yearly Rider Mileage Award (Certified Category) with 2,418 miles, Lifetime Rider Mileage Award of 22, 821 miles and Master Trail Horse Award with F.H. Sassy Cassie (total lifetime miles of 8,026)! Our hero!!!

Leahe Daby - Top Mileage Mare on SSF Ace's Queen of Hearts

Janet Peters - Lifetime Rider Mileage Award - 10,197 miles.

Jan Dunn - Junior Trail Horse Award on Ace's Casino Royal (2,708 lifetime miles)

Happy Trails

WEST COAST ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE CLUB

As we come out of our many months of seclusion, the West Coast Rocky Mountain Horse Club members are gathering back together for official rides and campouts.

In July (7th-10th), some members are showing their Rockies in the Santa Barbara National Horse Show. This show is now being held after a one-year absence, and we are delighted that classes for Rocky Mountain Horses, as well as other gaited breeds, are in the schedule. Those who don't ride come and watch and cheer on the participants.

Our monthly ride schedules are resuming, and

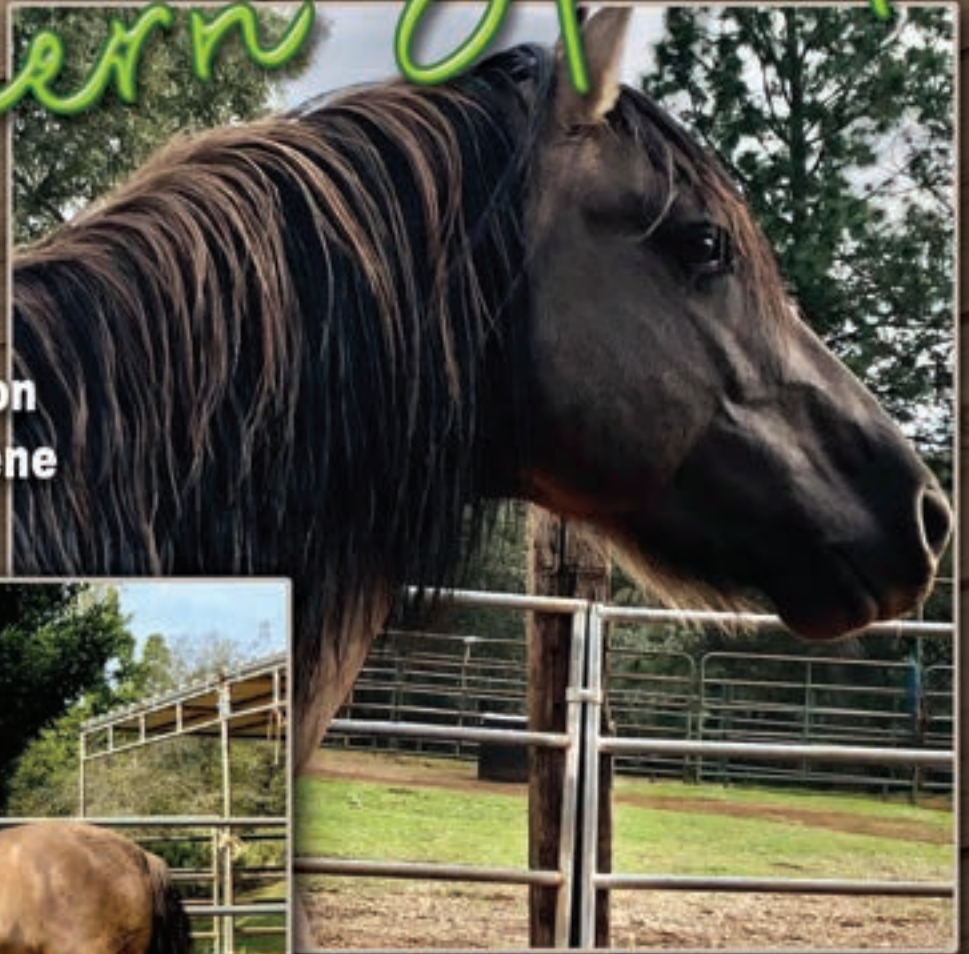
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last month (June) Gloria Northcote coordinated a ride at Montana De Oro State Park. The trails there overlook the Pacific Ocean and are a mixture of rolling sand dunes and mountainous switchbacks that bring the rider to beautiful views.

In July, our WCRMHC Kid's Campout was also being held at Montana De Oro State Park, as FINALLY the horse camps are being opened after more than a year of closure. Adults can bring kids 6 and over, and they don't have to be their own. Some "borrow" kids that are horse crazy, and the



member is mentoring them. Others bring their grandkids. Kids who are now young adults come to help with the fun, and everyone gets to ride the trails as well as do fun things like paint the horses!

In August, we booked the Jack Brook Horse Camp in San Mateo County, after it was finally opened up July 1st. Our members were excited to be returning to this five-star camp with wonderful well-manicured trails through towering redwoods. It has a bathhouse with hot showers, some electric hookups, many corrals and a great eating area with another small building housing a refrigerator, microwave and toaster. What more can you ask for?

In September, Gloria Northcote will award Dean Moon the "Gloria Northcote High Mileage Award" for attaining 25,000 trail miles. Look for

Gloria at the RMHA International in Kentucky.

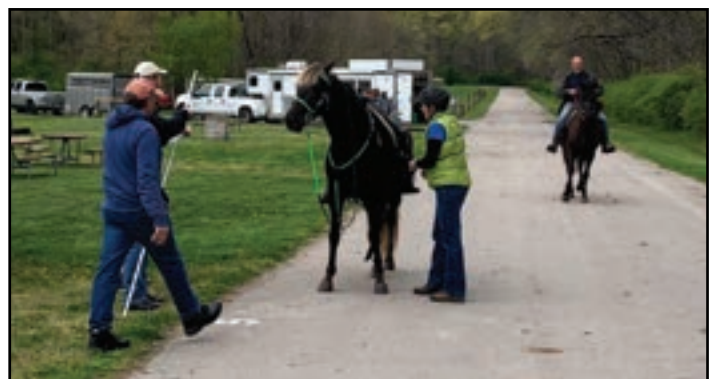
In October, our club is hosting a member's campout, again at Montana De Oro State Park. We always look forward to seeing and camping with members from other parts of our state, as some drive hundreds of miles to join in.

We hope the members of other clubs are getting started again enjoying group events and all stay well as our country opens up.

TRI STATE ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE CLUB

This year, the Tri State Club held its annual Spring Certification Day at Caesar's Creek State Park on April 17. As typical for Ohio, we were dodging rain to get things done. Despite the rain we did manage to certify four horses. For those who still need to certify this year, we plan on having a fall certification as well. All information in regards to a fall certification will be published at a later date on the Tri-Sate Club Facebook page.

By Tess Smith, Tri State President



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Welcome Julie Berman!

