

~ FOAL CONTEST ~

THOSE AMAZING MORGAN FOALS



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Photos of these Morgan foals, taken by amateur photographers and submitted by our readers, were published in our October issue. Results of the contest follow:



MORGAN CHARACTER ~ Judged by Leslie Arnould

Leslie Arnould was an enthusiastic pick to judge the Morgan Character of these foal photos. She and husband Dustin and their daughter, Madelyn, show and breed at Akira Morgans in Lebanon, Oregon. In their boutique breeding program, each



breeding is thoughtfully planned and considered for pedigree, correctness, and athletic ability with the goal of every foal carrying the Akira prefix to be a world-class representative of the Morgan breed. Since 2001, 14 beautiful Morgans have carried the Akira prefix including world champions Akira Derringer GCH and Akira Hamilton.

CHAMPION ~ 1

This foal just screams Morgan to me. I love this baby's wide-set inquisitive eyes, shapely ears, and teacup muzzle. This foal reminds me of the image I had in my mind when I read Justin Morgan Had a Horse. There wouldn't ever be any confusion about what breed this baby is.

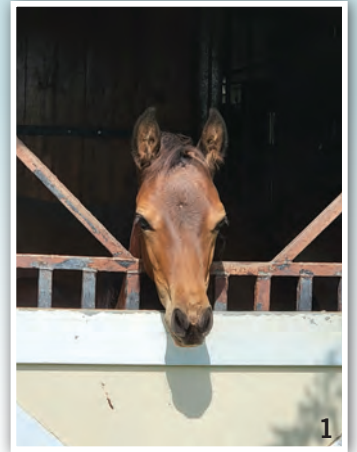
RESERVE CHAMPION ~ 25

One of the things I love about this breed is their kind, inquisitive spirit. This photo does a great job of capturing the innate attitude that makes Morgans so special. What a sweet showcase of a special moment.

THIRD PLACE ~ 26

I love the boldness of this foal! This looks like a baby that is full of confidence and ready to take on all challenges head-on! He or she is just full of character and expression.

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and author of numerous articles on training and riding. Bonnie is also known for her photography skills. When analyzing the photographs for her winners, Bonnie says she “looked for balance, an uncomplicated and interesting background, and a defined subject that drew the eye. All three told a story, which is important to me in a photograph.”

ARTISTIC COMPOSITION
~ Judged by Bonnie Sogoloff

Judge Bonnie Sogoloff of South Burlington, Vermont, has immersed herself and her family in the Morgan breed since her first Morgan at age 15. She has been an owner, professional trainer, breeder, and judge. The 2017 AMHA Professional Horseman of the Year has recently retired from active training after amassing at least 100 Grand National or world champions at Cedar Spring Farm. She was on the judging panel of this year's Morgan Grand National and is a noted clinician

CHAMPION ~ 9

This photo is well centered and stands out against a beautiful backdrop.

RESERVE CHAMPION ~ 47

This is whimsical and shows great expression with the foal juxtaposed with the tree.

THIRD PLACE ~ 1

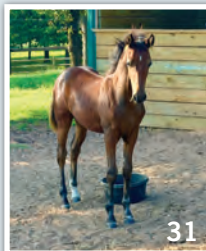
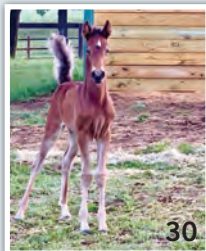
Photo 1 is almost geometrical with the foal's head silhouetted against the black. The photo shows excellent framing punctuated by the shadow under the chin.

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICES

Voted on by Friends of *The Morgan Horse* on Facebook.

We posted the foal photos to Facebook and asked the public to vote—every “like” constituted a vote for that photo. Here are the results:

Placing	Number	Votes
Champion	15	140
Reserve	30	84
3rd Place	31	82



2024 ENTRIES (all winners in boxes, un-registered, non-RAF Morgans are in quotes):

1. & 2. “JTL Keeping Up Appearances”

(Cherrydale Casanova x Meadowsong Flaming Mamie)

Owner: Mary Jane and Jerry Nau

Breeder: Dr. Jacob LaVarnway

Photographer: Stephanie A. Tanner, Meadowsong Morgans

3. & 4. Gean's Moxie Maribel

(Divine Cool Hand Luke x Ferrini Layne)

Owner/Breeder: Dustin and Brandie Gean

Photographer: Brandie Gean

5. & 6. AE's Grand Finale

(ToRoy Golden McClintock x Seasons Sparkler)

Owner/Breeder: Aesthetic Equine LLC

Photographer: Clayton McNamara

Thank you to the Amazing Morgan Foal Contest prize sponsor, the Maine Morgan Breeder's Cup.

