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## 2010 is the year of the Sportaloosa

Our \$2,000 Sportaloosa High Achiever competition has just kicked off, with \$500 for the highest achieving registered Sportaloosa for January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December.

All registered Sportaloosas owned by a Sportaloosa International member are eligible regardless of the discipline they're competing in. Just make sure you record your achievements using this form: [www.sportaloosa.com/forms/RecordPoints.pdf](http://www.sportaloosa.com/forms/RecordPoints.pdf).

We already have 12 entries for \$1,000 foal video futurity and 3 more months before entries close on 30 April 2010.

In late 2009, we decided the best way to show the world just how good the spotted stallions in our stallion showcase are is to capture them on video. The great Sportaloosa video trip was the result and Petra has just returned from visiting Sportaloosa stallions in Woodend, Horsham and Bendigo, Tamworth and Brisbane (NZ stallions to follow).

12 stallions and hundreds of kilometres in 10 days was a task but never has a trip gone so smoothly thanks to the enormous hospitality of Ann and Warren Lewis, Ev Lagoon, Karen Fischer, Mel Torr and Merv Tresize, Vince and Samantha McAuliffe, Ben O'Sullivan and Leane Williams. Every stallion put in a phenomenal performance - can these boys ever get up and move!

We'll have the results available for you to see as soon as editing is complete and you'll find some video trip photos further on in this issue of the Quarterly.

For now though, performance in all competitive disciplines is on everyone's minds. We wish you all the very best of luck out there. Don't forget to get your points sheets signed at every competition and we'd love to see any photos of you out there.

Until next time  
*Petra and Samantha*

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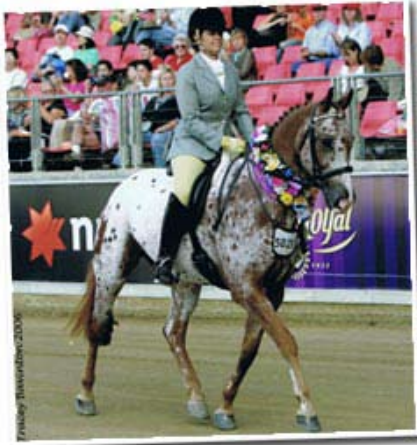
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# SPORTALOOSA INCENTIVES

## Sportaloosa High Achiever Awards - \$2,000 prize pool



We are proud (and very privileged) to announce the ultimate incentive to compete on a spotted horse in 2010.

The \$500 Sportaloosa High Achiever will be awarded to the registered Sportaloosa who achieves the highest result in any open performance event. There will be one High Achiever in each quarter of 2010 (Jan - Mar, Apr - Jun, Jul - Sept, Oct - Dec), plus a special award for the Highest Achiever of the 4 winners.

The High Achiever need not be the winner of an event but they will have put

in the best performance against all the odds. Second in a big 3 day event from 300 entries, fifth in the national dressage finals, third in calf roping at nationals finals, first at the Pony Club bending race finals etc.

To qualify, you must:

- be a member of Sportaloosa International
- ride a registered Sportaloosa (we run 3 studbooks and an open registry, so almost any spotted horse is eligible)
- have your points form signed by a show official, who sights your Sportaloosa's registration certificate (see our points section for full details)
- send us a photo of you out competing!

If you've not yet registered your spotted athlete with Sportaloosa International, there's no time to lose!

We are extremely grateful to our sponsor for their generosity and dedication to promoting spotted horse excellence in open competition - thank you.

## \$1,000 Video Futurity - entries open!



Your 2009/10 Sportaloosa foal has FREE entry into the very first \$1,000 Sportaloosa video futurity and you can enter any time from now.

Make sure your foal is looking shiny and sleek, then video it at walk, trot and canter from the side and from the front, so our judge can see its movement from every angle.

For the best results, film a play time session so have no trouble getting enough footage! You can add music and special effects or make your video as plain as you like. See [www.sportaloosa.com/videofuturity.shtml](http://www.sportaloosa.com/videofuturity.shtml) for examples.

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You must be a member of Sportaloosa International and foal and either the sire or the dam (or both) must be registered with us; applications for their registration can be received any time before 30 April 2010.

**More** [www.sportaloosa.com/videofuturity.shtml](http://www.sportaloosa.com/videofuturity.shtml)

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# Sportaloosa snippets

## Farewell Ric O'Lena

The grand old man of Appaloosa cutting went to greener pastures on 27th January 2010 aged 33 years.

An underused sire, he created a stir wherever he competed as a young horse and showed that spotted horses can work a cow with the best of them.



He leaves behind Sportaloosa stallions Cayuse Chatta Lena, Cayuse Blizzard O'Lena and the trans-Tasman traveller Enriched in New Zealand.



## Close off for 2009 points - 16 February

We'll be awarding the 2009 year end high point awards at the end of February 2010. Points sheets relating for 2009 events will be included if received by 16 February so please don't miss out. If your points sheets reach us later than this, we'll still count these as lifetime points but year end awards will already have been calculated.

For the points form, please visit [www.sportaloosa.com/forms/RecordPoints.pdf](http://www.sportaloosa.com/forms/RecordPoints.pdf)



## The Sportaloosa International Championship Show

It's at least a year away but the first Sportaloosa International Championship Show is on the drawing board. The show will be held in Australia and New Zealand simultaneously and will offer a heck of a good time as well as great prize money and a terrific showcase for your quality Sportaloosas.

We'd love to hear from you if you're keen to attend, so we get this show right for you.



## The Sportaloosa Online Sale

Before the show comes the sale... later this year, we're planning the first Sportaloosa online sale. We'll provide the prospective buyers, you provide the photos, video and vet certificate. Check out the article in this magazine about how it will work and, as usual, please drop us a line if you're keen to be included.



