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Midwest Equine stands Ready's Image and Blueskiesnrainbows

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Dr. Roger Beam with stallion Ready's Image

THESE ARE NOT RESTFUL DAYS for Dr. Roger Beam, who founded and owns Midwest Equine and Veterinary Hospital just south of Indianapolis in Trafalgar, Ind. The practicing veterinarian is at work early in the morning checking Quarter Horse mares to see which are ready for artificial insemination. He might spend the day performing surgeries on Thoroughbreds, Standardbreds, or Quarter Horses and also see small animals in his practice. Among all these duties he also sells seasons to a half-dozen stallions on the grounds, both Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses. And he foals out mares through the night this time of year.

Snatching a few minutes on a recent morning, Beam tells the story of his operation, interspersed with a few well-earned yawns.

“We have a start time each day and a closing time, and then

there is a ‘we’re actually done’ time,” said Beam, 52. “I’d like to bring in another vet, but the employment pool is small.”

The Indiana native grew up in Noblesville, where he would, as a child, go to a local farmer’s place and hook horses up to a wagon and do chores like shucking corn or plowing a garden. He also fit in time to go for a joy ride and began bareback riding when he was 9.

Beam started working for a veterinarian on a breeding farm when he was 13 and continued through his high-school years. After graduating from Purdue University and completing an internship with the Peterson and Smith Equine Hospital in Ocala, Fla., Beam returned to the Benker Veterinary Clinic in Noblesville and worked as a vet there for five years.

His childhood confirmed his enjoyment of working around horses.

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	NOTIONAL (04, In Excess), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	31/6	0/0	0/0	(Bo Vuk, \$26,790)	\$108,152	322	6	0.81	1.12
2	LANTANA MOB (05, Posse), Southern Indiana Equine	\$2,500	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Operation Stevie, \$57,800)	\$95,179	61	3	1.03	1.09
3	READY'S IMAGE (05, More Than Ready), Midwest Equine & Veterinary Hospital	\$2,000	24/5	0/0	0/0	(Cheers to Berti, \$15,900)	\$80,135	*363	5	0.87	1.15
4	SWEET RETURN (GB) (00, Elmaamul), Nicks Farm	\$2,000	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Daddy's Boo, \$34,260)	\$72,446	109	0	0.64	0.85
5	FORT PRADO (01, El Prado), Swifty Farms	\$1,000	24/3	0/0	0/0	(Rossie Val, \$19,050)	\$52,899	*187	2	0.77	1.38
6	TURBO COMPRESSOR (08, Halo's Image), Breakway Farm	Private	11/2	0/0	0/0	(King Tide, \$14,166)	\$44,716	26	0	0.49	1.27
7	VICTOR'S CRY (05, Street Cry), Holden Farm	\$25,000	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Trouble in Phoenix, \$13,200)	\$39,855	99	1	1.11	1.23
8	MONBA (05, Maria's Mon), Nicks Farm	\$2,000	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Rydell, \$16,330)	\$27,639	74	0	0.68	1.30
9	DUKE OF MISCHIEF (06, Graeme Hall), Equine Vet. Hospital of Northern Indiana	\$2,000	9/1	0/0	0/0	(So Aristocratic, \$10,800)	\$20,211	41	0	0.19	0.80
10	IRISH ROAD (00, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Eye Forty, \$14,040)	\$19,344	93	0	0.72	0.82
11	SEQUOYAH (05, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2017	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Kaleigh's Dream, \$19,200)	\$19,200	25	1	0.91	0.90
12	SANTIVA (08, Giant's Causeway), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	2/1	0/0	0/0	(D C Nine, \$12,200)	\$15,800	13	0	0.90	1.00
13	SANGAREE (05, Awesome Again)	Pnsd	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Lizzy's Lure, \$5,599)	\$10,579	39	0	0.78	0.86
14	SILVER MOUNTAIN (05, Victory Gallop), Nicks Farm	\$2,000	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Silingua, \$6,900)	\$9,656	32	0	0.60	0.84
15	BOB'S STAR (05, Storm Cat), Sorrell Farm	\$1,000	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Low Tire, \$8,328)	\$8,328	15	0	0.59	0.75
16	DOMESTIC DISPUTE (00, Unbridled's Song), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Vim, \$6,435)	\$7,315	*335	2	0.84	1.15
17	GOLD CASE (94, Forty Niner)	Died, 2014	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Hillbilly Rockstar, \$4,300)	\$7,024	*605	19	0.99	1.09
18	CASHEL CASTLE (99, Silver Ghost), Swifty Farms	\$1,000	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Summer Castle, \$2,835)	\$6,721	114	4	0.89	1.01
19	DEPUTY STORM (01, Forestry), R Star Stallions	\$1,500	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Jrock, \$6,435)	\$6,535	100	2	0.97	1.19
20	HUNT CROSSING (09, Corinthian), Indiana Stallion Station	\$1,000	10/0	0/0	0/0	(Vinnny Gorgeous, \$1,100)	\$5,047	111	0	0.35	0.70
21	COLONIAL COLONY (98, Pleasant Colony), Holden Farm	\$5,000	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Colony Classic, \$4,625)	\$4,625	85	0	0.45	0.51
22	DEER LAKE (99, Meadowlake)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Our Rudy, \$4,420)	\$4,420	34	0	0.40	0.78
23	UNBRIDLED EXPRESS (04, Unbridled's Song), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Saint's Bro, \$4,350)	\$4,350	30	4	1.64	1.28
24	LENTENOR (07, Dynaformer), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Cousin Tino, \$3,775)	\$3,775	21	0	0.63	1.11
25	ELUSIVE BLUFF (06, Elusive Quality), Southern Indiana Equine	\$1,500	2/0	0/0	0/0	(A M Milky Way, \$1,500)	\$2,100	38	2	1.04	1.04

