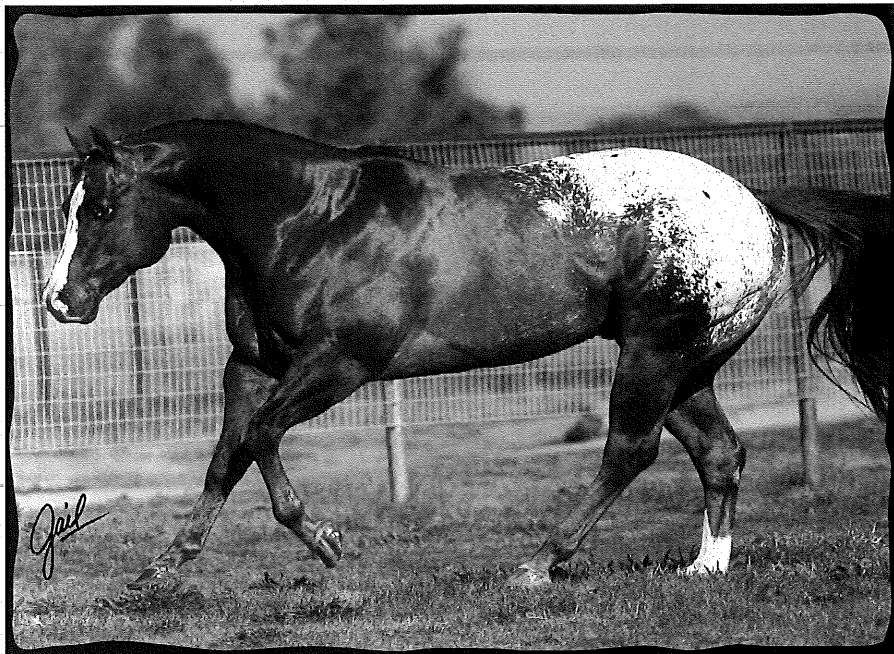


Hall of Fame—Inductees



Always Dignified

Great horses often have relatively normal beginnings and Always Dignified, who entered the Appaloosa Hall of Fame in 2008 upon earning his bronze supreme sire production plaque, has been no exception.

Born on April 13, 1998, in Castle Rock, Colorado, the stallion was an exciting arrival for the Smith family of Smith Show Horses. The blanketed sorrel was out of Dignified, a mare who came to Chuck Smith after a family friend passed away. Chuck had seen All Inclusive, Always Dignified's sire, at the World Show and was determined to breed to him. It all came to fruition with one minor challenge—Always Dignified was originally a twin. However, the second embryo was removed, so the pregnancy was safer.

The stallion enjoyed early success as a yearling with the Smith family, then was sold to Alan Brooke Farm in Richmond, Virginia, who campaigned him to a World championship in 2-year-old stallions in 2000. He was then sold to Lewis and Marilyn Feuerstein of Three Creeks in Creston, California.

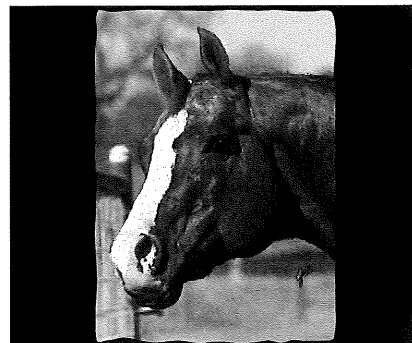
"When I saw him as a 2 year old, he stood out like a champion," Marilyn says, "so we followed him back to his stall and bought him. We waited five hours for the people to come back!"

The Feuersteins campaigned him as a 3 year old and earned a World championship in 2001, subsequently retiring him to the Three Creeks breeding program, where he became an intrinsic part of their success.

Always Dignified's pedigree is bred in blue. Sire All Inclusive is a son of fellow Hall of Fame inductee Dreamfinder; dam Dignified is a daughter of Dignity, a stallion with 90 offspring, including 41 that have earned 1,560 halter points.

"He's everything," Marilyn says. "He's the nucleus of the breeding program." Only 11 years old, the stallion has sired 251 foals as of February 24, 2009. Of those foals, 21 are performance point earners with an accumulated 316.5 points; he's sired 130 halter point earners with 4,505.5 points accumulated.

His babies have earned 100 registers of merit; 15 halter superior event



awards; 49 bronze medallion earners were awarded with a total of 73 medallions; and two earned silver medallions.

With a future carved out at Three Creeks, Always Dignified and his babies will continue to impact Appaloosa performance and halter lines for years to come. Aiming to continue his production performance, Marilyn will continue to breed for versatile—and gorgeous—foals.

"He's very personable," she says. "He and I have a very special partnership... When you go out to take pictures of him, he turns it on. All of his babies do that, too. He's very confident, very athletic, and loves to show off."