## Sportaloosa TV

We have a some major changes to our web site underway and amongst them is Sportaloosa TV... Sportaloosas on film. It's hard to get people to your place to see your horses in person so we're working on bringing your horses to their living room. Sportaloosa TV is where we'll be showing Sportaloosa foals (from the video futurity), Sportaloosa stallions (from the video trip - more on that in this magazine) and fun Sportaloosa videos.

Our classifieds section will also allow videos so get practising! All videos welcome.



# The great Australian Sportaloosa video trip

As part of our mission to bring Sportaloosa stallions to the world, we decided to spend Christmas holidays filming as many Australian stallions as we could reach. These boys couldn't believe they really had to run around in the heat of summer but every one of them got up and danced when the camera was on.

With sunscreen in one hand, video camera and passport in the other, kiwi Sportaloosa Petra flew from Auckland to Melbourne and headed to Woodend, where Cayuse Confewision and Ultimate Affair are conveniently next door neighbours. At 19, Confewision clearly isn't too old to wake up when the camera is on and when we told the much younger Ultimate Affair that the bar had been set pretty high by the first performance, he decided he'd better put his best hoof forward too. Footage in the bag, it was off to the dry of Horsham for the flashy stallion Oregon Park Aristokat, who fairly flew around his 15 acre paddock, avoiding snakes and keeping everyone fit.

Next stop was Bendigo, where Cayuse Bradford entertained the llamas next door and then on to Tamworth, where it's green and lush for the first time in memory. Nmantrah Prince's Tattoo and Yallawa Timeless Dream put on a great show (and got a bit puffed out) to the delight of the Hartmann's quad dogs and Cayuse A Grand Illusion, Lori's Flashpoint Af Lyn, Cayuse Chatta Lena and Cayuse Blizzard O'Lena competed for the title of fastest spots in the McAuliffe's front paddock. Chatta Lena was a clear winner, setting a new land speed record and making everyone dizzy. The award for the best trot clearly belongs to Blizzard O'Lena though, who has an extended trot any warmblood would die for.

Last stop: Brisbane for Harry Hotspur and Cayuse Mighty Outrageous, who completed the set with fantastic performances and it's fair to say Mighty Outrageous took out the overall best performance... this guy can dance!

Sincere thanks to everyone who took part for turning their stallions out so beautifully and for their hospitality, which was truly wonderful. Don't go past the Sportaloosa stallion line up when you're choosing a stallion for your mare - you won't believe how good these boys are!

A special mention goes to Ann and Warren Lewis for making sure Petra knew where she was going and how to get there without colliding with any kangaroos, to Ev Lagoon for making the 6 hour round trip to Horsham in the driver's seat, to Merv Tresize and Mel Torr for finally tracking down kangeroos to see, to Ben and Julian for cooking one, to Vince and Samantha

McAuliffe for making sure she had a couple of hours of holiday during her trip and to Tom and Leane Williams for the coffee!

There's hours of video editing ahead but we'll have the results for you in plenty of time for the next breeding season. We're doing our best to work out how to reach the stallions we couldn't get to this time and planning the great New Zealand Sportaloosa video trip as well.



Bradford performs for 'his' llamas



Timeless Dream catching his breath



Confewision waiting for the dust to settle



Aristokat getting warmed up



Chatta Lena finally slowing down



Ultimate Affair asking if he can stop yet

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# Foals....why so special?

If you are thinking of buying a competition horse you will soon find out the really good ones are either very expensive or not for sale.

Unless buying from an honest owner/breeder you might sadly find out why the horse was for sale after you get it home. You'll find a lot of horses out there have problems; they can either be stubborn and lazy or nervous and flighty. Many have no respect for the rider which creates all sorts of riding issues as well as being potentially dangerous on the ground, plus hidden soundness problems. How these horses were reared and had their initial training has a tremendous impact on their future use as good riding horses.

What to do? Well why not consider buying a foal or yearling. OK, you will have to be patient until you can actually ride but the benefits can outweigh the wait. It means you will have direct control and knowledge of your horse's upbringing, ensuring the right start that is of paramount importance for its success under saddle. Plus of course it is the most cost effective method to secure a really good horse. The price of a foal is almost always less than a trained adult horse, which means you can save thousands of dollars buying a weanling or yearling compared to a trained four year old. This also means you can afford the horse and breed you want instead of settling for 'second best'.

One must realise a foal/youngster is not a pet but a dynamic, intelligent large animal designed to be ridden. The most important thing is to establish consistent communication and discipline boundaries, which builds trust in their human partner and a relaxed, happy outlook on life.

When the foal is weaned around four to seven months it looks to you as its leader so clear instructions from you are a must, so you are always in charge, not the horse. These youngsters are very dependent and you can develop a very deep bond and connection with them as you share those early years together. Whereas, an older horse brought up by some one else often remains aloof and distant and you never get the same relationship as with the youngster.

Like young children, foals are very quick to learn and soak up new information. So you can establish positive learning situations where the foal will successfully learn



new things. When this trust is built you will have control not only on the ground but later under saddle when confronted with scary situations.

From day one these foals will learn your body language and your preferred style of communication so your cues will be almost invisible later. The foal must learn to give to and move away from pressure, be light and steady to contact from the handler. From the ground the foal will quickly learn to move over, back and forward with the slightest pressure, to stand quietly to have its feet trimmed, to tie up and load into a vehicle. This also means the young horse progresses easily to the aids when you first get on its back, as it already knows what you mean.