"In med school at Purdue, they started what they call 'tracking' because they were hesitant to call it 'specialization,' and I focused on an equine track and also a small animal track because I figured

I'd be in Indiana when it was all said and done," Beam said. "I started out on the halter horse side, doing reproductive work, then did a lot of work with Western pleasure horses.

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"But when these racinos started getting built, we began making the transition to breed almost exclusively racehorses. If it weren't for the racinos up here, we wouldn't have been breeding much at all when the recession hit."

In 1998 Beam started an ambulatory practice, meaning he was a vet who needed good tires as he drove around central Indiana satisfying the need for equine care in the region. A year later he bought the property that is now Midwest Equine and Veterinary Hospital and began building over the next eight years—first a home and a barn connected to the clinic, then a 20-stall mare barn and an eight-stall stallion barn along with multiple paddocks and pastures on the 25-acre property.

"Before I built the clinic, I was literally out working 90 hours a week in the ambulatory practice," Beam noted. "It's not



Beam at work at his Midwest Equine and Veterinary Hospital

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1	UNBRIDLED ENERGY (02, Unbridled's Song), Hubel Farms	Private	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Derecho, \$6,117)	\$15,045	*251	5	0.83	1.12
2	GUN POWER (97, Unbridled), Campbell Stable	\$1,000	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Gatling, \$1,105)	\$2,416	52	0	0.53	0.75
3	EQUALITY (99, Mt. Livermore), Dickinson Farms	Private	4/0	0/0	0/0	(One Shot Sid, \$1,260)	\$1,705	174	7	0.64	0.78

2018 LEADING SIRES IN MINNESOTA

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2018 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2018 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	JOEY FRANCO (99, Avenue of Flags), Osborne Farm	\$1,800	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Rock It Star, \$4,125)	\$4,125	83	1	0.47	0.68
2	LAW ENFORCEMENT (05, Posse)	Died, 2017	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Fireman Oscar, \$2,250)	\$2,250	21	0	1.19	0.59
3	SAM LORD'S CASTLE (98, Carson City), Boehlke Farm	\$1,000	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Queen Sammy, \$2,000)	\$2,000	49	0	0.62	0.78
4	KELA (98, Numerous), Stillwater Equine Veterinary Clinic	Private	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Victoriously Jewel, \$675)	\$1,210	*279	3	0.93	0.93

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like Lexington or Ocala here—you can't drive out of one driveway right into the next. You might be going 30 miles between calls. There are maybe one or two other practices like this in the state, with a clinic and breeding farm in one place. It's unusual, but it works for us."

