

# Black Dee 4833

The Research of Marsha Valance, 2022

*With this column researcher Marsha Valance marks ten years of supplying her "Blood Will Tell" column for publication in the official breed journal. We asked Marsha to choose her preference among many already on file to mark this special occasion and she chose Black Dee. "I love her and had fun researching her," the author says. Marsha, The Morgan Horse thanks you on behalf of readers and Morgan history buffs.*



LEFT TO RIGHT: Black Dee with Lois Jean Mays, up; her dam Sentola with Loy Greenwalt and a foal from the 1940s (photo courtesy of Renee Page).

**Black Dee** (Herodon 7611 x Sentola 04555) • Solid black • 14.2 • **Foaled:** Jan. 1, 1931, Springfield, Illinois

**Bred by:** J. C. Brunk • **Died:** March 8, 1960, the property of J. Roy Brunk, Springfield, Illinois

41 crosses to Sherman Morgan 5; 14 to Woodbury Morgan 7; nine to Cock Of The Rock 10; six to Bulrush Morgan 6; five to Robin aka Red Robin (unreg.); four to Brutus 2; four to Revenge 8; 96 crosses to various Justin Morgan daughters

**Eight generation coefficient of inbreeding:** 1.90246105194092 percent • **Registered Morgan progeny:** 18 (eight colts, ten fillies)

**B**lack Dee 04833 (by Herodon) was Sentola's first foal and a very prolific mare. She was the dam of Justin Dart 8496, whose blood is carried on today by the reining champion Twin Pond Disco Kid. Her son Congo 8354 (by Tarron) started his own dynasty within the Brunk family. She carried multiple crosses not only to seven Justin Morgan sons, but also to 15 Justin Morgan daughters. "Black Dee was a small mare. I would have guessed her to be under 14.3 hands, of good Morgan type, a pretty mare even at the age of 23 when I first saw her. When

I first met Roy Brunk, he told me he had four mares he would never sell and Black Dee was one of them. He told me she was a good mare any place she was used, and a good horse to use on cattle."—Bob Riley, "The Family of Black Dee," *Hawkeye Morgan Horse Club Newsletter*.

Elegant, athletic, and graceful sport Morgans, show Morgans, ranch Morgans, and family pets tracing to Black Dee may be found in Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Sweden, and the United States. ■



#### DESCENDANTS OF BLACK DEE

**TOP ROW:** Son Congo and his grandson Aldebaron (by Mango by Congo) (photo courtesy of Renee Page);

**BOTTOM ROW:** Son Justin Dart and his daughter HyLee's Lady Justin with a young Jackie Behling up.

#### BLACK DEE PROGENY REPORT

| NAME          | FOALED | GENDER   | COLOR    | SIRE          | PROGENY |
|---------------|--------|----------|----------|---------------|---------|
| Dee Dee       | 1937   | Mare     | Chestnut | Juzan         | 2       |
| Danny Boy     | 1938   | Stallion | Bay      | Juzan         | 1       |
| De Ann        | 1939   | Mare     | Black    | Juzan         | 10      |
| Congo         | 1940   | Stallion | Black    | Tarron        | 61      |
| Justin Dart   | 1941   | Stallion | Black    | Squire Burger | 9       |
| Jean Marie    | 1942   | Mare     | Chestnut | Juzan         | 5       |
| Dee Nette     | 1943   | Mare     | Chestnut | Juzan         | 6       |
| Mau Dee       | 1944   | Mare     | Chestnut | Tarron        | 11      |
| Monty Dee     | 1945   | Stallion | Bay      | Lamont        | None    |
| Donna Dee     | 1946   | Mare     | Chestnut | Juzan         | 3       |
| Royal Rose    | 1947   | Mare     | Chestnut | Allen Royal   | 6       |
| Senator Flash | 1948   | Stallion | Chestnut | Senator Bain  | 1       |
| Josie C       | 1951   | Mare     | Chestnut | King Jo       | 10      |
| Trinandee     | 1953   | Stallion | Chestnut | Trinango      | 23      |
| Nan Dee       | 1954   | Mare     | Black    | Trinango      | None    |
| April King    | 1956   | Stallion | Bay      | Mango         | None    |
| Syntrella     | 1957   | Mare     | Chestnut | Mango         | 4       |
| Rocky Roll    | 1958   | Gelding  | Chestnut | Mango         | None    |