

THE POWER OF A QUARTER PONY!

Tis time to bid farewell to 2008; while believing 2009 brings joy, peace, prosperity and all good blessings upon QPA, its' membership and, indeed, our beloved nation. That said, lets see...

WHATSA GO'N ON WITH QPA (human membership)

A parents worst nightmare becomes reality as QPA's own, Nicki Stephens, battles for her daughters future. Nicki's daughter, Justine Roman, an independent, hardworking, young lady was tragically involved in an explosion - causing serious burns and threat to her life.

August 2008, Nicki found herself, in deep prayer, fighting for the life of her daughter in a critical care unit. Away from home, out of their home state, the family's world had all but stopped. September 2008 a glimmer of hope sprung forth as Justine's progress seemingly improved. Thankful for the preservation of her daughters' life, Nicki found herself looking toward rehab, rather than the intense, highly emotional struggle of keeping Justine alive.

Finances begin to weigh heavy, on the family, with ever mounting medical needs. Cal-Ranch, through the eastern Idaho stores, worked with Nicki to raffle off a family horse. The raffle should be complete, however, by this print. Charitable donations can be made, in the name of Justine Roman, to any Wells Fargo bank or any Bank of Commerce branch. Nicki is willing to offer breed fee specials to her commanding QPA approved stallion, Watch a Leo Moon, for anyone interested in breeding to a quality QP stallion. Further, Nicki is open to all thoughts as they struggle to bring normalcy back to the family.

Please contact Nicki through her website at www.11NQuarterPonies.com for additional information and/or any assistance you may choose to extend.

Hang in there, Nicki and family - many QPA members have submitted and continue to submit prayers of support, relief and blessing for you and yours during this trying time.

WHATSA GO'N ON WITH IQPA (pony registry)

December brings the year-end registration special. All QP registered ponies previously registered with the old California based IQPA may convert, free of charge, old registration papers. Upon receipt and acceptance, of old papers, new registration papers shall issue from IQPA Tennessee. Please note, California issued IQPA registration papers are not accepted for participation in any QPA approved activities or awards.

QUARTER PONIES AIN'T JUST A GIRL THING

2008 leaves renewed hope for young males of the world. While girls are so often drawn to QP's, the young boys are finding renewed attraction for the world of QP's, as well. One could suppose the reason for such renewed male interest is, generally, QP's have that rugged, easy keeper appeal. Or maybe it's watching or knowing a quality QP. It's likely you'd find yourself drawn to the QP's special heart and loyalty - young, old, male, female... simply doesn't matter. Quality QP's simply do it all, for all... or give their all trying! That said, QPA welcomes Austin Vinyard to the world of QP's and the joys of QPA showing!

Wendy and Kelly Loper purchased a yearling filly at an auction in Eugene OR. That filly was named Skippers Peppy Lena. For the past three years, Wendy has trained and shown Lena. Although Lena is triple registered, recognition and success have come to Lena as a Quarter Pony. Under Wendy's guidance, Lena has earned QPA Superiors in Halter & Equitation, while adding, in 2007, an ROH in Trail. Thus, by the end of 2007, Lena had become a QPA Superior Champion.

2008 brought another opportunity for Lena to prove her QP ability and temperament. Enter Austin Vinyard, son of Wendy Loper. In October 08, Wendy and Austin attended the Shared Hope for Healing

show where Lena was Reserve Champion in Halter, Sport Horse and Amateur Horse. For the first time ever, Austin joined his mother showing Lena in Halter and Showmanship. It is wonderfully rewarding, for mom, Wendy, to see the success Austin has achieved with Lena. Congratulations and best wishes for the future is extended, on behalf of QPA, to Austin (and family) as Austin embarks on his new QP journey!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL!

REMINDERS:

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International Quarter Pony Association official website is www.IQPA.com .

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