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*Favory Abiqua III, aka "Arlo"*

*Story on page 4*

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# Wrapping up the year.....

*We are rapidly approaching the end of a Rough Year.*



The USLF Merchandise Committee would like to remind you about some 2020 offerings and give you an exciting preview of things to come in the new year.

First, there are still **USLF Ornaments** available!

The ornaments are 4" long by 3" wide and are made of glass with beveled edges. Each ornament has a sand blasted USLF logo, a silver hang cord, and comes in a gift box. Get yours soon - supplies are limited!



Second, in anticipation of 2021, we will also be offering **2021 USLF calendar magnets.**

These magnets are 5.5" x 4.25" in size and will immediately be available via the USLF Marketplace.

## *And coming in early 2021.....*

### **USLF embroidered Twill Cap in 19 colors!!**

We will once again be offering ball caps by Port & Company made of 100% cotton twill (or an 80/20 poly/cotton blend for neon colors) with adjustable hook and loop closure. These caps come in: Black, Charcoal, Hunter, Maroon, Navy, Sangria, and many other colors! One size fits all.

### **Also, the USLF is pleased to be offering ... FLEECE!**

To help keep you warm in 2021, the USLF Merchandise Committee will be offering the following items:

#### **USLF embroidered ladies full-zip hooded sweatshirt in 10 colors and pullover hooded sweatshirt in 18 colors!**

The Port & Company Ladies fleece full-zip hooded sweatshirt comes in: Athletic Heather, Charcoal, Dark Heather Grey, Jet Black, Navy, Neon Blue, Neon Pink, Red, Royal Blue, and white. Each full-zip hoodie is made of soft, pill-resistant 50/50 cotton/polyester fleece and is contoured for a feminine fit. Ladies sizes range from XS to 4XL.

The Port & Company pullover hooded sweatshirt comes in: Ash, Athletic Heather, Cardinal, Charcoal, Dark Chocolate Brown, Purple and many more colors! This Pullover Hoodie is also made of soft, pill-resistant cotton/polyester fleece. Adult Sizes range from S to 4XL.

And, for those who prefer their sweatshirts without hoods, we will also be offering:

#### **USLF Embroidered crewneck fleece sweatshirts in 24 colors!**

These cozy sweatshirts are made of soft, pill-resistant 50/50 cotton/poly fleece and come in just about every color under the rainbow (Ash, Carolina Blue, Charcoal, Heather Red, Kelly Green, and many more). Adult sizes range from S to 4XL.

#### **USLF embroidered fleece neck gaiter in four colors.**

The Port Authority fleece neck gaiter is made of anti-pill 95/5 poly/spandex R-Tek stretch fleece, which comes in Black, Midnight Heather, Navy Blue, and Royal Blue. The gaiter measures 10.25"x 11" and comes in one size which fits most.

USLF embroidered R-Tek stretch fleece headband in six colors and two-color fleece headband in seven colors.

Both fleece headbands are also from The Port Authority. The two-color fleece headband is made of 100% polyester fleece with black trim and comes in Dark Green, Maroon, Midnight Heather, Navy, Purple, Red and Royal. While the R-Tek Stretch headband is made out of 95/5 poly/spandex R-Tek stretch fleece and comes in Black, Maroon, Midnight Heather, Navy, Red, and Royal Blue. Both fleece headbands come in one size which fits most.

And of course, all our new items - the twill cap, sweatshirts, gaiters, and headbands - will be embroidered with the **USLF logo in your choice of colors**, such as: all gold; black and white; or gold and white.

As always, while we at the USLF are very excited to offer you these great new items in the near future, we can only offer them for a limited time. So, when these items become available, **DON'T WAIT!** As we usher in a new (and hopefully better) year, don't forget to keep an eye on the USLF store at [www.uslipizzan.org](http://www.uslipizzan.org), as well as the USLF website, Facebook pages, USLF NEWS, and email for the latest offerings!

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# NEXT DEADLINE: February 15

## - On the Cover -

# *Favory Abiqua III, a.k.a. "Arlo"*



Owned by, and story by, Mj Misailidis

**Info about Arlo**

Sire: 716 Favory III Sabadilla  
Tempel Farms / Old Mill Creek, IL

Dam: Abiqua  
Carrousel Farm / Sublimity, OR

I have owned Arlo for three years. What I love best about this Lipizzaner is that he picked me. I have never been picked by

a horse before; not in my 40 years of riding and training horses, which is another story in itself!

Arlo was green broke at the time I bought him. I attribute his great start to my friends from whom I bought him – Bob and Shayna Howitz.

A positive perk to this difficult COVID-19 year, is I had a lot of time to ride and train Arlo, giving us a chance to bond.

Our barn has really enjoyed the equine sport called "Working Equitation" or "WE" United. <http://www.weunited.us/>, which combines Dressage, followed by Ease of Handling Obstacles, all in an arena.

We showed in the eight-show Summer WE Series for our region 2, held at Rancho Murrieta. After a disastrous first show, where Arlo's insecurities expressed themselves with all kinds of unintended incredible moves that a Lipizzaner can do, including piaffe, running sideways, and caprioles, hollering the whole time. It was not necessarily a good thing, when after my final salute, the judge sighed that she could breathe again.

Thankfully, Arlo's next Working Equitation show went much better. He began to gain confidence in what we were doing and excelled, winning many of the shows. Arlo and I ended up being third in the nation for our division.

This breed's ability to collect, and move with such elegance, is a pleasure. I often whisper in Arlo's ear that he is my "International Treasure."

What a gift this Lipizzaner is! Thank you, Arlo!  
Mj Misailidis

This photo was taken by Stephanie Roundy this past summer at a Working Equitation show at Rancho Murieta. Stephanie's business name on Facebook is "The Magic of Horses" Stephanie Roundy's email is [cheyenne6592@gmail.com](mailto:cheyenne6592@gmail.com)

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# Message from the President

To say that 2020 has brought its share of challenges is an understatement. Throughout our Lipizzan family I watched us endure the Pandemic, unprecedented storm events, wildfires, economic uncertainty, travel bans, and even the death of beloved human and animal family members. My heart has ached for others more than I knew was possible. Yet, these unthinkable circumstances have revealed an extraordinary level of strength and resilience among our members (you will read a few of these stories in the pages of this issue). I'm in awe of all that we have overcome collectively.

As we look ahead to the Dawn of 2021, I want to recognize and celebrate a few big 'wins' delivered to the Lipizzan breed in 2020. The USLF has thrived due to our broad volunteer base and supporting membership. When the pandemic first arrived, I became concerned that there would be a dis-empowering effect on the 'arms and legs' of the non-profit registry that keeps us moving forward. Much to my elation, the opposite happened. I witnessed a deepening of the presence and strength throughout the Lipizzan community in all areas of volunteer and member communications.

Volunteers across the spectrum have leaned in and created solutions to address challenges and work together in productive collaborations. Our time spent together during conference calls has been valuable, and everyone's positive energy is uplifting!

This synergy blossomed throughout our first ever Virtual Annual Meeting (VAM). We've discussed holding a virtual meeting for years, but the cons always outweighed the pros. With that being said, 2020 paved the way to new experiences for our membership. We just had a VAM that informed members on current USLF operations, provided interesting and educational content, and created space for group conversations. Members from all across the USA and Canada were able to attend.

Based on the overall success of the VAM, the USLF is considering additional member events using Zoom. This is an exciting development for everyone to look forward to in 2021.

We had a successful Board of Directors election, facilitated by the USLF Nominations and Elections Committee. Samantha Martinson was elected as Vice President and Steph Mussmann was elected as Director at Large - both will be serving their first two-year terms on the Board. We also welcomed back Directors Margaret 'Muffin' Smith (USLF Treasurer) and Rennie Squier (USLF Registrar).

I want to clearly acknowledge, celebrate, and honor the significant contributions of our outgoing Directors Jennifer Roth, Lynn Smith, and Ellen Chappell. Each has made an indelible impact on USLF and the Lipizzan breed. Each utilized their strengths to serve the organization and Lipizzan breed.

Jennifer's remarkable fourteen-year tenure (2006-2020) has greatly benefited USLF and the Lipizzan breed. She brought to the Board her extensive experience and knowledge as an FEI trainer, a USEF 'S' Judge, and a Lipizzan breeder. Her wisdom has helped shaped the registry and breed for the years to come. Jennifer will continue to volunteer for USLF as Chair of the Show Committee and as a member of the USLF Breeders Committee. Thank you, Jennifer!

Lynn's willingness to serve as the USLF Vice President for multiple terms (2016-2020) has had a quiet, yet powerful



Alesa (b1998, 272 Pluto III Fantasca x Artica) and Lisa during a photoshoot for a local paper.

Photo by Bradley Cook.

effect! Lynn was elected to the Board in 2015 and has always championed our members. She was always looking for ways to support and create connections within the community. Her legacy resonates through many areas of USLF, but in my opinion her most significant contributions have come from the countless hours spent orchestrating memorable Annual Meetings. Lynn will continue to volunteer for USLF on the Lovin' our Lips' Steering Committee. Thank you, Lynn!

Ellen graciously stepped into the USLF Secretary position (2018-2020) when she was elected to the Board. The USLF has benefited greatly from her professional background and strengths in project management and team coordination, especially in the areas of merchandise. Ellen has stepped back from volunteer responsibilities while launching her photography business, but will continue to be an internal resource on special projects. Thank you, Ellen!

And last, I want to express deep gratitude to our members who are front line workers. You are true heroes! We see you and appreciate you more than you will ever know. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

As we look to the future and this issue's theme of 'new horizons,' I would like to highlight what I perceive is another big 'win' for USLF: engagement of the younger generation (under 40) in core USLF operations. Included in this are Samantha Martinson (USLF Vice President and Breed Promotion and Advertising Committee Chair), Sarah Casey (USLF Secretary), Steph Mussmann (Director at Large and Awards Committee Chair), and Brittany Purcell (USLF Website Committee Chair). Each brings enthusiasm, unique strengths and the opportunity to pass on the organization's collective knowledge to the next generation. This is a vital component to ensure the legacy of USLF's mission to preserve, protect and promote the Lipizzan breed.

Wishing each and every one of you a wonderful Holiday Season and a New Year filled with Peace, Health, and Happiness!

*Lisa Kelly Simmons*



By Sam Martinson

The past year, 2020, has presented many challenges for all of us. With the ever-increasing spread of COVID-19, it became apparent to us early in the year that this year would not look like most. The conversation began with how we could actually have an annual meeting, but also allow our members, most of whom had been cut off from their friends and family for many months, the social aspect most people have loved about our annual meetings in the past.

We began brainstorming how we could best support our community of Lipizzan lovers from a distance and remind them that even though we are not able to be in the same room, we are together. For many years, the membership has been asking for a video meeting, a way for those not able to travel to the annual meeting site to be able to participate and be included in our community. Thus, the first ever USLF virtual annual meeting became a reality. We assembled a team to work on putting together the best virtual annual meeting possible.