The RMHA would like to send a huge and heart felt welcome our new Marketing guru and advocate: Julie J Berman! After multiple interviews with over seventeen candidates, Julie's outgoing and upbeat personality continued to push her to the top of our hiring list. She was overwhelmingly chosen by the entire Marketing Committee and Strategic Planning Committee as our top pick, and we are thrilled to have her on our team. In her short time with us she has already played an instrumental role in advocating for our breed, including helping to coordinate our featured piece in the upcoming Horse Illustrated magazine.

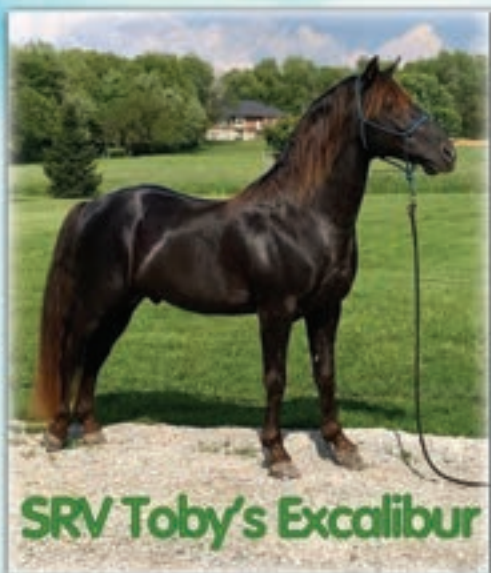
Julie is a life-long equestrian and horse enthusiast who resides in Central New Jersey. Her portfolio of experience includes prior ownership of an equine insurance brokerage company, many years competing on the horse show circuit since childhood and she was President of the New Jersey Hunter Bred Association. Julie currently

promotes the Mars Essex Horse Trials and The Monmouth at the Team Horse Show at the United States Equestrian Team Headquarters. Julie brings real life experience coupled with her passion for horses as the new Marketing, Public Relations and;

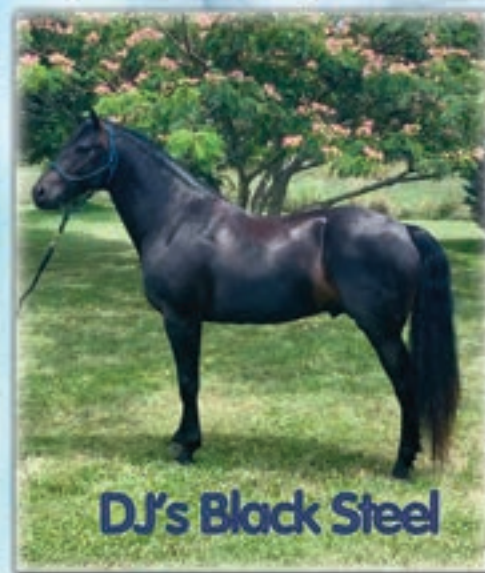
Communications Coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Horse Association. When she is not promoting horse events, Julie enjoys spending time with her family and animals - two Boston Terriers, cheering on the Boston Red Sox and supporting her alma mater, Syracuse University. Welcome Julie!



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RMHA YOUTH

Our 2021 RMHA youth clinic was held on June 5th at Stoner Ridge Farm. Mr. Charley DeAtley and Mr. Robert Lawson. They taught round pen strategies, liberty work, trail obstacle and ring etiquette. Mara McKenzie came to share her knowledge and experience with Equine Dental School and Dr. Lisa Stensrud PT talked with our youth about physical therapy with horses. We had 11 youth attend our 2021 RMHA youth clinic. At lunch we had an old fashioned grill out. Please watch the RMHA youth Facebook page for upcoming events.



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The RMHA Youth Committee would like to thank the generous donors and bidders for supporting the youth in the annual RMHA Youth Silent Auction. The youth are the future of our breed. Your generosity makes it possible to have youth clinics, RMHA International Show support, scholarships and many other great programs.



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As I look back on the last eight years that I have worked for the Rocky Mountain Horse Association, I am filled with mixed emotions. Gratitude. Love. Humility. Honor. Sadness. Joy. I am so grateful for this wonderful breed of horse that has brought us all together for a common purpose. I have met so many wonderful people through this Association that I have come to love as family and friends. I am humbled by the inspiring stories that so many of our members have shared. I am honored to have been able to serve this Association and appreciate every person that has reached out and expressed gratitude, well wishes and support, over these



years. It is with sadness that I close this chapter of my life as Registrar and Office Manager of the RMHA, but with that sadness, there is also joy for all of the memories and relationships that have been made. I have every intention of staying involved with this breed as a member of the RMHA to help see these wonderful horses into the future. It has always been, and will always be, about the Horse.

*- Stay safe and hug your horse
Cyndee Davis*

EQUITANA 2021

Equitana is Friday, October 1 through Sunday October 3 at the Kentucky Horse Park. The RMHA will have breed information booth along with a live horse exhibit that will be located in the Covered Arena. There will also be a daily demonstration of the RMHA breed.



Seniors Celebrate National I Love Horses Day with Rockies & Ryan Price

July 15, we recognize the love of our horses on National I Love Horses Day. To celebrate Ryan Price took Rocky Mountain Horses out to share the love with some incredible seniors at the Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Facilities in Salt Lake City. Ryan says it is always fun and rewarding to see how the residents connect with our horses and to hear stories of their horses from long ago.



A LITTLE BACKGROUND FROM RYAN:

I have a son that is handicapped. He has Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia which looks a lot like cerebral palsy. I have always trained my horses to be therapy horses for my son and his friends. In my profession I do Home Health and Hospice. Since getting into Rockies, I have been so impressed by their calm laid back demeanor. A few years ago, I had a hospice patient that was an old cowboy who was passing away, and I decided to bring one of our therapy Rockies in to visit him in his room. The other residents loved it and asked if they could spend some time with the horses. It has really taken off, and we now go visit four to eight assisted living and skilled nursing facilities a month. We let residents feed the horses treats pamper and love on them. Sometimes we bring them to patients' rooms if they can't get out of bed.

Ryan Price, with his brother Justin, own Rocky Mountain Acres located in Layton, UT. He and his wife Nicole, their two sons, Nixon and Ryder, have been raising Rockies for five years.



"We do everything with them from therapy, trails, hunting, showing, working cows and much more. We have about 35 Rockies depending on where we are in the foaling season. This is the most versatile breed of all the many breeds I've been around, ridden, owned, and trained."

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Some Common (and Uncommon) Coat Patterns

by Diana Hastings

Pangare is one coat pattern that is found in many primitive horse breeds. The mealy or pangare gene causes pale red or yellowish areas on the lower belly, flanks, behind the elbows, inside the legs, on the muzzle, and over the eyes. It may affect any body color.