Beam said having the facility saves him at least three hours of driving time per day. He can check all the mares in one location instead of going stop to stop out on the road. At least half of his business, up to 60% of it, is with Quarter Horse mares. He is standing four Quarter Horse stallions for the season and the Thoroughbred sires Ready's Image and Blueskiesnrainbows. A 12-stall barn attached to the clinic has eight stalls with cameras to watch mares during foaling season; two of the stalls are heated for foaling. The 20-stall mare barn is open at the sides for solid ventilation. While the Thoroughbred mares coming to get bred tend to go home after being covered, the farm can board mares as well.

The health of regional breeding markets is directly tied into the local racing circuits as well as the award programs offered to breeders, stallion owners, and racehorse owners. For a time Indiana instituted an extremely lucrative awards program that kick-started all segments of the Thoroughbred industry. At the high point there were some 1,500 Thoroughbred broodmares



Beam checking a mare

2018 LEADING SIRES IN ILLINOIS



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2018 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2018 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	THREE HOUR NAP (02, Afternoon Deelites), Oak Tree Farm	\$1,000	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Wynn Time, \$55,200)	\$94,572	31	0	0.97	1.12
2	MALTESE DOG (05, War Chant)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Magalie, \$32,550)	\$55,045	27	0	0.46	1.54
3	EL MEDWAR (04, Elusive Quality), Hondo Ranch	Private	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Sacred Canyon, \$12,765)	\$23,989	16	0	0.87	1.17
4	BRAVE 'N AWAY (00, Skip Away), Timothy Hughes	\$1,000	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Away to Town, \$16,250)	\$17,820	45	0	0.47	0.58
5	ROAD RULER (02, Unbridled's Song), JB Stables	\$2,000	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Armando's Star, \$5,210)	\$7,400	118	0	0.85	0.74
6	ALLUVIAL (02, Forestry), Casey Thoroughbred Farm	Private	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Easy Doer, \$4,331)	\$6,323	132	0	0.50	0.92
7	CHOSEN DEPUTY (05, Deputy Minister), Legacy Farms	\$1,000	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Rio Seco, \$3,310)	\$6,162	18	0	0.66	0.98
8	FOREST ATTACK (04, Forestry), McCrosky Farm	\$1,000	1/0	0/0	0/0	(She Is Gorgeous, \$4,700)	\$4,700	62	0	0.29	0.98



A new arrival at the farm

in the Hoosier State. As with many other governmental programs, however, this one ebbed after flowing, and today Beam estimates that the broodmare population is in the 500 range. With Indiana reporting 93 Thoroughbred stallions in the state this year, competition for mares is fierce.

Things do appear back on the upswing, however, as Indiana has begun to promote its sire program.

"I think the numbers will start going back up as they write more state-sired races," said Beam. "They're marketing the Indiana-bred horses now. Numbers have fallen off in most places around the country, but I think we're going to build back up in mare population from here."

Aiding the Indiana program is some good publicity brought about by a pair of Indiana-breds that competed in the 2017 Breeders' Cup World Championships.

Bucchero, a 6-year-old son of Kantharos—Meetmeontime, by General Meeting, bred in the Hoosier State by Southern Chase Farm and Karen Dodd, won the 2017 Woodford Stakes Presented by Keeneland Select (G2T) and the Senator