The planning process for the meeting began months prior to the actual meeting; choosing educational topics, ensuring all bylaw requirements were met, collecting content for the Business Meeting, and choosing a platform. Being remote, it turned out, allowed us to think outside of the box in new and exciting ways. We were no longer limited by just those who were able to attend the event. We were able to reach out to some of our fellow Lipizzan friends from not just across the country, but also across the ocean.

The weekend of events started with a social on Friday night.

It was a great opportunity for everyone to become comfortable working on Zoom and to catch up. We each took turns introducing ourselves and answering some get-to-know-you questions. It was a fabulous way to put faces to names and really feel like we were able to connect with one another, even from the comfort and safety of our own houses.

On Saturday we started the day with our keynote speaker, Edit Kappel, a renowned Lipizzan trainer who specializes in Liberty work. With her beautiful photos and videos, our members were allowed an inside look at her training methodology and beautiful at-liberty performances. She spoke for almost an hour about her amazing journey and many experiences. It was incredible to hear about Edit's journey, and how through all she had done, the many places she had visited, and all the horses she had ridden, that Lipizzans have still remained one of her favorite breeds with which to work.

Saturday afternoon was our Business Meeting – the nuts and bolts portion of the Annual Meeting. It was interesting to be able to have each committee chair present their own yearly reports and answer questions themselves. It allowed the chairs and the rest of their committee to be recognized for all their hard work, and allowed our membership to once again put faces to names and recognize all of the amazing work that is being done in a strictly volunteer-run organization.

Sunday started with an incredible education presentation by Anoka Equine Reproduction Specialist, Doctor Marta Davis-Tetrault Powers. Her PowerPoint presentation provided a detailed overview of breeding information that was well

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presented and fun. Her enthusiasm was infectious and generated a lot of great questions.

We wrapped up Sunday by coming back together as a group for a meeting wrap-up and to discuss our takeaways. It was a fabulous round table opportunity for people to ask questions and share ideas. It became immediately apparent that an amazing amount of enthusiasm came from having so many of our people together and able to work and brainstorm despite not being able to physically be together.

We were pleasantly surprised by the amazing attendance and the positive feedback following the meeting. We don't know what next year will hold, but knowing we now have the option to use Zoom for future educational opportunities, as well as possible future meetings, makes our community feel that much closer. It also serves as a reminder that no matter how many miles may separate us, together we can do virtually anything.



## Mystery Rider

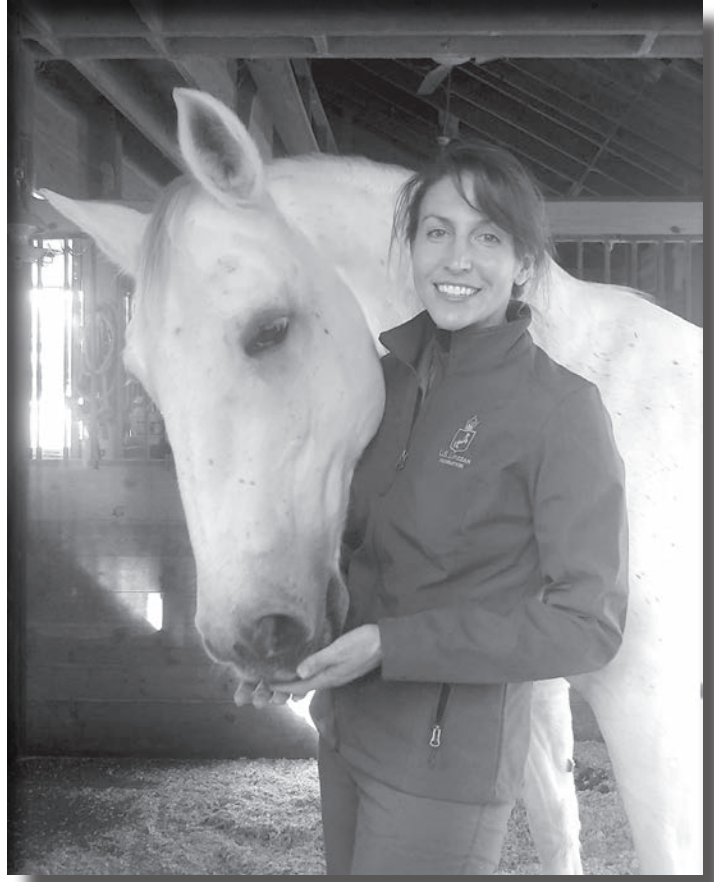
Who is this issue's MYSTERY RIDER?

Do you have a guess? Look for the answer on page 28 of this issue.

For even more fun, please submit your OWN photos, for inclusion in this section of the NEWS.

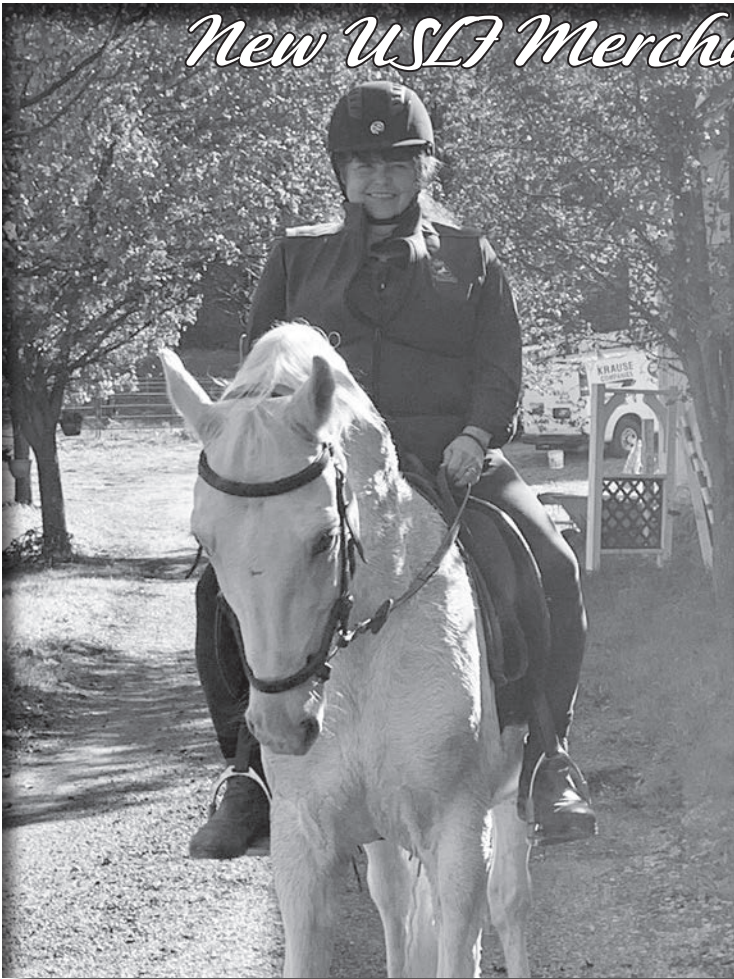


# *New USLF Merchandise in Action!*





## *New USLF Merchandise in Action!*



Photos, facing page:

Top Left: Jenn Mikulski and a Four Winds Farm's Lipizzan, "Sebastian" (Conversano Melora II, 1992), in her dashing new USLF merchandise.

Top Right: Emily Lyman in her new USLF jacket, with her Lipizzan gelding, Jazz (Conversano Paloma II), who approved of the pockets for storing treats. ;-)

Bottom Left: Katherine Arce - Merchandise in Action! and Neapolitano Rumba showing off her new USLF jacket and VAM shirt.

Bottom Right: Theresa Falzone and Zeema, sporting her snazzy new USLF jacket.

Photos, this page:

Top Left: Melanie Adams and a Four Winds Farm's Lipizzan stallion, Pluto Matina 2004 ("Frodo").

Top Right: Theresa Falzone's trailer, showing off her USLF logo sticker in the window.

# 2020 USLF Awards

Despite some pretty interesting challenges in 2020, our Lipizzans were still out representing and doing great things this year! The USLF Awards Committee would like to congratulate all of the Lipizzans and their riders that were competing this year! Congratulations!!!

## USLF / USDF All-Breeds Awards

### Training Level

- Open Champion = Favory Vereina & Judy Downer – 73.349%
- Vintage Cup Professional = Favory Vereina & Judy Downer – 73.349%

### Third Level

- Open Champion = 865 Conversano Almira & Jessica Olmsted – 63.125%
- Musical Freestyle Champion = 865 Conversano Almira & Jessica Olmsted – 67.117%

### Prix St. George

- Open Champion = 901 Maestoso Alfaya II & Raul Roa Vadillo – 71.176%
- Open Reserve Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann – 66.397%
- Adult Amateur Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann – 66.397%

## USLF Lipizzan Laurels – Open Show

- Junior Champion = English Pleasure & Equitation – Casurina & Thomas Adams

## USLF Lipizzan Laurels – Working Equitation

### Novice

- Amateur Champion = Gretta & Laura McDonald – 64.205%

## USLF Lipizzan Laurels – Dressage

### Training Level

- Open Champion = Favory Vereina & Judy Downer – 73.621%

### First Level

- Junior Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Zoe Gilson – 65.173%

### Second Level

- Junior Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Zoe Gilson – 66.487%
- Amateur Champion = Genola & Valeria Gift – 62.009%
- Amateur Reserve Champion = Favory Marinna II & Karen Bressler – 61.7%

### Third Level

- Amateur Champion = Siglavy Presciana II-II & Janet Buckner – 63.5%
- Junior Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Zoe Gilson – 62.298%

### Fourth Level

- Amateur Champion = Siglavy Presciana II-II & Janet Buckner – 65.513%
- Open Champion = Favory Canada & Samantha Martinson – 64.5%

### Prix St. George

- Open Champion = 901 Maestoso Alfaya II & Raul Roa Vadillo – 71.471%
- Amateur Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann – 66.40%

### Grand Prix

- Amateur Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann – 60.218%

### USDF Freestyle

- Amateur Champion = Genola & Valeria Gift – 68.684%
- Open Champion = Favory Canada & Samantha Martinson – 68.617%

## USLF Lipizzan Laurels – Western Dressage

### Level 1

- Hors Concours Amateur Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann – 72.692%

### Level 2

- Hors Concours Amateur Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann – 71.94%

### Level 3

- Amateur Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann – 73.871%

### Level 4

- Amateur Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann – 69.412%

### WDAA Freestyle

- Amateur Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann – 73.452%

## USLF Star Awards

The USLF Star Awards are Lifetime achievement awards, earned over time.

### Gold Star

- Dressage = Favory Canada
- Dressage = Siglavy Aga-50
- Western Dressage = Siglavy Aga-50

### Platinum Star

- Western Dressage = Siglavy Aga-50

## Ralph Newhouse Perpetual Trophy

The Ralph Newhouse perpetual trophy is earned by a purebred Lipizzan with the highest score at the highest level.