Sooty is another trait that is thought to be a form of primitive countershading. True to its name, sooty has the appearance of a horse that might have just rolled in ashes. It varies in expression- anywhere from a few smudges, perhaps across the shoulders or all along the back, to an almost whole-body darkening. Almost no two sooty horses have the exact same expression of sooty. It is thought that sooty is inherited, however the rate and mode of inheritance is not well understood.

Another primitive pattern that we see in Rocky Mountain Horses is Dun. With this trait, leg bar patterns are usually seen (horizontal striping found on the legs and shoulders), as well as spiderwebbing patterns on the forehead, and a general dilution effect to the body color. The legs, head, mane and tail of the horse remain undiluted. Regardless of the primitive marks that may occur, a true dun must express a dorsal stripe which runs the length of the back. This is not to be confused with countershading, which is a stripe that is usually not as dark and is not genetically dun. The dun trait can only be passed from a dun parent, and there is a test to determine if a horse carries dun.

Seal Brown (also called Seal Bay) There are many horses in the Rocky Mountain Horse breed which in the past have been registered as seal brown. It was thought by some that the expression of seal brown was perhaps a black horse

SILVER BLACK
(CHOCOLATE)



with an expression of pangare. Others surmise that seal brown is a brown bay horse, possibly with a sooty trait. If your horse has the appearance of seal brown, you could test it for agouti (bay) to determine whether or not your horse is a bay or a faded black.

Splash White- This color trait has been described as a horse that has been “dipped in white paint”, with the legs and underbelly often completely white, while the rest of the horse may be any other color. A horse with a splash white gene may or may not have one or two blue eyes, and more often than not will have a large blaze. The phenotypic (what you can see) effect of the splash gene may be very minimal, or very dramatic. There are 4 variants of splash white, being SW1, SW2, SW3, and SW4. SW1 is the most common, and found in multiple breeds. There are issues such as

SEAL BROWN



CREMELLO



deafness and mortality associated with the other splash variants, which fortunately, are much less common. While the splash gene is not common in Rocky Mountain Horses, it does occur.

Roan is a pattern of evenly dispersed white and colored hairs on a horse's neck, body, and upper legs, while the head and neck remain solid. Roan may occur on any color of horse, though the darker the base coat of the horse, the easier it is to identify the roan. Many roan foals are born a solid color, with the roaning effect being expressed gradually as the foal starts to shed its foal coat. A roan horse will pass its roan gene to its offspring approximately 50% of the time. At least one parent must be a roan for a foal to be roan.

ROAN



Sabino is another trait of white patterning that may be minimally expressed, or extensively. It is a white pattern that often turns the lower legs white, along with the back of the legs, the back of the jowl and the front of the neck. There is often a blaze, and there may be white ticking anywhere throughout the horse's coat. Except for the blaze, white patterns related to Sabino tend to have more ragged and blurred edges in comparison to other patterns of white. While there are registered Sabino Rocky Mountain horses, the RMHA registration standards do not allow for white above the knee, except for facial marking of stars, snips, or blazes. The gene for the expression of Sabino (Sabino1) is common in Tennessee Walking Horses, and may rarely occur in Rocky Mountain Horses. All horses which carry Sabino will express at least some Sabino patterning.

SILVER BUCKSKIN



Rabicano - Rabicano is a pattern that generally causes roaning on parts of the horse's body, such as the flanks, the legs, the sides (sometimes called "rib stripes"), and the belly. The upper part of a horse's tail may be completely white, and this white may extend into the tail, running down in a stripe. Rabicano has been described as looking like frosting on a horse's coat. It has often been misclassified as roan, and though it is rarely found in many modern breeds, it would likely be extremely rare in Rocky Mountain Horses.

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Some Common (and Uncommon) Coat Patterns

from page 57

There are other types of ticking and spotting patterns which are poorly understood. Small white spots called “birdcatcher spots” may be single or multiple. When seen, they are not found in any particular place on a horse. These may or may not be genetic in origin. Flecks of white hairs interspersed over the shoulders or flanks of a horse can also be found on solid colored horses. According to Dr. Sponenburg, in his book *Equine Color Genetics*, “Occasionally horses have patterns of white hairs that do not fit well within any of the recognized patterns. In a few cases these may be new variants, in other cases they are nothing more than unusual variants with relatively less or more white hairs than usual of more familiar patterns.”



Coat pattern testing will undoubtedly become more sophisticated, and more of the unusual traits that we see will become less of a mystery. In the meantime, we can have a little fun identifying the traits that we can identify, and perhaps make some educated guesses about the rest.. Happy Trails!

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On the day of your class, you can hear the sound of the organ music as you ride your horse in the warm-up arena anxiously awaiting your gate call. You have worked so hard all year for this very moment. You have practiced and practiced. You have poured your sweat, tears, heart and soul into your horse, and your horse has given you his all every step of the way. This horse is your best friend. You have experienced victory and defeat together. You have grown as a team in hopes of achieving an International grand championship together. You have watched your friends and fellow competitors all year chasing those exact dreams. You have cheered them on. They are your show family. Now is that moment in time with just you, God and your horse. You pray for a safe and successful ride - one that is worthy of the horse you have become so close to and shared so much with. When your class is called, you take a deep breath, adjust your seat one last time and shoot yourself into the arena. Your heart is still racing. You can feel your stirrups vibrating from your shaking legs. Adrenaline rushes through your body from head to toe as you share this moment - just you and your horse. Nothing, absolutely nothing in the world matters but you and your horse. This is your moment, your moment to shine and exhibit all your hard work

and practice. All your cares and worries fall by the wayside as you both give your all and support one another every single step of the way. Finally, relaxing your hips you become one with your horse. In perfect unison and gait, you glide around the arena. Friends and family cheer you on, as you take cues from that



special person along the rail who has been your rock and support helping you to get to this exciting day. Dropping to the walk - You breathe deeply, adjust your coat tail and reverse for your last go - the wind of motion is in your face. You smile in amazement that you are doing this . . . That you are living this very moment, this very dream and no matter the outcome, you are living your dream. When you make your way to the lineup, you anxiously await the tie of the class. You reflect on your ride, wondering what you could improve and how you could better meet the needs of your horse in this effort to achieve your goals and dreams. You see, this has been more than just a horse show. It's more than just an inexpensive ribbon to be won. It has been the opportunity for your horse to shine as the epitome of the breed standard at the Rocky Mountain Horse International competing against the best of the best. You worked hard and no matter what, win or lose, you achieved making it to the International. You will hug your horse because you know your he gave his all to you and, likewise, you gave your all to him.

