

Those Amazing Morgan Foals Contest Results

Photos of these Morgan foals, taken by amateurs and submitted by our readers, were published in the August issue of The Morgan Horse. Results of the contest follow:



Jay Kleiber at home at Ridgewood with a foal.

MORGAN CHARACTER

Judged by Jay Kleiber, Ridgewood Farm, Elizabeth, Colorado

It was an honor to be asked to judge the conformation aspect of the Amazing Foals contest this year. Since babies have always been my favorite part of owning Morgan horses myself, it's fun to see so many of those that others have produced all in one place.

Unlike a true judging scenario where you can walk around a foal, see it from many angles, watch it move and do a full assessment, a photo gives you a snapshot view as a single point of reference. There were many photos of foals that did not allow me enough of a view to place them, although I found myself wishing for the opportunity to see them again a few months downstream. Photo number 75 is a clear example of this. I love her dam and believe the foal is going to grow up to be a truly wonderful Morgan. I just could not see enough of her to place her.

≈ **FIRST PLACE** ≈ My first place foal goes to Photo Number 81. While I would prefer a side view, I can see the foal is very characteristically Morgan. It has a great shoulder, a pretty head, and small tippy ears. The forearm is long and the cannon bone is short which is a recipe for good movement. There appears to be good angulation in the hocks, which come together to make this a very correct and beautiful foal. I would be very proud to have bred this Morgan baby.



≈ **SECOND PLACE** ≈

My second place foal goes to photo number 22. This is just an overall beautiful photo and gave the side view I like to see. This foal was a strong contender for first place. While I would like to see a bit more of a pronounced wither, I really like the hinge this foal has as well as the long, deep hip

and great angulated hocks. Because of the stance of the foal it was difficult to truly see his shoulder but this foal is the type you breed and know that, regardless of the division or use it will see in the future, it will be pretty, athletic and undeniably Morgan.

≈ **HONORABLE MENTION** ≈ First honorable mention goes to photo number 4. From the moment I saw the photo of this elegant foal I was captivated by the overall quality and elegance. This foal has a long neck, a fine throatlatch, a beautiful head and is clearly an athlete. She has tremendous depth of shoulder and length of hip and is a strong representative of the beauty and balance we are seeing in our colorful Morgans.



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≈ **HONORABLE MENTION** ≈ Second honorable mention goes to photo number 63. This foal just wants to stand up and be noticed. He has a great shoulder, a beautiful head and the elusive charisma we all love to see in our babies. The foal is a bit straight in the hind legs and that's where I might change him but overall, I have little doubt this one is going to be a star! He thinks he's all that and, for that reason alone, he gets points and an honorable mention on my card.



≈ **HONORABLE MENTION** ≈ Third honorable mention goes this beautiful-headed foal in photo number 57. I think had the photographer snapped the photo just a second earlier we would see a spectacular foal, balanced and cadenced with the kind of beauty so characteristic of our breed. I'm very anxious to learn the breeding of this foal.

ARTISTIC COMPOSITION



Judged by Howard Schatzberg, Schatzberg Photography, Scottsdale, Arizona

Thanks for asking me to judge this contest. I always enjoy doing this. This was a super close contest this year with a lot of beautiful foals. There is always a lot to consider in judging the photographs—color, lighting, setting—and for me what separated many of the images this year was background. Consistently my top picks had natural backgrounds. I feel that these are the top images. *Left: Photographer Howard Schatzberg with wife Megan.*

≈ **FIRST PLACE** ≈
87. Super close contest, this picture shows great lighting, a beautiful setting, color balance, great composition and shows to me a lot of serenity; it is a very warm photograph. It stuck out to me because I love the lighting involved. Although one of the subjects is rather unusual, the idea of a good photograph is one that makes you want to look at it and talk about it, this photograph does all these things.



≈ **SECOND PLACE** ≈ 22. I love the picture, it shows a lot of feeling, action, great lighting, beautiful subjects, and a great setting. The only issue is that unfortunately the photo was cropped too tight cutting out the mare's face. This is a very close second place.



≈ **HONORABLE MENTION** ≈ 44. Well-composed, beautiful color, a super nice foal with a lot of attitude, good lighting, good focus, it's a nice, clean image.

