

The Nokota & HOA Presentation at the Kentucky Horse Park

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On behalf of the Nokota Horse Conservancy, the Odgers family of Crazy Horse Farm in Paris, Kentucky exhibited their Nokota – Blue Moon Rising – at the Kentucky Horse Park Breeds Exhibition the last weekend in October, 2006.



This occasion marked the Nokota's first appearance at the Kentucky Horse Park.

It was a joint presentation with 5 Colonial Spanish horses representing HOA – Horse of the Americas. Blue Moon Rising was the solo Nokota performer.

Blue Moon Rising – a Blue Moon son we fondly nicknamed Moonshine – is a veteran Nokota exhibitor. He's trained & shown to the blues in dressage. And, he's the all-around favorite 'husband' and guest horse of our family. He's also a self-effacing guy – lacking 'showboat' charisma typically found in Nokotas. We jokingly call him "our wonky Nokota". That all changed. Moonshine's performance at the Kentucky Horse Park exceeded my every expectation. Maybe he understood this visit was an

historic first – because he pulled the ‘magic rabbit’ out of the hat. His performances were nearly flawless. It was breathtaking to both watch and to ride. Speaking as his owner, rider and trainer, it was truly a magical experience I’ll long remember.



Many thanks to Frank Kuntz, Shelly Hauge, and Dawn Hager of North Dakota and Carla Wood from Chicago, IL for attending and supporting us at this event. Thanks to the HOA folks – they were awesome! Thanks to Laurie Sacks of Wary Wolf Nokotas in Pennsylvania, for volunteering her time to get Nokota and HOA music and scripts to the recording studio. And Pam Pew – my steadfast friend – for the endless supply of encouragement and support. Thanks also to Jeff Scott, new friend of the family, for his assistance. And without my incredible family – I never could have pulled this off. With love to Chris, Kat, Alex and Nick.

And Moonshine – wow – I’m still wiping tears away. You were spectacular. You did good, buddy – real good.

No one will ever call you ‘the wonky Nokota’ again.