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Rocky Mountain International Grand Championship Horse Show

DAILY EVENT SCHEDULE



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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

12:00 NOON

- Exhibitor and Vendor move in and setup
- Certification in the Arena (3:00-5:00 p.m.)
- General Membership Meeting - Covered Arena (6:00 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

9:00 AM

- Opening Ceremonies
- Conformation Classes
- Under Saddle Classes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

9:00 AM

- Under Saddle Classes
- Costume Class

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

9:00 AM

- Trail Obstacle Classes
- Adult trail obstacle will go first.
- Youth trail obstacle will immediately follow conclusion of adult class.

Walk through will be announced, approximately 8:30 a.m. Class will start promptly at 9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

12:30 PM

- Under Saddle Classes
- Western Classes
- Judging for Stall Decorations

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

6:00 PM

- Hero Recognitions
- Equitation Class
- Championship Classes

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

9:00 AM

- Specialty Classes

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

- Ride-A-Rocky in outdoor arena

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

1:30 PM

- Opening Ceremony - *Presented by Youth*
- President's Welcoming Speech
- Youth Scholarship Award Presentation
- Grand Championship Classes
- Special Award Presentations

Rocky Mountain International Grand Championship Horse Show

FEES AND INFORMATION

ENTRY FEES

Regular Classes

Pre-entry Fee: \$35 (*must be received prior to 4:00 p.m. on August 28, 2021*)

Only one class needs to be designated per horse for the horse to receive pre-entry prices for all Regular Classes entered at the show.

Post-Entry Fees - \$40/ Regular Clas (*entry received after 4:00 p.m. on August 28, 2021*)

Championship Classes

Adult Championships - \$50

Adult Grand Championships - \$75

Youth Grand Championships - \$45

OTHER FEES

DQP Fees: \$8 per horse per day

Kentucky Horse Park Equine Facilities Fee: \$10 per horse for the entire show

PAYBACKS

Regular Classes

1st place \$60; 2nd place \$40; 3rd place \$30

Championship Classes

1st place \$70; 2nd place \$50; 3rd place \$30

Youth Grand Championship Classes

1st place \$70; 2nd place \$50; 3rd place \$30

Adult Grand Championship Classes

1st place \$150; 2nd place \$100; 3rd place \$50



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STALL

RESERVATIONS

AND FEES

As of 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, stalls may be reserved on the member's page of the RMHA web site, rmhorse.com or from the link provided on the International web site, rmhai.com.

Reservations will not be accepted by any other method. Stalls must be paid for at the time of reservation. Assignments will be made on a first come basis. Once stalls are reserved, cancellations are possible only with a veterinary statement due to illness or injury of the horse.

Exhibitors must ensure that all horses and equipment is removed from the Kentucky Horse Park ("KHP") premises prior to 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 12, 2021. *Late departures will be charged \$50 per stall per KHP policy.*

Stall Fees: \$180 per stall (Noon Tuesday, Sept. 7 through 9:00 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 12) if reserved by 4:00 p.m. on August 28, 2021.

Reserved after 4:00 p.m. on August 28 will cost \$190 per stall

Per day rental rate: \$60/day

Early or late arrivals: \$50/stall (*before Noon on Tuesday, Sept. 7 or after 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12*)

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SPECIAL AWARDS

**see RMHA Show Rule Book for complete descriptions*

SAM TUTTLE MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented to the horse that achieves the highest total points in the following 7 classes ONLY. Points accumulate for the horse based on a 10-point scale. The horse must compete in and complete the Adult Trail Obstacle class and not be disqualified. In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest score in the Adult Trail Obstacle class will be the winner.

Conformation Age Division · Conformation Championship · Conformation Grand Championship · Under Saddle Age Division · Under Saddle Championship · Under Saddle Grand Championship · Adult Trail Obstacle

REA SWAN VERSATILITY AWARD

Presented to the horse that exemplifies the virtues of the Rocky Mountain Horse: versatility, exceptional gait, smoothness, and easy-going disposition. Each horse may compete in all 8 categories of the following classes. Each horse must compete in and complete the Adult Trail Obstacle class without being disqualified. The horse's top 5 scores (only one from each category below) will be counted using a 10-point scale. Select Amateur and AOT classes count toward this award. In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest score in the Adult Trail Obstacle class will be the winner. *Horses showing in the show pleasure classes are ineligible for this award. Championship and Grand Championships, and Novice classes do not count toward this award*.

Trail Pleasure OR Country Trail Pleasure Class (not both) · Conformation · Adult Water Glass · Adult Bareback · Age Division Trail Pleasure OR Age Division Country Trail Pleasure (not both) · Western Pleasure · Pole Bending · Adult Trail Obstacle

CARSON MASTERS AWARD

Presented to the 10+ Year Old Stallion that accumulates the most points in an Age Division

Conformation and an Age Division Under Saddle class. In the case of a tie, the horse with the highest placing in the Conformation class will be the winner.

Age Division Stallions Conformation ·
Age Division Stallions Under Saddle Class

CHARLES KILBURN AMATEUR OWNED AND TRAINED VERSATILITY AWARD

Presented to the horse/AOT Rider team that accumulates the highest total points in 5 of the following classes. Points accumulate only for the specific horse and specific rider working together. Each team may compete in all of the following classes. Each team must compete in and complete the Adult Trail Obstacle class without being disqualified. Only the team's top 5 scores will be counted using a 10-point scale. In the event of a



tie, the horse with the highest score in the Adult Trail Obstacle class will be the winner.

Up to two Amateur Owned and Trained Under Saddle Classes · Adult Water Glass · Western Pleasure · Adult Bareback · Pole Bending · Adult Trail Obstacle

MORGAN RIGGS AMATEUR VERSATILITY AWARD

Presented to the horse/amateur rider team that achieves the highest total points in 5 of the following classes. Points accumulate only for the specific horse and rider working together. Each team may compete in all the classes listed below. Each team must compete in and complete the Adult Trail Obstacle class without being disqualified. Only the team's top 5 scores will be counted using a 10-point scale. In the event of a tie, the horse with the highest score in the Adult Trail Obstacle class will be the winner.

Up to two Amateur Under Saddle Classes · Adult Water Glass · Conformation · Adult Bareback · Pole Bending
Adult Trail Obstacle

SARA GWISDALLA YOUTH VERSATILITY AWARD (12-17)

Presented to the horse/youth rider (youth aged 12-17) team that achieves the highest total points in 5 of the following classes. Points accumulate only for the specific horse and the specific rider working together. Each team may compete in all 8 classes. Each team must compete in and complete the Youth Trail Obstacle class without being disqualified. Only the team's top 5 scores will be counted using a 10-point scale. In the event of a tie, the team with the highest score in the Youth Trail Obstacle class will be the winner.