Some will say it's hard to tell how the youngster will grow. Well there is a lot of truth in the old saying to look at the foal at three days, three weeks and three months. Admittedly some yearlings can look like an accident about to happen but some grow and stay correct all the while.

Have a good look at the parents and other relations which will give you a better idea. If the parents aren't what you like the foal will basically end up that way too. It is vital also to make sure you buy from a bloodline that has a trainable, easy to get on with nature, as this trait is very heritable. Some top performance lines are very successful and look spectacular ridden by talented professionals but this type of temperament would be entirely unsuitable for the weekend rider. Also be careful if the mother has been retired due to unsoundness as this could likely pass to the foal and come out later after you have done all that effort of rearing the foal to riding age.

Today there is so much knowledge available that you shouldn't worry if you haven't trained a youngster before. Read and attend horsemanship clinics, eg. John Lyons, ask questions and advice from people experienced in this field. Horse training is no secret, it is simple and safe when followed correctly and anyone can do it. As you progress you might find it fun also to start your youngster under saddle yourself. If not you can always send it to a good trainer to start and they should be pleased to train a well handled obedient youngster.

A couple of important things to remember: - be extremely cautious of lunging, especially in tight circles for the first year. It's ok to teach your youngster how to lunge but free play is much better or you can cause developmental damage and problems to their legs, feet and hips as they grow. Also, maintain a balanced diet without putting a lot of weight on them or you risk straining hooves, bones and tendons with additional weight.

That first year you establish firm boundaries with the foal, so behaviour doesn't develop into problems later. What seems cute behaviour when they're little ie. rearing up, rubbing their head all over you, nibbling your hand can become a serious health risk to you when they're grown into a sixteen hand unruly monster!

Also make sure the foal socialises with other horses. Turning out daily with a friend will keep them adjusted and have someone to play with.

Having a foal will give you several years of learning, fun, the joy of watching

them grow and like all young animals they have that natural playfulness, charm and vitality that's hard to resist and a delight.

Like they say if you want a horse for life, buy a baby.



For an assortment of Sportaloosa foals for sale, see [www.sportaloosa.com](http://www.sportaloosa.com) or contact any friendly Sportaloosa stallion owner; there just might be something good hidden in the back paddock!

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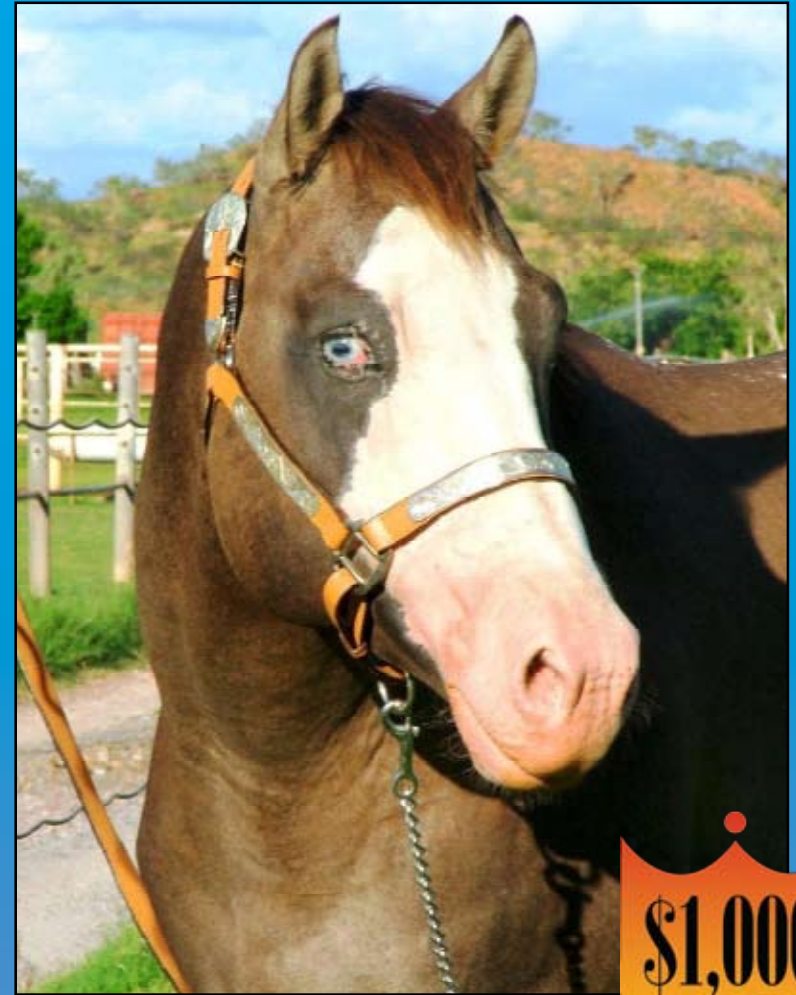
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# Sportaloosa Frequently Asked Question

Q. What's the difference between the cream and dun gene and can these colours be used to breed Sportaloosas?

A. You're in good company, telling the difference between dun and buckskin (as well as all the colours the cream and dun genes can produce) isn't easy.

The dun gene turns a bay horse into a yellow dun, a brown into a mouse or tan colour, a chestnut into a red dun and a black into a blue or grulla dun. The coat of a dun doesn't shine like other horses as it has a minimal iridescence. A dun always has 'primitive markings', a dark, sharply defined dorsal stripe and leg barring.

Some duns even have shoulder and neck stripes and occasionally a saw tooth effect along the dorsal stripe. Their ears are also striped or tipped with a darker colour and some have a cobweb or zebra striped face. The mane and tail sometimes have the coarser lighter coloured hair at the top of the tail and each side of the mane. Interestingly some exhibit a mottling in their summer coats on the shoulders and stifle areas.

