

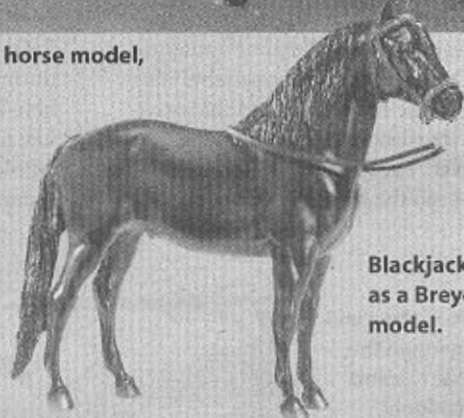


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Blackjack, the newest Breyer horse model, with owner Ellen Feld.

► Morgan owner and equine author **Ellen Feld** recently announced that her Morgan horse, **Blackjack**, has been made into a Breyer model! The reason he's been made into a model is because Breyer is packaging her book, *Blackjack*, with the model. Ellen is excited because to date the only books that Breyer® has paired with their traditional sized models are the classics like *The Black Stallion*, *Flicka*, etc. She has been invited to BreyerFest next July, and she hopes this will give her books a lot of visibility. Congratulations, Ellen; this will be a great promo for the Morgan breed!

Ellen is also excited about yet another **award nomination** her Morgan Horse children's book series has received. The book grabbing attention this time is Feld's brand new title, *Shadow: The Curious Morgan Horse*, a hard-cover short-story filled with over 20 beautiful illustrations by well-known equine artist Jeanne Mellin. This time the nomination comes from the 2006 Children's and YA Bloggers' Literary Awards, also known as the Cybils. The award was established to recognize excellence within the Children and Young Adult book market and winners will be decided by a panel of distinguished authors and



Blackjack as a Breyer model.

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publishers. Winners will be announced in early spring 2007.

► The United States Equestrian Federation has awarded the inaugural **USEF Youth Sportsman's Charter Award** to Oklahoma City's **Caitlin Novotny**, a member of **AMHA** and a freshman at Oklahoma State University.

Novotny beat out 42 other young equestrians to be awarded an all-expense paid career workshop (June 23-29, 2007). She will be invited to the USEF headquarters in Lexington, Ky., for a week-long apprenticeship, in which she will be exposed to the inner workings of the various departments and functions of the Federation. The opportunity will open doors to Novotny and allow her access to industry professionals. In addition to the apprenticeship, Novotny will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, a lifetime membership to the USEF and a trophy.

"My reaction to winning the award was shock," said Novotny. "I was



Caitlin Novotny

thrilled to just be the national nominee for AMHA, not to mention the overall winner." The college freshman was modest about her many activities and countless hours she had devoted to the promotion of the Morgan horse. She felt that it was her willingness to give back to her equestrian community and her chosen breed that gave her the extra advantage.

► **Corine Crossman** and **Mitch Michaud** of **Menomin Meadow Morgan Horse Farm** in Lebanon, Maine, congratulate **Debbie Bennett** of Cornwall, Connecticut, on the purchase of **Menomin Inquisition**, a two-year-old gelding by **Menomin Yankee D Dandy** and out of **PPM Sommer's Dream**. This handsome gelding was the 2006 Reserve Two-Year-Old Specialty In-Hand Champion at New England. Debbie and Inquisition are headed for the carriage competitions and trail riding.

► **Laura Bowers**, formerly of Massachusetts, now of Castle Rock, Colorado, sold **Festival Flamenco** (full brother to many-time world champion **Festival Calypso**) to **Roberta Marshall** of Seaway Morgans in Lisbon, N.Y. He will be Roberta's classic saddle horse in 2007.

► On November 25, **Eliza** married **William High** of Boston, Mass. Elizabeth is a Morgan owner and pre shows **Apostrophe** in a Ladies Hunter Pleasure class under the direction of the **Moreland Farm**.

► Following the November 25th of the **Grand National & Championship Morgan Horse Committee**, the group will announce the following judges who have accepted to judge the show in 2007. The park and pleasure judges include **Harold Angell**, **Becker**, **Terry Jones Bre**, and **Lisa Cunningham Wall**. The judges for the hunter pleasure and western pleasure divisions include **Julie Addante**, **Anne Lawter**, and **Mart**.

The show also recently announced that **Fred Nava** has been named the new manager. Nava comes to the position with years of experience managing the **New England Morgan Horse Show** and the **Jubilee Regional Morgan Horse Show**.

"I am really excited about this endeavor," Nava said. "I look forward to working with the wonderful staff and committee I have had the good things about."

The Grand National & Championship Morgan Horse Show would like to thank former show manager **Steve and Caroline Faulkner** for an excellent job in 2006. Due to time constraints with their personal business, they have decided to under

take the show in 2007.



Chris Cassenti

the Advisory Committee for the Essex Agricultural School in Hathorne, Mass. She has two graduates from the school, Teresa Rosa and Jill Marshall, both attending their college. Chris is also a member of the Advisory Committee for the Farm Bureau/Commission of Massachusetts.