Two Youth Under Saddle Classes · Equitation · Showmanship · Western Pleasure · Youth Water Glass · Youth Trail Obstacle

ASHLEY HYTRY YOUTH VERSATILITY AWARD (11 AND UNDER)

Presented to the horse/youth rider (youth age 11 and Under) team that achieves the highest total points in 4 out of the 7 classes listed below. Points accumulate only for the specified horse and the specific rider working together. Each team may compete in all 7 classes. Only the team's top 4 scores will be counted using a 10-point scale. Youth Trail Obstacle is an option but is not required. In order to be considered for the award, all exhibitors MUST complete 4 out of 7 classes independently. If they require assistance during the judging phase of a class, they will not be dismissed from the class, and may still place in the class, but will not receive points toward the Ashley Hytry Award.

Two Youth Under Saddle Classes · Equitation · Showmanship · Western Pleasure · Youth Water Glass · Youth Trail Obstacle

EDDIE & WANDA ADAMS CHALLENGE TROPHY

Presented to a juvenile rider who wins the 12-17 Show Pleasure Grand Championship class two consecutive years or the rider who wins the 11 and Under Trail Grand Championship class two consecutive years. The winner's name will be added to the base of the perpetual trophy, which will reside with the Adams family. The first year to be considered in the award calculation is 2016.

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SHOW BILL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 9:00 A.M.

Opening Ceremonies

Conformation Qualifying Classes

- | Class No. | Class Description |
|-----------|--|
| 1 | Weanling Colts/Fillies/Geldings Conformation |
| 2 | Yearling Fillies/Geldings Conformation |
| 3 | Yearling Colts Conformation |
| 4 | Open 2y.o. Conformation |
| 5 | 3-4 y.o. Mares and Geldings Conformation |
| 6 | 3-4 y.o. Stallions Conformation |
| 7 | 5-9 y.o. Mares and Geldings Conformation |
| 8 | 5-9 y.o. Stallions Conformation |
| 9 | 10+ y.o. Mares and Geldings Conformation |
| 10 | 10+ y.o. Master Stallions Conformation |

LUNCH BREAK (30 Minutes)

Conformation Championships

- 2 y.o. and Under Open Conformation Championship
- 3-4 y.o. Open Conformation Championship
- 5+ y.o. Open Conformation Championship

Under Saddle Classes

- 6-9 y.o. Mares and Geldings Trail Pleasure
- 3 y.o. Fillies and Geldings Show Pleasure
- 4-5 y.o. Mares and Geldings Trail Pleasure
- 4-5 y.o. Stallions Show Pleasure
- 3-5 y.o. Amateur Country Trail Pleasure
- 6-9 y.o. Mares and Geldings Country Trail Pleasure
- Senior Rider (60+) CTP, Trail, or Show Pleasure
- 10+ y.o. Amateur Country Trail Pleasure
- 6-9 y.o. Mares and Geldings Show Pleasure
- 4-5 y.o. Mares and Geldings Country Trail Pleasure
- 3-5 y.o. Amateur Show Pleasure
- 6-9 y.o. Stallions Country Trail Pleasure
- 4-5 y.o. Stallions Country Trail Pleasure
- 6-9 y.o. Stallions Show Pleasure

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 9:00 A.M.

Under Saddle Classes

- 10+ y.o. Mares, Geldings and Stallions Trail Pleasure
- 3 y.o. Fillies and Geldings Country Trail Pleasure

- Novice Show Pleasure
 - 6-9 y.o. Amateur Country Trail Pleasure
 - 3 y.o. Stallions Country Trail Pleasure
 - 4-5 y.o. Mares and Geldings Show Pleasure
 - 6 - 9 y.o. Amateur Show Pleasure
 - 4-5 y.o. Stallions Trail Pleasure
 - Men's Country Trail Pleasure
 - 6-9 y.o. Amateur Trail Pleasure
 - 3 y.o. Fillies and Geldings Trail Pleasure
 - 6-9 y.o. Stallions Trail Pleasure
 - Mentor & Me Country Trail Pleasure
- #### LUNCH BREAK (30 Minutes)
- 10+ y.o. Mares, Geldings and Stallions Country Trail Pleasure
 - AOT Mares and Geldings Trail Pleasure
 - Mentor & Me Trail Pleasure
 - 3 y.o. Stallions Trail Pleasure
 - AOT Mares, Geldings and Stallions Country Trail Pleasure
 - 12 - 17 Youth Juvenile Trained (Country Trail Pleasure)
 - 10+ Amateur Show Pleasure
 - 3-5 y.o. Amateur Trail Pleasure
 - 12-17 Youth Juvenile Trained (Trail Pleasure)
 - 3 y.o. Stallions Show Pleasure
 - 10+ y.o. Amateur Trail Pleasure
 - Ladies Show Pleasure
 - Men's Trail Pleasure
 - 12-17 Youth Show Pleasure
 - AOT Stallions Trail Pleasure
 - 10+ y.o. Mares, Geldings and Stallions Show Pleasure
 - Costume Class - Open to Adult & Youth - No Stallions

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 TRAIL OBSTACLE (MAIN ARENA) 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

- Youth Trail Obstacle (Inside Arena) (Adult class will go first)
- Adult Trail Obstacle (Inside Arena)

LUNCH BREAK (30 Minutes)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 12:30 P.M.

Under Saddle Classes

- 17 & Under Youth Western Pleasure
- AOT Mares, Geldings and Stallions Show Pleasure
- 6+ y.o. Open Western Pleasure
- 12-17 Youth Trail Pleasure
- Ladies Trail Pleasure
- 11 & under Youth Country Trail Pleasure
- 3-5 y.o. Open Western Pleasure
- 12-17 Youth Juvenile Trained (Show Pleasure)
- Men's Show Pleasure
- Novice Rider Country Trail Pleasure
- 12-17 Youth Country Trail Pleasure
- Ladies Country Trail Pleasure
- 11 & Under Youth Show Pleasure

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- 73 Novice Rider Trail Pleasure
- 74 Mentor & Me Show Pleasure
- 75 11 & Under Youth Trail Pleasure
- 76 Open Western Pleasure Grand
Championship

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
6:00 PM OR LATER**

Championships – Hero Recognition

- 77 17 & Under Youth Equitation
- 78 3 y.o. Country Trail Pleasure Championship
- 79 Mares Show Pleasure Championship
- 80 Stallions Trail Pleasure Championship
- 81 Geldings Country Trail Pleasure Championship
- 82 3 y.o. Trail Pleasure Championship
- 83 Mares Trail Pleasure Championship
- 84 Stallions Country Trail Pleasure Championship
- 85 3 y.o. Show Pleasure Championship
- 86 Geldings Show Pleasure Championship
- 87 Mares Country Trail Pleasure Championship
- 88 Geldings Trail Pleasure Championship
- 89 Stallions Show Pleasure Championship

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
9:00 A.M.**

Under Saddle and Specialty Classes

- 90 17 & Under Youth Showmanship
- 91 Adult Water Glass
- 92 Youth Water Glass
- 93 Adult Bareback
- 94 Youth Bareback
- 95 Pole Bending (Covered Arena - Youth 17 & Under)
- 96 Pole Bending (Covered Arena - Adult)

