

Sportaloosa

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Merry Christmas and a happy 2014 to everyone

As we wave goodbye to a hectic 12 months, complete with auction, stellar foal futurity, real dollars for high point awards and Equitana, you'd think we might be happy just to take a short breather over Christmas.

But no, it was time for our web site to get a makeover to keep it beautiful, user friendly and easy to find what you need, when you need it.

Using our site on your phone or tablet is now a breeze, because it will reorganise itself to give you the best view.

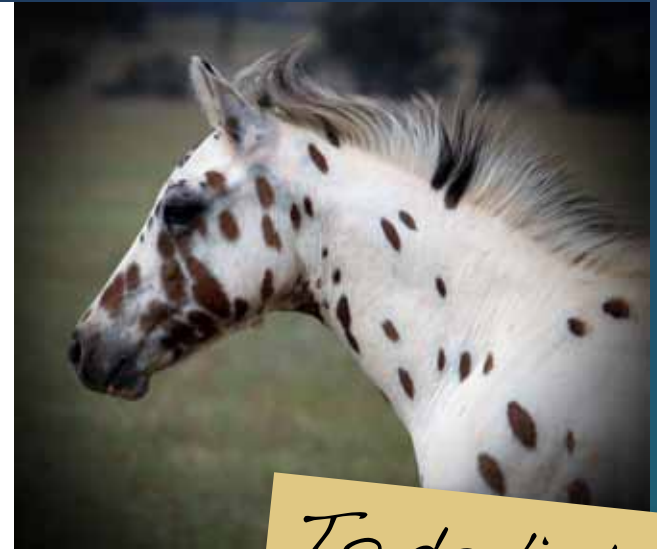
\$1,000 video foal futurity

Watching 2013's foal crop fill up the foal gallery has been great fun and it's now time to fill out your registration forms and video your foals for the 2014 futurity.

Entry is free to all registered foals and the closing date for entries is **30 April 2014**. The time will fly by so organise your filming now while your foals are looking as sleek and shiny as they're ever going to be!

2014 photo competition

Now's also a great time to get those winning photos for our 2014 photo competition. Closing



To do list

1. send in 2013 points by 14 Jan
2. submit ride hours by 14 Jan
3. register foals
4. video foals for futurity
5. take photos for photo competition



date for entries is 30 July 2014 and anyone can enter... entry is free and all prizewinning photos will feature in the 2015 Sportaloosa calendar.

New activities, incentives and your vote

We're looking to introduce new incentives in 2014 and we'd like your feedback please. Let us know what you're keen to be involved in so we make sure we're offering the right activities and incentives.

Ideas include a yearling foal futurity, Sportaloosa personality of the year, Sportaloosa International championship show (would you travel to it? How many horses would you bring?), stallion service auction... and you fill in the blanks.

Please join us on [facebook.com/sportaloosa](https://www.facebook.com/sportaloosa), add your ideas to the list and vote!

What's the most visited page on sportaloosa.com? Sportaloosas for sale.

Every year, thousands of prospective buyers visit sportaloosa.com looking for horses for sale and we simply don't have enough for them to see. An unlimited number of classified ads are included in our awesome value stallion promotion subscription anyway but from now until the end of January 2014, all Sportaloosa members can load Sportaloosas for sale **completely free of charge**. These ads also get loaded onto our Facebook page (we're now at 3,106 fans and counting) so you can count on us to get your horses seen!

Our fabulous stallion showcase is just about to get an upgrade to allow more photos, promotional text and the ability to update your own ad so keep an eye out for this in the coming weeks. We've let some stallion promotion subs run on, so if you haven't paid your sub recently, please visit the online Sportaloosa shop to do that now, so we can include your stallion in the new showcase. Thank you, we really appreciate your support.

Samantha & Petra



Sportaloosas @Equitana

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Once again Sportaloosa International had a colourful stand at the high profile annual equestrian event Equitana. This year it was held at the Sydney showgrounds. The Breed Village was situated in a



grand hall which was spacious and kept everyone out of the weather, so we didn't have to worry about getting blown away or wet! Only trouble it was away from the main arenas and shopping halls, which resulted in not such a big crowd as we experienced at the Melbourne venue. But still we met lots of members in person which was good. Answered lots of questions from very interested people finding out about the registry for the first time. Yes, we handed out lots of sales lists and the new Sportaloosa

brochure, postcards and sold a few calenders, polo shirts and saddlecloths!

This year, we kept back the imported Knabstrupper stallion Lori's Flashpoint Af Lyn(Alf) from his stud duties so he could be our equine representative. He was very popular with the crowds and looked awesome under saddle in the breed demonstration. Many people just have never seen a horse of this colour up close, so many photos were taken. He enjoyed a body massage one day and posing for several horse magazine photos. Although Equitana is a very expensive exercise and we could only do it with help of our sponsors Cayuse Sportaloosas, we hope to exhibit again at Melbourne next year as it does prove a super showcase in a relaxed atmosphere where one can give full attention to the many queries and give out much needed information about the popular breed, the Sportaloosa!





Best Sportaloosa grooms Chelsea Johnson and Tom Paton

Chelsea, how did you come to travel to Equitana this year?

I went to Equitana last year with Vince and Samantha McAuliffe to help in the breed village and it was heaps of fun. About a month or two before it this year Samantha and I were talking on Facebook about what horse they were going to take this year. Then Samantha was like "hey, would you like to come with us this year?" I was so happy and said yes once my parents finally agreed after a lot of begging! I think my parents were glad to be rid of me as it was the only thing I talked about for the prior 2-3 weeks.

What was your main purpose of going to Equitana?

