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Horse Talk

For those joining us that are not as horse savvy as others, we have some basic horse talk and bit of information to share about coloring in equines. Today, we find an extremely wide variety of coat colors and markings, which came about through interbreeding. If there is any doubt about the color of a horse, it is decided by the color of the points – the muzzle, tips of the ears, mane and tail, and lower leg parts.

A pigment called melanin in the skin carries color; the color depends on the amount and type of melanin present. Breeding for color is not always easy. Although genes determine color, throwbacks and variations often occur. White markings are areas with no pigment, and such markings are not believed to have existed in primitive and early strains.

Facial Markings

Facial markings are an important means of identification. Some of the common ones are: White face, snip, blaze, star and stripe. In the case of a star, the position, as well as size and shape, should be noted; a stripe should be classified as either broad or narrow.

Foal Naming Contest

The Foal has arrived and needs a Name!



Finally, after waiting and anticipating the birth of the foal, on June 18, 2014, at approximately 9 pm, a beautiful colt was born. Both the dam (mother) and the foal are healthy and doing well. And now, the foal needs a name!

Our rescued mare and mother of the new beautiful colt's name is Fyra. Fyra means, "fire blaze" in Danish, because of her very bright chestnut coat and attitude, reminds us of fire. Her show name is Van de Fyra, which means "of the fire blaze."

What's in a name? Everything! So enter as many times as you like, but think about the name. Now that you know it is for a boy, please be creative, and unique. Will it stand out in the show arena, and in everyday interaction? Let us know why you thought of the name, we'd love to hear what you're thinking!



Because we are a certified 501(c)(3) non-profit, the prize will be recognition of name chosen and photo on website, Facebook, and in our monthly newsletter. Donations are welcome and extremely appreciated but not necessary to participate in our Contest. Have fun!



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