**RIDE-A-ROCKY (OUTDOOR WARM-UP ARENA)
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**



**NOTE: ALL Grand Championship Entries must be
made in the office by 12:00 NOON**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
1:30 P.M.**

Opening Ceremonies and Youth Scholarship Presentation

- 97 Lead Line
- 98 Youth First Solo
- 99 17 & Under Youth Western Pleasure Grand Championship
- President's Welcoming Speech*
- 100 3+ y.o. Open Conformation Grand Championship
- Presentation of the Carson Masters Award*
- 101 11 & Under Youth Show Pleasure Grand Championship
- 102 AOT Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- Presentation of the Volunteer of the Year Award*
- 103 12 - 17 Youth Country Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- 104 Amateur Show Pleasure Grand Championship
- Presentation of the Morgan Riggs Amateur Versatility Award*
- 105 11 & Under Youth Country Trail Pleasure Grand
Championship

Dinner Break (30 minutes)

- Presentation by the Charles Kilburn Society*
- 106 AOT Country Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- 107 12-17 Youth Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- Presentation of the Rea Swan Versatility Award*
- 108 Amateur Country Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- Presentation of the Charles Kilburn Amateur Owned & Trained
Versatility Award*
- 109 11 & Under Youth Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- 110 Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- Presentation of the Sara Gwisdalla Youth Versatility Award (12-17
Youth)*
- 111 AOT Show Pleasure Grand Championship
- 112 Country Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- Presentation of the Ashley Hytry Youth Award (11 & Under Youth)*
- 113 12-17 Youth Show Pleasure Grand Championship
- Presentation of the Eddie & Wanda Adams Challenge Trophy*
- 114 Amateur Trail Pleasure Grand Championship
- Presentation of the Sam Tuttle Memorial Award*
- 115 Show Pleasure Grand Championship

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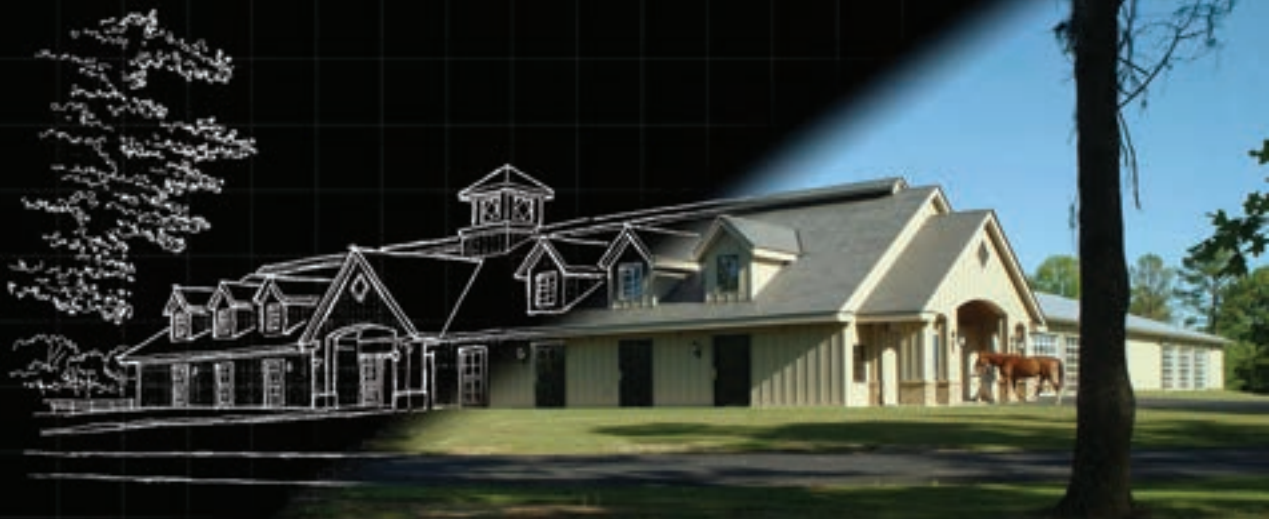
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Worth the Wait

by Taryn O'Brien

“Worth the Wait”, the theme for the Iowa Horse Fair 2021, was certainly fitting for this event that had built up much anticipation from equine lovers across the Midwest. With larger annual events such as the Midwest Horse Fair and Equine Affair having been canceled for 2021, many we’re looking forward to a full weekend of horse expo entertainment at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. For myself (Taryn O'Brien; Des Moines, IA) and my stallion, RHF Rebellion, it was our first off-farm event with each other. He was a perfect gentleman lowering his head for children to pet and taking the new experiences in stride. Joining us was versatility extraordinaries Dolly Pierson (Morris, IL) and VBF's Heart in Motion.

Housed on the Avenue of Breeds, Dolly and Heart also participated in the parade of breeds, parade of colors, and extreme trail horse challenge. They came home with second place in the extreme trail horse challenge showing everyone some of the best aspects of our breed: level headedness



in new situations, a smooth easy ride, and a willingness to please. Our two breed specific demos allowed us to share the history and characteristics of the Rocky Mountain breed followed by a short Q&A session. In the barn people were able to not only discuss the breed further, they were able to experience some “Rocky magic” themselves as our horses showed their true puppy-dog personalities.

The Iowa Horse Fair was truly “Worth the wait” and I can’t send enough thanks to Dolly Pierson, VBF's Heart in Motion, RHF Rebellion, and the Rocky Mountain Horse Association for helping make it possible to showcase this breed and establish new friendships.



