

The Magic story starts with the purchase of 'Count Again' ('Beggar Bingo\*' X 'Broomfield Countess Girl') from the Otten's of Saxonvale Stud by Bevin and Marilyn Schulz. An already proven show horse, with points in reining & halter, and producer of top quality quarter horse foals, 'Aggie' was recommended by their trainer Samantha Daley.

Upon her arrival in Queensland, Count Again was only a month off foaling to the fabulous imported stallion 'Ima Cool Seeker\*'. The mare had produced 8 foals previously, some including a Reserve National Champion in reining, and multiple State and NPHA champions in halter.

In the late afternoon of 5th October, 2002 Count Again gave birth to a big, beautiful filly, with two stockings and a blaze on her face. The Schulz's and the Daley's were there to witness the birth and all agreed she was something special.

Now the mammoth task of naming the filly began. Her eventual name was made up from owner Bevin Schulz's habit of always asking people's opinions with 'Wadayareckon?'. When he asked "Wadayareckon?" while both he and his wife Marilyn were leaning on the fence watching their newborn filly play, Marilyn replied with "Shes magic". So, simply enough, the name was settled on.

'Magic' went to Daley's to be prepared for halter, "She was such a delight to do anything with and I'm glad of this because of her sheer size" said Samantha. 'Magic's' first trip to the Nationals was a success with her placing 3rd in a big class of weanling fillies.

After the nationals 'Magic' had a very successful season, winning and placing in futurities and winning champion mare awards all over SE Queensland. Qld QH State Show saw her win Grand Open Mare, Weanling Futurity & Grand Amateur Mare. When USA Judge Margaret Hammond handed the first place ribbon to Sam her remark was 'Oh she's fancy!'

'Magic' returned to the show pen as a yearling- taking out a handful of futurities and champion mare titles. She was named Reserve National Champion and Reserve State Champion Yearling Filly and went on to win the Yearling Futurity at the Qld QH State Show.

As a 2yr old Magic started the year by winning the 2 yr & Over Halter Futurity at the Autumn Classic at Gatton. At Q5 Magic become National Champion 2 yr old Mare, and took out Reserve Grand Mare. Qld QH State Show saw her once again become the Grand Mare in both Open & Amateur.

Magic was soon 3 years old (and a big gal at that- easily measuring 16hh), she again won Grand Mare in Open and Amateur at the Qld QH State Show for the 3rd time. She also went Grand Mare in both Open and Amateur at the 2006 QH Nationals. When awarding the Grand Mare garland, USA Judge Chele Murrell

stated "This mare could compete successfully anywhere in the world". An awesome testament to just how great this mare truly is.

In 2007 the decision was made to take her to Sydney for one last trip to the Nationals, NPHA and NSW QH State Show. Unfortunately for Samantha she was unable to have the honour of showing 'Magic' this trip, as a fall off a 2yr old left her with a broken leg. Sam handed the lead to her sister Lesa, who showed 'Magic' to success with National, State & NPHA champions at all 3 shows, with Marilyn also winning all three Amateur Mare classes.

Tears flowed when she won the 2 Year & Over Halter Maturity, then becoming Grand Open & Amateur Mare at NPHA. For her final national show appearance 'Magic' was sashed Reserve Grand Open Mare.

'Wadayareckon Shes Magic' is not only beautiful to the eye; her nature is second to none. She has been named 'the gentle giant' by her biggest fans. "Magic and I really have a special bond and always felt I got the best out of her, she has been my favourite horse to show and she always made me so proud. I look forward to showing her babies, though they have a hard act to follow!" Sam says.

The end of an era saw 'Count Again' being humanly put down in early 2007. At 24 yrs old she had a total of 11 Quarter Horse foals, two Paints, and one unborn quarter horse foal when she died. 'Magic' will now start a new era for Bevin & Marilyn Schulz, replacing her mother in the broodmare band along with their other mares - Gotta Be A Chance- PHAA multiple National and Futurity Champion in foal to Tribulation\* and Watches Minuet, PHAA performance ROMS, in foal to Nights Of Gold.

'Magic' finished off her show career in fine style at the 2007 QLD QH State Show. She can made it three in a row (4 in total) winning Grand Champion Mare in both open and amateur. She has now been retired to stud. Her choice of suitor is yet to be decided on, but he sure has a lot to live up to, to be with a mare like 'Magic'.