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2023 NCHA Open Derby Champion 'Merada In Prada' Q-96354  
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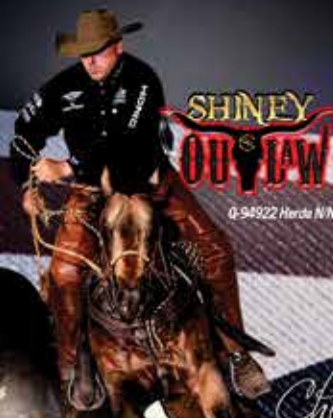
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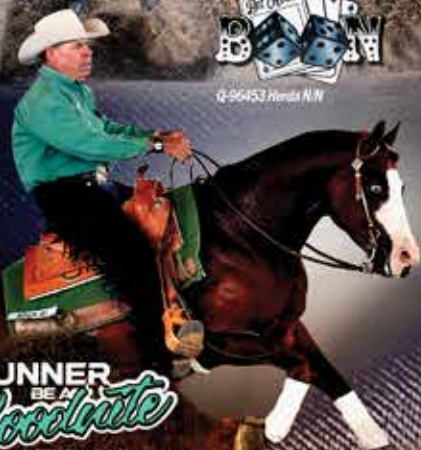
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**Goodnite**  
Q-91426 Herd N/N



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**FOO MUCH**  
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**GO!**  
**GO!**



**GUNNERS**  
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Q-97311 Herd N/N (IMP)



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HIGH BROW HICKORY  
SMART LITTLE KITTY

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SMART LITTLE UNO  
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# Cole

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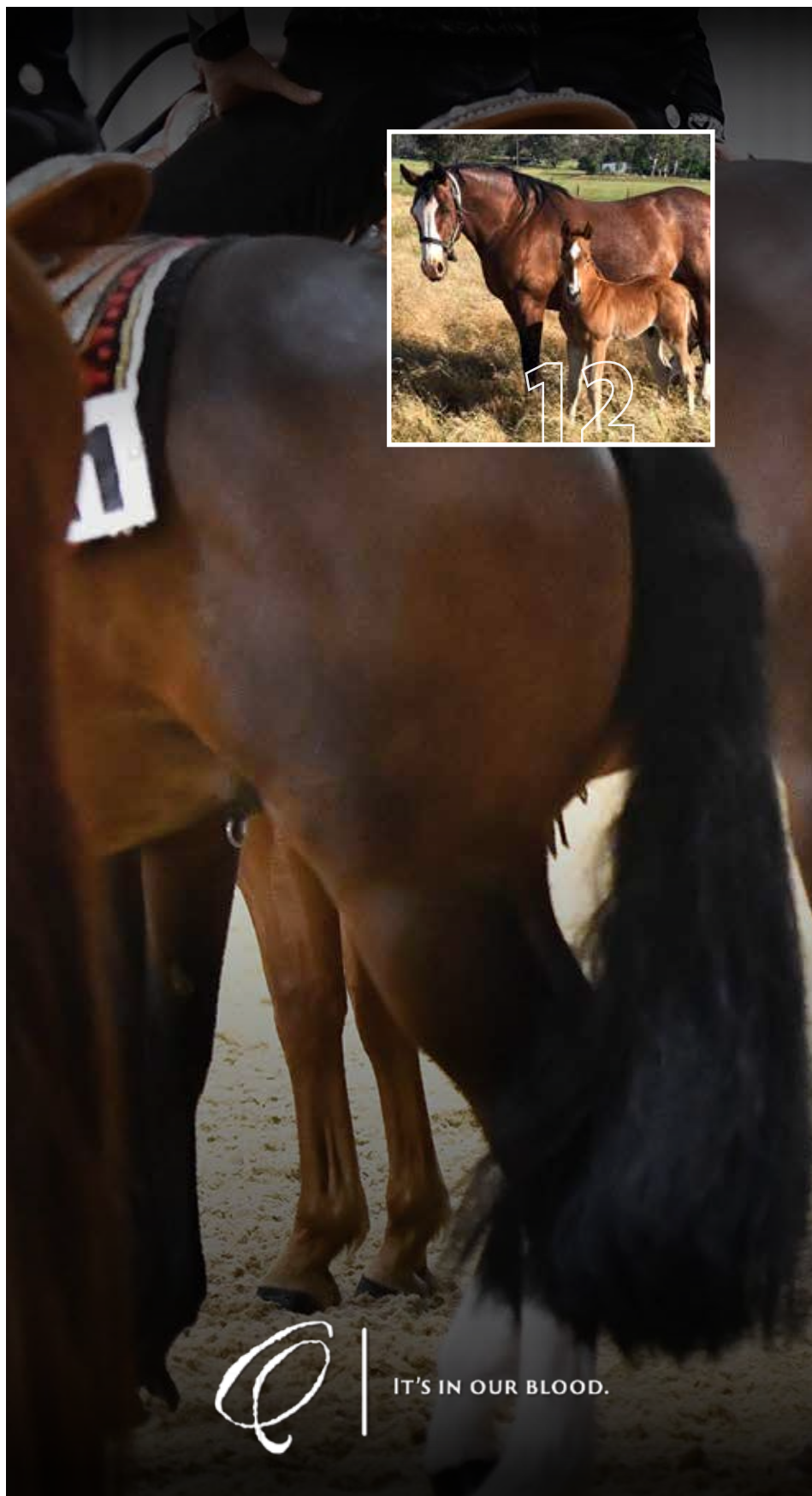
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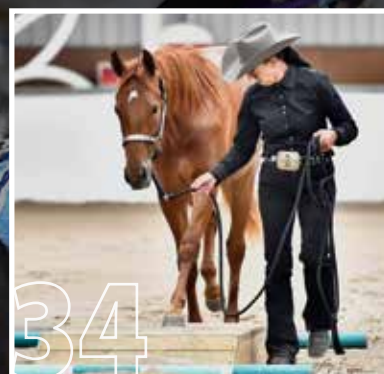


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## AQHA HIGHEST PLACED OPEN & NOVICE HORSE INCENTIVES

In conjunction with the 2023 Australian Campdraft Association End Of Year Awards, the AQHA highest placed Open & Novice Horse incentives were announced.

Open Horse was 'Yulgilbar Duck N Down' Q-71336 - owner Jamie Gray (pictured left) was presented with a \$1,250 cheque & Yulgilbar Quarter Horse Stud receiving \$1,250 as the breeder.

Novice Horse was 'Sky Cat' Q-84171 owned by Stewart & Kerry Wallace receiving \$1,250.00 & Glenn & RK Kirkbridge as the breeder will also bank \$1250.00. Congratulations to all parties!

## REMINDER - AQHA JUDGES CLINIC

Our AQHA Judges Clinic is being held from the 4th to 6th of August, 2023 at QSEC (Queensland State Equestrian Centre) Caboolture, QLD

**RSVP's DUE: 10th July 2023**

FENCE SITTERS WELCOME. CONTACT OUR OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NCHA AND TO A SUCCESSFUL 2023 NCHA 4CYTE FUTURITY SHOW

The AQHA would like to congratulate the NCHA Australia Board of Directors, it's staff and all of its members on another great Futurity Show!

As we watched some of the greatest cutting horses at such an elite level, it was exciting to see Quarter Horse ownership a proud factor within the members of the NCHA industry. Congratulations to Yulgilbar Magic Stevie Q-95617 as he was crowned the 2023 NCHA 4CYTE Open Futurity Champion with Todd Graham and to the owners Tracey and Jason McClurg. Well done to all the competitors and owners at the show.