≈ **HONORABLE MENTION** ≈ 89. Again this is a well-composed, centered photograph, the subjects are all looking towards one area, it's a fun picture to look at with the twins and the mare.

≈ **HONORABLE MENTION** ≈ 90. Well-composed, centered image, great timing, an up headed foal that is going somewhere. I really liked the foal, the timing is good and the lighting is well done.



THE PEOPLES CHOICES

Voted on by Friends of *The Morgan Horse* on Facebook

We posted all the Amazing Foal photos to Facebook and invited you, the public, to choose your favorites. Each “like” on Facebook was counted as a vote for that picture. The photos were posted to the social networking site on September 5 and voting closed at 9:00 a.m. on October 1.

Interestingly, top vote-getters were in close running.

There is no doubt the picture of the twins (#89) ruled the day, resonating emotionally with voters.



See the following pages for foal names, breeding, owners and photographers. The winners are highlighted in blue boxes.

Placing	Number	Votes
1st Place	89	248
2nd Place	81	238
3rd Place	22	114
4th Place	23	112

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2012 ENTRIES (winners in blue):

1. 2012 Filly

(GDT Armani x Danforth Afternoon Delite)
Owned by David J. FitzGerald
Photo by Connie Boutin

2. Statesmans Pandora (raf)

(Atavista Statesman x Draconia Canterbury Belle)
Owned by Lynne Shpak
Photo by Megan Vogel

3. Statesman's Timeless Tribute (raf)

(Chief Of State x Kell's Magic In The Heir)
Owned by Lynne Shpak
Photo by Megan Vogel

4. UDM Mariposa

(UDM Fortune In Gold x Aljaks Miss. Whamerica)
Owned & photo by Karen Burridge

5. Raintree Reunion (raf)

(Graycliff Tony x Call Me Alice)
Owned & bred by Barb Rudicel
Photo by Breanna Nalley

6. Meadowmist Man On The Run

(Minion Millennium x Glory Edition)
Owned & bred by Jim & Lyn Estell
Photo by Breanna Nalley

7. Meadowmist Perfect Storm

(Cartier x FCF Dearest Illusion)
Owned and bred by Jim & Lyn Estell
Photo by Breanna Nalley

8. Raintree Reunion (raf)

(Graycliff Tony x Call Me Alice)
Owned & bred by Barb Rudicel
Photo by Breanna Nalley

9-12. NSP Diamond

Governess (raf)
(Regency Flash Gordon x Alves Diamond Grace)
Owned & bred by Nadine Scott-Paxton/Wyatt Paxton

13-14. LOVELACE

Sheila Hawk
(RG Black Dandy x RG Lillie Hawk)
Owned by Rob, Holly & Helen Marie Heinrich
Photos by Holly Heinrich

15. Heatherwald

Blues Man (raf)
(UVM Gordon x Heatherwald Blue Velvet)
Owned & bred by Robert & Laurie Sim
Photo by Laurie Sim

16. Heatherwald

Lady Grace (raf)
(UVM Gordon x Preferred Lady)
Owned & bred by Robert & Laurie Sim
Photo by Laurie Sim

17-18. 2012 Foal

(Ultra's Special Agent x MLF Calamity Jane)
Owned, bred & photo by Suzy Trueblood

19-20. 2012 filly

(Bluefields Mystic x Lyka Sailor Maid)
Owned & photos by Nora Mills

21. TOV Miss Legacy

(Bramblea Ashwood Seth x Z Halcyon Starbright)
Owned & bred by Carol Marie Dzindzio
Photo by Cindy Seibert

22. 2012 Foal

(UVM Coming Attraction x Dresser Hill Jennifer)
Owned & photo by Kathleen L. DeFazio

23. 2012 Foal

(HVK Noble Italia x Black Tuxedo Lady Diana)
Owned by Nicole/Joel Ziemer & Dianna Cutler
Photo by Brenda Bachmann

24-25. Pond Brook

Katahdin (raf)
(Pond Brook Sampson x DM Regency's Reeses Peace)
Owned & bred by John Lawrence & Marcia Smolin
Photo by John Lawrence