- Grand Prix – Siglavy Aga-50 (Amateur)
- Prix St. George – 901 Maestoso Alfaya II (Open)

## WDAA World Champion Show – Lipizzan High Point

- Siglavy Aga-50 – 75.968%

## Ingun Littorin Memorial Driving Award

- No recipient - no driving scores submitted for 2020.

# 2020 USLF Awards



## PHOTOS:

Top Left: Shown here are the USLF Star Awards for Lifetime Achievement.

Bottom Left: BOH Moonlight Serenade XL, a half-Arab, did well at the sport horse nationals. She placed in the top ten in hunter type and received two championships in classes of 36 in dressage type.  
I'm so very proud of my girl! - Sonja Wells

Top right: Sam Martinson on Mississippi View Farm's Favory Canada (Favory Toscana-18 x Canada).  
Photo by John Borys, JohnBorysPhotography  
They showed 4th Level, and 3rd and 4th Level Freestyle.

Bottom right: Valeria Gift on Genola (Neapolitano XXIX-18 x Gena).  
They showed 2nd Level and 1st Level freestyle this year.



# LIPIZZANS AND THE OREGON WILDFIRES OF 2020

By Lynn Smith

In September 2020, western Oregon was overrun with wildfires, which started in the south but quickly began igniting to the north and east. There were a number of USLF members and their Lipizzans right in the midst of, and coming face to face with, these fires. Our small Oregon farm, along with two others, are in Talent and Phoenix. This is about 20 miles north of the California border. Rennie Squier lives in Oregon City and was threatened by the fires up there, as well as two LRF horses in the state who were evacuated to other locations, not once, but twice.

Now that the fires have passed, and we have had time to examine the experience – replaying it time and time again – I think there are lessons, hindsight, insight, amazement, bravery, gratitude and even some moments of humor that are worth sharing. I will recount our Red Tail Ridge Farm story, but know that in our area there are three USLF members (aka the “Crazy Lipizzan Ladies”) and their eight horses, which included six Lipizzans and two others, on our farms.

## The wildfire

In the Rogue Valley the towns of Ashland, Talent, and Phoenix tragically found themselves at the heart of what became known as the Almeda fire. The blaze started on Tuesday, September 8 in Ashland, a short time after 11 am. Meteorologists and fire experts have described it as the product of the absolute “perfect storm” for a wildfire. The day was hot and dry with an unusual 40 mph wind that had started the night before and made sleeping very uneasy. It was definitely “Red Flag” weather, and woodlands, dry grass, timber, many homes, and businesses were all in the path. This part of the valley is scaped with both steep and rolling hills weaving throughout. It is full of orchards, vineyards, grazing, and agricultural land, and there are very few straight-line views to provide a clear perspective.

This fire initially started on the north edge of Ashland, along a designated greenbelt containing Bear Creek and bicycle paths. It then raced north along a corridor that lies on the west side of Interstate 5 (I-5) and the Pacific Highway (99). It traveled at an amazing speed north into Talent and Phoenix, and it began jumping both highways 99 and I-5, burning on both sides.

That morning, a very persistent little voice kept telling me to top off water tanks and prepare a go-pack, even though our mares were in a five-acre, irrigated pasture. The first, and only, warning we had (six families in our neighborhood of about 120

acres), was a huge cloud of smoke visible in the south. It had materialized out of nowhere, but we questioned where it was burning exactly.

The first real information we got was a neighbor pounding on our door telling us we had been told to get out; that the fire was already at the Talent overpass, and was jumping I-5 to our hillside! At the time of evacuation, we still thought it was basically a grass fire burning itself out as it went along Bear Creek. What we did not know was that Talent was already burning.

## Evacuation

We live on a single-lane gravel drive about a half mile from the nearest paved road, on the east side of I-5. That road was already clogged with traffic, including several large stock trailers trying to get to a nearby ranch to move horses. We first thought of finding a parking lot to wait for the fire to pass, but we fortunately followed our neighbor, Aurellia, to her dad’s house in Medford.

## Hero

Our neighbor’s husband, David, stayed behind. Though he had left when authorities told him to do so, he slipped back shortly afterwards. From that point on, the only information we were able to get was from David via cell phone reports:

“I can see fire starting to climb up the west and south facing hillside and onto your property and ours too.”

“Fire crews arrived, doused some flames and left. Someone opened the gate to your pasture, let the horses out (fireman?). Flames working in from the south and west, getting into pasture.”

“Fire has spread along our road and turned the corner toward your barn. A big bulldozer just arrived and is plowing between the pasture fence and the barn. Firemen back working flames. Bulldozer going up the fence line past your house and across the burning west hillside. Bulldozing us too.”

“Helicopters dropping water, tankers with retardant coming over.”

Our area turned out to be the place where fire crews chose to take a stand to protect the east side of the valley. Along with cell phone updates, David sent short video clips of the bulldozers,

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firefighters on the ground working against flames, tankers flying over dropping retardant, and helicopters dropping water, all through very thick smoke. I cannot begin to describe the feeling when seeing those planes flying low right overhead in Medford, and knowing they were lining up on our property. Not to mention knowing that my horses were there in the midst of this!

Now, David is not a horse person, and he has no experience handling horses, but he does know what they mean to us. This heroic man did what he could, it was enough, and it mattered. As all the commotion was happening, David was telling us where our mares were, and what was going on. I was only able to talk him through things, while he was helping out.

“Horses are staying together, moving around barn and driveways, up to the orchard and around the house, avoiding the firefighting. They are not running off.”

David carried buckets of water from the pasture tank, set them up in the arena and on the driveway. He was able to lead Delta (by her fly mask) into the arena where he gave her water and hay. I was sure that would anchor the others. All our girls were very brave and kept their heads; they were definitely true to that amazing Lipizzan heart and mind. At some point, a neighbor released their mare, Luna, and she fled to be with our herd. David sent one picture of Delta reaching over the arena gate and rubbing Luna’s withers, comforting her. I had him open all paddock gates and stalls, since each stall had a 100-gallon water tank.

In addition to shoveling and dousing spot fires at our place with water from the pasture tank, David was also putting out spot fires around his house, with water from their hot tub. He checked on the horses all throughout the night.

## Those amazing horses

At dawn the next morning, we made it back home. The first sight of the burned areas was jaw-dropping – not only our property, but our entire community. Luna’s family was still working to put out fires on a hillside, and a helicopter was still dropping water.

When we pulled up to the barn, the first thing I saw was Luna’s bum sticking out – she was nearest to the open end of the aisleway, and she had a bale of hay. At some point, Delta had broken out of the arena and took charge of the herd. She was

next in the aisle and clearly acting as the hall monitor; she had the order established. She also had a bale of hay. MonaLisa was in the middle in front of the hay floor pulling down bales, so she was acting as the lunch lady. Mistea had moved into Delta’s stall and had somehow gotten her hay within reach. Being mares, they were all socially distanced, had their own bale of hay, and they were peacefully munching breakfast.

## Afterwards

In the end, the power was out for eight days, and we managed with a generator. When our irrigation district refilled the lines, I was able to run the irrigation manually, soaking the pasture and the perimeter. A little over half of our 24 acres was scorched and burned, and about 1500 feet of fence was severely damaged. The fire came to within about 100 feet of our house and garage, and within 20 feet of the barn – which held 10 tons of new hay. It was traumatic; it was dramatic. The clean-up has been messy, and there are likely few – if any – of the beautiful old oak trees, manzanita, and madrone on the west slope that have survived.

## Neighborhood Hindsight and Reality Check

Our District Fire Station is about three minutes from us by vehicle. I can see it; I could walk to it; and it nearly burned! A year or so ago, the fire chief came up and advised us on fire preparedness, upon which we acted. This fire was well beyond any scope that could have been imagined, but our immediate area had been made DEFENSIBLE. Not that it couldn’t burn, but we’d ensured that emergency crews had access and space to work; grazing and open areas were mowed, and as much fire fuel as possible kept away from structures.

We all thought that surely firefighters would be able to stop the fire at the major highway exits and overpasses – concrete, roads, parking lots – well before it got so far. No one thought that in less than an hour the fire would race about five miles, cross a divided, six-lane interstate highway, and climb a couple of hundred feet above Talent to get to us. But the bigger reality – and I keep saying this over and over – is that compared to so many, many people who *lost everything* we were simply inconvenienced. There is nothing that cannot be repaired or replaced.

We were incredibly lucky.

# FIRE 2020

By Rennie Squier

On September 8, 2020, the Riverside fire was sparked a few miles from my farm outside of Oregon City, Oregon. Another, smaller fire was sparked just a mile northeast of me. This one, the Dowty Road fire, came within about half a mile of the farm. Another small fire, the Cedarhurst Park fire, was just to the southeast of me. The wind was blowing like mad, and it was so very hot and dry outside. Things were getting scary.

By late afternoon, people to the east of me were frantically looking for places to move animals to safety. I took in some cattle from a farm in Estacada, a couple of Welsh ponies from another person east of me and, late that night someone dropped off a miniature horse aptly named Smokey Joe (who turned out to be a stallion!) and his pet goat Frodo. Meanwhile, we were helping people move animals of all sorts out of the fire zones to the east of us.



This photo was taken in broad daylight. All the yard lights were on and the crickets were singing their evening song.

other boarders, my renter's quarter horse mare, the mini and his goat, five dogs, and my cat, and headed down to the Willamette river where we had been lucky enough to be invited to camp in a field just five miles from home with about 30 people, 40 horses, and numerous other small animals. We unloaded and tied every one to the trailers and settled in for the first night.



Tuesday afternoon, my house. Tuesday afternoon looking south.



Tuesday afternoon outside my main barn looking south.

On Wednesday morning, the fire had moved a great deal closer and we were put on a Level 2 alert (**Be packed and ready to leave**). As the day wore on, the wind kept blowing and the fires came closer. The world was a very weird orange color, and the smell of the smoke was pervasive.

By four o'clock in the afternoon, I made the decision to evacuate the horses, dogs, and humans from the farm. We had already loaded supplies into two stock trailers and had them hitched and ready to go. The cattle had all been moved into big pastures with very short grass so that if the fire came, they would have some chance to avoid it. It was a good decision, as we were moved to a Level 3 (**Go now!**) later that night.

We loaded a dozen horses, five Lipizzans one half Lipizzan, six



Lipizzans and friends tied to the trailers



We ended up being evacuated for five nights. Every day, I had to go back home to feed and water cattle, which involved running a generator to pump well water, as there was no power at home and the creeks were dry at the end of the summer. The horses had to be watered three times a day, hay bags were kept stuffed with grass hay to munch on, and we walked the horses

a couple times a day in pairs, just to keep them from getting too stiff. It was far from a relaxing camping trip, but we were all pretty upbeat and had a good time anyway.