The cream gene, if inherited in a single copy from one parent, dilutes the bay or brown horse into a buckskin. That is, the red pigment on the body is changed to a yellow colour, while the lower legs and the mane and tail remain black. If both par-

ents pass the gene on, the foal will be a perlino, characterised by an ivory colour and frequently by greenish eyes.

When the single cream gene is crossed with chestnut, a palomino results, the gold body with white mane and tail. The double cream copy results in a cremello, which is a cream colour with blue eyes.

Sometimes the dun gene is mixed with the cream giving a dunalino (when mixed with the palomino) or a dunskin (when mixed with buckskin). These horses won't have the dorsal stripe and will have lighter coloured heads than the true duns usually have darker heads.



*Dunskin mare*



*Buckskin filly*



*Burnt buckskin mare*

The smoky black (black buckskin) combining the cream and black gene can be confused with a grulla dun but again it won't have the dorsal stripe. The burnt buckskin derived from the brown horse is also a dark shade. Horses with the cream gene often inherit attractive dappling throughout their coats.

The unusual duns, buckskins and palominos are always popular and the icing on the cake is to produce one that is also spotted. A breeder needs to try and keep the cream gene dark for greater contrast. I don't recommend breeding two cream dilutes together as you have a high chance of a perlino or cremello. These often have skin problems in hot climates and can also suffer from sun blindness. So you definitely don't want to breed a double cream fewspot with night blindness trait as well!

Buckskin is best bred to a bay or brown. If this bay or brown has produced a chestnut you could also produce a palomino! Palominos are best produced by breeding a chestnut with flaxen mane to a cream.

All true duns can be safely bred together, they won't produce a double dilute and can reach homozygosity in a couple of generations. There are actual dun breeds like the Fjord and Highland, plus the ancient European Tarpan was dun and generally a blue dun.

To increase your chances of a spotted foal cross your cream and dun solid to a fewspot of the appropriate colour or vice versa. If you have a dun or cream fewspot mare breed her out to a top class solid and look forward to your special spotted foal.

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2009 Barham show results...  
1st - Appaloosa mare/filly  
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2nd - youth showmanship  
1st - open showmanship

**Bradley Basham & Cayuse Mighty Surprising** (below left)  
2009 Barham Show Results...  
2nd - Appaloosa mare/filly  
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1st - youth showmanship - go Bradley!



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Whether it's a competition success, a new horse or just a general update, we'd love to hear about it. Email [petra@sportaloosa.com](mailto:petra@sportaloosa.com) with stories and pictures.



**LV Annie's Bright Delight** (left) took out reserve champion mare/filly at the Bendigo Regional Appaloosa show.

At the same time, **LV Lane Frost** (below left) took out champion stallion/colt.

Both are owned and shown by Warren & Ann Lewis.

### Sportaloosa sale success

Sportaloosas sold to average \$6000 at the Premier Performance Horse sale Aelee Tamworth run by the NCHA in conjunction with the ABCRA National finals rodeo and campdraft. The crowd was very enthusiastic with the quality and the way they performed under saddle and working cattle... One filly by Ric O'Lena sold to an Australian barrel racing champion!



Karen Leoncelli's palomino **Northbound Magnolia Doll** placed 2nd in the Appaloosa led mare 3yrs and under at the Royal Melbourne Summer Show. Well done Karen!

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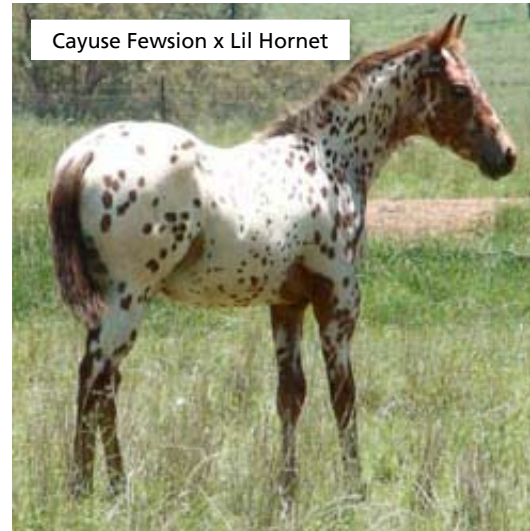
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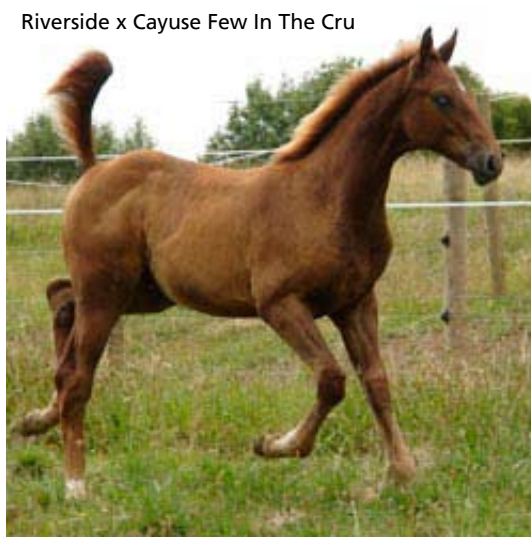




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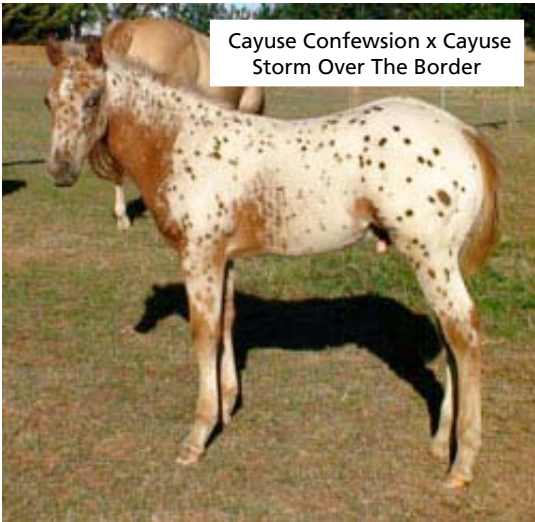