2023 NCHA 4CYTE Open Futurity Champion - Todd Graham and 'Yulgilbar Magic Stevie' Q-95617 during presentation with owners and sponsors. Photo by: Liz Speed Photography



## \$3000 IN CASH INCENTIVES FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLONCURRY STOCKMAN'S CHALLENGE & CAMPDRAFT

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- The horse must be competing at the Cloncurry Stockman's Challenge event under their full AQHA Name as above.
- The horse must be of relevant horse status to the award, according to ACA, AQHA & ASCA records (that is Open Horse or Classic Horse).
- The owner of the horse must be a current financial member of AQHA.
- The rider of the horse must be a current member of ACA & ASCA to compete.

### To be eligible for any of the BREEDER AWARDS:

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- The breeder of the horse must be a current financial member of AQHA.
- The rider of the horse must be a current member of ACA & ASCA to compete.

The 2023 Cloncurry Stockman's Challenge and Campdraft will be held at the Cloncurry Equestrian Centre between 11-16 July 2023, with the Finals held on Saturday afternoon following the grand parade and presentation of the finalists. Further information is available at [www.currychallenge.com.au](http://www.currychallenge.com.au).

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# CONGRATULATIONS REINING AUSTRALIA ON THEIR GOLD BUCKLE FUTURITY WRAP UP

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The AQHA sponsored the OPEN DERBY by adding \$2,200 towards the total prize pool. The Class Champion was **NPH GUNNER BE A GOODNITE (Q-91426)** Active members Neylon Performance Horses where the breeder & he is now owned by David & Jane Manchon of Trinity Ranch who both pocketed the AQHA incentive.

## Results for our Open Derby L4

- 1st Warren Backhouse - NPH Gunner Be A Goodnite Q-91426 - 74 points
- 2nd Lana Kelderman - Nu Too Much Q-91387- 73.6 points
- 3rd Ashleigh Backhouse - NPH Chexy Nu It All Q-96347- 72.3 points
- 4th John Wicks - Big River Custom LJ Q-93184 - 71.6 points
- 5th Matthew Clifford - Son of RC Q-84053 - 70.8 points
- 6th Keiran Moses - Finallygotagunner Q-85887 - 70.3 points

Many thanks to our Fantastic Buckle Sponsor Australian Quarter Horse Association. Congratulations to Neylon Performance Horses as the successful breeders, picking up the Australian Quarter Horse Association \$275 Incentive award for the highest scoring registered QH in the class as well as David & Jane Manchon picking up the Australian Quarter Horse Association Owners \$275 incentive.

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Develop and implement procedures that ensure humane treatment of all horses and animals associated with the breed;  
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Record and preserve the pedigrees of the Australian Quarter Horse; Maintain the integrity of the breed;  
Provide beneficial service for our members which enhance and encourage Quarter Horse Ownership and participation;  
and Generate growth of the AQHA Membership via the marketing and promotion of the Association



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## A FEW IMPORTANT ITEMS TO CHECK FOR THE STALLION:

Does the **IBF** box have **YES**? If not, then the stallion has not be recognised by the AQHA as a breeding sire and means that you could have a problem with your foal being registered, you can check with the AQHA Office 02 6762 6444, the stallion may be in the process of having its IBF completed.

Is the current owner a financial member of the AQHA and therefore eligible to lodge breeding returns for this stallion? Check with the AQHA as above.

## GENETIC TESTS FOR HORSES

What are the genetic tests results showing for this stallion and does your mare have genetic results on file also if any of the following tests are applicable.

The below is lengthy but it is important that you are kept informed and can make your own decisions on breeding.

**HERDA:** Hereditary equine regional dermal asthenia is an inherited skin condition that is characterized by hyperextensible skin, scarring and sever lesions along the back of affected horses.

- Horses with **N/N** genotype will not have hereditary equine regional dermal asthenia and cannot transmit this hereditary equine regional dermal asthenia variant to their offspring.

- Horses with **N/HRD** genotype will not be affected by hereditary equine regional dermal asthenia, but are carriers. They may transmit this hereditary equine regional dermal asthenia variant to 50% of their offspring.
- Matings between two carriers result in a 25% chance of producing an affected foal.
- Horses with **HRD/HRD** genotype will have hereditary equine regional dermal asthenia. These horses are not registerable with the AQHA.

**OLWS (LWO):** Lethal white overo is a genetic disorder that results from two copies of the version of the gene causing the frame overo coat colour pattern.

- Horses with **N/N** genotype will not have the overo pattern and cannot transmit this lethal white overo variant to their offspring.
- Horses with **N/CAR (N/O)** genotype will have the overo pattern and are **carriers**. They may transmit this lethal white overo variant to their offspring.
- Matings with **N/N** horses will result in a 50% chance of producing an overo foal.
- Matings with between two carriers will result in a 25% chance of producing a lethal white foal.
- Horses with **O/O** genotype will have LWO, a condition incompatible with life.





**HYPP:** Hyperkalemic periodic paralysis (HYPP) is characterized by sporadic attacks of muscle tremors (shaking or trembling), weakness, and/or collapse. Attacks can also be accompanied by loud breathing noises resulting from paralysis of the muscles of the upper airway. Occasionally, sudden death can occur following a severe paralytic attack, presumably from heart failure or respiratory muscle paralysis.

Manifestation of clinical signs of HYPP depends on many factors including stress, diet, and changes in exercise. Some horses may manifest severe signs of the disease while others exhibit little or no signs.

- Horses with **N/N** genotype will not have hyperkalemic periodic paralysis and cannot transmit this hyperkalemic periodic paralysis variant to their offspring.

- Horses with **N/H** genotype can display episodes of hyperkalemic periodic paralysis and are **Carriers**. They may transmit this hyperkalemic periodic paralysis variant to 50% of their offspring.

- Horses with **H/H** genotype can display episodes of hyperkalemic periodic paralysis and typically are more severely affected. They will transmit this hyperkalemic periodic paralysis variant to all of their offspring.

- **HYPP carriers are not registerable with the AQHA unless spayed or gelded.**

**PSSM1:** Horses with Type 1 Polysaccharide Storage Myopathy (PSSM1) have a muscle disease characterized by accumulation of abnormal complex sugars (glycogen) in skeletal muscles. The accumulation of abnormal sugars can cause breakdown of muscle fibers (rhabdomyolysis) which leads to muscle pain, weakness, skin twitching, sweating, and reluctance to move.

- Horses with **N/N** genotype will not have type 1 Polysaccharide Storage Myopathy and cannot transmit the PSSM1 variant to their offspring.
- Horses with **N/PSSM1** genotype will have the PSSM1 variant and may show signs of type 1 disease. Horses with this genotype may transmit the PSSM1 variant to 50% of their offspring.
- Horses with **PSSM1/PSSM1** genotype are homozygous for the PSSM1 variant and may be more severely affected than N/PSSM1 horses. Horses with this genotype will transmit the PSSM1 variant to all of their offspring.

**MH:** Malignant hyperthermia (MH) is an inherited disease in which affected horses can be triggered by halogenated

anesthetics, succinylcholine, stress, or excitement, which can induce a hyper-metabolic state characterized by symptoms including muscle contracture, elevated temperature, and an irregular heart rhythm.

- Horses with **N/N** genotype will not have malignant hyperthermia and cannot transmit this malignant hyperthermia variant to their offspring.
- Horses with **N/MH** genotype will be affected by malignant hyperthermia. They can transmit this malignant hyperthermia variant to their offspring. Matings with N/N genotype will result in a 50% chance of producing a malignant hyperthermia-affected foal.
- Horses with **MH/MH** genotype will have malignant hyperthermia.

