

On The Cover

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■ Tintagel Enterprises, Ltd Westhampton, Massachusetts

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As if Sarah Hollis, owner/operator of Tintagel Enterprises, Ltd, weren't as busy as ever with new foals, training, and showing, how about doing much of it while on 24 hour camera?

There are more than 20 Andalusians on the 107 acre Tintagel farm in Westhampton, Massachusetts, with some exciting new additions. The 2006 foaling season kicked off to an early start with the purebred Andalusian mares Augusta and Shalem both foaling within 24 hours of each other in February. If you have never witnessed a mare foaling, then join hundreds of viewers who watch mares foal out each year on Tintagel webcams. Over 800 people from around the world watched Augusta foal out her flashy new colt Tamino. "Viewers get as excited to see the new foals get up and wobble around as any of us here."

The cameras also provide a very functional use. If Sarah has a horse she wants to keep a close eye on, she just turns on the camera and watches it overnight right from the bedside computer. "I can keep an eye on newborn foals and know instantly if their behavior patterns change and head off any problems almost before they start. Clients also love the fact I can watch their horses closely, and they can too." One such client, Marti Aman of South Windsor, Connecticut, sent her Friesian mare, Janny, bred to Regaliz, up to foal out at Sarah's so she could be closely observed 24/7. Sure enough Janny foaled two weeks early but Marti didn't miss a minute watching her mare have her first foal right from her living room.

But now for something completely different....

Sarah's one Friesian mare, Zoe, was bred to a Gypsy Drum horse stallion for a 2007 foal and another Drum horse mare, Sequin, was purchased by Tintagel. Both mares are expecting Drum horse foals in 2007 by different stallions.

Drum horses are taller versions of the more commonly seen Gypsy Cobs, usually with heavy Shire or Clydesdale breeding. "I wanted to try something a little different and to produce a really extraordinary exhibition horse. The black and white pinto coloring plus the feathering makes a very eye-catching picture. Sequin's long legs and tall riding type conformation were exactly what I was looking for." That makes for a total of nine foals expected at Tintagel for 2007.

With some different crosses and what Sarah describes as a rainbow of colors expected, viewers will want to tune into those web cameras to join in the watch!

The breeding season continues for both stallions currently standing at Tintagel: Regaliz, the magnificent black with power and prowess and Diego, the tall, elegant, fiery red chestnut with the gentle demeanor. Both stallions are making quite a name for themselves through their foals. "It's so important to know WHAT a stallion throws," says Sarah. "His prepotency, what he stamps each time no matter the mare, is how to judge and pick a stallion."

"Regaliz is our hind-end machine," laughs Sarah. "Every single time he will shorten a back, smooth out a loin coupling and add sheer power to a hind end. It's in every foal to the point people are starting to spot them on videos no matter what breed the dam is



The Friesian cross filly by Regaliz, Sarika, strikes a pose outside the show ring.



The Hanoverian cross colt by Regaliz, Orlando, poses with his winning ribbons!

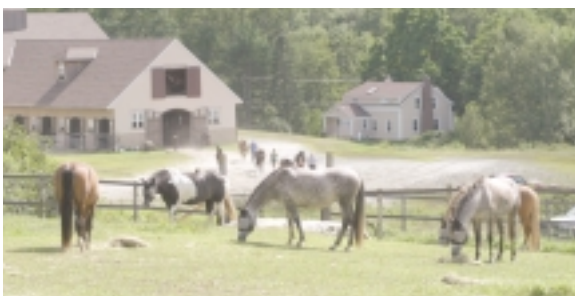


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The tranquil landscape at Tintagel.

and say "That's a Regaliz, you can't miss the way the hind end works!". Quick stops, cow horse type turning, and extreme agility are all hallmarks of his foals. Warmblood and Thoroughbred owners especially are discovering Regaliz makes a great choice for them.

Diego, though much younger, is already showing his consistency through both his purebred and crossbred offspring. The beautiful high set neck shape, the long legs with long strides and most of all the laidback people-loving nature are what Diego produces. His purebred son, Tamino, born and bred by Tintagel, possesses all these features of his sire. Tamino has proved this temperament by preferring to have his feet trimmed while lying down sound asleep. Tamino has also gone for walks with owner Sarah right into her house, through the living room and kitchen and out on the front porch. Just so he could see how people live.

"Tamino loves exploring and doing just about any-

thing with humans. He's so much like his dad, super model looks with a relaxed even-tempered mind, up for just about anything."

Show season is well underway with several Tintagel horses and client foals enjoying showing their offspring on the dressage sport horse circuit. Marti Aman was blessed with a stunning filly Sarika, and has been accompanying the Tintagel gang at shows. Marti says, "I love my mare, Janny. I really enjoy her easygoing temperament and the feel of her gaits; however, when I decided to breed her I wanted her foal to have a greater degree of agility and athleticism, which I certainly think I've gotten by breeding to Regaliz. Sarika is a delight - she enjoys using her body and can run like the wind, but then drop into a walk or halt so quickly and softly that it doesn't seem quite real. In addition, she's got a quick mind and doesn't need much repetition to learn something new. I'm really excited about watching this filly grow up."

Also joining the fun is Sarah Warzecho from Bristol, Connecticut, with her Hanoverian cross colt by Regaliz, Orlando. "Orlando has all of the qualities that we tried to produce. A fabulous mover with wonderful conformation, as at two and one half months old his scores in recognized shows in the sport horse breeding class have proven, he is smart and amiable, with personality and class. All of the things that I wanted to change in my mare were greatly improved by this cross," Sarah Warzecho proudly states.

Also new for 2006 was Augusta's debut on the Pinto show horse circuit. Augusta is the Tintagel famous purebred Andalusian pinto mare. So far she has been fulfilling her legacy by amassing an impressive record of Four Grand Championships and Two Reserve Grand Championships in the Pleasure/Saddle Horse division.

The Tintagel website also continues to update almost weekly. New sections include WHERE ARE THEY NOW which showcases horses sold and bred by Tintagel and what they are doing with their new owners. "Every foal born here has an extended family that cheers them on when news comes in of successes; there are oohs and aahs over new pictures, and delight in their everyday stories. I put news and updates up as fast as owners will send them -- so that section is always changing and has proved incredibly popular."

As if this wasn't enough to keep Sarah and Tintagel excitingly busy, Sarah has her current farm up for sale and would like to move to warmer climates to raise her babies. So not only can you go to that Tintagel website to view and buy horses, and even watch the birth of these horses, you can look around and decide you'd like to buy the farm as well! ■

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