One never knows when an emergency will arrive involving your horses, and I was very pleased that I was able to load everything I needed to evacuate the entire barn on very short notice and that I had everything necessary to care for all those animals away from home for five days. Who ever thought that I would be happy I had collected so many hay nets over the years!?! It was also notable that every single horse loaded and hauled well, and stood tied quietly to a trailer away from home for days on end. We walked the horses a couple times a day, but mostly, they just stood tied to the trailers. My biggest take-away was how important good basic manners are in any horse, the ability to stand tied, load in a trailer, get along with other horses and just deal with big changes in daily life as long as some kind of routine is maintained.



# ***FIRE 2020***



Walking Smokey Joe and Frodo through the smoke at our campsite.

# THE DERECHO

by Rachel Wehrheim, Medicine River Farms (MRF)  
Photos by Nancy Wehrheim

On Monday, August 10, 2020, Iowa got hit with an inland hurricane, referred to as a "Derecho." Wind gusts were estimated at 140 mph in Cedar Rapids. That is the equivalent of a category 4 hurricane. The storm lasted an hour with sustained winds well over 95 mph (category 2 hurricane). The damage is unfathomable. Cedar Rapids and Marion were two cities that got hit very hard. It is estimated that 75% of the trees in Cedar Rapids were affected, and well over half of the trees are completely destroyed. Nearly all of the equestrian facilities in the area had significant damage, and some places were completely leveled. Utility crews and tree servicemen from all over the country came to help restore power and clear debris.

For those who were not affected by the storm, no one can describe how bad things were - it is simply indescribable. For those who were affected, and for those who have witnessed it first hand, the destruction is so overwhelming it simply makes a person cry.

Throughout all of this chaos, the citizens of Iowa stood together to help one another. As soon as the storm passed, damage was assessed, and the chainsaws started firing. It was gratifying to see neighbor helping neighbor.

As for the Wehrheims, we did not escape the wrath of the Derecho. Nancy and I were at the farm when the storm hit. We had been waiting for the equine veterinarian's arrival to euthanize Zoey, who had a stroke early that morning. We were outside when we heard the neighboring town's sirens go off. Alerted that the clouds on the horizon may hold a tornado or strong winds, Nancy went into the apartment to turn on the television. I came in shortly thereafter, and saw the radar screen. A huge line of red in a nasty bow formation was coming straight at us. As I headed out the door to secure things, I heard the weatherman say the storm was producing 100 mph winds!

Nancy and I scrambled to get the things we had been working on out in the pasture wrapped up. As we finished, the storm was upon us. The dark blue green sky came in fast and with it came a pouring rain. We drove the tractor back to the barn and secured it in the lean-to before heading to the horse barn for shelter. By that time, the winds had hit and they were ferocious. The horses ran frantically around, trying to figure out if they should turn their butts to the wind or go in their shelters. The rain blew horizontally with

Medicine River Farms is located in east central Iowa. Owned by Gene and Nancy Wehrheim, the farm is home to a variety of horses. Their daughter, Rachel, trains and shows the horses in dressage and eventing. Nearly 20 years ago, the Wehrheims acquired their first Lipizzan - a stallion named Neapolitano Juwela (a.k.a. "Ninja"). Together, Rachel and Ninja have learned from classical dressage masters to enhance their knowledge and skill. The pair has performed in a number of exhibitions, clinics, and demonstrations, along with Rachel's Lipizzan mares, Alleluia and Barona. The Wehrheims enjoy sharing with others that have similar interests. To learn more about Medicine River Farms and their horses, please visit [www.medicineriverfarms.com](http://www.medicineriverfarms.com).

MRF's Lipizzan mares, Alleluia and Barona



MRF's Lipizzan mare, Barona, and Rachel



# THE DERECHO

strong winds, and the trees bent drastically from their force. Calls were made to family in Cedar Rapids. Things were just as bad there. As Gene said, "I've never seen a storm like this." The noise was deafening with the wind and rain. Hay swirled and spun, indicating there were more than straight line winds. It just wouldn't quit!

At last the rain started to lighten and so we decided to get out of the horse barn. When we emerged, we saw the large ash tree that was near the old barn had fallen on the lean-to and tractor. Damage was evident, but there was nothing that could be done then. Nancy headed for the apartment while I went to get Zoey and led her into her shelter.

The second part of the storm hit just as I got Zoey in the shelter. The winds were just as fierce, if not more so. I clung to Zoey's neck, hoping to ease Zoey's shaking and transfer some warmth to our rain-soaked bodies. Zoey was calm and as the storm continued raging, and her tremors started to subside. A sense of calm came over both of us as we watched the trees twist and bend in the fierce wind.

After what seemed like hours, the howling winds subsided and the rain began to ease. I emerged from the shelter, to find two large ash trees toppled into the front paddock with the Lipizzan mares, Alleluia and Barona. I took a quick assessment of the horses and all were safe. A poplar tree along Ninja's fence line had fallen on the electric fence and another tree had split in the garden. One of the screens on the round barn had torn off.

I called the vet to tell him I could get Zoey through the night. He said that was good, because he was trapped in debris in Marion. "It's like a bomb dropped here," he said.

My next call was to my dad, Gene. He said trees had fallen on the house in Solon.

Nancy had already taken off for the home place to see if there was any damage there. Debris covered the housing development road, but their house had escaped damage. A giant mulberry tree had fallen in the yard, but that was it.

Considering ourselves lucky, Nancy and I headed to Solon to check on the house there. Two giant ash trees had fallen on the west end of it.

With the help of neighbors, family, and friends, we started working on re-  
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moving the tree from the barn. First step was to get the tractor out from under it. A few cuts with the chainsaw and a lift from the forklift, and I was able to drive the tractor out into the clear. Several other cuts were made and the large tree was safely removed from the barn.

In town, everyone worked until dark, clearing limbs and trees away from houses.

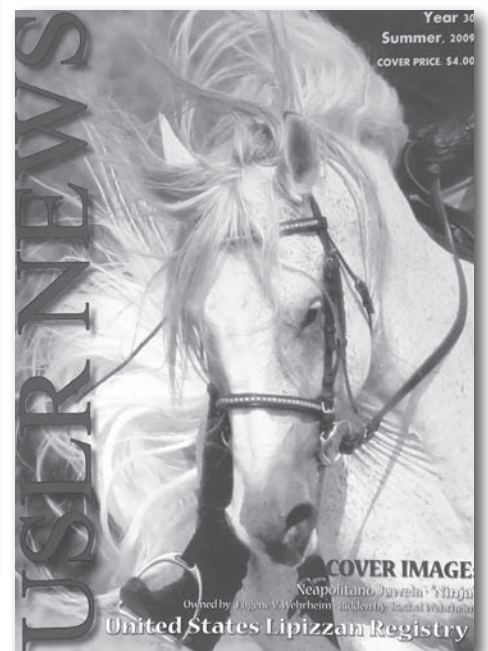
Power was out everywhere. Cell service was sketchy and the major radio stations were unavailable due to a radio tower being toppled. This was indeed a bad storm.

We got the generator going at the farm, and I filled every water tank I could find. Gas was scarce due to no power in the immediate area.

Day two of storm recovery was filled with cutting trees and moving debris. I hauled water to our neighbor, so that she could care for her horses. That evening, the vet was finally able to get clear of the debris well enough that he could come and euthanize Zoey.

Day three and beyond of the storm recovery were filled with emotions. Power was restored in various stages to the Solon area, with most on line by Saturday, August 15. Parts of Iowa still have areas without power, as of this writing. The cleanup has been remarkable, but there is still a long way to go. For those that have been affected by the Derecho, our hearts are with you.

This storm is definitely one that no one will forget!



**MRF's Lipizzan stallion, "Ninja," graced the front cover of the summer 2009 "USLR NEWS" newsletter**

# DERECHO!!

*Publishing the NEWS during DERECHO Recovery and Clean-up*

By Carol Eilers, USLF Lipizzan NEWS editor

On August 10, 2020, the NEWS team was nearing completion of the fall edition of the publication. I had sent the semifinal proof around, and the team was in the process of reviewing.

I was sitting at my computer, waiting to see what changes and corrections the team might make, when suddenly my phone blared a warning that a dangerous storm was headed our way.

Dangerous storms are not unusual in this part of the country. Tornadoes are not uncommon in the Midwest, nor are severe thunderstorms with high winds and hail, so I was not overly concerned.

The sun was shining, and nothing seemed too ominous – nothing that we hadn't seen before and couldn't handle. But then the sirens started blaring outside, and so I decided it was time to turn on the news and check the radar.

Yes, indeed. A very colorful and concentrated storm was headed our way, and I learned that just a bit west of us, there had been sustained winds of over 100 mph and a lot of damage. That caused me to sit up and pay attention! First, I texted my avid fisherman son, to make sure that he was not out on a lake or in the middle of a stream somewhere. Thankfully, he was at home. It was just after noon, and so Stan (hubby) and other family members were at work.

Fifteen minutes after the first warning, the DERECHO hit! That's how much warning we had before this monster of a storm descended upon us. Fifteen minutes!!

For anyone who doesn't know, a Derecho is categorized as an inland hurricane, with sustained winds of over 100 mph.

*"Derechos may not be as well-known as hurricanes or tornadoes, but these rare storms can be just as powerful and destructive. Primarily seen in late spring and summer in the central and eastern United States, derechos produce walls of strong [straightline] wind that streak across the landscape, leaving hundreds of miles of damage in their wake. On August 10, 2020, a derecho swept across the Midwest from South Dakota to Ohio, traveling 770 miles in 14 hours and knocking out power for more than a million people.*

*NOAA officially defines a derecho as 'a widespread, long-lived windstorm that is associated with a band of rapidly moving showers or thunderstorms.' For a swath of storms to be classified*  
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*as a derecho, it must travel at least 240 miles and move at speeds of at least 58 miles an hour, though the winds are often more powerful. The August 2020 Midwest derecho had winds up to 140 miles an hour." – NationalGeographic.com*

As the sirens blared, the wind suddenly came up with a vicious force. Immediately, trees began to topple outside. Not one or two trees, but LOTS of trees. And huge branches came crashing to the ground. Needless to say, Lili (granddaughter) and I retreated to the basement with Blaze and Kitten. Watching that storm through the basement slider doors was terrifying. Trees and branches were crashing everywhere. Several of our neighbors and I were chatting in Messenger, and we would tell each other, "Your big oak tree in your front yard just went down," or "Are you alright? There's a tree on your roof!" That is, until all power went out and cell service ceased (we learned later

that huge transformer poles and lines, and cell towers, had crashed to the ground. We were without cellular service for days, and power for weeks. At least we had water, even if it was only cold water.)

Finally, after what seemed like HOURS (it was 50 minutes), the storm finally ebbed and moved out of our area. Outside, streets were blocked by downed trees, and our little creek was flooding. All the trees' leaves had been shredded, and little pieces were stuck to everything.

Needless to say, work on the fall edition came to a screeching halt. When I was able, I communicated to our team that I was out of commission. Thankfully, we have hot spots on our phones, so I was able to access the internet.