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	COWTOWN CAT (04, Distorted Humor), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	44/13	0/0	0/0	(Bow Town Cat, \$23,247)	\$211,091	203	3	1.11	1.23
2	INDY WIND (02, A.P. Indy), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	10/1	1/1	1/1	(Starship Jubilee, \$99,870)	\$115,444	78	2	1.14	1.05
3	FACTUM (08, Storm Cat), Poplar Creek Horse Center	Private	24/5	0/0	0/0	(Lawless Lady, \$24,840)	\$94,182	91	0	0.47	1.38
4	MOBIL (00, Langfuhr), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Speedy Mobile, \$19,314)	\$71,553	*187	5	1.26	1.25
5	KISS THE KID (03, Lemon Drop Kid), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,500	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Extravagant Kid, \$33,250)	\$68,961	50	0	1.01	1.54
6	KETTLE CORN (07, Candy Ride), Fair Winds Farm	\$2,500	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Kettle Chrome, \$18,073)	\$47,598	30	0	0.42	1.33
7	BIG ATLANTIC (02, Stormy Atlantic), Win Row Farm	\$1,000	2/2	0/0	0/0	(My Pardner Cal, \$20,220)	\$30,720	25	1	0.80	0.26
8	CITY WEEKEND (02, Carson City), Meadow Springs	\$2,000	17/2	0/0	0/0	(City Seduction, \$9,600)	\$25,911	112	1	0.75	0.90
9	MR. SINATRA (94, Mining), Rusty Richards Farm	\$500	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Heidi's Sinatra, \$18,056)	\$18,056	60	0	0.88	1.08
10	PARENTS' REWARD (98, Mr. Prospector), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$1,500	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Diva's Kitten, \$15,650)	\$16,564	59	3	1.06	0.81
11	AWESOME PATRIOT (08, Awesome Again), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,500	10/0	0/0	0/0	(Patriotic Quest, \$4,914)	\$14,574	*113	0	0.75	1.02
12	MERCER MILL (94, Forty Niner), Fair Winds Farm	Private	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Geppetto, \$6,760)	\$9,604	234	15	0.70	0.90
13	ANIMO DE VALEROSO (02, Pulpit), Duncan Farms	\$1,500	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Roski, \$9,387)	\$9,537	71	1	0.57	0.82
14	WESTERN PRIDE (98, Way West), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Miss Dayna Lee, \$4,050)	\$7,748	109	0	0.60	0.97
15	HOSTILE TAKEOVER (04, Dixie Union), Raimonde Farms	\$1,500	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Another Sunrise, \$5,920)	\$5,920	18	0	0.55	0.75

Robert C. Byrd Memorial Stakes, plus four other Indiana stakes from 2015-17. He ran a solid fourth in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1T) and has earned more than \$723,000 to date.

Piedi Bianchi, a 3-year-old filly by Over-

analyze—Adore You, by Tactical Cat, bred in Indiana by Deann and Greg Baer DVM, placed in three grade 1 events last year, finishing second in the Del Mar Debutante Stakes and third in the Chandelier Stakes and Starlet Stakes. She ran fifth in the 14

Hands Winery Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) and has banked \$237,000.

"Horse racing in Indiana is on the upswing, and we're very proud of the recognition our breeders, owners, and stallion owners are now starting to get on a larger level," noted Jessica Barnes, director of racing and breed development for the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. "The Thoroughbred breed advisory committee is committed to helping our program grow and listening to our owners and breeders."

Breeders earn 20% of the total purse and stallion owners 10% when their horse wins a restricted race at Indiana Grand Race Course & Casino. Should an Indiana-bred win an open race, its connections could earn up to 40% of the total purse, with lesser amounts for placing.

With money available for state-sired winners, the stallion population is inching higher in Indiana, and Beam is bringing in Ready's Image on lease from famed Calumet Farm for 2018. Ready's Image is a 13-year-old son of the very good sire More Than Ready (see page 23), out of the Clever Trick mare Clever Phrase. Ready's Image



Beam has built three barns on the property

Special Note For Sire Lists: For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in the states featured in this section (stallions that are dead or exported prior to 2014 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through February 18, 2018. As supplied to *BloodHorse* by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., lists include adjusted money from Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Adjusted earnings are put on par with average North American earnings from the previous year. For example, the average North American purse in 2017 is \$22,593 or 47% of the 2017 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 47% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 15%; Singapore by 68%. Current year stakes winners include all Northern Hemisphere black-type stakes results from all available countries. *Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners include all countries.

*AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX and COMPARABLE INDEX: Lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00; COMPARABLE INDEX indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX higher than their mares' COMPARABLE INDEX.