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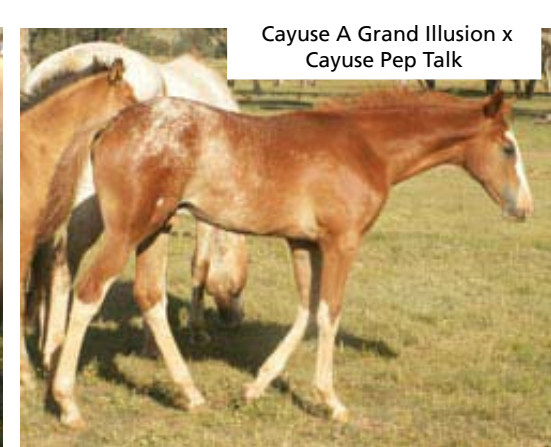
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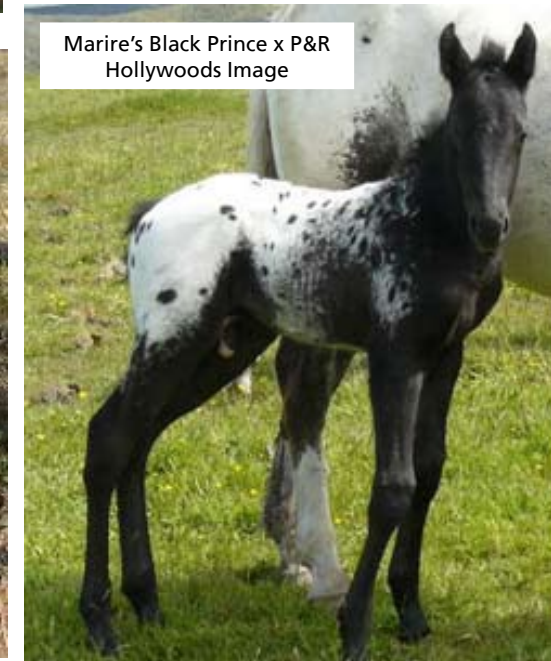
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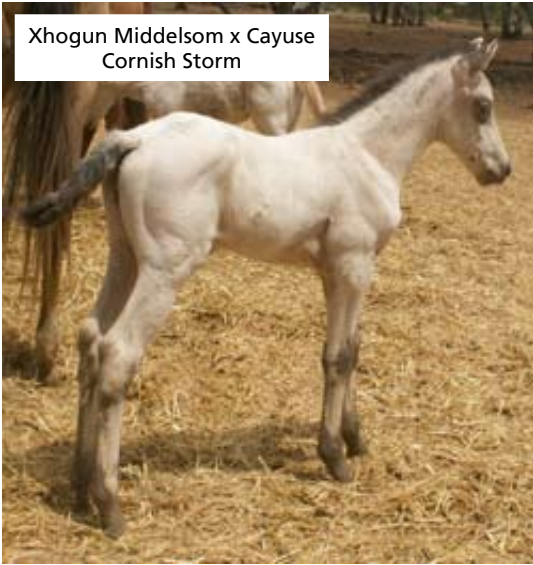


