

## Ms High Five (via production record)

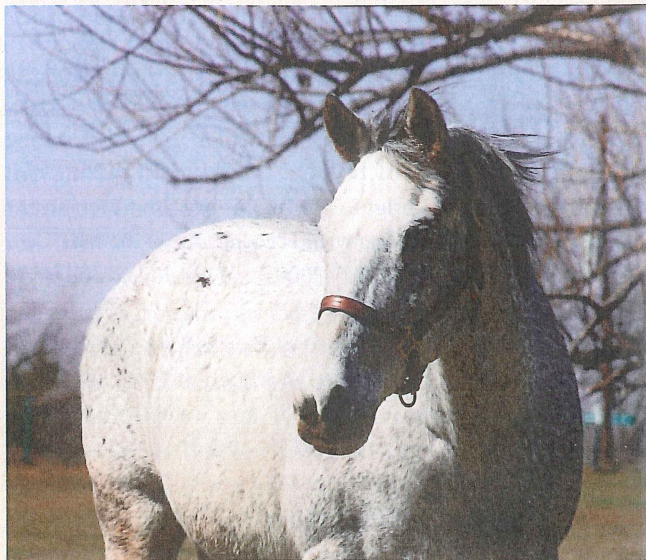
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When people are asked to describe 2011 ApHC Hall of Fame inductee Ms High Five, one phrase seems to pop up over and over again: “sweetest mare on earth”. Those that know her insist this isn’t hyperbole – Ms High Five really is just that charming. A doting mother to her foals, a peaceful member of the herd, and gentle but inquisitive with people, it’s no wonder she’s received so much praise for her character. But during her twenty-six years (and counting), Ms High Five has brought more than just a sunny disposition to the Appaloosa world: she’s changed the face of Appaloosa reining, one foal at a time.

Foaled in 1986, Ms High Five was by performance stallion High Sign and out of a mare named Blue Continental. Though her sire was a superstar competitor whose show career spanned from the late 1970s to the early 1990s, Ms High Five wasn’t shown herself. Instead, she was bred for the first time to Ima Little Lena in 1995, producing a stud colt named Ima Frosty Lena in the spring of 1996.

Four years later in January of 2000, a young Italian horseman named Marco Brunetti was attending a meeting of the Italian Reining Horse Association when a friend showed him a copy of Ima Frosty Lena’s registration certificate. Brunetti, a self-described “crazy High Sign fan”, was taken by the horse’s pedigree

and turned his attention to locating Ms High Five: “I asked my friend to search for her, no matter where she was,” says Brunetti. “I wanted that mare, I felt she had to be ours – and by the end of January, she was!” Later that year, a win in Junior Reining at the 2000 National Show made Ima Frosty Lena the first of Ms High Five’s foals to win a bronze medallion. Between 2001 and 2009 “Frosty” earned three more bronze performance medallions in addition to five World titles in Freestyle Reining, and is now siring champions of his own.



Between 2001 and 2010, Ms High Five produced nine more ApHC-registered foals, including four bronze medallion-earners in MA Thunderstorm, MA Powersign, MA Iridescence, and MA Istahar. 2002 stallion MA Thunderstorm, by performance legend Ima Doc O’Lena, was National Champion in Hackamore/Snaffle Bit Reining in 2005 before becoming one of the cornerstones of Marco Brunetti’s international breeding program. While he resides in Texas, MA Thunderstorm breeds several mares a year in Europe via shipped semen, and his get have already brought home accolades both stateside and abroad, winning titles at the ApHC World Show and European Championships.

2003 stallion MA Powersign and 2004 mare MA Iridescence, both full siblings to MA Thunderstorm, were the next of Ms High Five’s foals to earn medallions; MA Powersign was a World Champion in Junior Reining (2007) and Junior Working Cow

Horse (2008), while MA Iridescence won a National Championship in Hackamore/Snaffle Bit Reining in 2007. 2008 mare MA Istahar, by AQHA stallion Nu Chex To Cash, cemented Ms High Five’s place in the ApHC Hall of Fame by winning a National Champion title in Hackamore/Snaffle Bit Reining in 2011.

Brunetti says of Ms High Five’s production ability, “All of her foals are very quiet, no matter if they are stallions or mares, and this is probably the best gift she gave them.” Brunetti cites the help of several individuals who gave their time to helping care for Ms High five and promote her foals, including Texas horsewoman Liz Kincaid, whose ranch Ms High Five resided at for many years, his father Rodolfo, and his wife Esther Weber. With her final two foals born in 2010, fans of Ms High Five and her offspring will no doubt continue to grow for years to come.