**GBED:** Glycogen branching enzyme deficiency (GBED) is a fatal genetic disorder that results from the inability to correctly store glycogen in several organs of the body.

- Horses with **N/N** genotype will not have glycogen branching enzyme deficiency and cannot transmit this glycogen branching enzyme deficiency variant to their offspring.

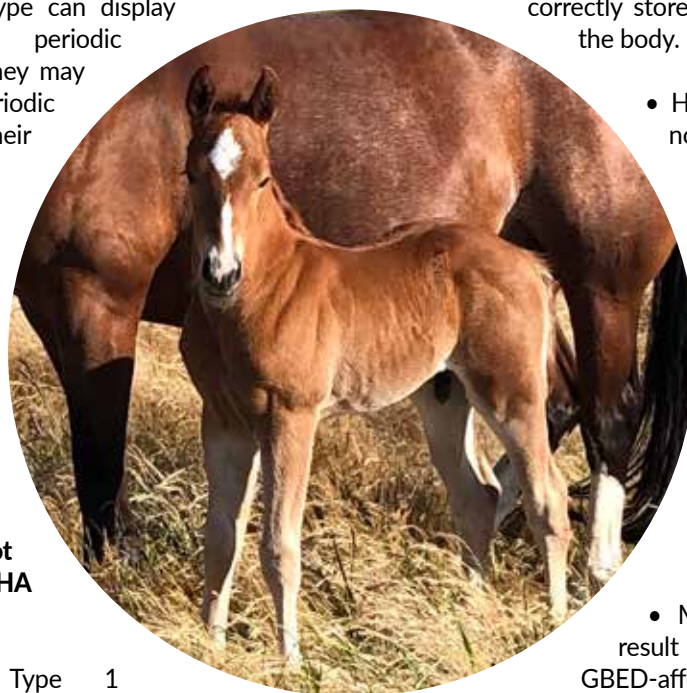
- Horses with **N/GBED** genotype will not be affected by glycogen branching enzyme deficiency, but are **carriers**. They may transmit this GBED variant to 50% of their offspring.

- Matings between two carriers result in a 25% chance of producing a GBED-affected foal.

- Horses with **GBED/GBED** genotype will have glycogen branching enzyme deficiency, a fatal condition.

**MYHM:** Myosin-heavy chain myopathy (MYHM) is a muscle disease that results in two distinct clinical disease presentations, immune-mediated myositis (IMM) and non-exertional rhabdomyolysis. Both presentations involve muscle loss or damage and are linked to the same genetic variant.

- Horses with **N/N** genotype will not have increased susceptibility for a myosin-heavy chain myopathy and cannot transmit the MYHM variant to their offspring.
- Horses with **N/My** genotype may develop a myosin heavy chain myopathy. They may transmit this MYHM variant to 50% of their offspring. Matings to horses with the N/N genotype will result in a 50% chance of producing a foal that may develop myosin-heavy chain myopathy.
- Horses with **My/My** genotype may develop a more severe form of a myosin-heavy chain myopathy. They will transmit this MYHM variant to all of their offspring.





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# ‘MERADA IN PRADA’

## Q-96354

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Proudly owned by Belinda Staib and Ken Frost, of Beljay Performance Horses, Coalstoun Lakes, Queensland, Merada in Prada Q-96354, was bred by Cutting Edge Quarter Horses. The last horse by Lethal Lena Q-31697, Prada is out of MCV Cats Dualin Darlin Q-68336, and is a mare that Belinda and Ken are extremely proud of.

Merada in Prada Q-96354 (Lethal Lena X MCV Cats Dual Darlin) owner BELJAY Performance Horses and breeder Cutting Edge Quarter Horses shares the \$5k AQHA incentive.



Phil Dawson and Merada in Prada Q-96354 - Open Derby Champions with owners and sponsors





Phil Dawson and Merada in Prada Q-96354

**R**ecently, when Merada in Prada and her trainer, Phil Dawson, stepped into the 2023 NCHA Cutting Futurity pen for their run in the NCHA Open Derby, the pair really meant business. They had a job to do, and they went ahead and did it. After totally dominating their chosen cattle, Phil and Prada walked back out of the pen with an amazing score of 226 in the clean slate final, a score no-one else would get close to. The win took Prada's LTE to just short of \$47k.

The victory was also a reminder of when the mare's full sister, Beccy's Merada Q-92884, and Phil Dawson, showed their talents in the NCHA Open Derby, back in 2018, scoring 224 in a formidable run to take out the event. Belinda Staib was in the stands watching with total admiration.

*'Back then, when Phil won the NCHA Derby on Beccy's Merada Q-92884 with such a great run, that mare definitely caught my*

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Phil Dawson and Merada in Prada Q-96354

eye—I just loved her, and Phil had always spoken so highly of her. It was the same year that Phil showed our stallion, Shine's Like Metallic, to an equal 3rd in the NCHA Open Futurity—our first ever year of having a horse at the Futurity.'

That year, Belinda had later spoken about Beccy's Merada to the mare's breeder, Pam Drew, of Cutting Edge Quarter Horses, and it was then that Pam became aware of how much Belinda wanted to buy progeny out of Beccy, if the chance should ever come up. But when Beccy's full sister, came on the market, Belinda did not hesitate to get back in touch with Pam about the mare.

'I knew full well that she was the last foal by Lethal Lena, so I said to Pam; I'd really like to buy her. We worked out the deal, and as the mare wasn't yet registered, Pam also gave us the opportunity to name her, which we were really happy about. We put a fair bit of thought into it to come up with a fitting name. We'd watched the movie, 'The Devil Wears Prada', with its storyline based upon being fashionable, and becoming rich and

famous. One thing led to another, and we named her Merada In Prada, and Prada has definitely fulfilled that in the world of Cutting. Phil Dawson has trained Prada all the way through and has always liked her. While she was a little bit of a pocket-rocket through her 3yo year, she's settled right down into her program now, and is amazing to work with.'

Belinda says that she's such a good style of mare and a typical Lethal Lena, so she has some size about her and is lovely to be around. While she can still sometimes be a little quirky, Belinda loves her personality and says that she's easy to do anything with.

'Ken and I were excited that Prada had made the Open Derby final, but just a couple of days prior to the final, Phil came to me and said Prada doesn't feel that well. He said she'd seemed a little bit off when he worked her in the practice pen, so we thought she may have been a bit sore. We had her looked over by a vet, Phil Manchon, and he said couldn't see any problems, and said she was fine. However, we did some Equissage and Pulse Therapy



on her, just in case there was a little muscle soreness there. I thought to myself; she's in the finals, whatever happens, happens. At that point, with her maybe being a little sore, I never, ever thought that she'd win the Derby. Whatever it was, the Equissage and the Pulse Therapy had obviously helped her immensely.'

Ken, Belinda, their son, Mitchell, and their friends Trina, Kathy and Darrin, were sitting in the grandstand watching and couldn't believe it when Phil and Prada walked out with that score!

'Phil had shown her extremely well. We've had some great wins with Shine's Like Metallic, but Prada's win was both a shock and a surprise for us. It's been such a great journey with Phil and Bernie, with some awesome results and we're so grateful! We've had various horses with them over the last 7 years. Shiny won a Futurity at Toowoomba, and Prada won the Victorian Open Futurity in September, 2022, in a three-way run-off. Now she's won the Derby, so it's definitely been exciting! Our friend Trina's horse got third in the event, too, so we had some celebrating to do!

