

BREED ICON

One hot mama

Great genes earn Perfect Intention a place in history.

Though she had her time on the race-track, it's Perfect Intention's impeccable genes that have earned her a place in the Appaloosa Hall of Fame.

At press time, her racing offspring have a combined \$393,341 in earnings, and five of her registered offspring have earned a combined total of 12 bronze medallions. Three of them have earned horse of the year honors—a combined six times. And those numbers are only likely to increase. Several of her foals are on the track, and she's due to have two foals this spring—one via embryo transfer.

Perfect Intention's ability to pass on speed proved itself in her first foal, R Perfect Timing, a 1997 mare sired by Proudest Effort (AQHA). Bred by Wagon Wheel Ranch of Springville, Utah, R Perfect Timing spent only a year on the track but started eight times, winning two and earning \$15,661.

The next foal spent seven glorious years on the track. Tell It Like It Is, also bred by Wagon Wheel Ranch, was sired by Blushing Bug (AQHA). The gelding earned \$140,930 on the track, with 42 starts and 18 wins. Owned in turn by Billy Coffey and Jimmy Guest, he was awarded numerous championships and four racing medallions.

Following in her older half brother's footsteps was 2001 filly You R My Sunshine, sired by Corona Cartel (AQHA). Bred by Wagon Wheel Ranch, the filly hit the track in 2003 and immediately revealed her talent by winning six of her eight starts—including the Cricket Bars Futurity. You R My Sunshine has earned \$157,671 and five



Perfect Intention produces excellent racing offspring. To date her foals have earned a combined \$393,341 off the track. Photo courtesy of Jeff Adams.

racing medallions, with a top speed index of 105 and a total of 42 starts.

Perfect Intention's next most notable foal is Jess Streakin, a 2004 filly sired by Feature Mr. Jess (AQHA). Bred by Jeff Adams, Perfect Intention's current owner, Jess Streakin has earned \$50,936 in 13 racing starts, and one racing medallion.

Last but not least is R Ms Kitty, a 2005 filly sired by Panther Mountain (AQHA). She earned \$19,162 as a 2 year old, won the Americana Appaloosa Futurity and she's beginning her second racing season with one racing medallion already under her girth.

TRADEMARK SPIRIT

Perfect Intention's owner, Jeff Adams, was seeking a mare to get back into Appaloosa racing when he saw an advertisement in *Appaloosa Journal* about Wagon Wheel Ranch's dispersal. So he called Jeannie Hullinger, then manager of the ranch.

A little over a year after that, Jeff had full ownership of a finicky mare whose offspring were already excelling on the track. "Tell It Like It Is was running on the track when I bought her," Jeff explains. "That sparked my interest."

Jeff also took notice of You R My Sunshine, then an outstanding 2 year old. He

looked into purchasing You R My Sunshine and attended every race she ran. When he had the opportunity, he bought partial ownership and eventually full ownership.

Since then Jeff has manned Perfect Intention's breeding, with much success. "Knock on wood, she's been a really great mare," he says. The fiery chestnut has snowflakes over her hips, and has passed her tough attitude on to her foals.

"She had major attitude," recalls Jeannie. "She wasn't scared of anything... I've seen her chase a jockey out the stall door." The mare has a brown spot in the middle of the blaze on her face, which Jeannie and her husband referred to as her "go button." And Perfect Intention rarely lost during her own time on the track, winning seven of 10 starts.

She hasn't changed since then, either. "If you go to the pasture and she doesn't kick at you, she's probably not feeling good," Jeff says with a laugh. Yet it's her attitude that helped make Perfect Intention a winner; the leading spirit is carried out through her foals.

Jeff's goal for Perfect Intention is to achieve the title of all-time leading producer, a goal they're only about \$60,000 away from. And if Perfect Intention keeps foaling outstanding racehorses, it won't take very long. 🐾