Not many people in Iowa have generators, because we rarely need them. But three days after the storm, one of our neighbors had a generator delivered to them by friends from Minnesota. They delivered gas as well, in Menards buckets! Gas cans and generators were completely sold out, but gas wasn't available anyway, as all of the stations were out of commission! Our angel neighbors invited us to run an extension cord to their generator, and so we were able to charge devices and save the food in our freezer. But we still had no internet or cellular service.

Before cellular service was restored, I limped along, finishing up the NEWS, charging my laptop from my neighbor's generator, and working with the hot spot on my phone.

In spite of it all, we went to press almost right on schedule! It was unbelievable.



*This is a SMALL pile. Cleanup of downed trees is still going on today, over three months later.*



# *Thank you Front Line Workers!*

*Several members of the United States Lipizzan Federation are working on the front lines, fighting COVID-19.*

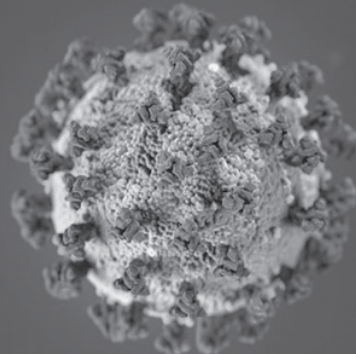
*Your astronomical sacrifices have not gone unnoticed by the rest of us in the USA.*

*Thank you for giving of your time, compromising your own safety, sacrificing your family time, and so much more.*

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*Please, if you know of someone, thank them profusely.*

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## Conversano II Medussa V - aka "George"

by Tara Thrash

Occasionally, the time frame between *hello* and *goodbye* is far too short. Such was the case with "George."

Conversano II Medussa V, aka "George," arrived at my barn four years ago, and left October 28, 2020. I write this because I need to express the wonderful characteristics that my boy had, and which I may never see again. But oh! How I want to!

In remembering George, aka "the Goober," several adjectives come to mind: "Kind, affectionate, busy body, scaredy cat, beautiful."

Our time together came about when the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation let me know that George was available. I was interested, so my husband and I visited him, and I had a chance to ride him in a lesson. Later we brought him and a young Lipizzan mare to my barn, to join my Lipizzan mare, Bellina Chaquita. Life seemed perfect with the new additions, or so I thought.

George was given some time to acclimate to west Texas and his new surroundings. We began traveling across town for lessons, and a few problems came to the surface. Some movements began to appear for no explicable reason: Levade, Spanish Walk, and exploding into a canter became his mantra every time I took him to another barn. It did take some time to realize the cause of this behavior. He was afraid. He was afraid of motorcycle noise, cars speeding down the four-lane street, the Theraplate™, thunder, lightning, and on and on it went. I decided to give him time to just be, and I realized that I had been unfair to him since he had lived his entire life in relative quietness. He needed time, and he began to respond well to me being his person. Many weeks later we again began traveling back across town, along with the help of a padded bonnet and a calming dose of equine CBD that really helped his attitude of, "I cannot do this."

The Theraplate™ was turned off, and later turned on at low speed and guess what? George began standing on the plate all by himself like a big boy! However, George never got over the ever-changing volatile weather of living in Tornado Alley. If the weather became stormy with hail, George would not – under any circumstance – stand in his stall, as the hail hitting on the top of his metal stall was just more than he could bear. He never got past that. But I had to pick my battles, so I let him be.

When George was not playing the role of "scaredy cat," he was a picture of perfection in the role of busybody – hence his nickname, "the Goober." After getting up enough gumption to stand on the Theraplate™ comfortably, he set his sights on the wall clock. It took a few tries, but he eventually mastered nibbling it, causing the clock to crash onto the ground. Lesson learned for me.

When he was tied to the rail before being tacked up, George's mischievous talent really shone! It took little effort for him to pick up the apple picker, toss it straight up in the air, and have it land right in the arena with riding going on. I don't know that

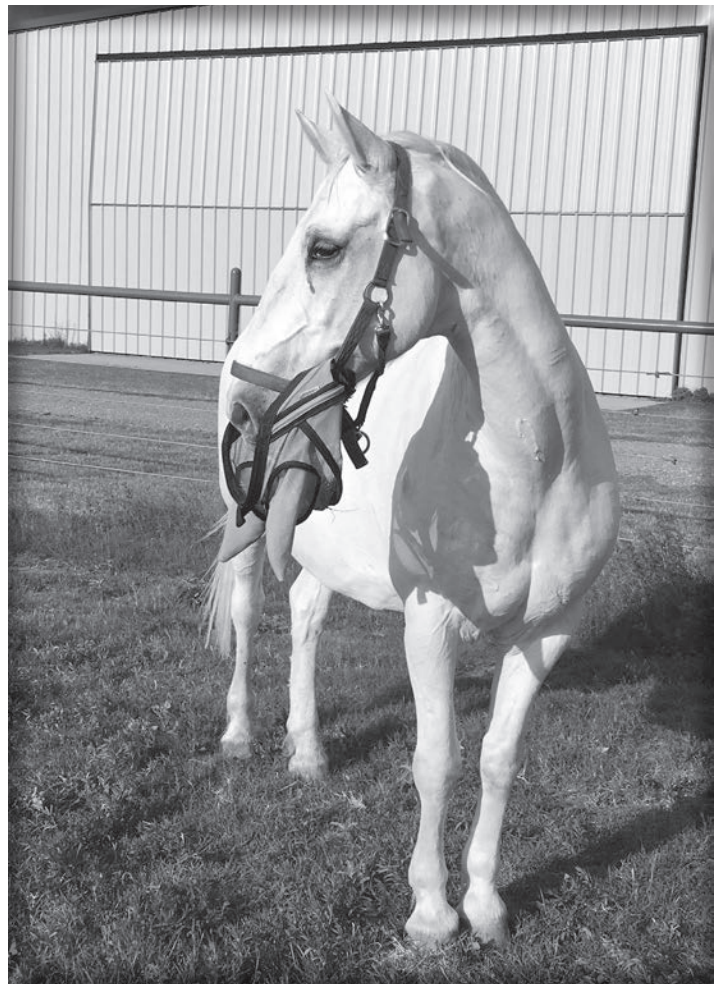
any other horse would have even tried to do this. And his talents did not stop there!

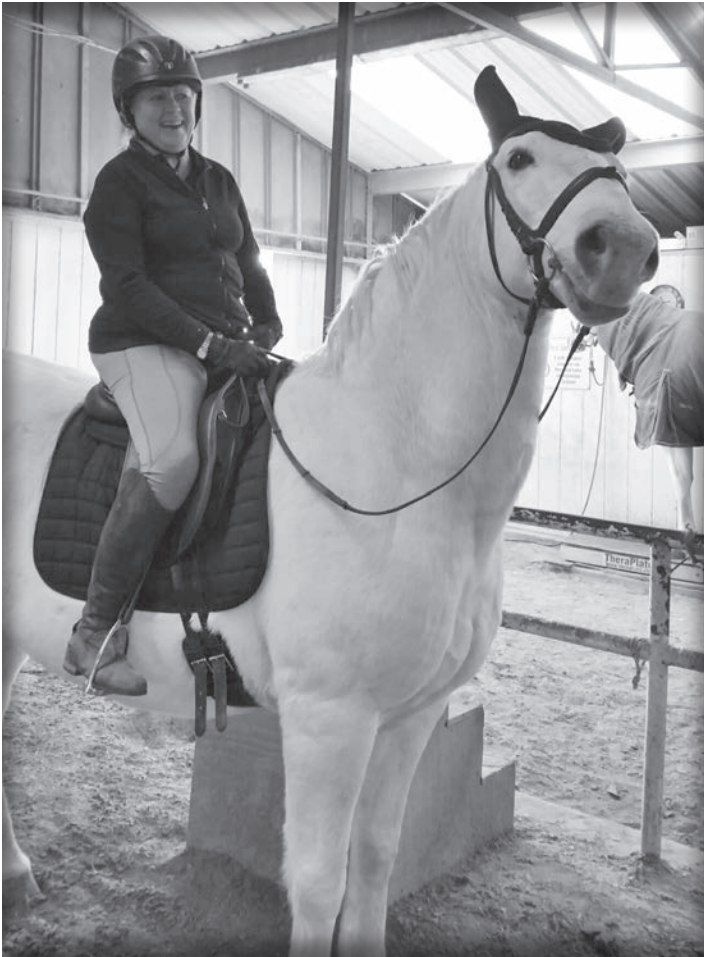
For instance, I would ride George with a padded ear bonnet to help him be at ease, but he was very adept at shaking the bonnet – along with the bridle – totally off.

There was not a blanket that George could not pull off the rack and proceed to promptly stand upon.

Looking back on these antics still makes me smile, as well as tear up.

George was a beautiful beast, even when he was dirty from rolling. He was kind and affectionate with everyone. I can still see him looking at me as if I were the most important being in his world, and I suppose that I was. Kindness and his gentle eyes are the picture that exemplified what he really was. Yes, while he was a big baby, he was my big baby. I cannot thank the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation enough for the connection I had with this horse. He took good care of me in every way, especially since I have a neurological disease that I woke up with six years ago. George never took advantage of this, and he looked after me. Not every horse is able and willing to do that, but he was. I hope to see him again. I love him. He was my heart horse.





My farm hand and I were talking about how special George was, just two days before colic ended his life. Later, I asked the gals at the barn, who saw him on a regular basis, for their comments about George. Without overthinking things, they offered up that George “(W)as white. Sometimes.”

“He could stretch his neck longer than a giraffe’s when he was looking for treats.”

“He communicated on the deepest level with his expressive eyes.”

“Even though I was anxious around other horses, his eyes soothed me, and I felt an authenticity in him.”

“It was impossible to be around him, and not feel connected.”

“If needed, he never hesitated to resort to humor to capture your heart.”

“George’s personality was big enough to fill the entire barn.”

“He was kind, brave, and smart enough to know that you should never turn down a perfectly good treat.”

A random comment just today from a high school student: “George had the biggest personality that I have ever seen.” And that summed him up perfectly. This is why I feel like I am still on the ground. He was my once in a lifetime blessing.

These comments express just a bit of what people saw in George. My own first impression of him was that of a wizened gentleman, and it was only after getting to know him that I found the goofy, silly, and immensely kind fellow that he was. His beauty was not skin deep. It came from his soul.



# A New Dawning

By Sue Ott

I feel the need to share a new adventure that I have up my sleeve, with the hopes it will benefit the future of the Lipizzan horse.

It all began earlier this year when I began considering another young horse to show in the dressage arena. When I take on a horse as my personal riding partner, I prefer a blank slate. I like to handle and bring a new horse up myself, before I start on correct basic training principles under saddle.

I found two youngsters that met my criteria when I was searching during the summer. The two-year-old bay colt, Siglavy Rima (a.k.a. Sig R), and his bay four-year-old full sister, Arqueba, fit my criteria. Since I am a stickler for making sure any horse is the "right" horse - whether for myself or for a student - I asked a lot of questions about their personality. Their videos and photographs showed me that these horses are built uphill, and I could see that they both had the natural ability to balance. So, the two beautiful bay Lipizzans arrived at my Pennsylvania farm in August.