Future competition plans for Prada are looking good, with Phil planning on taking her to Scone, the Victorian Futurity and to St George.

'I'm also planning to show her later in the year, or next year,' Belinda says. 'I've never shown Prada before, so I'm looking forward to it. Phil will have her for all her Classics, but we've decided we're not going to do too many weekend shows. We want to look after Prada, so we don't want to push her too hard. She means so much to us. We just love the Lethal Lena progeny.'

Belinda and Ken thought Prada was special from the start, and Belinda says, that after taking the mare on, she's always wanted to make Pam proud by doing the right thing by her as the breeder, admitting a great respect for Pam.

'Another exciting thing is that we have two of her embryos due this season, that are by Shines Like Metallic, and we'll be embryoing her back to Shiny, this breeding season. We also have her booked her in to Stevie Rey Von for an embryo transfer, after the Victorian Futurity, and we're also going to try and embryo her to Dual Rey as well. So we have a few really nice foals to look forward to.'



Phil Dawson and Merada in Prada Q-96354 and team



## \$2,500 AQHA BREEDERS INCENTIVE - CUTTING EDGE QUARTER HORSES

## PAM DREW

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Long-time AQHA member Pam Drew, of Cutting Edge Quarter Horses, has been breeding Quarter horses for over 40 years now, and has contributed much to the industry. She is the proud breeder of Merada In Prada, the mare that won the 2023 NCHA Open Derby in outstanding style, an event reminiscent of another of Pam's home-bred mares, Prada's full sister, Beccy's Merada.

**MERADA IN PRADA Q-96354**

*'As a foal,' Pam says. 'I remember Merada In Prada being a little bit different to her full sister, Beccy's Merada. Beccy was very, very quiet and Prada was a little bit hotter and significantly more fast-footed. When Beccy was getting broken-in, she was the type that if you'd asked her to do something, she'd just do it, whereas Prada had to think about it first, before she decided she wanted to do it.'*

In the 2023 NCHA Open Derby, Pam did get to watch Merada in Prada in her runs, via the livestream from her home, and she said that the Final of the event was so very exciting for her.

*'After Prada was called out as the NCHA Open Derby Champion, the AQHA called me straight away, and I just couldn't talk. I was quite emotional about it, because she looked so much like her sister, Beccy's Merada, and the fact that she was Lethal Lena's last foal ever, made it one very emotional moment. I was happy with everything, and I always thought that Belinda Staib would do right by the mare. Knowing that Phil Dawson was going to train her, I also knew he'd do right by her, too. I look forward to watching her in the future.'*

**Prada's Sire:  
LETHAL LENA Q-31697**

Imported from the USA, Lethal Lena was originally purchased by Craig Emerton on behalf of a Syndicate, of which Pam Drew was one of the Syndicate members. When syndicate shareholders wanted to sell their shares in Lethal Lena, Pam ultimately purchased them for outright ownership of the Quarter horse stallion.

Pam is a very well-known breeder who just loved Lethal Lena Q-31697, a sire who's been gone now for around three years. Mostly interested in breeding Quarter Horses for Cutting, Pam recognized that Lethal Lena (Smart Little Lena x Hot Little Lady) was a particularly talented horse, and he competed successfully in Cutting, Reining and Challenges, winning his fair share of big events. Many people enjoyed watching some of Lethal's magnificent progeny that grew up to compete very successfully in a multitude of disciplines, proving the stallion's versatility as a sire. That's something that Pam is very proud of.

Lethal Lena, who was foaled in 1992, is a sire that will, and should always be remembered for his substantial contribution to the industry, and after siring around 300 foals, his last foal, Merada In Prada, has proven this beyond any doubt.



LETHAL LENA Q-31697

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**Prada's Dam:  
MCV CATS DUALIN DARLIN Q-68336**

*'I bought MCV Cats Dualin Darlin at a stud dispersal sale, held out past Geelong in Victoria,' Pam recalls. 'There were a lot of people there, and my daughter and I had flown up to attend that sale and were originally looking to purchase her dam, Malena's Dualin Darlin, but MCV Cats Dualin Darlin came up first and we liked her. She'd been broken in and we bought her, took her home and proceeded to start her for cutting. Unfortunately however, she wasn't suitable, due to the way she'd been broken in, and that was not the mare's fault at all. Because I'd also bought a couple of other horses at the sale, I did miss out on buying her dam in the end.'*

**Prada's Full Sister:  
BECCY'S MERADA Q-92884**

Prada's full sister is a mare bred and owned by Pam Drew. Beccy's Merada was the talented cutting horse that Phil Dawson showed to win the 2018 NCHA Open Derby, scoring a 224, for another memorable run for Pam.

*'Following that win,' Pam says. 'We never did much with Beccy in her Classic year, as she'd an accident, although we're not sure where it happened. Even though we gave her a good 3 months off, she was never really sound after that, and I think it may have been her stifle joint. That brought me to the decision to just breed with her. She had been so successful, and I think it's far better to quit when they're on top of their game. I don't believe in trying to take horses back into competition when they're not up to it, and maybe risk making them less. I've had Open horses and I don't run them in any event other than the Open Aged events. Whilst my daughter is a Non Pro competitor, she knows she doesn't get to ride them until they at least get to their Classic years.'*

*This year was the first year we didn't have a horse in the NCHA Cutting Futurity. However, I do have a Futurity horse being prepared for 2024. She's actually by NRR Cat King Cole, and when I was looking at some of his 2yo's, her included, I found out her registered name was Beccy Cole. While she's no relation to Beccy's Merada, I did think that was a very good omen. Incidentally, MCV Cats Dualin Darlin is due to foal this year to NRR Cat King Cole, so we do have that to look forward to!'*



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## AUSTRALIAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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# HAMISH MACCALLUM

THE AUSTRALIAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION HONOURS  
HAMISH MACCALLUM WITH INDUCTION INTO THE HALL OF FAME.



Photo: Hamish on his way to win the Snicklefritz Reining Futurity

The name, Hamish MacCallum, is associated with the words “*gifted, honest, reliable, and professional*”. Hamish was known as one of Australia’s greatest horsemen with an extensive knowledge of horse breeding and bloodlines.



Photo: Hamish and Ardo Quarter Lyra  
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**H**amish was born in Coonabarabran, NSW on the 27th of March, 1954 and raised on a working farm in the beautiful Warrumbungles, NSW. He left the farm after grade six to attend boarding school at Scots College in Sydney and returned home on holidays. *'At 16 years of age Hamish started to work for Robert Baldwin at Euroka Quarter Horse Stud and worked there for a couple of years. During this time he attended a cutting clinic conducted by Tom Lyons in Australia and was offered a job by Tom in the States - at the time he declined. Several months later he rang Tom Lyons and was on a plane for the States the following month at the age of twenty. He worked for Tom for seven years and then went to Santa Barbara to work for one year before returning home to Australia. During his time in the USA, Hamish showed in many cutting and working cowhorse events on horses that he trained.'*

While in America Hamish met an Australian girl, Denise Cooper, in Fort Worth, Texas. 'I went to the NCHA Futurity with my parents Jack and Joan Cooper to watch a stallion they had bought compete in the 1979 Futurity named Peppy Palleo and while I was there my dad introduced me to Hamish. We talked and then met at the after party of the Futurity and danced. After the dance Hamish invited me to come back to America and visit him at Phoenix where he lived. I went home with my parents and for 12 months saved up. I was earning \$67.00 a week as a secretary and paying \$25.00 per week in board so I knew it would take a while. I set myself a goal to win the Alclibar Working Cowhorse Championship which paid \$600.00. I had a great working cowhorse named Wyera and I knew I could win it. I won the show. It was, even now, in the top two most exciting events I ever won. I went over to the

States and stayed with Hamish for two weeks and then came home. I started training horses at my parent's place and did so for another year. I then went back to the States and started working for Tom Lyons, who Hamish worked for. Hamish picked me up at the airport and from that moment we were together. We became engaged 11 months later and married 11 months after that in Melbourne at St Johns Church in Toorak and had our honeymoon in Melbourne before returning back to Phoenix the following week.'

