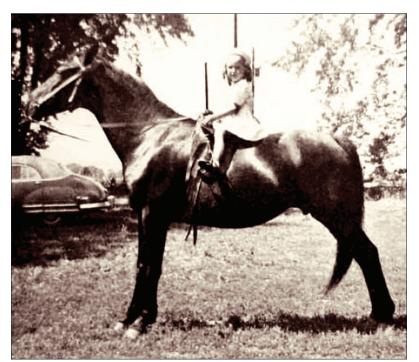


Black Dee 4833

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)

Black 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.

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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