The trip from their birth farm was long, but they arrived safely. They got off the trailer and were introduced to their new pastures. They settled right in after a few well-deserved rolls in the grass. The rest of their first day was spent resting and getting

to know the fence lines. For these youngsters, coming into a barn with stalls was new. It took some convincing, but with a steady routine they are now completely receptive to living in the stalls part time.

My forecast for 2021 is that I will present a horse (my third) for inspection and approval. I am a firm believer in keeping breed standards and/or adding positive qualities to improve upon the criteria. First, I plan to present the filly, and then eventually the colt in a few years. I am currently working to prepare Arqueba for being started under saddle. This will help with her physical appearance at the inspection, in hopes of earning a respectable score. I also plan to take her to some in-hand classes, and eventually we will go down centerline for dressage scores. And who knows? Perhaps in time, and coupled with a suitable stallion, she will produce quality offspring.

Siglavy Rima, the two-year-old "Mr. Personality," will go through the same process when he comes of age. He has many special qualities, and I am extremely excited to prepare him for inspection. I hope to introduce him as a breeding stallion in the future. My plan is to also have him under saddle at that time, and to be competing him in dressage as well.

Keep your eyes peeled for great things to come from these bays. Siglavy Rima and Arqueba have a rosy future ahead of them, with great possibilities. My hope is that in the near future, we will be celebrating the successes of these non-gray Lipizzans.

## Arqueba



## Siglavy Rima



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Laura was a devoted supporter of the Lipizzan in the USA, from the time that she began breeding, in 1982. The *USLF Lipizzan News* will honor Laura's life and dedication to the Lipizzan horse, with a tribute to her in the spring 2021 edition.



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# Heart Horse x3

Valeria Gift

On January 1, 2020, I lost my heart horse. My Silvie, who had taught me so much and been there through everything, lost her fight against melanoma. I didn't go back to the farm for a week. I could not bear to look at her stall and not see her staring back at me. Fortunately, I have some great friends who forced me back to the farm, and Genola, a.k.a "Gena," my incredibly kind eight-year-old Lipizzan mare, who laid there with me as I tried to come to terms with the loss of part of my heart. Gena took care of me through all of it.

At no point did I think that I was going to end up buying another horse anytime soon. The thing is, you can plan all you want, but sometimes fate just steps in. That is what happened to me. I spend time helping out at Mississippi View Farm, where we breed Lipizzans. Sometimes I do chores and sometimes I help clean stalls, but the best part is playing with all the Lipizzan babies. Picking one favorite is incredibly difficult and I almost always have more than one favorite at the time.

This breed, though – they pick you. There was one little filly by Neopolitano Wandosa and out of Soja-20, that nobody could touch. Well, nobody but me. Sabeka, or "Beaky," would run away from everyone as weanling, but would follow me around the paddock. As a yearling she would let me hug her, lay over her back, and put hats on her but would stand at a distance with everyone else. That one was mine; I just hadn't signed the check yet.

At the end of March, I made it official and bought her. She is two now and I can't wait to see where this journey takes us. All of this taught me something. You never forget your heart horses, but each one takes a different part of your heart. Silvie taught me dressage. She was intense but she brought me from training level to FEI in the few years I had her. Gena is the kindest soul I have ever met, and I still can't believe I am privileged enough to know her. Beaky will find her place, but I don't want to rush it. After all, getting to know them is the best part.



*Sabeka*

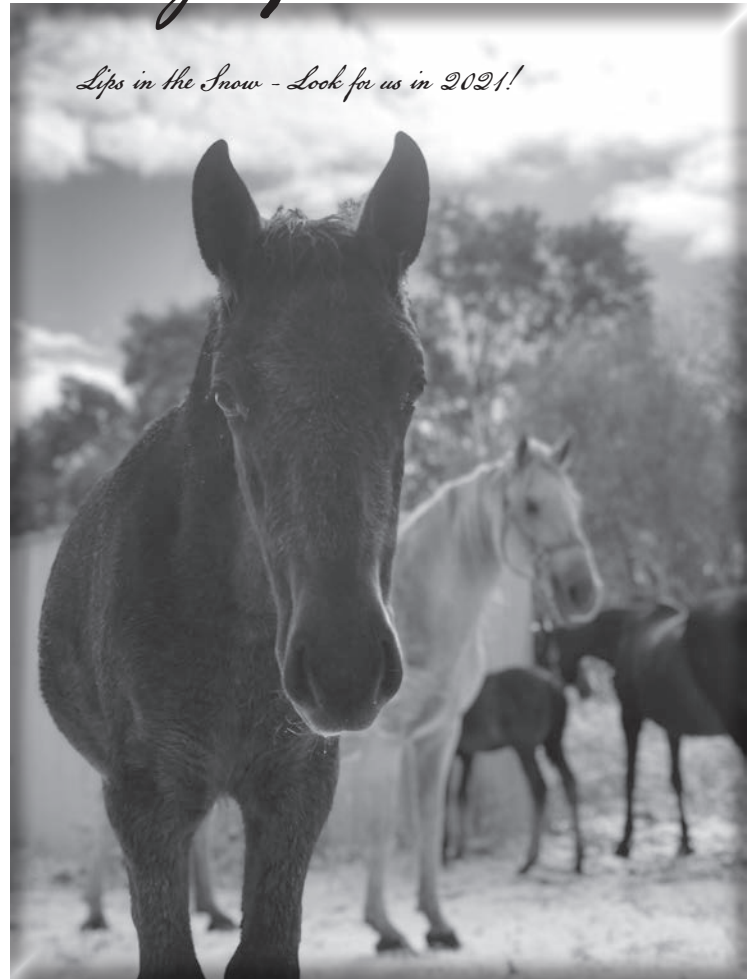


# Our Readers Share Delightful Moments



*Family Bonding*

This is a picture of my grandson, Calvin, with his first connection with Gizmo. They are in love with each other. He is a wonderful addition to our family. Gizmo is an XL. Neapolitano Astra I x Poetry in Motion (ASB)  
Linda Maguire, owner



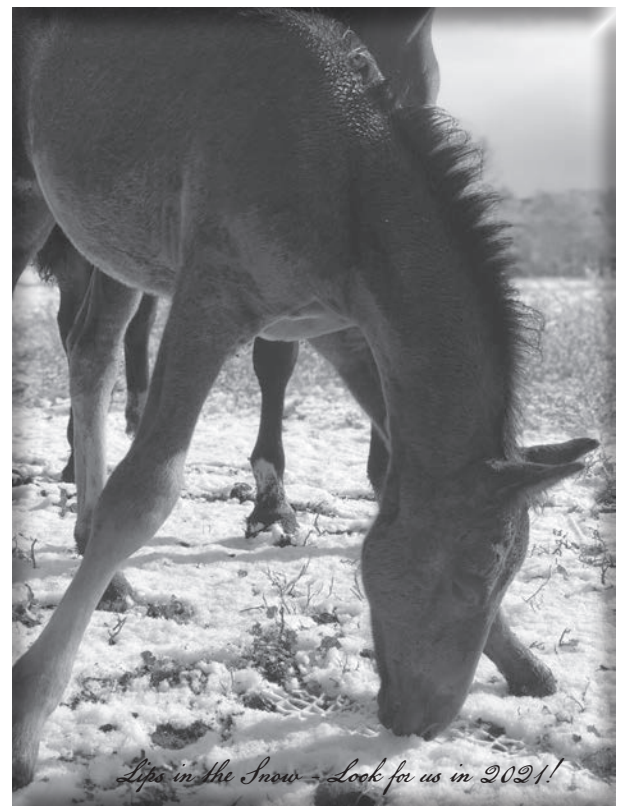
*Lips in the Snow - Look for us in 2021!*

Bottom left: We all have that one friend. Foreground Ninja (Lipizzan XL - F. Canada x Gambria Eze). Making faces in the background is Medina (N. Wandosa II x Moresca)

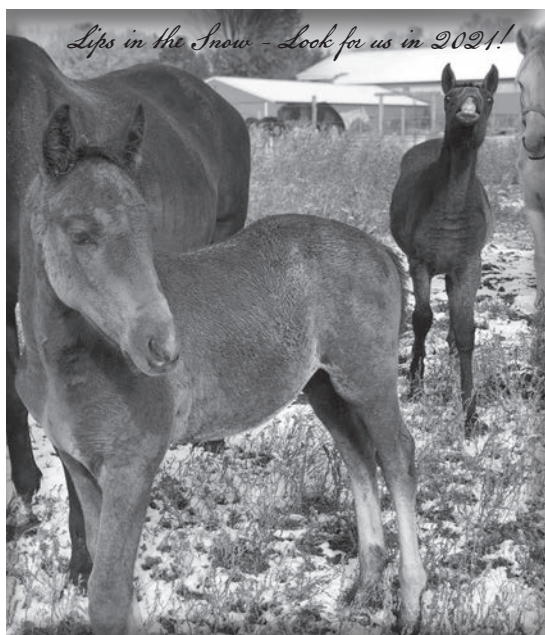
Top right: Medina and her dam on a frosty afternoon (N. Wandosa II x Moresca)

Bottom right: Ninja trying to get the last few tasty bites of grass before winter

Snow Photos by Sam Martinson, Mississippi View Farm, Minnesota



*Lips in the Snow - Look for us in 2021!*



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# A Probable End to the Fruska Mare Line

by Dee Jordan

It is a good thing that we, as humans, cannot see into the future. If Colonel Herrmann had been able to see the treasure of my filly, Pen Julia, he never would have sold her to me. I bought Pen Julia from the Colonel in 1973, for only \$500. She was my present that I gave myself, after surviving my first year of teaching a special education class. Foaled late in the fall of 1972, the farm manager weaned her and had her ready to sell in June of 1973 when his Royal Lipizzans performed in Meridian, Mississippi. I bought her, sight unseen, and vacillated between elation that I had bought my first Lipizzan and fear that she could have been three-legged for all I knew. Not to worry - Colonel Herrmann bred quality horses, and I benefited from his benevolence, which allowed me to buy her for what was left of my paycheck in the bank that day. Mrs. Fleming, the farm manager, showed me Conversano Carina, a pretty mare whose temperament seemed perfect as she walked right up to me out in the pasture. I learned from Gabby Herrmann that this mare had been a late foal of Amerika, imported to the United States, and that Colonel Herrmann had purchased Amerika from a farm here in the states.

In 1981, I sold Pen Julia's second registered Lipizzan foal, the filly Carina, as a weanling to Kathy and Lee Smith of Robertsedale, Alabama. After becoming a mother and working shift work at the paper mill, I found I could not do my horses justice. I reluctantly dispersed my Lipizzans. Kathy Smith bought Pen Julia in foal to 164 Favory Santuzza in 1984, which resulted in a filly, Kalea (1985), who died of an illness before her second year. Carina foaled Cassiopeia in 2002 while in her twenties, bred by artificial insemination.