On his return to Australia with his wife Denise and their son Grady, Hamish started his own training operation, Hamish and Denise MacCallum Quarter Horses at Nar Nar Goon in Victoria. The following year Denise gave birth to their second child, a beautiful daughter named Jessica.

After two years in Gippsland, on the 27th of November 1995 Hamish and Denise both started working at Chance Lodge. Hamish was offered the position of Manager and Trainer by Jill and John Farnham who wanted to purchase the property but would only purchase it if Hamish would work for them, an offer Hamish proudly accepted.

Although Hamish only worked at Chance Lodge for 14 months before he sadly passed away, he loved working at Chance Lodge where he paved the way for the stud being as successful as it is today. 'Hamish had an enormous amount of influence on how we breed today because of two factors. Firstly he purchased great mares for me to breed with and secondly apart from being a great horseman Hamish was a great follower of bloodlines and he understood breeding. He loved breeding horses and knew exactly what worked and didn't work with bloodlines. Luckily he passed on much of that knowledge to me although



I chose to breed to Smart Little Lena USA-1565822 (Q-53702), Peptoboonsmal USA-3097910, Freckles Playboy USA-911588, with certain crosses, it was Hamish who taught me how it all works,' commented Denise.

After purchasing a great mare Blue Boons My Granny USA-3350157 in the USA for owners Jill and John Farnham to start up their very successful breeding program, Hamish also purchased some great mares in Australia for Chance Lodge including Oaks Cello FM-22206 for breeding and showing. Hamish was responsible for some of the great horses that are now owned by Chance Lodge including the son of Doc's Oak USA-919614, Amadeus Doc (imp) Q-18767, Beaver Doc Q-2980 (now deceased), Blue Boons My Granny USA-3350157 (who lives in America), Freckles Fortissimo (imp) Q-46828, who is the son of the world famous Freckles Playboy USA-911588, to name just a few.

Over the years Hamish's influence on breeding Quarter Horses in Australia saw him being pursued by family, friends and clients requesting his knowledge of horse breeding and conformation to find them future sires for their own breeding programs. In the Quarter Horse industry the horses that Hamish found, quickly became household names and have influenced and even reset the bar in Quarter Horse breeding in our country.

When Richard Bull wanted to purchase a colt by Doc's Oak USA-919614, the son of Doc Bar USA-76136 and Susies Bay USA-50162 from the 1981 foal crop Hamish came across a sorrel colt from the incredibly well bred mare Freckles Fancy USA-912806 a daughter of Jewels Leo Bars and Miss Cocoa Jay. The resulting foal is the famous cutting sire Docs Freckles Oak Q-14053 (imp/dec) who was started by both Hamish and Tom Lyons in America before he was exported to Australia. Doc's Freckles Oak Q-14053 (imp/dec) was inducted into the AQHA Hall of Fame in 2000 and the NCHA Hall of Fame in 1995.

It was very fitting that Richard was awarded the 2005 Hamish MacCallum Memorial Open Non Pro Champion at the Victorian Futurity when he showed his imported black stallion Acres Destiny Q-38061 to mark 150 points in honour of his closest friend Hamish.

Hamish found the son of the world famous Peppy San Badger USA-1089924 and the daughter of Doc Bar USA-7616, Doc Bar Tonette USA-942908, Doc Denius Q-13011 (imp/dec) for Mt Widderin Quarter Horse Stud. Doc Denius Q-13011 held ROMs in Cutting in both the USA and Australia, he also earned NCHA and AQHA Superior Cutting Horse Awards and was named as the 1986 AQHA Senior Cutting Champion.

For his sister Sally and brother-in-law Vince Bonello, Hamish found the palomino son of Smart Little Lena USA-1565822, Smart Little Diablo Q-18444 (imp/dec), who is from Docs Christa USA-1349566. The stunning palomino colt arrived in Australia at 10 months of age in March 1985 and was later started by Peter Costello.



Photo: Hamish and Denise

His training was completed by Hamish upon his return to Australia. Hamish has also been responsible for many non-professional riders becoming interested in cutting and purchased horses in Australia on their behalf. 'Because of this the majority of non-professional riders competing in 2005 started with horses that Hamish located for them. They have bred on and so it continues,' commented Denise.

Hamish's own great achievements in the show arena included training the World Champion Snaffle Bit Futurity Champion in the USA named Docs Baroque, training and showing the winner of the Snicklefritz Snaffle Bit Reining Futurity Champion and the Arizona Snaffle Bit Reining Futurity Champion and training the Reserve Champion Hackamore Cowhorse and Reserve Champion Texas Snaffle Bit Cowhorse.

Hamish enjoyed many wins in Cutting in both Australia and America and took the following horses to the top of their fields, Docs Baroque, Amadeus Doc Q-18767 (imp), Smart Little Diablo Q-18444 (imp/dec), Chickasha Maggie Q-21265, Oakolena, Oaks Midnight Oil Q-25127, Fortyniner Lena Q-14021, Ardo Quarter Lyra and Oaks Coco Jay, to name just the tip.



## HAMISH ALSO ENJOYED THE FOLLOWING TITLES

- 1989 Silver Buckle Challenge Cowhorse Cup winner of 2 Divisions
- 1992 VCHA Hi Point Novice Horse
- 1993 VCHA RU Hi Point Open and Novice Horse
- 1993 AQHA Hi Point Cutting Horse of Australia
- 1994 NCHA Derby Co Reserve Champion
- 1994 NCHA \$1000 Novice Horse RU
- 1994 VCHA Hi Point Novice Horse
- 1996 NCHA Hi Point Open Gelding of Australia
- 1996 NCHA Novice and Open Top Ten Australia
- 1996 Hi Point Open Horse of Victoria RU
- 1992, 1995 & 1996 Hi Point Open Horse of Victoria
- 1995, 1996 & 1997 VQHA Australian Invitational Cutting Champion

Hamish had a great ability to really understand horses, 'Not to be harsh and make them learn to be trained, but rather work with each horse as an individual and understand how they think and make learning fun and good for them. He also had the most tremendous hands of any trainer that I had ever seen at that time. I have never seen anyone yet in Australia with the same gift of great hands that Hamish had. Those two elements made Hamish stand out from the rest and made him so successful,' commented Denise.

Watching Hamish train horses was a great learning experience for Denise, 'It was great for me as a non pro at the time to watch him with horses. He did everything from breaking, to the finished horse, and he was exceptional. I have been the most fortunate of people being able to be around and watch and learn for seventeen years from a person that had an incredible talent. What Hamish had was special in his approach to training and you don't learn that, you just are.'