To help at the Sportaloosa stand in the breed village and to be Alf's groom/exerciser.

What did your days consist of?

Each day Vince would wake Samantha and I up around 5-6am. At 6-7am we would start walking to the breed village which luckily was only around 500m away from the hotel we stayed at. When we got there Samantha and I would brush and saddle Alf and walk him to the warm up arena, where I would ride him which was heaps of fun. While we did this Vince would clean Alf's stall, clean the stand and refill with stock.

At about 8.30-9.00 Tom Paton would arrive. Tom lives in Sydney and owns a few Sportaloosas, he came to also help in the display. From this point people would start filing through the gate. We did one breed display which was very well received. Because of weather issues (rain!) for the second one in the outside area we decided to pull out. Alf didn't seem to mind much and continued to sit in his stable and snooze



between posing for photos for his enthusiastic admirers! Each night we watched something different. The first night we watched reining, which was one of the only disciplines I have not watched and it was really cool! The second night was showjumping and it was awesome! One day I hope I will be able to compete at that level! On Saturday Samantha, Vince and I watched the freestyle dressage. The horses were all so beautiful the way they 'float' around the arena hardly touching the ground. By the time I got to sleep it was nearly 12.00 midnight so I was very tired.

What was your favourite clinic? And what did you learn from it?

Ooh, so hard to choose - I went to three clinics. The Dressage Master Class with Carl Hestor; Developing your horse's canter for jumping; and a Cross Country Analysis clinic. My favourite was probably the master clinic as it has showed me some really good exercises to do on my horses to prepare them to go through the dressage levels. I loved how Carl really stressed us on not over tucking our horses. As soon as your horses head is not on the vertical but under, it is wrong, but so many Australians do it!

Did you find any bargains at Equitana?

Yes many bargains! I bought an eventing watch that was \$50 less than anywhere else I had been! I also bought the most beautiful dressage bridle, Tom and I also got heaps of freebies which were awesome!

What was the best thing about Equitana?

The best thing about going to Equitana for me wasn't so much Equitana in its self (even though I did love it and have so much fun) but getting to show jump Alf at Krissy and Heath Harris's arena! We were lucky to stay the night there on the way down and back .She has the most amazing set up of jumps and Alf just loved it! He jumped all of them well though there was one he over jumped which gave me a fright but I stayed on! I was also able to be fully equipped with one of the Harris's Showjumping saddles. The next saddle I get will have to be one of those as it was definitely one of the best saddles I have ridden in! I would just like to thank Samantha and Vince for letting me go with them they are such amazing people and to anyone that haven't met them it is a must do. They know so much about horses and are so nice, and to top it off they breed the best breed of horses in the world! The Sportaloosa!

Heather Lee

and her reining stallion
Avenlee Dualling Thunder

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Avenlee Dualling Thunder

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Heather grew up on a farm with her dad breeding stock horses - they were all black, brown or bay. Heather was quickly board of these plain looking horses and at the age of 16 bought her first Sportaloosa. Since then Heather has focussed on breeding her few spot mares with the latest imported quarter horse stallions. She said "If you breed to good working stallions people will want your horses."

[So Heather, how many Sportaloosas do you own?](#)

All together I have 10 Sportaloosas - our main two being our stallion Avenlee Dualling Thunder and his brother Avenlee Frosty Whiz.

[How old is Thunder? And what do you do with him?](#)

Thunder is 7 years old and is training and competing in reining.

[What do you most like about Thunder?](#)

What I like most about Avenlee Dualling Thunder is his temperament. Although he is a stallion he loves being patted and is easy to handle. 'Thunder' is out of a Cayuse mare and I have often described these horses as being "born broken in". They are often quiet, sweet natured and very athletic. I also love his blue eyes, he has black around his eyes which makes it look as though he is wearing mascara. This mascara look is uncommon in appaloosas as they often have mottled skin.



What is one thing that you would change about Thunder if you could?

Definitely his mane! Often reiner's have long, thick manes but Thunder doesn't, his mane is very fine.

Does your Sportaloosa have any funny habits?

Well when Thunder is feeling hungry he goes over to his feeding tire and he chucks it around until someone comes and gives him some food!

What is your best shared moment with Thunder?

The best shared moment with thunder would have to be when we won the 'Prime Time' class at the National Reining Championship in 2013. The week coming up to it he hadn't been stopping well and the conditions hadn't been great. At the start Thunder didn't want to stop and it took a lot of patience to get him to. He did really well for the conditions and did everything I asked, he is such an honest horse. I was so proud of him! To get to the last stop and finish it with an amazing stop like he did, I couldn't have had a better horse!

How long has Thunder been in training?

Thunder was broken in when he was 2 ½ years old but due to injury his training was put on hold and taken very steady although he is completely healed now. He is trained by Noel Watson who is the best trainer I have had as he is very kind hearted and gentle but still gets

results.

What is the next event you are going to or aiming for?

Now that Thunder is 7 years old we will aim to enter open non-pro and amateur events.

In three years' time what would you like to have achieved with Thunder?

In three years' time it would be awesome to win an open event at national or state level, it would help show people that appaloosas can rein and hopefully encourage others to take up reining on an appaloosa.

Heather likes reining because you can choose tests with the manoeuvres to you and your horse's ability. It's not necessarily about how much you have spent on buying your horse or having the fanciest clothes but getting out there, having a go and having fun. Heather would really like to see people out and about competing on appaloosas in reining.

*Check out
'Thunder' and
his brother on
the Sportaloosa
stallion showcase
[sportaloosa.com/
stallions](http://sportaloosa.com/stallions)*

Great Sportaloosa stuff to buy

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