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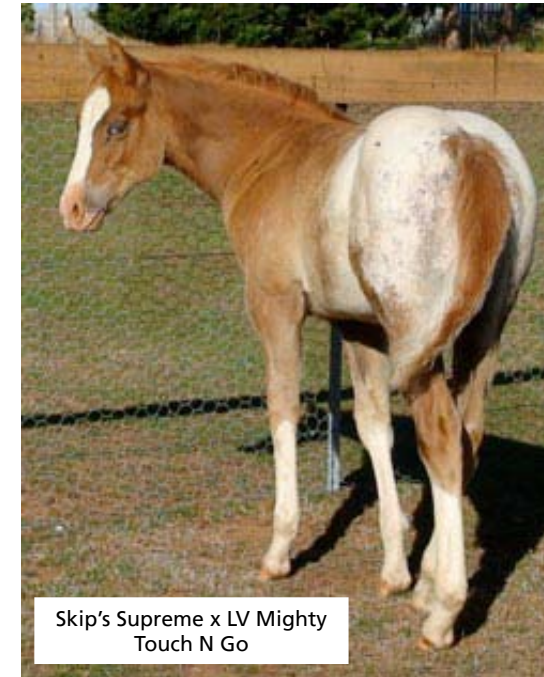
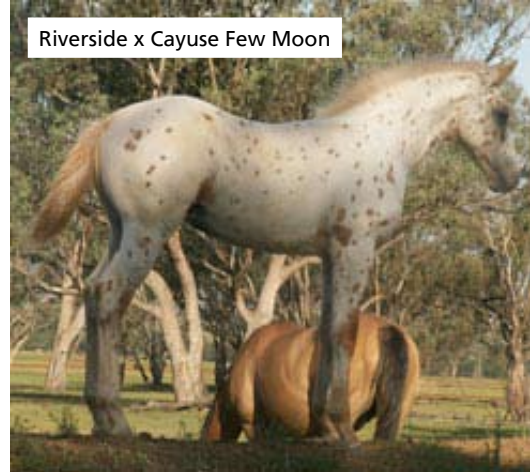
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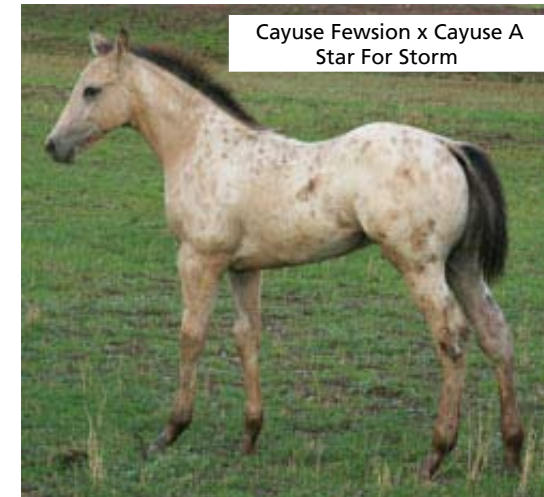
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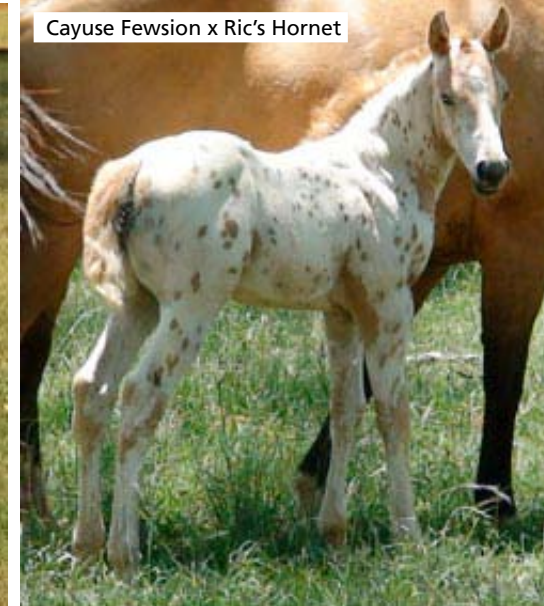
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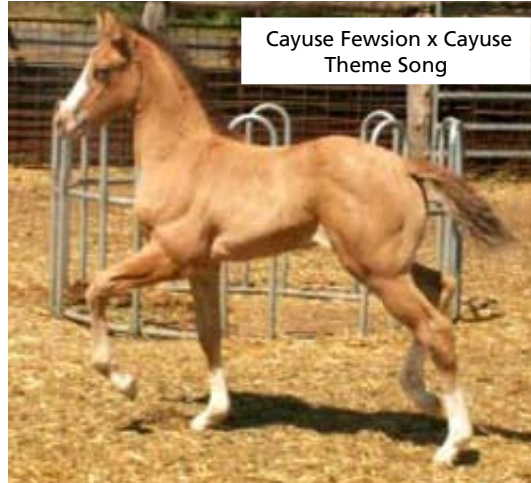
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- 1) advertise your horses in magazines, newspapers or internet sites.
- 2) tell everyone you run into you have horses for sale or
- 3) you can take your horses to an auction.

Some country towns in Australia have monthly auctions for horses, registered or unregistered, broken in or unbroken, old, young, broken down and done for. The quiet well educated at these auctions can sometimes bring reasonable prices, but generally speaking the horses are low quality, the buyers are after a cheap horse and most of the time this is what they get, cheap and unfortunately sometimes nasty!

However, there is a good alternative for registered, well bred and well trained horses at a stud auction. There are also a number of good breed auctions around. In the eastern states we have Dalby Qld reknown for the stock horse sale, Rockhampton for its quarter horse sale and Tamworth for the campdraft sale. Several good sales are held in Victoria and Gold Coast for warmblood horses. Unfortunately at present there isn't a good breed sale for spotted horses.

There are basically two types of auction. The normal type when the auctioneer takes the bids and 'knocks down' the animal to the highest bidder. Then there is the Helmsman system where all the sale lots are placed on a large board. Registered buyers with a number write their bid and number beside the horse's name. Another bidder can rub that person's number and bid out and write a higher one. The bids are taken up to a pre determined sale time close, ie. sale starts at 11am ends at 1pm. This is a good system and can be used for an internet type auction.

The benefit of an auction is that you have a set date to work towards, thereby working out a programme so as to produce your horse at its best on that date. This entails placing your horse on a feed, exercise and training schedule. You know on the sale day you have a good chance of a sale. Auctions give the buyer

a bigger choice range of suitable horses. The sale price is the market value for that horse on that day at that sale. Auctions generate competition which is good for the sale price. You can always place a realistic reserve price on your horse, so if the animal doesn't reach the reserve you don't have to sell.

An internet helmsman type auction could be planned for later in the year by Sportaloosa International to showcase and offer some good Sportaloosas to the general public. The sale horses would be displayed on the website with a good recent photo, pedigree and a short video showing their paces and ability under saddle if broken in.

All horses would come with a vet's certificate for soundness or pregnancy if a broodmare, a week before the auction date. The sale would be well advertised in several horse magazines and over the web.

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### An interview with... Ultimate Affair (USA)

SI: Hello, you must be Ultimate Affair.

UA: Well yes ma'am, pleased to met you, but please, call me George. Everyone does. Pull up a bale of hay and let's shoot the breeze.

SI: OK George it is. My goodness you're bigger in 'real life' than you look in the photos! So how long have you been in Australia?

UA: Well thank you ma'am, I'm grazing

in a pretty good paddock as they say! Oh I arrived at Oregon Park 3 days before Christmas in 2005. There were 3 lovely ladies waiting to welcome me too, well worth the trip!

SI: Well what was your employment back in the States?