Hamish had a tremendous amount of influence on Denise's horse training, 'I was extremely lucky to have had parents that supported my love of training early on and so for four years from when I was 15 to 18 years old, sent me to different trainers in the USA for a few months. First Richard Shrake in Oregon for two months who is one of the top youth trainers for showing in the world, then to Kenneth Galyean in Arkansas for Cutting the following year, then David James in Seattle for Western Riding and Trail class the following year, then Tom Lyons. So I had many years in youth where I showed and learnt from some of the greatest trainers in the world. Then of course to meet Hamish and have so much respect for his training, I had seventeen years of constant learning. I would have to say that Richard Shrake and Hamish were the two major influences in my training, Richard for showing and understanding how to teach and treat clients and Hamish for his horsemanship'.

Hamish sadly passed away on the 13th of January, 1998. 'On the 5th of January Hamish came home from a show on a very

hot day and had a terrible headache. He had a hot shower and it got much worse. He sat on the couch for the night as the headache was quite bad. We went to the doctor on the 6th and I asked the doctor if he could possibly have a brain tumour or meningitis and the doctor laughed at me and advised Hamish that he had a migraine and to take Panadol. By our wedding anniversary the 8th of January Hamish's headache had lessened but I took him to another doctor who advised us to go up to the hospital in Bendigo and have a brain scan. Although the scan looked quite good they advised Hamish to have a spinal tap to check that he did not have an aneurism. They did the spinal tap and found that he did have an aneurism and they put him in an ambulance. Hamish went to St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne. Upon arrival at 2am the doctor told Hamish that he had a leaking aneurism and that if he did not get operated on it would burst, and that could happen within the next two weeks. The doctors could not say when exactly it would burst but when it did, it would be fatal. The operation would give him a 20% chance of survival. Hamish agreed to the operation which was done on the 9th. During the operation the aneurism burst and Hamish was without oxygen for 27 minutes. He did wake up a few hours after the operation, which was not anticipated by the doctors, he was awake for around three hours, however he was unable to move or speak and could only move his eyes. He went into a coma shortly after and became progressively worse. On the 12th at 2.37am his brain stem died and I made the decision that I knew Hamish would have wanted completely and that was to donate his organs. Hamish was pronounced dead on the 13th of January, 1998.'

Because of the donation of his organs a 37 year old father of two, who had two weeks to live, received Hamish's heart and lives healthily and happy with his family. A university student who was on dialysis has Hamish's kidney. A mother of three received Hamish's corneas and was able to see her children for the first time. Brain injury deaths are ideal for organ donations and Hamish's death helped many people.

Nothing good comes from death for the immediate family of the deceased however a great deal of happiness comes to those on the waiting list and their families. What a great gift for a deceased person to be able to give,' said Denise on the importance of organ donation.

During the 1999 AQHA Hall of Fame Inductee presentation at the Australian Quarter Horse Championships 21st Anniversary Show Denise MacCallum proudly accepted the award on behalf of her husband Hamish, 'It was extremely emotional for me to accept the AQHA Hall of Fame Award for Hamish. It really was an honour and tribute to a great man for all he had done and I was obviously saddened that he couldn't accept it himself. His children and I are very proud of that achievement and the award will always have a special place in our hearts and house,' commented Denise.



## AUSTRALIAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

## TRIBUTE TO HAMISH BY:

Daryn Joiner

I first heard of Hamish in 1989, through a friend that raved about this bloke he had seen ride at a Cutting in Nar Nar Goon. We met with his big hand shake and his even bigger smile, but very few words. Our friendship was formed and the few words turned into hours on the phone, talking about horses, fishing, cows and more horses. As a Campdrafter who didn't know anything about cutting horses, spending time with Hamish and watching him bring babies right through to solid horses, I was truly in awe of his ability. His sense of humour was also very sharp. One day he was giving me a lesson and asked me to turn my horse around. I did. But it felt pretty good so I kept turning a few more. "Stop right there!" he said. Thinking I was doing alright, he then said to me, "What are you doing? I've never seen a cow in a camp run around you that many times!" pause - long silence. Then a big smile, flicking his fingers in the palm of his hand. Then he walked away laughing. Point taken!

Hamish had a pretty big impact in East Gippsland Campdrafting, selecting good horses. .05, Buck, Butterscotch, Wolfman, Roc San, Amadeus Wolf, all in Hamish's judgement, were very good horses. In a short time, these horses that Hamish judged to have drafting ability have set a new benchmark for the way horses are set to work in the camp. He never pushed his horses past the point of no return. The horses that Hamish started were still sound of body and mind many years on doing a variety of horse sports. This is the man I remember, kind, gentle with not too many words and a true horseman to boot.

A mate greatly missed.

## TRIBUTE TO HAMISH BY:

Mathea Usher - Santa Rio Quarter Horse Stud

Stud Hamish was lovely, quiet, and kind. He would never say a bad word about anybody.

It was Hamish who found Morn Deck Q-2160 for Brian and I. I had been in contact with his mother Pat MacCallum when we were looking for a Quarter Horse colt and Hamish was working for Robert Baldwin at the time. One thing led to another and we had a look at three colts and Morn Deck was a standout. Hamish showed Morn Deck at the Moonbi Show to great success at Halter before he went to America

and it was Hamish who purchased my Buster Welsh saddle in America for me that I used on Morn Deck in Western Riding events. As a horseman Hamish was outstanding, brilliant and natural. He could ride a broomstick and make it look good, he was such a good rider.

## TRIBUTE TO HAMISH BY:

Robert Baldwin - Euroka Quarter Horse Stud

It is a great pleasure that I have been invited to write a few words about my great friend Hamish MacCallum. To make a long story short with just a few comments that are close to my heart.

When Hamish was 16 I was asked by Hamish's mother, would I take Hamish to Euroka Quarter Horse Stud at Walgett. She told me he was extremely interested in horses and most other animals and this proved to be so true. Hamish arrived at Euroka a very shy 16 year old and after four and a half years proved to be a man of honesty, integrity and loyalty to all those around him. The first thing that I noticed about Hamish was the most magnificent light hands he had while riding, even when very inexperienced, he had this most magnificent asset that I have only ever seen once again and they belong to his sister Sally.

During his horse career, which also included an all-round career on the 30,000 acres of Euroka, Hamish blossomed to a man with absolute humour that he was shy about showing other people, he was a magnificent cartoonist and could have made a living anywhere with his talent.

Much has been written about Hamish's talent in an equine precision, so I will only say that I thank him for his effort for Euroka Quarter Horse Stud. I will mention three things, he broke-in Roc O'Lena Q-1662, he trained Euroka Darango R2-929 to become the second Reining Futurity Champion at Moonbi, and a magnificent western riding horse he was, and his training enabled me to win the first Western Pleasure at Sydney Royal, the third, that when I finished riding Ima Beaver Q-823 he showed him for me and we are glad to have the enclosed great photo of him doing this.

I had asked Hamish while he was in America with Tom Lyons to ask Tom about judges. Hamish replied back to me, 'Train your horses so well that the judges have to score them,' that has been my philosophy at Euroka Quarter Horse Stud ever since.



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# HI FORM

THE SCIENCE OF NATURAL HEALTH

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Mishel Metcalf Equine Nutritionist HiForm Australia

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On the other hand, **PSSM** horses or polysaccharide storage myopathy, which is a muscle disorder tend to have a normal glucose/insulin metabolism. These horses are unable to use the glucose stored in their cells as energy and are more prone to tying up.

Laminitis is one of the most common conditions in horses, these horses require a diet that is low in soluble carbohydrates and starch. High levels of starch can increase hindgut acidosis killing the good microbes.

**Pituitary pars intermedia dysfunction or PPID (Cushing's)** generally affects horses over the age of 15. These horses require a low starch diet, this condition develops when neurons in the hypothalamus gland worsen and fail to regulate the pituitary glands par intermedia.

