

ISLE O LENA Q-19715

Sire: ISLE B SAN Q-2840
Dam: SUGAR LENA Q-1694
Breeder: HUNTER PASTORAL COMPANY, SCONE, NSW
First Owner: HUNTER PASTORAL COMPANY, SCONE, NSW
Owner: T. & J. COEN, KANGAROO GROUND, VICTORIA
2/11/1987 - 10/3/2019 (31 years) -Black
Profile: 30 Registered AQHA progeny.

Isle O Lena ("Blackie") was more like a member of the family than a pet. He was part of the Coen family for 31 years. He was the epitome of the Quarter Horse: kind, gentle and athletic. What made him special was that he excelled in three very different disciplines — cutting, western pleasure and eventing.

'Blackie' was born in 1987 at Ellerston Quarter Horse Stud in the Hunter Valley, New South Wales. By ISLE B SAN Q-2840 and out of SURAR LENA Q-1694, 'Blackie' was bred for cutting. Purchased as a yearling by Jim Coen of Erin Park Stud in Whittlesea, Victoria, he was trained by Roger Wagner for cutting. He was an NCHA top 10 Novice Horse as well as a Gold Cup Open placegetter. He later took Jim's son, Tom, too many wins and placings in Novice, Open and Non-Pro Cutting.

At age 10, 'Blackie' was re-trained by David Norbury for Western Pleasure with amazing success. 'Blackie' received an AQHA Bronze Century Award, was a Superior Western Pleasure horse and was twice runner up Pleasure Horse of Australia. He won a special recognition award from the Australian Halter Showcase for winning the Open Pleasure Stakes and Senior Horse Stakes three years running (1998, 1999 and 2000). In 1999 he won the Senior Horse Pleasure Stakes at NPHA, AQHA Championships and Victorian State Championships.

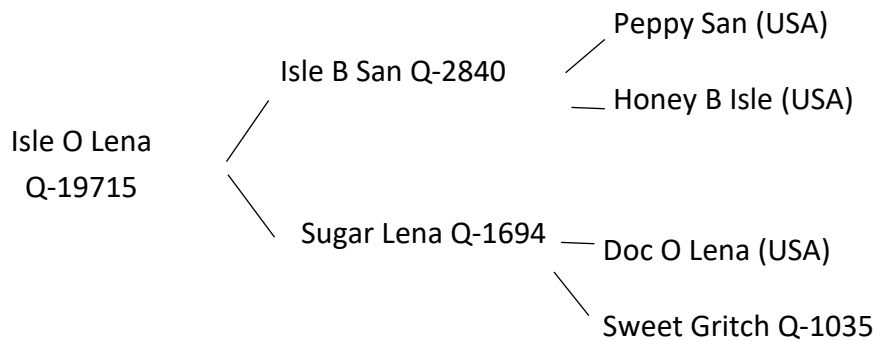
'Blackie' was still a stallion at this time and taught Tom and Julie's kids, Kate and James, to ride. Kate and 'Blackie' had a special bond — Kate would get off the family pony in tears and climb aboard her gentle mate. The decision was made to geld 'Blackie' at the

age of 14 so that Kate, then ten, could take him to Pony Club. Together, they learnt the "English" style of riding, including show jumping and cross country. They soon began to compete in One Day events, which incorporated dressage, cross country and show jumping disciplines. They were rarely unplaced and bought home many blue ribbons over the years. Kate and 'Blackie' qualified to compete at State level in dressage twice and in eventing three times. 'Blackie' also won "Eventer of the Year" twice and high point horse (out of 80) at the Kangaroo Ground Pony Club.

Blackie was an exceptional cutting and western pleasure horse, but his favourite discipline was cross country jumping. He was a calm jumper, fearless but careful. He was very much admired by judges and parents —Julie remembers getting constant offers to buy him and he certainly made Quarter Horses popular in the Pony Club world. Due to his wonderful temperament and calm, consistent behaviour, 'Blackie' became the go-to horse to lead unwilling horses through water jumps and to assist in demonstrations at the Club by horse dentists and vets. 'Blackie' and Kate continued to compete together until Kate stopped riding to focus on her studies in year 12. 'Blackie' was 21 years old by this stage, and he moved into retirement at the Coen's.

Julie continued to trail ride with 'Blackie' until he was 28 years old. 'Blackie' also was also tasked with being the chief babysitter to Tom and Julie's various younger horses, with his calm, sensible and intelligent nature making him an ideal candidate for the role. 'Blackie' was a true friend and gentleman to the very end. He was always gentle and very rarely misbehaved. 'Blackie' passed away on 10 March 2019, at the age of 31. He was the perfect horse until the very end and will never be forgotten.