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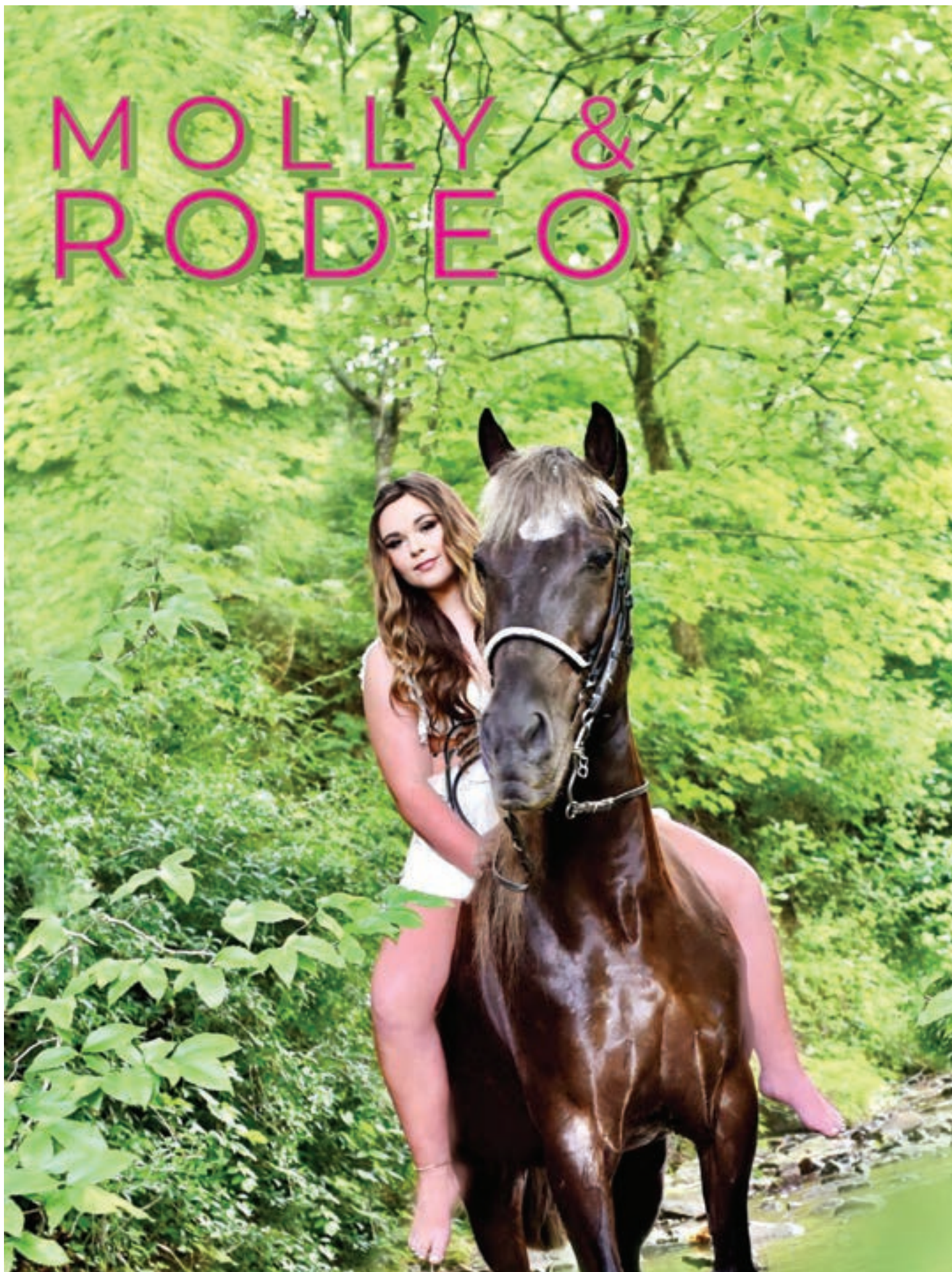


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Me and my Shadow

By: Kirsten Santos

As far back as I can remember, horses have lived in my inner landscape.

I lived in Idaho until I was eight years old, and my family camped in Yellowstone National Park regularly. As I recall, those vacations were my first opportunities to ride horses with my family on those mountain trails. In Idaho Falls, many of our neighbors owned horses often corralled right next to their home so I passed by them on my walk to school. Like so many children, I dreamed of having a pony of my own - a dream that continued through adulthood.

When I was just eleven months old, in 1949, I contracted polio. I survived and then recovered with resulting atrophy and shortening of my right leg. My parents wisely included me in all family outdoor activities, and I was encouraged and supported in what I was interested in. For example, when I asked to take ballet lessons, my mother gave me lessons until I recognized my own limitation, and then she steered me toward violin so that I could play music for ballerinas. I mention this because I learned from the residual effects of polio to adapt to my limitations and ever-changing parameters. Having been one of thousands who contracted polio is a significant fact that plays into my story of my childhood dream of having my own pony.

Fast forward to 2004, when I retired from the CDC in Atlanta, GA on disability. By the time I retired, I was confined to a wheelchair and told by the top polio expert in the country that being in a wheelchair would now be my new "normal". Needless to say, by that time, the dream of having my own pony had long vanished. I was experiencing the most severe bout of post-polio syndrome that I'd ever experienced up until then, and I was taking cortisone and lidocaine injections regularly



for the pain in my joints.

Somehow, I just wasn't ready to accept the new "normal." I needed to see what I might be able to do on my own. Without any expectations, I adopted a health regime of my own which included daily pool exercise, rest as needed, and a simple, mostly raw fruits and vegetables diet. To my surprise and delight, the pain and muscle weakness gradually subsided over the following year to the point that I wasn't using the wheelchair anymore. I kept exercising - mostly swimming and biking - and just kept feeling stronger and pain-free. In 2006, a friend asked me to go riding with her at a facility she knew of on the east side of Atlanta. That was

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the turning point! After that ride, my childhood dream came alive. I knew I had to have horses in my life somehow. Over the next year I paid to ride when I could and did a trip to British Columbia to do a horse vacation. Then the idea of having my own horse really took hold.

At the facility I'd been riding at, I heard about Rocky Mountain Horses, so I started looking at them on the internet. I picked three Rocky Mountain breeding farms in Kentucky and planned a trip to visit each one.

On a second visit weeks later, I ended up staying almost a week at Robert & Lyngle Lawson's home, hanging out in the barn, taking lessons, and getting to know more about horse ownership and what all is required. I had not planned on buying a horse just yet, but there was a little black gelding in training that just gaited his way right into my heart! I gained confidence to believe in my dream, my own capacity, and the potential for me and this beautiful young gelding to be a good match.

Pacific Sundown (his registered name) had just turned three, and I was about to turn 60 and had not ridden much since childhood. Normally, that's a recipe for disaster. I left him for more training, and he was delivered to me in Georgia just after my 60th birthday a

few months later! I named him Shadow.

Finding trainers in Georgia who had knowledge, skills and willingness to work with a gaited horse has been a challenge, so much of my learning with Shadow has been trial and error and listening to fellow boarders to get clues and hints.

I finally found a wonderful trainer who we worked with for almost three years. That launched us both forward in confidence and skill. Then she left Georgia to take another job and at the same time, I injured my left knee severely enough that I was needing to use my electric scooter every day and wasn't sure I could keep Shadow fit and healthy. He was just 12 and in his prime. When I did some checking, it was suggested that I might try some liberty training. I returned to Kentucky with Shadow and two friends in early November 2017. It turned out to be just what both Shadow and I needed . . . some new skills and a big boost of confidence to help us carry on together.

There is so much to say about what this little black Rocky Mountain Horse has brought to my

life. It can best be summed up with one word -- JOY! He is a daily dose of joy that fills my heart. It's because of him that I work at staying fit, healthy and active. I love taking care of him, I love riding him, I love watching him eat grass. I just love everything about him!

And when I look back at that time in 2004 when I was wheelchair-bound, I'm awed and humbled with what was made possible...my own version of miracle!