Some of these cases also have ID. These horses are sometimes low in weight and therefore require calories added so the diet must be adjusted accordingly.

**Ulcers** are quite common in horses; particularly gastric ulcers and a low starch diet can be quite beneficial in these cases. Supplying plenty of roughage to these types of horses increases the enzymatic action and production of saliva this has the potential to reduce acidity. Often horses who have ulcers show signs of irritability, poor performance and sometimes colic symptoms.

It is well documented that a high roughage diet supports the gut microbiome and the digestive system.

Alfalfa has proven very beneficial in these cases by acting as a hindgut buffer. This helps reduce acidosis.

Researchers have also found that horses who tend to be nervous may benefit from a diet that is a little lower in starch but always remember roughage is the key to a healthy horse.

Horses with the above conditions will certainly benefit from a low starch diet, but if your horse doesn't fit into any of these categories, then it is not likely that he or she will require a diet that is low in starch. Performance horses benefit from carbohydrates that are readily available particularly horses that had performing short bursts of high intensity training such as racehorses. By not providing sufficient fuel performance horses will not be able to maintain the energy required of them. If glycogen in the muscles are low horses will not be able to conserve the glycogen.

Horses who have a good body score, are healthy and their fitness is at the required level for the work there would be no need to feed a low starch diet. These horses need plenty of fuel to support the workload. If you have a horse that is difficult to maintain weight increasing the amount of roughage and fat component may well be of benefit.

As is the case with all changes in feed it is important to make sure you do so on a gradual basis. I tend to suggest a minimum of 5 to 7 days. Making a change quickly can upset the gut microbiome and create issues which could lead to complications with health.

If you require further advice or an individualised nutritional program for your horse please contact me via [enq@hiform.com.au](mailto:enq@hiform.com.au)



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It is not just spring where we need to be concerned about grasses it is also winter whereby, we have had a considerable amount of rain and then have some warm days to follow. It is not as drastic as spring grass, but it can have an impact. Horses that really cannot tolerate high sugars and are prone to laminitis should be restricted as far as grazing time is concerned. At the same time, these horses must receive a good level of roughage so feeding a low sugar and low starch hay, such as teff would be quite useful in these cases.

The risk can be reduced with horses who are prone to laminitis by turning them out early in the morning when sugar levels are generally lower. However, to make it more confusing sugar content could possibly be high in the morning if the grass has undergone a degree of stress overnight. This means if there is a frost overnight, the sugar level may still be high in the morning, so just be mindful of this.

Many processed and pelletised ready-made feeds contain carbohydrates which includes simple sugars and starch. Quite a few grains do contain a high level of NSC these include corn, oats, and seeds. Starches are long chains of sugar molecules.

Sugars are broken down through the digestive process and glucose is readily absorbed by the horse. Through a process called hydrolysis most horses will be able to digest and absorb sugars and starches in the small intestines. The pancreas is then activated by glucose in the blood stream to release insulin, these glucose molecules are then stored as glycogen in the cells.

If the starch content is too high sometimes starch can make its way into the caecum, this is the first part of the hindgut and it is rapidly fermented.

Lactic acid is a by-product of this fermentation process and it lowers the pH level in the hindgut which kills the good bacteria that live there. Endotoxins can be released and can contribute to conditions such as colic and laminitis.

#### Starch levels of natural feeds suited to horses

Feed ingredient	Starch %
Legume Hay (besides Lucerne)	1.56
Grass Hay	1.65
Oaten Hay	4.03
Grass pasture	2.08
Barley	47.50
Oats, Dried	43.96
Lucerne Hay	0.8

There is no actual way to describe what is considered as a low starch diet, carbohydrates will include sugars, starches and some roughage so therefore it is not advisable to describe the horses diet as a low carbohydrate diet as we know carbohydrates are essential for all living animals.

Clearly if we were to name a low starch diet as a low carbohydrate diet it would also mean that we would need to lessen the amount of roughage being fed to the horse and this would be extremely unhealthy.

It is very important to ensure that we discuss all aspects of what is considered a low starch and a low sugar feed regime for horses.

#### Soluble carbohydrate content of grasses

Italian Ryegrass



Timothy



Cocksfoot





The term low starch on a feed label generally refers to the percentage of starch contained in the bag. Low starch generally sits between 10 and 12% or under.

There is a recommendation for horses that have EMS which suggests that the diet should not be low in non-structural carbohydrates. NSC means starch and all water-soluble carbohydrates such as sugar and fructans.

Many of the processed and pelletised commercial feeds can be quite high in starch and it is interesting to note that many of these feeds do not list the percent of starch or non-structural carbohydrates on the bag. Many of these feeds tend to be quite high in starch some are what we would term as a medium level which will be somewhere between 20% and 25% but a low starch diet must be generally less than 12%

When you are making a selection on the type of feed that you wish to use with your horse, look for feeds that do contain what we term as natural ingredients, this means suited to the species.

Put simply, what horses have evolved to consume to support a healthy gut microbiome.

As horse owners we need to ask more questions of feed merchants and feed companies to provide detailed information on what is contained in the feed.



### Does my horse need a low starch low sugar diet?

It may be essential for some horses that have EMS or are prone to laminitis for example, to be fed a low starch diet as this will maintain the blood glucose levels. There will be variations in how you manage these types of horses due to age, current health, body condition and fitness.

Horses who are termed as obese will require a reduction in overall calories and this means not just starches.

Hays such as teff are a good option providing it is good quality as it is generally very low in sugar and starch. It may be necessary to supplement with a good nutritional balancer or vitamin and mineral supplement to ensure that the horses daily nutritional requirements are met.

Horses who have insulin dysregulation or ID have an increased risk of laminitis as insulin in these horses is not effective in carrying glucose to the cells from the bloodstream, hence both remain at a higher level. These types of horses are highly sensitive to starches and benefit from a very low starch soluble carbohydrate diet.





WESTERN DISTRICT QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

# 2023 SUN N SURF SHOWCASE

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OUR 2023 SUN N SURF SHOW WAS HELD AT WERRIBEE PARK ON 2ND TO 5TH FEBRUARY 2023. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS WHO ASSIST OVER THE COURSE OF THE SHOW. ALSO TO ALL OUR VALUED SPONSORS WITHOUT YOU THE SHOW WOULD NOT RUN AND ALSO A BIG THANK YOU TO EV LAGOON FOR SPONSORING OUR SHOW & BEING OUR HAPPY SNAPPER.





