

BACA HORSE NEWS

January 2022

Happy New Year from all the Baca owners! We hope this newsletter finds everyone happy and healthy.

The end of 2021 was a tumultuous one. The fires and extreme heat of the summer were followed by freezing temperatures and record setting rain and snow fall. And if the weather wasn't bad enough, most of us had friends or family affected by Covid. Our hearts were heavy as we dealt with the health of loved ones and then had to double up on our workloads as employees and volunteers tested positive and were out on quarantine. "Free time" was spent sourcing new suppliers as regular vendors were running out of inventory.

As we reflect back on our accomplishments of 2021, we realize how blessed we are. The Bacas are thriving, the original foals have grown up and are making names for themselves and we have made new friends and advisors. We are looking forward to the next several months as 2022 holds a lot of promise for our Bacas.

I. Blue Oaks Center (Carol Powell)

Over the past several years, Carol Fuller Powell has worked closely with the Universities, geneticists and European affiliates who are striving to preserve the Baca strain. Procedures are being developed based on DNA analysis to keep the Baca line pure. There was a lot of information processed last year and we are looking forward to initiating these Breeding Plans both in the U.S. and internationally in 2022.

Blue Oaks Center is excited to announce that the first filly born into the Preservation (BC Bella Isa, 6/04/2017, Coloradita x Relampago) is in foal to El Sevillano (3/06/2018, Annabelle x El Savache) by AI. This foal will be 87.5% Baca and will be bred back to a 100% Baca as part of the plan to save this strain.



BC Bella Isa



BC El Sevillano

Adelina and Catalina were sent to New Mexico for training with Rodolfo Lara in the traditional vaquero techniques of Cowboy Dressage. While there, Catalina caught the eye of Maddie Caballo who loved her temperament and movement. Catalina now has a new home in AZ! Congratulation Maddie and welcome to the Baca family.

Adelina and Sevillano are in training with Lisa Calder, Mindful Horsemanship. They will be competing in entry level Cowboy Dressage beginning this spring.

For more information about BOC or for past copies of our newsletter, please visit our website:

www.BlueOaksCenter.org

II. Center for America's First Horse (Stephanie Hayes)

News from The Center for America's First Horse

By Stephanie Hayes

Our Baca horses made great strides (literally) in 2021, both at home and in the performance arena. Adelantado, our little black pony that was our introduction to the Baca horses started his competitive career last year at nineteen years old with one of my junior riders. They competed at Level 1 Working Equitation in the Youth division and finished the year as USAWE National Reserve Champions and Region 6 Champion. I also rode Adelantado at Level 1 Open and finished with 5th place Nationally and Champion Region 6.

Ringo, ridden by a teenage student, competed at his first Combined Training event and finished in 2nd place in a competitive group. He went on to do the low level jumpers later in the year and put in solid rounds to bring home a variety of color of ribbons.

Santino, the first born into the Blue Oaks Center preservation efforts had many firsts over 2021 now that he is going confidently under saddle. With a solid foundation he is now schooling for his first shows and presentation as an ambassador.

Keep up to date on our travels and promotion of the Baca horses by visiting our website

www.centerforamericasfirsthorse.org and on Facebook - Center for America's First Horse.



Ringo



Adelantado & Alyx



Santino

III. Sandhill Center (Linda Zimmerman)

On July 18, 2021 a beautiful colt was born, Sandhill Chispa. He is a 75% Baca (dam is Chiqui and sire is El Relampago).



Sandhill Chispa

You can find out more information at www.sandhillcenter.org

IV. General Information

- It wasn't long ago when the Baca horses were near extinction. This is the reason that this Preservation Program is so critical. We would like to thank you for your continued interest in the Baca horses. We hope that you will consider donating to help prevent them from ever returning to "extinction". All donations are welcomed and 100% of your money will be used to support the Preservation Program. You can donate through our website (www.blueoakscenter.org) or you may contact me at 510-673-5000.
- Would you consider sharing this newsletter to one new potential Friend of the Baca who might enjoy learning more about this strain? The Baca Herd thanks you.
- Please note that a copy of past newsletters can be found on our website at: www.blueoakscenter.org

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