Post Script (Lyngle continues with Kirsten's story): Shadow is still going strong at sixteen





thirteen-year-old Ruby DeAtley in March. It was a happy and sad experience all at the same time. They spent a weekend getting to know one another and plans were made to get back together soon.

Ruby and Shadow have made a great pair! They worked well together and helped each other learn new skills just like Kirsten hoped. Ruby helped Shadow get used to the show ring, and he helped her take on even more responsibility for riding and training. At their very first show together, with Kirstin watching on video, Ruby and Shadow won their first class together and then won their championship! Kirsten could not have been happier.

In June, Kirsten and Rogerio came from Atlanta to the RMHA Saddle Up for A Cure Horse Show in Harrodsburg. Ruby texted and sent video through the Marco Polo app keeping them informed of her progress and excitement. We all had a great time together. In September, Kirsten and Rogerio are coming to the RMHA International to be with Ruby and Shadow once again. We are thankful for this sweet horse - we are thankful for good friends. We are thankful for all Shadow is and for all he's given to those who have been blessed to love him.

years of age. He is sleek and fit. He has impeccable ground manners and loves the homemade cookies that Kirsten bakes for him. He has listened to the serenade of the banjo, guitar, and violin played by Kirsten and her husband, Rogerio. He has truly been their Shadow for thirteen years!

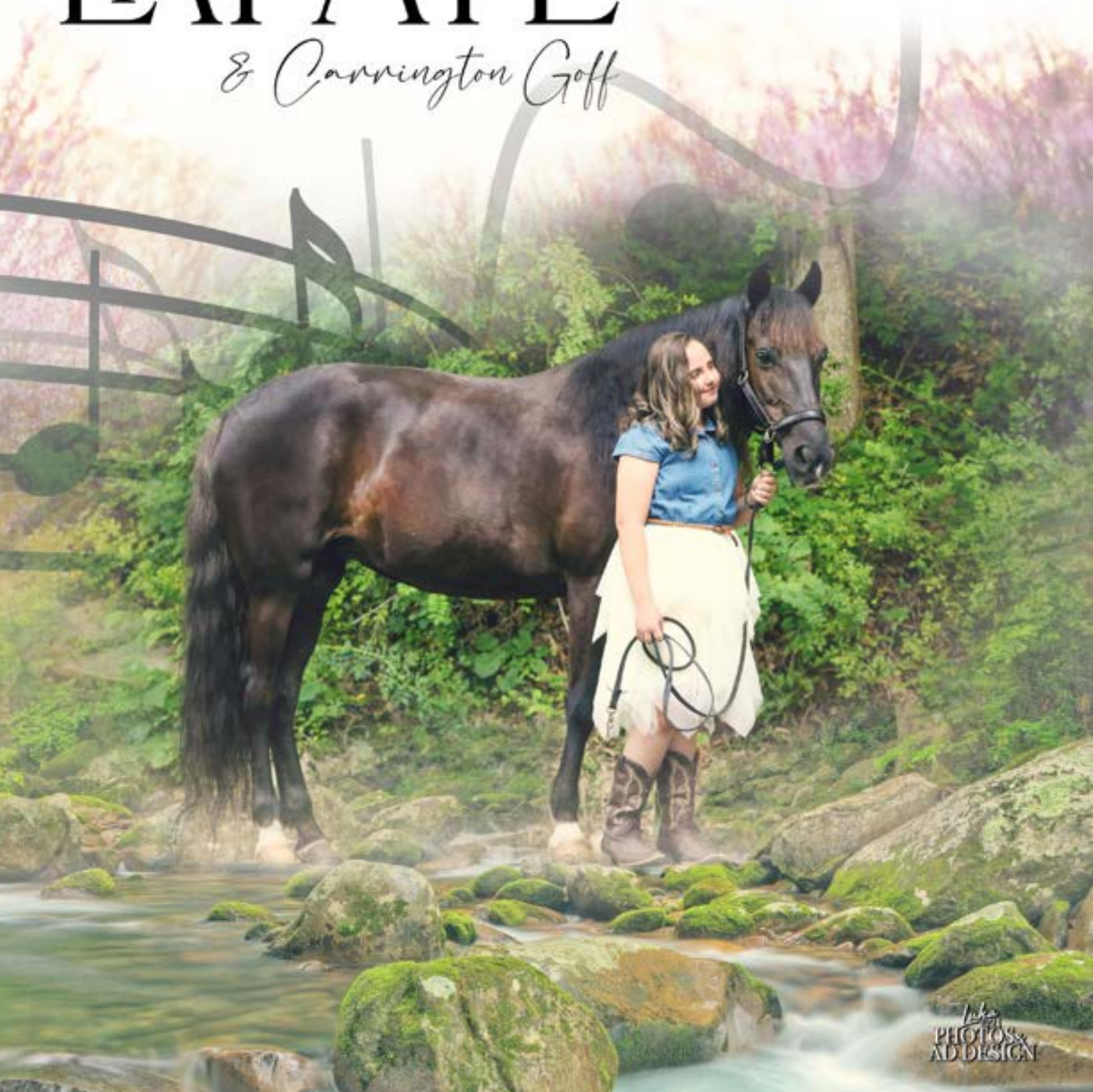
A couple of years ago, Kirsten began to have severe pain in her hip. After many months and much pain, she had to have a hip replacement. The doctor advised her against any undue stress on her body, explaining that he really didn't want any additional surgeries. So, Kirsten made the tough decision to make different arrangements for Shadow. It took months to decide what to do. Just as Kirsten learned and grew with Shadow, she provided a new opportunity for his growth and learning to continue. She chose to give Shadow a new venue and a new person. She talked to the trainer from whom she had purchased Shadow and they decided there was a young lady who was looking for a new horse to love, to teach and to show.

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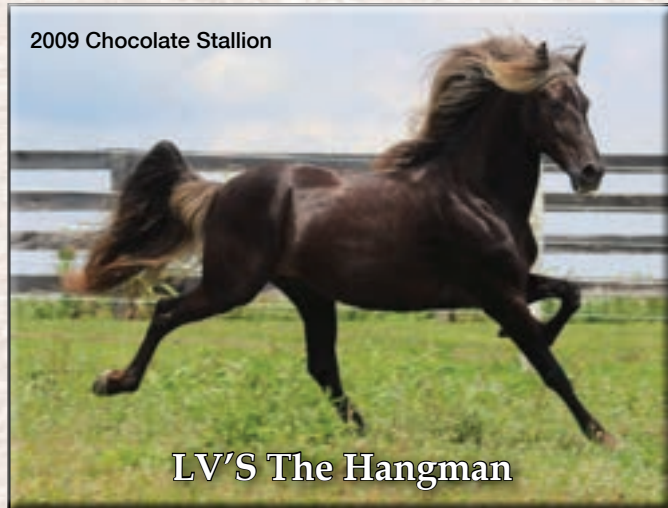
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