Fast forward to 2010, when Lisa Kelly Simmons informed Kathy Smith that she owned one of the last living mares in the Fruska line, correctly identified by Atjan Hop. Based on the information provided, the Smiths decided to breed Cassiopeia. The Smiths found a stallion that had only sired fillies and tried three different years breeding Cassiopeia by using AI, but she lost one pregnancy, and she only produced colts.

In 2019, a representative of Equine Reproductive Services, along with Damir Jaksic, head of the State Stud Farm in Lipik (Croatia) contacted Kathy. They realized only two mares were living in the entire world from the Fruska bloodline, Aria II (1996) out of Julia (1982) out of Pen Julia and Cassiopeia (2002) out of Carina (1981) out of Pen Julia. The representative offered to ship Cassiopeia to South Carolina to harvest her eggs, fertilize them

in a petri dish, separate out all the female embryos, and implant them into donor mares. These mares were to remain in the US until the fillies were born and strong enough to be shipped overseas with the State Stud Farm of Lipik footing the bill.

The two parties were both moved from their positions, and it came to a grinding halt, making the Smiths leery about shipping Cassiopeia off to have her eggs harvested. However, the Smiths are interested in breeding Cassiopeia before she gets too old. At age eighteen, she is in good shape, but this window is fast closing. They would like to find a facility that could separate out the X sperm from the Y sperm to guarantee a filly.

We would appreciate hearing from anyone who might contribute to the Smiths' project. You can email me at [mobiledelight@gmail.com](mailto:mobiledelight@gmail.com), and I will arrange communications between the parties.

Thanks to Jana Jasovic Memon and Atjan Hop, I was able to trace the pedigree back to Fruska. Cassiopeia (2002) Kathy Smith, USA, out of Carina (1982) Dee Jordan, USA, out of Pen Julia (1972) Col. Herrmann, USA, out of Conversano Carina (1964) Col. Herrmann, USA, out of Amerika (1945) Hostau, out of Vuka I (1938) Eltz, out of Vuka (1932) Eltz, out of Aktion (1913) Eltz, out of Ergo (1895) Eltz, out of To-Ona (1887) Eltz, out of Jeka (1876) Eltz, out of Sava (1867) Eltz, out of Fruska (1857) And Aria II (1996) Grace Shaw Kennedy, USA, out of Julia (1982) Dee Jordan USA, out of Pen Julia (1972) Col. Herrmann, USA, and the bloodline mimics Cassiopeia at that point.

I urge the United States Lipizzan Federation to help us save this bloodline!




"Pen Julia" as a yearling

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# *A Probable End to the Fruska Mare Line*



Pen Julia, at age 22, and Carina, at age 13, with Kristen Smith



Cassiopeia, at age 18, with Kathy Smith

## *Thank You Outgoing Board Members!*

*We say "goodbye" to:*

*Lynn Smith, Vice President (2015-2020)*

*Jennifer Roth, Director (2006-2020)*

*Ellen Chappell, Secretary (2018-2020)*

*Thank you for your extraordinary dedication and service to the Lipizzan breed!*

# MYSTERY RIDER, REVEALED (from page 7)

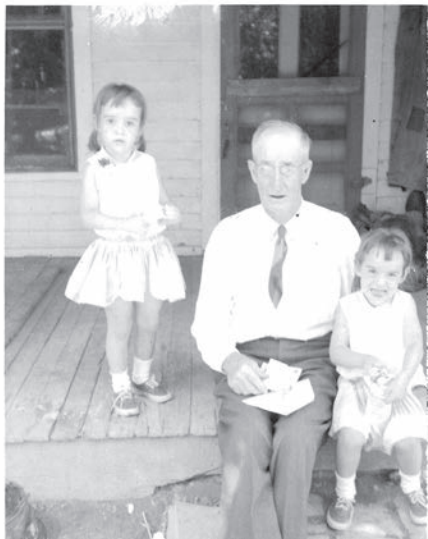
## Did you know the answer? Our winter issue's Mystery Rider is Carol Eilers!

Carol is your newsletter's editor and designer. Carole Gauger first got Carol Eilers involved with the newsletter in 1999, and it has been a rewarding relationship.

Carol Eilers has loved horses all her life, but was a "town girl." Thus she was informed that owning a horse in town was out of the question. However, she was regularly invited to ride with "country girl" friends during a great deal of her childhood.



Carol Eilers (right) and her twin sister, Cheryl Dix (left), were avid cowgirl wannabes. They were often invited to friends' houses to ride horses. Cottonwood trees with huge horizontal branches and bicycles also made fine pretend horses.



Carol and Cheryl were introduced to horses - BIG draft horses - at their granddad's small ranch in western Nebraska. This photo of the girls with their granddad is from approximately 1960.

The big adventure began in 1996, when Carol co-purchased her first horse - a half Arabian pony, named Jean Amigo, with her 11-year-old daughter, Alison. Alison had been saving every single penny she could get her hands on, and wouldn't even buy candy dispenser gum! When asked what she wanted for her birthday and such, she would reply, "Money to buy a horse." Eventually, she had saved up \$1000. An opportunity came up through the riding academy where we rode, to buy a special half-Arabian pony named Jean Amigo.

When deciding whether or not to purchase a horse for the first time, their riding instructor, Robin Ballantyne, bluntly stated, "Would you rather see your daughter on the back of a pretty pony, or in the back seat of some boy's pretty car?"

They bought the horse!

Shortly after buying Jean Amigo, Alison joined the United States Pony Club, where she eventually reached her C rating. And soon after that, Carol decided she needed to join in on the fun, and bought a horse for herself, a bay grade mare, named "Robbi."

Lipizzans were never on the radar, but Alison and Carol did attend the Royal Lipizzans performance when they traveled through Cedar Rapids in 1997. Other than that, Lipizzans were admired on paper only. Carole Gauger introduced Carol to the breed, when she rescued several Lipizzans and boarded them in Cedar Rapids until she found new homes for them.

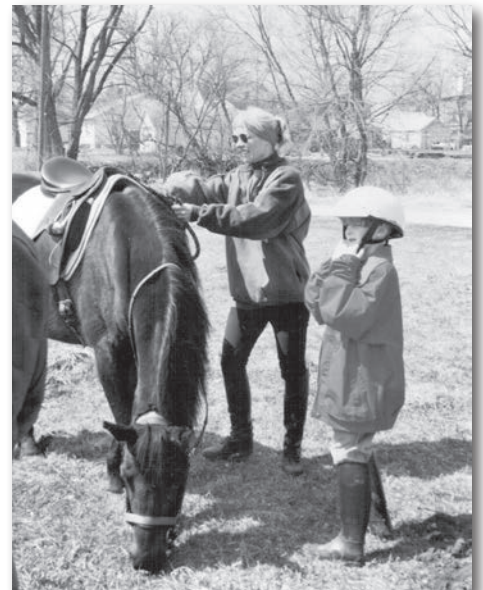
The photograph on page 7 is actually "borrowed." Carol could not find the photo that she wanted to use, which was of her on top of one of her grandad's huge working draft horses.

"Although I have no recollection of that day, I loved looking at the photographs of me on my grandad's working horses. Maybe that's where my first love of horses developed!"

- Carol Eilers



Above and below: Alison Eilers with Jean Amigo at their first US Pony Club Dressage Rally.



Carol tacking up her grade mare, Robbi, for her youngest son, Tim, to ride. It was definitely a family affair!

# *Nice Breeches for Sale:*



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# Can you donate a Couple of Bucks for a Couple of Lipizzans?

by Lauren Self

It cannot be stressed enough! There is no monetary donation that is too small to make a difference in the life of a Lipizzan that is being assisted by the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation.

To date, the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation has provided financial support in 86 situations. In 29 of those cases, the LRF had to spend more money than the amount of funds that were available for those situations. Thankfully, up to this point, the rescue has not turned away any Lipizzan that has needed help, but without your generous donations, it may be forced to do so.

The LRF has five horses currently being supported and requiring funds to help with their daily care expenses. Donations of any amount are incredibly appreciated, but did you know that recurring, monthly donations are exactly what LRF needs?

Currently, twelve generous donors contribute monthly to the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation for a total of \$195/month. That averages out to \$16.25 per donor, per month. This is a seemingly small amount, but it truly makes a big difference to the rescue, because knowing that a consistent donation is coming in every month allows for concise planning for the horses. It also allows for future planning, regarding the number of horses the LRF will financially be able to care for. A donor who provides a recurring donation of even 50 cents a day, or \$15 a month, would help LRF's mission of helping Lipizzan horses continue.

The other ways to assist that may seem like small gestures, but do truly add up, are your donations through online shopping. With online shopping happening at an all-time high this year, please remember that you can shop on Amazon Smile and make the LRF your nonprofit organization of choice. This is an easy way to help Lipizzans in need.

Financial donations of any amount can be made by visiting [www.LipizzanRescueFoundation.org](http://www.LipizzanRescueFoundation.org) and clicking on the Donate button. Your contribution of even **a couple of bucks** will go towards insuring a good life for **a couple of Lipizzans** in need.

LRF is grateful for all its volunteers, fosters, adopters, and donors - past, present, and future - for making a difference in a Lipizzan's life.



Cheesing it up are Lauren Self, author, and LRF alumni,  
Favory Fantasia III-1



## *LRF Mission Statement*

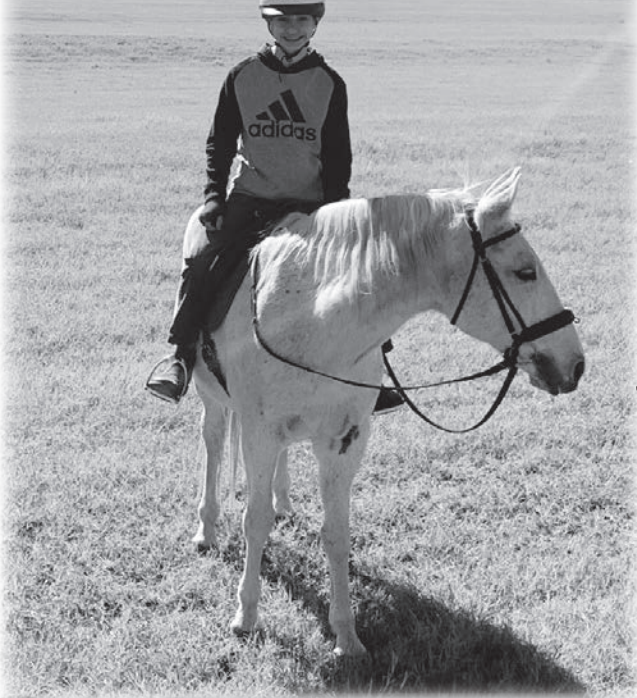
The USLF now estimates that there are fewer than 1,000 purebred Lipizzans in North America.