26. Coulee Bend Ricochet

(Unconventional x Dody Little Bell SRDA)
Owned by Coulee Bend Morgan Farm
Photo by Cindy Dietz

27. 2012 Colt

(Braveheart Of Times Past x Times Past Pocahontas)
Owned & bred by Gary L. Napier
Photo by Gena Nicholas

28. Wintergreen Gran Finale

(Wintergreen Beaufort x Ultras Perfect Timing)
Owned & photo by Ann Taylor

29-30. 2012 Foal

(M E M Chill Factor x Lookaways Vanessa)
Owned & bred by Sarah Johnson
Photos by Stephanie Marcelonis

31. 2012 Colt

(Braveheart Of Times Past x Times Past Pocahontas)
Owned & bred by Gary L. Napier
Photo by Levi Napier

32. 2012 Filly

(Lazy HeartDKnightsJubilee x Mtn Maple Charm)
Owned & bred by Jenny Blanchett-Morse
Photo by Christie Vandeburg

33. 2012 Filly

(JMF Cruise Control x JMF Shadow With A Twist)
Owned & bred by Janzen Morgan Farm
Photo by Dorothy Janzen

34-37. Dogwood Ridge

Cindy Shines (raf)
(Swanbrook DeCoupage x Dogwood Ridge Ante Up)
Owned & bred by Ernie & Brenda Norris
Photo by Wendy Gleaves

38. Poguearosa Lilly Belle (raf)

(Whippoorwill Newmoon x Weathermont Belle)
Owned by Ted & Laurie Pogue
Photo by Laurie Pogue

39. 2012 Foal

(Fiddler's Samson x Ancan Charity)
Owned & bred by Kathy Gregory-Salvo & Gayle Pulizzi
Photo by Sue Gregory

40-41. Alibi Could Be

Chemistry (raf)
(CCR's Courage Of Fortune x Alibi Quiet Flight)
Owned by Karen Montoya
Bred & photos by Vicki D. Smith

42-43. Wilga Park Kachina

(RanchBoss Cortez x Mt Tawonga Tabitha)
Owned & bred by Greg & Kathy Lyons
Photos by Kathy Lyons

44. Escania's Kitalpha

(Escania's Pharazon LT x Goldget Kitty)
Owned & bred by Escania Morgans, Sweden
Photos by Sara D. Alvrud

45. Escania's Blackjack Pine

(Tullesbo Black Montana x Tronshagens Penny)
Owned & bred by Escania Morgans, Sweden
Photos by Sara D. Alvrud

46-47. 2012 Foal

(Whispering War Chant x Hopefoal Entice Me)
Owned & bred by Tom James
Photos by Lisa James

48. Escania's Palomides

(Escania's Pharazon LT x Hagas Uplands Mary)
Bred by Sara D. Alvrud
Photo by Jessica Elofsson

49. Escania's Blackjack Pine

(Tullesbo Black Montana x Tronshagens Penny)
Bred by Sara D. Alvrud
Photo by Jessica Elofsson

50. & 51. Remembrance

Shannon (raf)
(Whippoorwill Newmoon x New Ran Tory)
Owned & bred & photos by Lisa J. Barrett

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52-53. 2012 Foal

(Rogue Hill's Woodsman x BeBold Bonnie Hawk)
Owned by Doana Anderson
Photos by Patti Jackson (52)
& Jean Sauer (53)

54. 2012 Foal

(UVM Coming Attraction x Dresser Hill Jennifer)
Owned & photo by Kathleen L. DeFazio

55. 2012 Foal

(UVM Coming Attraction x Scandias Raynyday Duet)
Owned & photo by Kathleen L. DeFazio

56. HRH Ruby

(Illegal Motion x Gamblin Rose)
Owned, bred & photo by Hal Hoover

57. HRH Light My Fire (raf)

(Illegal Motion x Furious Love)
Owned, bred & photo by Hal Hoover

58. 2012 Colt

(Rowenda Boogie On Down x Futurity's Millenium Miss)
Owned & bred by Magenta Farms
Photo by Trisha Hess

59. 2012 Colt

(Rosedust Steppenwolf x JAX Splenda)
Owned & bred by Kathryn Schwartz
Photo by Trisha Hess