Lineage



Progeny

Blackie wasn't bred to many mares. Despite this, his progeny has been very successful:

Name	Achievements
Annlee He's Jimdandy	AQHA Champion and Amateur Champion
	Superior Horse — Halter Western Pleasure
	Winner of Australian Halter Showcase Super Horse
	Superior Horse — Amateur Western Pleasure
	Superior Horse — Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
Erin Opal Isle	NCHA Futurity Finalist and Top 10 placegetter
I'm a Cowboy	Top Open & Non- Pro Cutting Horse
Tickawarra Isle O Roc	Champion halter and amateur horse
Tickawarra Off Ya Roc	Champion youth horse
Flashy Prospect	Youth Champion Horse
Erin Silver Oak (grandson)	Currently holds nearly 1000 AQHA points
	Silver & Bronze Century Trail
	Superior Trail and Amateur Trail
	Superior Amateur Showmanship
	Superior Amateur Trail
	Amateur Champion Horse
	Amateur Bronze Century Trail
	Youth Superior Horse
	Youth Champion Horse

Blackie's best producing mare is Erin Slick O Lena (Q39371), owned by the Rose family. Her progeny has earnt nearly 4000 AQHA points:

Name
RQH Bam B Lam
RQH Classic Style
RQH Isle B Back
RQH Isle B Stylish
RQH Isle B There
RQH Southern Style
RQH Isle B Chick (dam of RQH Pass The Red, holder of over 900 AQHA points)





Photo - INTERZONE HORSE TRIALS, WERRIBEE, 2006



Photo – CROSS COUNTRY



Photo — Pony Club mount



Photo - SHOWJUMPING

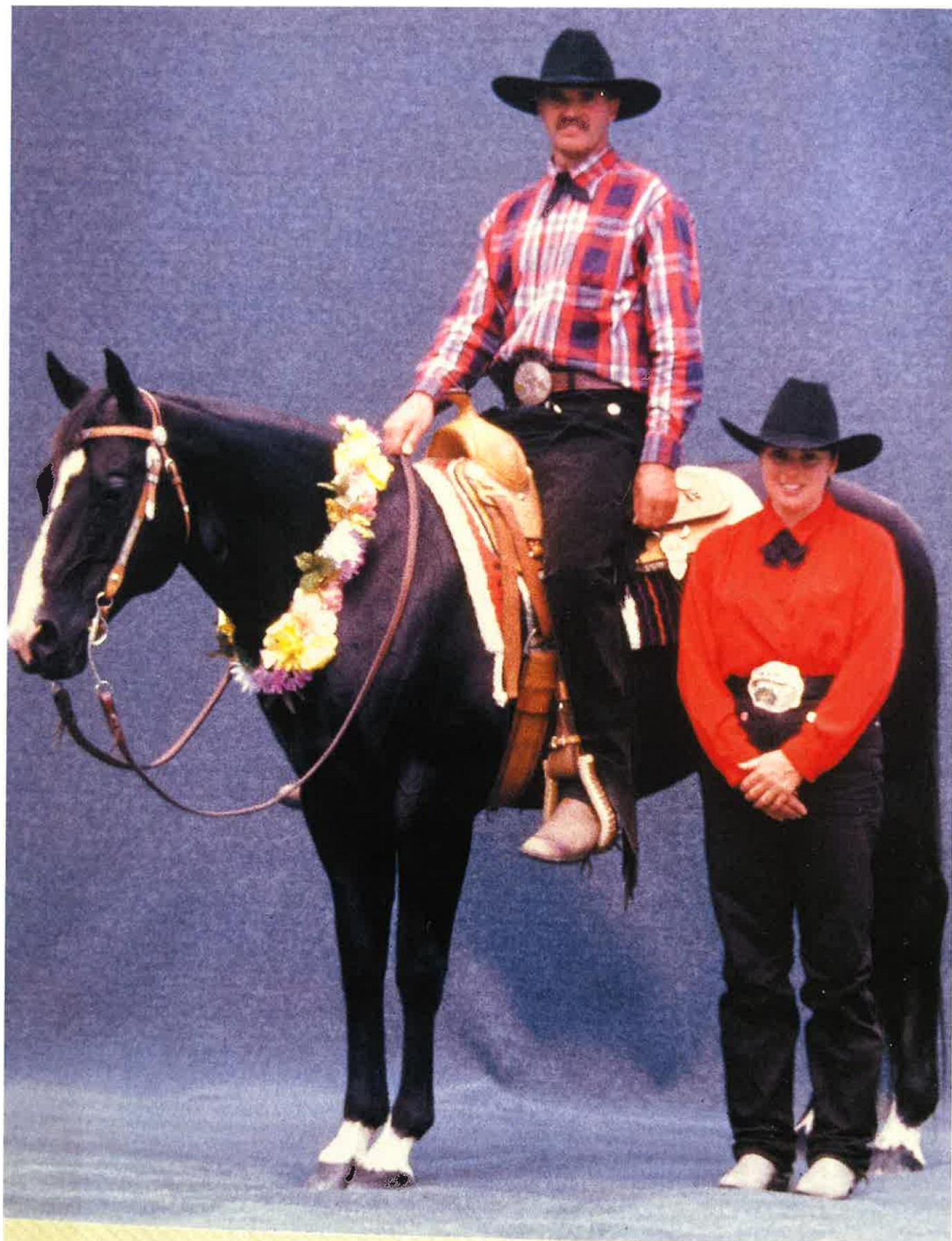


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