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7. Hello Beautiful

(Merriehill After Hours GCH x Turned Up CH)
Owner/Breeder: Hello Morgans (Erica Anne Dorwart Trust)
Photographer: Erica Anne Dorwart

8. & 9. Selah's Splashing Ovation

(La Cheval Knight Royale x Shez Beyond Marvelous)
Owner/Breeder/Photographer: Cindy Lang

10. Grapevine The Golden Note

(Gold Moscato x Grapevine Grace Note)
Owner/Breeder: Wendy LeGate
Photographer: Ellen Quertermous

11. & 12. TAW Blue Moon

(Ensigns Majestic Heir x Brookvich Blue Willow)
Owner: Shannon Loomis
Breeder: There's Another Way Morgans, Elena Baum
Photographer: Shannon Loomis

13. & 14. MtnTop Whippoorwill OGO

(MtnTop Whippoorwill Tanek x Spring Lake Cali's Bingo)
Owner: Wendy LeGate, OGO Morgans
Breeder: Kristal Homoki, MtnTop Morgans
Photographer: Kristal Homoki

15. Moana Precision

(Flower Of Alliance x Arctic Ruby)
Owner: Patricia Grant
Breeder: Sally Anderson
Photographer: Sally Anderson

16. Okan Count Me In

(Okan Count On Me x Okan Ultimate Sacrifice)
Owner/Breeder: Don & Mary Curtis
Photographer: Mary Curtis

17. Okan Counts Reigning Joy

(Okan Count On Me x Okan Joyous Heart)
Owner/Breeder: Don & Mary Curtis
Photographer: Mary Curtis

18. & 19. Stolen Mirage

(Oregon Country Flash CH x CBMF Follow Your Heart GCH)
Owner/Breeder: Stolen Acres Farm
Photographer: Savannah Sturm

20. & 21. "JoGlenn Calliope"

(Harwich Attila x Kandle's Carrie A Tune)
Owner/Breeder: Kerry and Ken Estes
Photographer: Ken Estes

22. & 23. Poetry Lotus AU Keepsake

(UDM Gold Mine x Dream Catcher Keepsake)
Owner/Breeder/Photographer: Violet Morgan & Melody Rayne

24. Solar Apparition

(MLB Apparition x Black Walnut Jamboree)
Owner/Breeder/Photographer: Pam Wilson Morgan

25. "Equinox Helios"

(Equinox Rock Star x Equinox Undaunted Spirit)
Owner/Breeder: East of Equinox Farm
Photographer: Yasimine Stoner

26. BKRS Written In The Stars

(WRR Astro Boy x Equinox Sensuous)
Owner/Breeder: Chelsea Clark
Photographer: Yasimine Stoner

27. "Kobylar Kismet"

(NS After Six x MJS Noble Charm)
Owner/Breeder: Elizabeth Ciccone
Photographer: Amanda Walton

28. Alis Of Castlegate

(Alistair Of Shilstone x Fiona Of Castlegate)
Owner/Breeder/Photographer: Christina (Nina) Woodgate, Castlegate Farm

29. Lucille Ball Of Castlegate

(Alistair Of Shilstone x Miss Incredible)
Owner/Breeder/Photographer: Christina (Nina) Woodgate, Castlegate Farm

30. & 31. Trimmed In Tinsel

(Rowenda Boogie On Down x MEM Remember Me)
Owner/Breeder: Loblolly Pine Ranch LLC
Photographer: Melissa Trimble

32. & 33. LWL Bombay Sapphire

(Dressed Up GCH x Indian Creek Belle Haven)
Owner/Breeder: John Dietz & Nancy Caldwell
Photographer: Lucio, Saralin Farm

34. GR Notorious

(Baron's Dark Thunder x GR Who's Your Daddy)
Owner/Breeder: Kim and Steve Viker, Genetic Resources, LLC
Photographer: Kim Viker

35. & 36. "TruWest Serena Starlight"

(TruWest Smokey Mntn Chief x Mortana Ramona)
Owner/Breeder: TruWest Morgans, Bobbi Blankenship and Jim and Sally Birkelo
Photographer: Sally Birkelo

37. "NorthSky RaindropsOnRoses"

(TruWest Silver Dollar x Mortana Primavera)
Owner/Breeder/Photographer: Victoria Tormanen

38. "NorthSky Gunsmoke"

(TruWest Silver Dollar x CSS Boot Scootin' Boogie)
Owner/Breeder/Photographer: Victoria Tormanen

39. "TJF Velvet Raven"

(Denvers Sensation x JMF Black Velvet)
Owners/Breeder: Tref & Jennifer Farmer
Photographer: Jennifer Farmer

40. Unnamed

(Dragonsmeade Eltanin GCH x Valeria's First Asset)
Owner/Breeder: David Lehman
Photographer: Marcus Lehman

41. & 42. Unnamed

(Burkland High Octane x DBL F Emerald Ilse)
Owner/Breeder: David and Myron Lehman
Photographer: Myron Lehman

43. CSCM Every Good Thing

(Red Rose Frosty x Alphastar Ellie Mae)
Owner/Breeder: Tonie Schmitt
Photographer: Olivia Piatt

44. & 45. Unnamed 2024 Filly

(WMB Dustys Thunder x Waterbury Savannah Bay)
Owner/Breeder: Erin Flannery
Photographer (44): Tammy Flannery
Photographer (45): Erin Flannery

46. & 47. "Hope"

(Equinox Rock Star x Lifetime Love)
Owner/Breeder/Photographer: Alison Chickering

48. & 49. HPS Regal Reflection

(CBMF Crown Prince GCH x Burkland Annie Oakley)
Owner/Breeder: Charles Adams
Photographer: Elizabeth Ramsey

50. & 51. "Cardinal Hill Let Her Cry"

(Leonardo's Cry CH x Merriehill Nighty Night CH)
Owner/Breeder/Photographer: Leanna Confer, Cardinal Hill Stables