2018 LEADING SIRES IN IOWA



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1	STROLL (00, Pulpit), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$2,000	42/13	0/0	0/0	(Madame Barbarian, \$35,600)	\$219,334	*299	13	1.03	1.30
2	SING BABY SING (03, Unbridled's Song), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	25/3	0/0	0/0	(Nasty Critter, \$12,960)	\$53,565	86	2	0.66	0.85
3	HEART OF THE STORM (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Out of Patience, \$33,000)	\$38,930	61	1	0.76	0.84
4	NATIVE RULER (04, Elusive Quality), Abraham's Equine Clinic	\$2,000	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Zella Rose, \$16,800)	\$25,395	55	0	1.07	0.84
5	SHORE BREEZE (98, Danzig)	Died, 2016	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Young Corbett, \$9,600)	\$14,899	184	2	0.78	0.73
6	SPANIARD (06, Candy Ride), Bryant Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	7/0	0/0	0/0	(Lyla Lorraine, \$3,698)	\$11,834	51	0	0.90	1.56



Beam spending some time checking on his horses at Midwest Equine



was a precocious 2-year-old, winning the Sanford Stakes (G2) and Tremont Stakes while placing in the Hopeful Stakes (G1) and Kentucky Breeders' Cup Stakes (G3) for James Scatuorchio and trainer Todd Pletcher. He also won the Adjudicating Stakes at 3.

Ready's Image has sired multiple graded stakes winner I'm Already Sexy and millionaire Rivers Run Deep as well as Australian group 3 winner Shazee Lee (he has shuttled to Australia for five seasons). He will stand the 2018 season for \$2,000.

Blueskiesnrainbows will be standing his third season in Indiana in 2018. His first crop are yearlings this year. A son of English Channel—Cho Cho San, by Deputy Minister, Blueskiesnrainbows, 9, won the 2012 Swaps Stakes (G2) at 3 and the 2013 Native Diver Stakes and 2014 San Pasqual Stakes (G2) on his way to earning \$672,552. He is a half brother to stakes winner Cho Cho Cat (by Tale of the Cat) and a full brother to 2018 California Derby winner Choo Choo. His accomplished female family includes second dam Dance Colony, by Pleasant Colony, a multiple grade 2 winner of more than a half-million dollars. His third dam,

the Northern Dancer mare Dance Review, is the dam of grade 1 winners Another Review and No Review.

"He is a big, gorgeous, beautiful horse; very athletic," noted Beam. "His babies are outstanding, and we're excited to see them run. He is standing this year for \$2,500."

Beam is hoping for a base of at least 30 mares to each of these two stallions, calling that a "realistic goal due to the low number of mares. We'd like to get more than that, but it depends on what the breeders are going to do.

"Getting quality mares is a challenge. My aim is to encourage the Kentucky breeder who wants to have an Indiana-bred to come up here and breed to these two horses, while also attracting in-state breeders and those from other states as well. Kentucky is an important market for us, and it is now attractive for them to come here and get an Indiana-bred to run here. With the mare population in Indiana what it is today, we need to draw from outside the state as well as within it. If we can eventually get our mare numbers here back up toward the 1,000-1,200 range, we'll be alright."

The Indiana racing circuit runs from

mid-April through October, with state-bred events tending to attract bigger field sizes than open races.

As for Beam, he continues to work long days and nights, particularly in the present environment where attracting labor is a challenge.

"Staffing is getting harder and harder," he noted. "Plus, the work is seasonal. But we have a good foundation of people who have been here awhile and are hard workers. It's tough, labor-intensive work that not many people want to do anymore. There are about a half-dozen vets who work with horses in this area, and it would be smart if two or three of us got together and joined forces. I think that will be the wave of the future: multi-doctor practices that can offer more than a single ambulatory practitioner who has to kill himself to get through the week.

"The biggest challenge is having enough hours in the day. I foal mares all night and watch them all night, and I don't get a lot of sleep during breeding season; an hour or two here and there. When it's all over, then I can go somewhere and sleep for a while." **BH**