



Group One-2 SCOOTAFoot T-93,344 (ch-1968), 5th generation of Kaw Liga through his color producing sire, **Dominion Blackfoot T-25,775**. Dam is T. B. Owned by A. Don Wolf, Bayleaf Farm, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Though the blood of May's Surprise is not a well known line in many Appaloosa circles, by naming some of his descendants we can see just how important this contribution is making to the breed.

Group Two: MORGAN'S LEOPARD F-437 (unknown breeding)

... bay spots, black legs; Wyoming—1926

Dan Morgan of Billings, Montana, discovered Morgan's Leopard at a millionaire's ranch, the PK Ranch, owned by Mrs. Mary P. Morgan (no relation), near Dayton, Wyoming, in 1940. The horse had been bought out of a Liberty Horse circus act in the East.

Mr. Morgan states that according to sources, Mr. Starbuck sold a group of carefully selected leopard horses of his own to some buyers in the East. He heard later that some of these horses had gone "into the Barnum & Bailey liberty horse act, I believe."

"So you see, my old horse was possibly raised by Mr. Starbuck," states Dan Morgan. "However, we have all learned of late that there are chunky, 1000 pound leopards in Europe with heavy, wavy tails and this fits Morgan's Leopard to a 'T'. This is not a characteristic of the western Appaloosa horses."

He was an aged horse when he came to Montana, but he left his mark in many great individuals. The old horse died from an impacted stomach after Mr. Morgan sold him to a man in Wyoming.

It seems that most of the modern-day leopard descendants come through his son, Leopard Cortez F-1072 (1945), non-leopard but producer of leopards.

Some of the well known Appaloosas bearing the blood of Morgan's Leopard through Leopard Cortez are:

... Morgan's Cheeta F-1078, dam of Simcoe's Sarcee F-1634 (blk-1955), who is the sire of Simcoe's Snowy Rock F-3800 (blk-1958) and the great grand-sire of Minidoka Swish T-69,506 (bay-1966).

... Moroccan Leopard F-1472 (blk-1952), whose dam is Lady of Spain F-1471 (br-1932), by Morgan's Leopard, thus intensifying this leopard blood. Moroccan Leopard sired the non-leopard Bear Step F-3068. However, Bear Step was a sire of leopards such as 1) WW Son of Bear Step T-31,521 (br & blk-1958), who sired Sonny Spot 24,440 (blk-1952); 2) WW Miss Kriss 3155 (ch-1958); and possibly his best known being 3) Eureka Chief 32,507 (bay-1960) who died in 1964, but not before he had sired National Champion Junior Gelding, Inca Chief 42,734 (ch-1964)

... Granado's Lava Lad 8832 (near leop., blk-1957) sired Tumalo Jubilee 36,657 (ch & blk-1963); and son Cortez Day F-3195 (blk-1958), sired Lady of Cortez.

Other well-knowns going back to Leopard Cortez—Toby II's Patchy Cochise F-2115 (blk-1957 through distaff side, Morgan's Papyrus; Hongo F-1602 (blk-1955) sired Hongo's Leopard T-20,154 (ch-1961), a 4th generation to Leopard Cortez.

The two top foundation Morgan's Leopard daughters to be mentioned in many of his descendants were Tangerine F-1073, the dam of Morgan's Papyrus F-1417, and also the fine old mare, Lady of Spain F-1471 (br-1932) and the dam of Moroccan Leopard F-1472.

Since Dan Morgan line bred many of his Appaloosas, the mention of Morgan's Leopard F-437 shows up more than once in a great many of the bloodlines.

Morgan's Leopard sired a number of leopards during his lifetime. Dan Morgan has been raising Appaloosas for many years, so it is understandable why these Morgan's Leopard-blooded horses have made such an indelible mark in the Appaloosa breed.



Group Two: MINIDOKA SWISH T-69,506 (bay-1966)—7th generation to Morgan's Leopard and a grandson of Simcoe's Snowy Rock F-3800, by Simcoe's Sarcee F-1634, who is out of Morgan's Cheeta F-1078. Owned by NoName Ranch, Bruce & Joan Buechner, York Springs, Penna.