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IRONHORSE APPALOOSA STUD Newsletter. Issue 2

#### Tiz the season

Foaling season has officially begun and we are eager to meet our 2021 foal crop, each and everyone of them. We like to welcome our foals from early Spring onwards, when the weather starts to warm up.

15 mares are due this year, we are expecting high standard Appaloosa foals from very well thought out crosses.

## From the maternity ward

Cayuse Mighty Surprising (Lucy) has bagged up and is next to the house. Eating well and loving the attention, offical due date 7/9/21. No wax yet so a little while off. In foal to Smokin Aces.

Right next to Lucy but in her own yard and stable we have decided to bring in Lily (Miss Califawenia). We check each mare twice a day and noticed her bagged developed quickly, and brought in for monitoring. Her first foal, born last year arrived earlier so we are being extra careful. In foal to Ironhorse Dark Eclipse. We are excited to meet a full sibling to SupaNova who we fell in love with last season.

### Foaling yards update!







We are getting things done! Talk about the 11th hour, nothing like bagging up mares to get us motivated! Bill has added on two more stables and joining yards to the existing ones, nice big 5x5m boxes that we will be able to enclose. We have added a few touches that will make things safer and easier things like a little handy water fill up door on each stable front next to the feeding troughs. So we can feed and fill up water troughs without entering. for those foal proud mares, this is essential. Latches that do not poke out from gates, hose reel, storage baskets, plenty of places to hang leads and halters as well as a medicine cabinet for all bandages, dressings etc. Check out our progress photos, a bit of decorating, shavings and finishing touches to go.





## FUN FACT

One of our resident sires 'IRON HORSE DARK ECLIPSE' got his registered name

from a special event that happened the night he was born. Tiger was born the same night a Luna eclipse occurred, we wanted a name that reflected his striking colouring - black with a snow cap blanket. So Ironhorse Dark Eclipse it was. Born 14/11/2012.

By MAGICS MINGO MISS out of CORVIDS JESSES

MAGIC, Tiger has been with us for 9 years now and has 20 progeny and is expecting 4 foals this coming season from 4 in-house Appaloosa mares of ours.



## Q&A

## What made you want to breed and raise Appaloosas?

The versatility of the breed, we fell in love with their temperaments, their willingness to learn and how smart they are. They are such a great allrounder horse, one you could take far in the show ring and/or plod along at home with, for people of all ages. There was a huge hole in the market we knew we could fill. Looking for Appaloosas with a high percentage of Appaloosa pedigree was very, very hard to find here in Australia in a breed that's dominated by outcrossing to other breeds. Our main goal is to breed Appaloosa to Appaloosa to preserve and restore the integrity of the breed.

- Bill



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## 'Ironhorse Jewel Of Night' AAA 64077

Yallawa Boys Night Out x Moonshine Silver Cloud

2018 black LPLP snowcap Appaloosa filly. She was a standout since birth and we knew she had a big bright future ahead of her.

Now owned by a beautiful couple in QLD who are in the making of starting their own Appaloosa stud. Jewel is a major asset to their program and has become apart of the family.





#### On our contact list for this years foal crop?

Check your emails, inboxes and or mobiles for updated information. If you have not received your copy please get in touch ASAP.

### Focus on me

## 'Riverdowns Image In Black'



#### Mr Aweluminary IMP x Riverdowns Mega Image

2017 Solid Black Appaloosa mare with a blaze. 14 2hh, 5 panel negative. Bred by Riverdowns Stud, QLD.

Delilah should not be underestimated. With bloodlines to boot, this young mare has it all going for her.. she has made a huge comeback after a freak paddock accident which caused a leg break. A huge credit to her breeders, they persisted and nursed her to until it healed.

A full sister to multi national champion stallion Riverdowns Awe'Tomic Dream AAA. She has won our hearts here at Ironhorse, such a gentle, kind nature, a true gem.

Delilah is expecting her first foal to our performance bred stallion Ironhorse Dark Eclipse on October 10.



#### Ironhorse foals are SmartFoals!

SmartFoal gives me confidence to actually go to bed!

The alarm system lets me know if and when a mare is laying down with one look at the computer screen or my mobile phone. I can rule out false alarms quite easily and know when to jump up and put my boots on because she's in labour.

After using this system for almost 6 years.. I can't Imagine foaling season without it. I can and often do every year have more than one mare hooked up and monitoring her. It really is a smart bit of gear! Australian owned, created by a dear friend of ours who can definitely be described as innovative.

- Linda





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