The Lipizzan Rescue Foundation was formed to assist with breed preservation and to provide aid to individual horses.

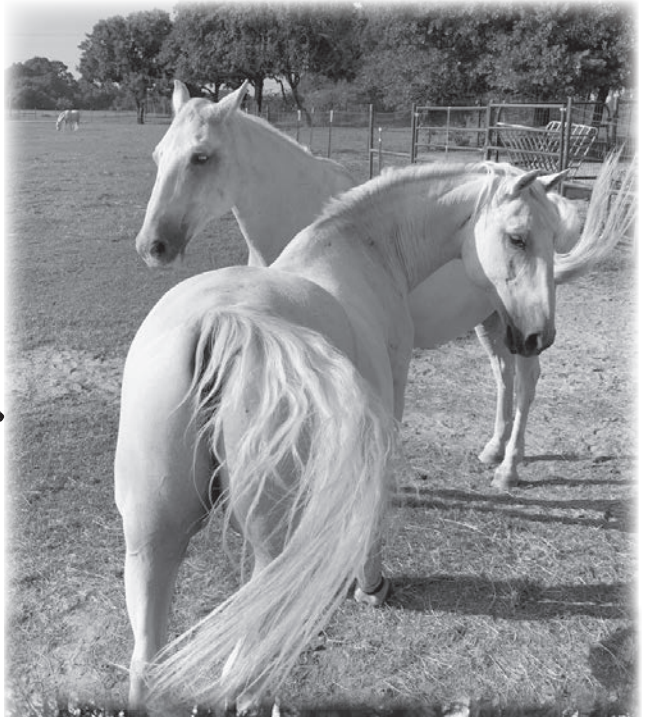
The Lipizzan Rescue Foundation is a registered 501(3)(c) organization based in Las Vegas NV. The Lipizzan Rescue Foundation (LRF), as the only non-profit Lipizzan Rescue in the United States, joins others who have dedicated themselves to the preservation and safety of the Lipizzan horse breed. The first priority of the LRF is the rescue of Lipizzan/Lipizzan Cross horses, who suffer from malnutrition or abuse, or are in physically dangerous or neglectful situations.

<https://lipizzanrescuefoundation.org>

Lyn Schaeffer President – Lipizzan Rescue Foundation



*Fun with Lipizzans - by Lauren Self*



# TRANSITIONS

SEPTEMBER 2020 - NOVEMBER 2020

## REGISTRATIONS:

### *Lipizzan Mares:*

**914 Gemma** (b.2015, Tempel Farms, Maestoso Legény x 862 Gratia) by Stephanie Frank of Fall Creek, OR.

**Bereginya** (b.2020, Katherine Glynn, Pluto III Precocia x Baldasara) by Katherine Glynn.

**Caluna** (b.2010, Pine Mountain Lipizzans, Conversano II Emma II-4 x Calusa) by Stephanie Hevener of McDonough, GA.

**Carita** (b.2011, Pine Mountain Lipizzans, Conversano II Emma II-4 x Calusa) by Stephanie Hevener of McDonough, GA.

**Kaytea** (b.2020, The Lipizzan Connection, Neapolitano Jara II x K Leaha) by Barbara Gjerset of Tujung, CA.

### *Lipizzan Stallions:*

**Favory Sennia II** (b.2019, Mississippi View Farm, Favory Canada x Sennia) by Kate Phillips of Sauk Rapids, MN.

**Maestoso Alga II** (b.2020, Waltzing Horse Farm, Maestoso Marina x Alga-3) by Sarah Casey of New Berlin, NY.

**Neapolitano Millagra II** (b.2020, L'Egisto Lipizzans, 712 Neapolitano IV Aloha x Millagra) by L'Egisto Lipizzans of Edgewood, NM.

**Pluto Lunna** (b.2020, Katherine Glynn, Pluto III Precocia x Lunna) by Dane Lawrence of Sunland, CA.

## TRANSFERS:

### *Lipizzan Mares:*

**Arrizona** (b.1997, White Horse Vale Lipizzans, 272 Pluto III Fantasca x Aurorra) to Carol Kraft of Edmeston, NY.

**Constanza** (b.2018, Holly Hill Farm, Maestoso Legény x Calea) to Yvette Harrell.

**Sophelia** (b.2017, Domerchie/Johnson, Siglavy Glenya x Ophelia) to Jeanette Page.

### *Lipizzan Stallions:*

**Favory Allura** (b.2008, Four Pillars Farm, 760 Favory IV Delta x Allura) to Brittany Purcell of Commerce, GA.

**Siglavy Abiqua** (b.2017, Diana Swift, Siglavy Belisaria x Abiqua) to Kate Phillips of Sauk Rapids, MN.

### *Lipizzan Geldings:*

**483 Maestoso Krabbe VIII-1** (b.2006, Croatia, 869 Maestoso Mima XIV-1 x 836 Krabbe) to Lynne Warfel of Star Prairie, WI.

**Favory Isa** (b.2009, Wind Mountain Lipizzans, 832 Favory VIII Bellanna x Isa) to Shelley Oates of Weirsdale, FL.

**Favory II Gabriella II-1** (b.1998, Charlie Horse Acres, 535 Favory II Bonasera III x Gabriella II) to Stephanie Frank of Fall Creek, OR.

**Favory II Maestina** (b.1997, Charlie Horse Acres, 535 Favory II Bonasera III x Maestina) to Chrissy and John Green of Rathdrum, ID.

### *XL Lipizzan Mares:*

**Divya** (XL) (b.2015, Spearhead Equines, 760 Favory IV Delta x Destiny (XL) to Private.

**Leila May I** (XL) (b.2006, Plum Crazy Originals, 748 Favory IV Betsy II x Ketta Mayday (XL)) to Private of Boise, ID.



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# USLF Intel - Talking Points

by Ellen Chappell, Secretary

1. Our Annual Meeting was online this year and was a great success! We had over 50 attendees and two invited speakers. Please see the article by Samantha Martinson, or new Vice President (VP). It is the role of the Vice President to organize our Annual Meeting. We will be seeing even more of Sam. Thanks goes to this year's organizing committee: Lynn Smith, Samantha Martinson, Tony Martinson, Ellen Chappell, and Lisa Simmons.
2. Other new or re-elected board members include Steph Mussman, Muffin Smith, and Rennie Squire as Directors. Muffin will remain Treasurer and Sarah Casey is taking over as Secretary. A big "thank you" goes out to Lynn Smith, our out-going Vice President; and to Ellen Chappell, our out-going Secretary.
3. The Board found video conferencing to be more rewarding and productive than the phone and we are planning to use it when possible for our monthly meetings. It is nice to see everyone's faces!
4. As we enter a new USLF Calendar Year, which runs November to October, our members are encouraged to consider ways they can get involved. The USLF does not exist without our volunteers. Even if you cannot volunteer, what you do to promote the breed supports our Mission.
5. Check out the Merchandise available on our website: <https://www.uslipizzan.org/uslf-store#!form/USLFStore>. Please consider purchasing one or more items, to help maintain our operating budget.
6. Auctions are another important USLF fundraiser. The Board is considering forming an Auction and Fundraising Committee. Please contact the [USLFOffice@gmail.com](mailto:USLFOffice@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering. It will be a fun way to contribute!
7. With the ongoing pandemic, it is a great time to help the Lipizzan Rescue Federation (LRF) in any way you can.
8. The North American Studbook is online. If you have not checked it out, we encourage you to do so at <https://www.uslipizzan.org/>. You will need your member-only login to access it.
9. As a reminder, information can be found on the USLF website regarding Lipizzan registration and transfer.

Information can be found on our website, <https://www.uslipizzan.org/registry#!form/Registry>.

10. We are in the process of updating the USLF Stallion Guide. This is so exciting! Thanks to all stallion owners who provided information. Breeding season is just around the corner.
11. A big thank you goes to Diana Jochem (formerly Stocker) for all her work on our beautiful website! Brittany Denmark Purcell has graciously offered to step into the role of Website Chairman, as Diana moves onto other things.
12. If you received this issue, your USLF membership is current. Thank you! The *USLF Lipizzan News* is just one of our member perks.
13. We are always looking for stories and photos for the *USLF Lipizzan News*. Email your submission to: [Lipizzannews@gmail.com](mailto:Lipizzannews@gmail.com). There are also new advertising options and rates. For additional information about those, email [USLFOffice@gmail.com](mailto:USLFOffice@gmail.com). It is not too early to be thinking about your spring submissions.



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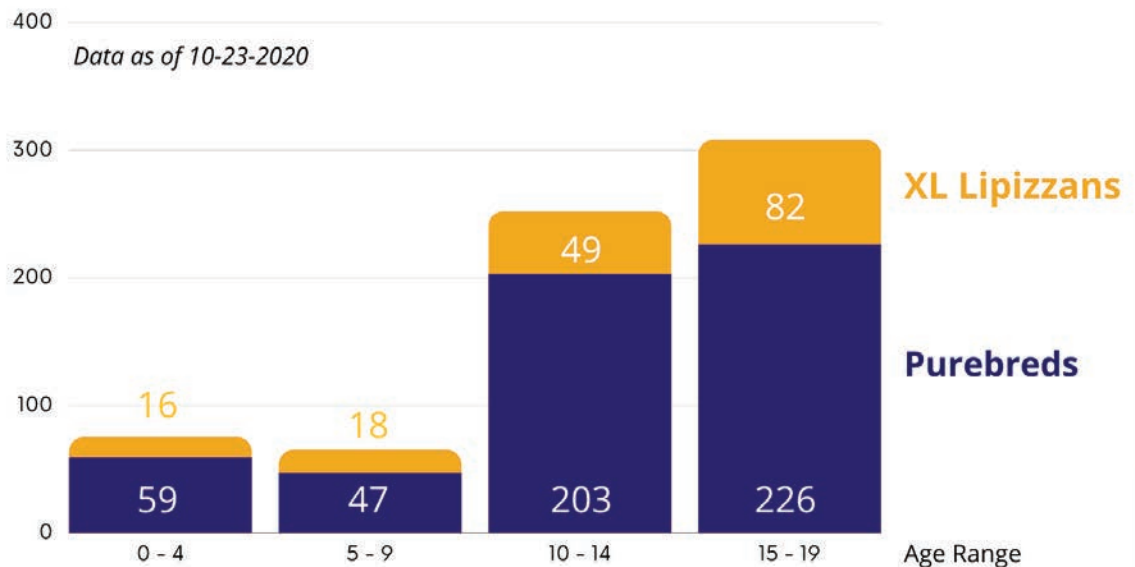
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## Living USLF-Registered Lipizzans and XL Lipizzans by Age Group

Note: Lipizzans age 20 and over not included on graph.

## BREED STATUS



We are excited to announce the  
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If you are planning to stand a stallion in 2021 and would like them to be included please reach out to us at [USLFOffice@gmail.com](mailto:USLFOffice@gmail.com)



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