

That's MY Daddy!

Apledge, Son of Alleged!

One of A Kind Horse -

Unique Bloodlines - Found Again!

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What happened to him ... where is he? He just seemed to disappear!

For several years, Bob Rohl, Sr. of Kenyon and EZ2 SPOT Stable south of Cannon Falls, has been looking for a special horse. Although he had never seen him in person, but only heard about him. This horse was one of a kind, the first and only foal out of world renowned race horse, Alleged and an Appaloosa mare. That was back in 1980 when a Thoroughbred stallion was first "tested" on an Appaloosa mare to see what he would produce. On a cold January morning in Kentucky, Apledge was born, and his sire, Alleged went on to win the most prestigious racing event in the world - the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe - not just once, but twice!

There were no more part-Appaloosa foals to come along. Alleged had shown what he could do on the racing circuit, and what he could produce as a stud. His first son, "Apledge", also began a racing career, but an injury to his knees canceled that. Then his owner contracted cancer, when that disease took its toll Bob figured that the horse was probably just kept around the farm because of the memories. A few years later the farm was sold on the condition that Apledge could stay there. So this "one of a kind" horse was still around, but still in the background. Then, apparently because of some financial concerns of the new owners, Apledge was up for sale. Bob finally had his chance to buy this horse but no, the price was too high. As time went by, Bob decided to give a return offer on the horse, and it was rejected. Later on Bob heard the owner was going to sell Apledge at an auction, but the years had not been kind to the horse. He was now about 17 years old, he was down in weight, and way too thin. He had a fungus in his hooves that was dangerous, Bob noted.

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Bob went to the auction sale, and he had decided just to watch. Apparently the crowd also recognized that the horse did not look good and he was older than they were probably looking for. Unless you had seen his registration papers, you probably wouldn't have bid, Bob explained, and no one did. Bob tried to find the seller after the sale, but it seems he had left right after his horse had been shown. Some other people discovered that Bob was interested in the horse, and they encouraged him, they felt he would do right by him.

So Bob went back to the owner and upped his offer a bit, and he bought Apledge!

This stallion with such a unique bloodline is now at home at EZ2 SPOT Stable. He stands 15.1 hands and has gained about 200 pounds since he arrived last April. The problem of the fungus in his feet was diagnosed by Bob's farrier, and along with his correction and the good dry sand pastures, he is doing just fine.

Apledge had been kept in a stall much of his life, but now he was put out with several mares to learn some "socializing" skills and of course, hopefully produce some offspring.

The stallion has bonded to one of the mares so much, that Bob has the two of them alone together in the pasture this winter. Oh yes, she is in foal to him, but socialization for stallions is not always easy to learn.

In the breeding process, Apledge received a severe injury to his leg from a kick. Even with treatment, it seemed to be getting worse.

With time, Apledge's leg got well.

Bob explained that "there is no better race breeding than what Apledge has. We've got to preserve these bloodlines." Bob's next goal?

"May put one on the track."



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