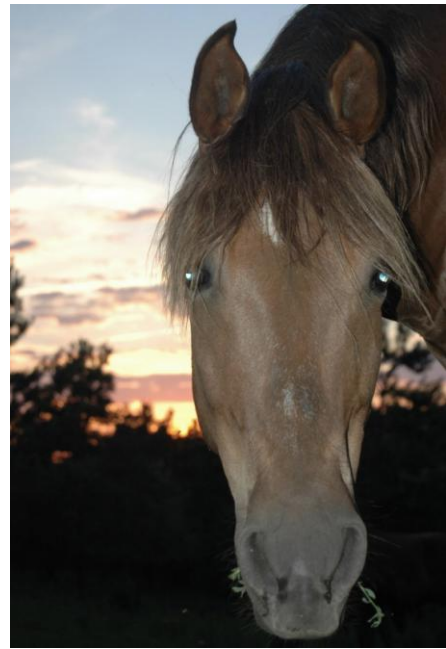
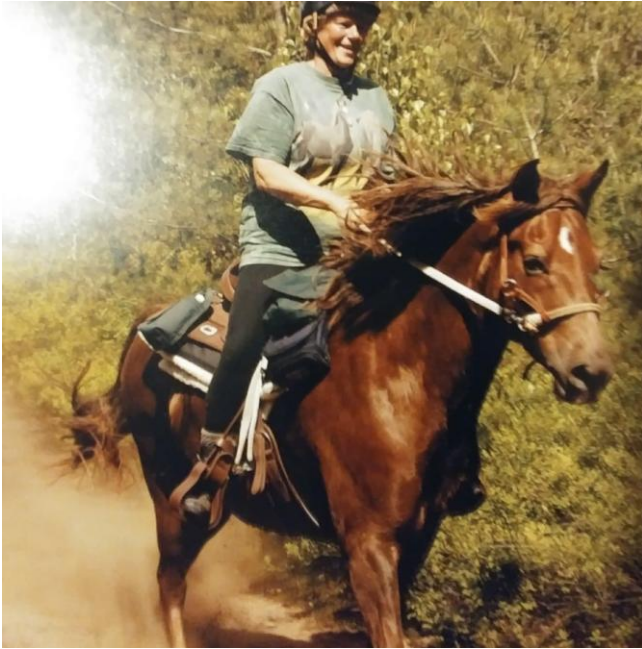


FLY DI THUNDER STORM



Fly Di Thunder Storm was foaled April 2, 1995 and died December 31 2012. His sire was Trillium Flying Diamond and his dam Riverway Aldine. Unfortunately, due to the sudden death of his owner, he ended up in a horrible situation by his second year. His luck changed when he, and two other Morgans, found their way to the Trillium Morgan Horse Farm. There they were brought back to good health and weight. A few months later Laurel Gould purchased him and he spent the balance of his life in her care.

Laurel 's show focus with her Morgans at that time was predominately Open Hunter and she had high hopes for young Storm. He developed into her ideal fellow, finishing at 15.3 hh with fantastic hunter movement. His first appearance at the CNE in Toronto was as a 3 year old and he behaved admirably but it was his appearance there years later that is special for Laurel. He captured 1st place in a children's class of 30 in the Short Stirrup Division with a young rider. Another highlight was when with another rising hunter rider, Storm earned a 1st place ribbon out of 40 entries in the Low Hunter Division at a local prestigious show. Laurel smiles proudly remembering hearing a spectator say, "There is the horse Thunderstorm. He wins everything and he is a Morgan".

Storm was a favourite in Laurel's lesson program at her Black Oak Stables and he taught children and adults alike to ride. Through the years he introduced countless people to the amazing Morgan breed.

Storm participated in a variety of clinics from dressage to hunter. His expressive face, with a quarter moon marking, made him a photo favourite and he appeared in magazines

and calendars. He signed autographs with his hoof. Strangers purchased photos of him. He was a great Morgan ambassador at every turn.

When Laurel recognized that Storm was beginning to tire of his lesson horse assignment she decided to move his career in a new direction. He loved to trail ride so they started long distance trail riding. In 2005, the OMHC first offered the Sport Horse Division and Laurel set a new final goal for Storm. She promised him if they could win the award he could retire to being full time trail horse. Well they did just that! They focused on dressage, hack and hunter divisions and Storm was crowned the first OMHC Sport Horse Champion.

Throughout his career he won many awards and high points including Champion Open Hunter Pleasure; Champion General Performance; Promotion Champion; Gold Versatile Morgan Medallion. He also helped many youth riders earn their first ever high point awards throughout his career.

Let's welcome Fly Di Thunder Storm to the OMHC Hall of Fame.