UA: I had a real diversified life back there. My best friend Tim Shaffer, well, we'd been buddies since the first day of my life. He loves working with stallions, and when I got old enough he trained me to saddle, and together with my brother we'd move cattle around the ranch, then on weekends we go to the local rodeo and have a ball team roping, really letting off steam! My brother "B" is almost solid chestnut and he is one powerful horse, but gentle as a lamb. We grew up together in Maryland; our home was a 300 year old barn, y'know, those really old timber 3 storey ones you only see in the movies! Anyway, after a couple of years with Tim, the Shaffer's sent me up to Meredith Manor, a fancy dressage place in Pennsylvania. I took to the "English" style like a duck to water. Too easy! In fact, I was so good at it, they kept me there as a school horse! Oh I had the prettiest little 16 year old girls riding around on me,

light as feathers they were. Of course I knew to be gentle with them, get their confidence up and such. You have to be so careful with youngins' or you can mess them up for life. You have to be consistent y'know, reliable, trustworthy. I mean, you've often got beginners on you, learning how to jump up to 3 foot, and getting their balance right, you've gotta be on your game if they make mistakes. And the kids just loved me, fussing over me day after day. I must admit things were pretty good up in Pennsylvania; I stayed up there for almost 2 years. Then Tim started to miss me and bought me back home. He and I just fell right back where were left off, like we'd never been away from each other. I guess I'd been home for about 6 months when I met Ev and Mat. Mighty friendly folks, talked funny, but nice folks all the same. Ev asked if I'd like to travel half way around the world...I thought yeah sure I'm up for adventure! Turns out she has a similar farm in Australia to the one where I was, with similar breeding ethics and ideals. Who would think that some gal from Australia would know so much about ApHC Hall of Fame Members Hank Weiscamp, Jim Wild, and all the great, versatile horses they used, like my granddad Wapiti, and Prince Plaudit. Ev said she even had a Prince Plaudit grandson at home! Well there can't be too many of those left! (Y'know, the same guy who owned my dad, Wild Affair, also owned Prince Plaudit for a time). It was like it was meant to be, so I packed my bags and headed for Australia.

SI: So what have you been up to since you came to Australia?

UA: Phew mostly romancing the ladies! These Australian mares are something else, and wow do they have the sweetest looking babies! I have a real pretty daughter being shown at the moment, Kerrinna Sie My Affair, big pretty girl that one, I'm so proud of her, and she has already achieved Hi Point Yearling Versatility of Australia with the AAA. Now she is being trained under saddle, so Sportaloosa International will suit her down to a tee. She'll get great recognition for all the things she can do, she is super versatile and that's what makes

Sportaloosa International recently called in on Oregon Park Appaloosas, just north of Woodend, Victoria. Mat and Ev Lagoon unfortunately were not home, but their stallion, Ultimate Affair (imp USA) called us over to his paddock for a chat. Here's what he had to say....

Sportaloosa International so unique. Why, just last week she was out in open company, and met her first Shetland! I mean, with Sportaloosa International, every time you compete, you get recognition, no matter where you go. It's perfect! Hey...see my daughter in the next paddock... she is out of that stunning Sheldak mare from the USA, Crystal Slippers. She will be a show filly deluxe in the future. Ev and Mat are thrilled with her, big plans for her. She's a Sportaloosa AND registered with the ApHC back home.

SI: What are your plans for the future?

UA: Well I'm having the time of my life now, lovely paddock, great company from these lovely mares, a great chef, life's good! I've heard Tim might come out and visit next year, wow that'd be great, we'd kick up our heels like old times! I'm pretty happy to let my kids do the showing, you know what kids are like, they love showing off. I've got kids in nearly every state of Australia now, I think Tassy is missing out but that'll change soon enough!

SI: Well, thanks for your hospitality George; we'll have to be going now.

UA: Oh you're more than welcome, that's HORSEpitality too by the way and my pleasure! Oh shoot I'm funny. Hey did you hear about the Warmblood mare who walked into a bar and asked the bartender have you seen my husband? The bartender said "We just spotted him heading out of town!" Get it?? Spotted him!! Ha ha ha oh my ribs hurt when I laugh so hard, oh I'm soooo funny....

Hey...where are you going...Ummmm where are my carrots? You're supposed to bring carrots....hey.....come back.....hey! Hey move that bale a little closer I can't reach it! HEY!! Humph...tourists....

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# The spooky horse



One of the most common problems to deal with is the spooky or shying horse. No horse alive can be completely bomb-proof as spooking at the unfamiliar is one of the horse's foremost natural instincts that enables it to survive as a prey animal. If it didn't become alarmed and fearful and take fright at some strange object that originally could have been a lion or wolf, there wouldn't be many horses around today to enjoy.

As a rider and horse handler we need to understand and be aware of this fact and train our horse so we can have control and stay safe in a scary situation. If you have a very spooky horse it would be best to have its eyes checked by a vet specialist so you know that bad eyesight isn't compounding the situation. Pain in the neck and back can also bring on a shying problem.

Every horse, even the best trained decent ones will get a fright one day... after all you yourself also take fright at something scary. Your heart beats faster and you have an adrenaline rush but you calm down when you realise what it is and don't go running off down the street screaming (well hopefully not!)

Like your good horse who might get a fright when a kangaroo suddenly jumps out of the bushes up the paddock. He might take a start but soon realises what it is and calms and ignores it and you can ride forward and proceed calmly again. Sometimes the horse may warn you of

danger, especially approaching an unseen patch of boggy, unsafe ground.

The bad spooking horse, from which most horse riding accidents happen, will jump sharply to the side, spin around and if you lose control may even start to buck in fright and even bolt. This type of horse needs some serious training in flexion of the neck and one rein stops so the rider can take control in these situations.

