

## **April '06 Issue**

### **Spotlight on Camalot Stables**

Laurie Whitling, 2006 QPA President, tells us the story of Camalot Stables in her own words:

Camalot Stables came to life in 1999 with the birth of Skippers Sir Camalot – a loud black tovero stallion. We are located in Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania. A small family farm.

We bred for quality Paints until 2002 when we purchased our first quarter pony – Ro Jo's Pokey (Kip) for Stephan, who was seven at the time, and Adrian (who took right to him), four at the time. Adrian took the reins from Stephan, climbed the fence and jumped on before anyone realized she even had him. She put him through the paces with no problems. From then on we became very interested in the quarter pony.

We are a very small farm of seven horses and ponies, three of them being quarter ponies.

Ro Jo's Pokey is a 13-year-old IQPA-NQPA gelding. Adrian earned her ROM on Kip in Gymkana this past year and will be working on Trail, Western Pleasure, and Halter this coming year. Stephan has started Team Penning on Kip and will start to compete this coming year.

Camalots Lighting is a three-year-old Cremello IQPA. He is well on his way to earning his ROM in Western Pleasure and Equitation, and will also have him shown Hunt Seat for this coming year. He has achieved quite a bit this year for his first year under saddle.

SW Midnight Lace is a six-year-old black tobiano APHA-IQPA mare. Lace is in training for Barrels and will hopefully be very competitive this year. We are also going to work on Team Penning for her to be Stephan's prospective mount.

Besides our wonderful Quarter Ponies, the kids are proud owners of two weanling minis, they hope to show them in halter until old enough to start in harness.

We no longer own Skippers Sir Camalot, but he is not far from home and we have one of his sons out of a Quarter Pony Mare. Camalots Magic Jasper (Jasper) has the same loving attitude as his mother and father, but is going to outgrow his 14.1-hand mother. As a yearling he stands as tall as his mother.

And our newest addition is a 7 month old Quarter Horse filly. She won't be a

pony, but she has the same personality we strive for. Who knows, she could be our next broodmare for quarter pony foals.

The kids are very active in 4-H, with this being Adrian's first year, and the PA Quarter Pony Club. With the help of Michelle Jackson, we started the first Quarter Pony Club in Northwest Pennsylvania. We started by adding classes to a local show held in Cochranon, Pennsylvania. We hope to continue to grow through the years and expand throughout the state. Anyone interested can e-mail us at [paquarterponyclub@yahoo.com](mailto:paquarterponyclub@yahoo.com) and is welcome to visit our site (under construction) at <http://www.geocities.com/paquarterponyclub>.

The kids also enjoy showing their dairy cattle. They raise holsteins, jerseys, and ayrshires. They are up to five with two due this spring. Adrian is waiting for her first Jersey calf due in February. Stephan is waiting for his first Ayrshire calf in April. They are getting a good start on their own dairy herd.

Please feel free to visit our website at <http://www.geocities.com/lauriewhitling1>.

#### **New 2006 QPA Officers**

President, Laurie Whitling, Pennsylvania

Vice President, Teresa Peery, Missouri

Executive Vice President, Theresa Pool, Ohio

Treasurer, Callene Rapp, Kansas

Point Secretary, Tami Platt, Oregon

#### **Tis the Season for Sleepless Nights...and Babies!**

We are picturing our first reported foals of the 2006 season this month.

Please send us photos of your own foals as they arrive!

#### **IQPA Registration Specials**

IQPA often runs specials on registering your eligible quarter ponies. Check out the website often to see what specials are coming up. Examples of past specials (that might be repeated!) are: Gelding discount, older pony discount, converting old IQPA papers discount. Who knows what discount might come next? Be sure to keep your eyes open and visit often! [www.iqpa.com](http://www.iqpa.com)

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