60. CSCM Attractive

Options (raf)
(CSCM Wall Street x CSCM Main Attraction)
Owned & bred by Tonie Cowen
Photo by Amanda Buck

61-62. 2012 Filly

(Blackhats Royal Prince x Anakus Emma Royal)
Owned by Pam McDermott
Photos by Pam McDermott (61)
& Nicole Evans (62)

63-64. John Darco

(Rain Kokos Gigolo x Falkas Duchess)
Owned, bred & photo by Claudia Künne

65. 2012 Foal

(The Chosen One x Nappa Valley)
Owned & bred by George & Kathy Conway
Photo by Maria Nozzi

66. 2012 Foal

(Mikaela's Rock This Town x State of Grace)
Owned & bred by George & Kathy Conway
Photo by Maria Nozzi

67-68. 2012 Foal

(Dancastle Icefalcon x Tony Fennelly)
Owned & bred by June Strelcheck Pedersen
Photo by Marsha Valance

69. LeDan's Wind And Stone

(Missouri Silver Rhythm x Mary-Mels Gloworm)
Owned & bred by LeDan Morgans
Photo by Dan Simmons

70. GR Sundance (raf)

(Jingling Spurs LR x M River Sparky)
Owned by Genetic Resources, LLC
Photo by Kim Viker

71. LeDan's Wind And Stone

(Missouri Silver Rhythm x Mary-Mels Gloworm)
Owned & bred by LeDan Morgans
Photo by Dan Simmons

72-73. MHMF

Colorado Spice
(Wintergreen Colorado x Hollybrook Hugs N Kisses)
Owned & bred by Mai Wisdom
Photo by Peggy McLinn

74. Tui's Red Dragon

(Tredway Aristocrat x Tui's Lovesong)
Owned & bred by Peter & Bridget Cameron
Photo by Bridget Cameron

75. Tui's Allegro

(Tredway Aristocrat x Tui's Felicity)
Owned & bred by Peter & Bridget Cameron
Photo by Bridget Cameron

76-77. 2012 Filly

(Mikaela's Rock This Town x State of Grace)
Owned & bred by George & Kathy Conway
Photos by Kathy Conway

78-79. Starry Knight (raf)

(Easthill Legacy x Trindex SonRise)
Owned by Matthew Ulbricht
Photo by Becky Ulbricht

80. 2012 Foal

(Supernova x LJF Kimawin)
Owned & bred by Brett & Patti Bartley
Photo by Dawn Fire

81. Edelhof's Black Edition

(UVM Numinous x Expat Lead From The Front)
Owned, bred & photo by Eva Stock

82. MtnTop Truly

Scrumptious (raf)
(Baptiste Blue Hawaii x Amberfields Dun Lovin)
& **MtnTop Easter Lily** (raf)

(Baptiste Blue Hawaii x Universal Selection)
Owned & bred by Kristal Homoki

83. MtnTop Isabella (raf)

(MtnTop Whippoorwill Tanek x W A R L E Fire Bird)
Owned by Robin & Kerry Campbell
Bred by Kristal Homoki, MtnTop

84. 85. Okan Ravyn

(Good News Joshua x Okan MisTaylor)
Owned by Don & Mary Curtis
Photo by Mary Curtis

86. Lyngby's Phantasia

(Escania's Pharazon LT x Farceur's Princess)
Owned by Magdalena Arnesen
Bred by Anna Wegestal
Photo by Sara Alvrud

87. Wirraway Dream On

(Tui's Theme Song x Fox Brush Custom Design)
Owned & bred by Wirraway Sport Morgans
Photo by Diane Howard

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(Tui's Theme Song x Fox Brush Custom Design)
Owned & bred by Wirraway Sport Morgans
Photo by MaryAnn Schafer

89. 2012 Twin Fillies

(Rose Valley Very Impressiv x HDP War Dancer)
Owned by Four Points Farm
Photo by Julie Oipari

90. DBB Lightning McQueen

(Town Assets x Ryan's Pure Elegance)
Owned by Debbie Broadaddus
Photo by Paul Cozza ■

Thank you to all who visited *The Morgan Horse's* Facebook page, enjoyed these pictures of Amazing Morgan babies and voted for their favorites.