Another bad type of shying that infuriates the rider is the so called 'bung-on' act! This horse isn't frightened but has learnt if he spooks he'll get out of working. Horses that are too well fed and not ridden enough often think up this ploy, especially if their rider is timid or inexperienced. They are basically barn sour and just wanting to get back to their comfort zone, loafing around, eating and doing nothing!

This horse will try to spook going away from home, especially if ridden alone, also in an arena when it's had enough and tries to get out of work by imagining a 'monster' in the corner! If the rider doesn't ride vigorously forward the horse soon learns he is in control and shys all the more. These 'put-on'shyers rarely do it on the way home. Usually with this type of shyer reduce it's hard feed and instead give plenty of hay only and ride or lunge more regularly. Make sure it goes forward readily and is in front of your leg. Try always to ride relaxed and confident.





If the horse sees something to shy at, ignore it yourself, look forward where you want to go, cluck to your horse and keep going. You can always use it as a training session; tilt the horse's head towards the scary thing and leg yield to pass it. If you ignore the supposedly 'scary' thing you will find your horse will too. Don't tense up as this sends a signal to your horse that there is something wrong; horses are very sensitive and react to your changing moods also.

Desensitizing helps horses overcome spooking. Basically you keep letting it see the scary thing until it's not worried about it any more. If your horse is scared of a person with an umbrella or riding a bicycle, hold it with halter and lead and get someone to go back and forth in front of the horse. At first the horse will react when the 'monster' is in close range. Keep the exercise up daily until he calms down and realises it's not going to hurt him.

You can tie flapping things around the field so he gets used to them on his own and is relaxed about waving flags and flying pieces of paper. You can also carefully bag down the horse with a paper bag or feed sack. If the horse shies away, don't stop or speak but calmly keep stroking gently. When the horse realises it is coming to no harm, put the bag on a stick and wave around both sides and over its head.

Most horses are very left sided so make sure he sees it and you work him well on the right side, otherwise you think he's adjusting when he suddenly looks up and sees it on the right side and spooks again. The main thing when bombproofing your horse is repetition so he gets so used to things and they stop worrying him. You give the horse the opportunity to become comfortable with different objects, places and sensations. As horses have a very good memory, when they learn an object isn't going to hurt them they don't forget. You can progress to riding past scary things that your horse has been desensitised with on the ground. ie. over tarps, past ballons or person with umbrella.

When you are out at a competition and your horse becomes spooky and upset, warm him up like you do at home, which reassures him with familiarity. Don't introduce new things or he will become more uptight. Get the horse really listening to you by frequent changes of rein and transitions on a circle.

The key is not to make a big issue of it and never hit the horse which achieves nothing. If the horse respects your leg it will relax and listen to you instead of

thinking about shying. Keep in mind to that horses have sensitive hearing and might hear something you can't and react. Also often they are more wary of solid white objects.

Some things to remember: don't punish a spooking horse as the reaction comes basically from fear and if you punish you are convincing him he was right to be afraid. Don't pat either, you don't want to reward for wrong behaviour. Never make a scared horse walk straight up to the object as this is like coming face to face with a lion!! Circle the horse away from the object then gradually get closer.

Remember to take your time. Don't stare at a scary object, always focus ahead so your horse understands it's nothing to worry about. Relax the reins as horses can feel trapped and even more scared if they think they have no escape. Like their acute sense of hearing horses also have a strong sense of smell and a smell of something eg a camel can cause them to become very unsettled and ready to shy at anything.

No breed shys more than another. It often boils down to how we ride and handle these more fearful horses. A brave bold rider makes even the most timid horse feel the same way. So remember to relax and enjoy your ride and your horse.

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**Sire: Ima Cool Seeker (imp/dec)**  
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## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Membership

|   | NZD  | AUD  |
|---|------|------|
| One-off membership fee, includes registration of a stud prefix and online magazine          | \$58 | \$50 |
| Annual classifieds subscription to web site   | \$24 | \$20 |
| - includes listing unlimited horses for sale for 12 months                                  |      |      |
| Annual promotion subscription to web site   | \$70 | \$60 |
| - includes stallion/stud/mare/gelding/foal/trainer promotion and unlimited horses for sale. |      |      |
| We welcome promotion of approved outcross stallions as well.                                |      |      |
| Annual Sportaloosa Secret Service subscription - for under 17s only                         | \$30 | \$25 |
| - includes badge and programme just for kids  |      |      |

### Registration

#### *Studbook One, Two & Solid Studbook*

|   |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|
| Filly/colt up to 12 months  | \$30  | \$25  |
| Gelding any age   | \$30  | \$25  |
| - if already entered in Appaloosa or Knabstrupper registry                | \$24  | \$20  |
| Mare over 12 months   | \$58  | \$50  |
| - if already entered in Appaloosa or Knabstrupper registry                | \$24  | \$20  |
| Colt over 12 months   | \$58  | \$50  |
| Stallion classification (over 24 months)                                  | \$168 | \$150 |
| - if already entered and classified in Appaloosa or Knabstrupper registry | \$58  | \$50  |

#### *Open registry*

|                       |      |      |
|-----------------------|------|------|
| Filly up to 12 months | \$30 | \$25 |
| Mare over 12 months   | \$58 | \$50 |
| Gelding any age       | \$30 | \$25 |

### Stallion/mare returns

|                    |  |      |
|--------------------|--|------|
| Submitted annually |  | FREE |
|--------------------|--|------|

### Other

|                       |      |      |
|-----------------------|------|------|
| Transfer of ownership | \$18 | \$15 |
|-----------------------|------|------|

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|-----------------------------|------|------|
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