Cees Love and Kisses Q-81573 and Gill Tangey placed 1st under judge 2, in Select Amateur Trail



Lyndall Dauth and Big Reputation A2-3477 in Amateur Showmanship



Ceein Radical Q-71616 and Tracey Atkins placed 2nd in Amateur Dressage



Jocelyn Grover showing Jaded Potential Q-78405



Dazhara Mears and Get Whizzed Q-97841 in the Youth Reining

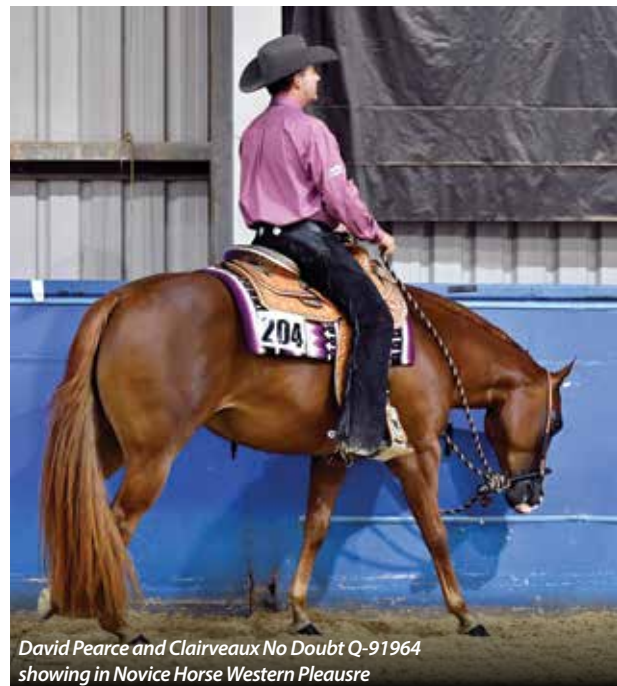


Cassandra Grainger and CVS Baton Rouge Q-95525 placed 2nd in Select Amateur





Penny Woodhead riding It Wasnt Me Q-94734 winning the Improver Western Pleasure



David Pearce and Clairveaux No Doubt Q-91964 showing in Novice Horse Western Pleasure



Open All breeds Halter Stakes won by Sharron Winter and Myohmy Seriously Q-82792



Robin Humphries showing In The Zone Q-97204 in 2yo Led Trail





## 2023 SUN N SURF SHOWCASE



Tomi Rose Elliot and  
Shadowvalleys Im Titanium Q-81981 in Youth Hunter Under Saddle



Matt Frieberg showing Smoochin For Pleasure Q-78043 in Senior Horse Trail, for Jessica Jones



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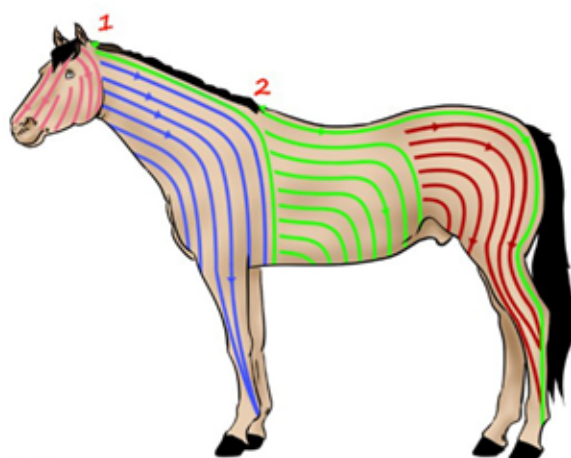
### The Process:

Firstly, a washed clean and dry horse is recommended, wash with Dr Show Conditioning Shampoo is recommended.

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1. Body (Green) starting at the poll#1 and then the withers#2 working down the horse.
2. Brush the Neck (blue) next working top to bottom.
3. Rump (Red) is the 3rd muscle group continuing right down the leg.
4. Face (Pink) is next taking your time and being gentle.
5. Finally under the stomach (Orange) from front to back.



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Annie Boyd and Sudden Blaze Q-84465



Trish Shugg and SVQ Good Asset Q-80565, with Judge Kim Thake



Angy Lindblom showing Entitled to Intimidate Q-97855



Faith Davies and One Sexy Top Q-60764 in youth trail



Bree Carrigg and Hez My Drop Of Image Q-93281



Brooke Bardwell and Zone In On Me Q-94206



WESTERN DISTRICT QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

# 2023 FEBRUARY FLING

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THE FEBRUARY FLING WAS A GREAT SUCCESS THAT WAS HELD BY THE PENINSULA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION ON THE 11TH & 12TH - FEBRUARY 2023 AT THE TONIMBUK EQUESTRIAN CENTRE IN VICTORIA.

*Carolyn Allen showing Im In No Doubt Q-93208*





Marienne Branch and 23 year old Noble Addition Q-42411 showing he's still got it



Triandibo Dynamic in Red Q-98782 shown by Trish Wettenhall for Lynda Cavello in Led Trail

## 2023 FEBRUARY FLING



Marienne Branch and 23 year old Noble Addition Q-42411 showing he's still got it



PJ Blazing Charary Q-70710 and Cheryl Carter \_Pintoy





REQ Happy Feet Q-84226 shown by Yvette Wealands

## 2023 FEBRUARY FLING



Trish Wettenhall and Chocolate Impulse Q-84051



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**BUSINESS**

1. Opening & Welcome
2. Attendance
3. Apologies
4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting (available on AQHA website)
5. Matters Arising from the AGM 2022 Minutes
6. President's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Receiving and considering the financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2023
9. Receiving and considering the Audit report
10. Receiving and considering the Directors' reports
11. Declaration of Board of Directors
12. General Business

**ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

There are four (4) positions to be filled in accordance with the Company's Constitution.

The following Directors will remain on the Board for the ensuing year:

Kane Skopp (QLD), Liz Keating (VIC), Peter Bellden (QLD), Joanne Gregory (NSW), Paul Lorimer (QLD), Rachel Turner (VIC) Ricky Glen (NSW) Lorelei Payne (QLD)

The following Directors are eligible for re-election, if nominated:

Carol Ricketts (QLD) Kim Johnson (VIC), Trish Wettenhall (VIC), Kyle Mobberley (VIC)





# AQHA BOARD NOMINATION FORM

**Note - This form must be completed in every detail**

## 1. FULL NAME OF CANDIDATE:-

.....  
of .....Postcode.....  
(Residential Address)

AQHA Membership Number..... being a natural person who holds a financial Full , Life Membership (as an individual), Honorary Life membership and who has been a financial member of the Association, in their name only, for the past three (3) consecutive years and is not an employee of the Association, accept nomination as a candidate for the forthcoming election of Directors.

Signature of Candidate.....

## 2. FULL NAME OF PERSON NOMINATING THE CANDIDATE:-

.....  
of .....Postcode.....  
(Residential Address)

AQHA Membership Number: ..... being a financial Full, Life or Nominee of a Constituent membership of the Australian Quarter Horse Association:

Signature of Nominator.....

## 3. FULL NAME OF PERSON SECONDING THE NOMINATION:-

.....  
of .....Postcode.....  
(Residential Address)

AQHA Membership Number: ..... being a financial Full, Life or Nominee of a Constituent membership of the Australian Quarter Horse Association, hereby second the nomination.

Signature of Secunder.....

### Please Note:

1. **Biography:** Each candidate is entitled to submit a brief biography (see over) which should be forwarded with this nomination form. Biographies are to be limited to 100 words or less and are subject to editing by the AQHA with no right of alteration by the Candidate. Essential information to be included;
  - a) Number of years involved in the Industry;
  - b) Occupation and Qualifications;
  - c) Special Industry Interests
  - d) Additional information may include education, age, family details etc.

## 2. NOMINATIONS CLOSE: Midnight, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

### 3. Completed Nomination Form to be sent via one of the below:

- Hard Copy** - To the Secretary, PO Box 979, TAMWORTH NSW 2340  
**Email** - [manager@aqha.com.au](mailto:manager@aqha.com.au)  
**Facsimile** - 02 6762 6422  
**Or deliver to** - Lot 13 Jack Smyth Dr, Hillvue NSW 2340

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS 2023



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AFFILIATE NAME	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	
Central Coast Quarter Horse Assoc	Jenni Johnson	Kirstin Dunnclyff	
Central West Working Horse Assoc. Inc	Danny Tink	Jenny Tracy	
Hastings performance & Quarter Horse Club	Lee Sherd	Natalie Piper	
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Darwin Quarter Horse Assoc	Tammy Stone	Tania Blakeney	
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