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WELCOME TO MARYLAND:
PROVENANCE
INTO MISCHIEF - MONOMOY GIRL

Entering Stud for 2027: \$2,000 Live Foal



SETTING OUT TO MAKE A STALLION FOR MARYLAND

The partnership that launched Malibu Moon to stallion stardom 25 years ago is once again teaming up, with a very similar prospect. A lightly raced homebred for Spendthrift Farm, retired to stand at Country Life Farm, his name is [Provenance](#).

His mother is two-time champion and \$9.5-million mare Monomoy Girl. His father is 7-time Leading Sire Into Mischief. His promising racing career was cut short by injury. He arrived at Country Life on Tuesday morning, July 28. He is already being shown to breeders reserving seasons in his first book of mares for 2027.



Provenance is Monomoy Girl's first foal. He was born on Feb. 17, 2023, an "early" foal. And although he is only a 3-year-old, when he stepped off the Brookledge van two days ago, he immediately called out his presence to the mares in nearby fields, instinctively aware of the next chapter in his story.

Monomoy Girl's second foal is Provenance's full-sister, star 2-year-old Effusive, whose gritty bump-and-run debut win at Saratoga on July 18 earned her a favorite's role for next month's historic Grade 1, \$500,000 Spinaway Stakes.

Also in the deep pipeline of Provenance's pedigree is Monomoy Girl's third foal---a colt by Gun Runner born at Spendthrift on May 6 of this spring; the champion racemare is back in foal to Gun Runner for 2027.

FROM WEST COAST TO EAST COAST

A wire-to-wire Santa Anita 2-year-old winner last September for Bob Baffert ([race replay](#)), Provenance was knocked off the 2026 classics trail by a condylar fracture when finishing third in the 1 1/16th-mile \$200,000 Los Alamitos Futurity, California's year-end Grade 2 event for Kentucky Derby points.

The Los Alamitos Futurity is an early Derby prep, but the points Provenance earned wouldn't be used. In March, following surgery, his next stop was four months in the layup barn at Spendthrift. He arrived at Country Life looking racehorse fit. For an in-depth *BloodHorse* article on the colt's retirement, click this link: [Regally bred Provenance](#).

For details on his full-sister Effusive, click this link: [Spinaway Likely Next for Effusive](#)

For a sense of how much Monomoy Girl means to her connections, including foal footage of baby Provenance, click on the video below with jockey Florent Geroux's visit to one of his favorite mounts.

Please reach out to us to schedule a farm visit to inspect Provenance, or to reserve a season for your mare. At a stud fee of \$2,000, he is accessibly priced to mare owners of every level. He and his Country Life stablemates Mosler, Divining Rod, and Friesan Fire will be on display in a **Stallion Show on Sunday, October 11th from 1-4 pm**, just ahead of the Maryland Million (Sat 10/25) and the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale (Tues 10/27).

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Jockey Florent Geroux visits Monomoy Girl and her first foal (Provenance) at Spendthrift Farm

[Click here for more videos on Provenance and his Champion dam Monomoy Girl](#)

CLASSY BEAST

1/2-sister to OBLITERATION

Favorite in Friday's G2 Amsterdam Stakes at Saratoga



With PROVENANCE arriving for stud duty, we've begun assembling his 2027 First Book of Mares.

At last month's Fasig-Tipton June Digital Sale, we bought a young mare named [CLASSY BEAST](#) in foal to hot freshman sire DRAIN THE CLOCK. Purchased for \$40,000, the 9-year-old mare attracted the following partners:

Tim Burr, MA; Cape Fear Thoroughbreds, NC; P. A. Keating, MD; Liberty House Racing LLC, SC; Michael Miller, MD; Kevin and Elaine Price, NJ; and Mike Stone, VA.

After producing her Maryland-bred foal by DRAIN THE CLOCK in 2027, CLASSY BEAST will walk across the farm to the Country Life Breeding Shed for her assignment with PROVENANCE. His sire INTO MISCHIEF is quickly establishing himself as a "sire of sires." Not only is his son Practical Joke a \$75,000 stud fee at Coolmore, Into Mischief has two sons high on this year's Freshman Sire list: Life is Good is No. 2; Highly Motivated is No. 6.

Classy Beast's half-brother OBLITERATION topped the 7-figure mark in earnings when finishing third behind Englishman and Crude Velocity (by a nose) in the Grade-1 Woody Stephens Stakes on June 6. He's entered in the G2 Amsterdam at Saratoga tomorrow (Friday, July 31st): [Amsterdam Could Prove a Steppingstone for Obliteration - BloodHorse](#)

Country Life would have two strong rooting interests should OBLITERATION spring out of the Amsterdam into the Grade 1, \$500,000 Allen Jerkens on Aug. 29 for another match against ENGLISHMAN, whose dam, IN IT FOR THE GOLD, is owned by a Country Life Broodmare Partnership. In foal to PROVENANCE's sire INTO MISCHIEF, In It For the Gold is being prepared for the Nov. 2 Fasig-Tipton Night of the Stars sale in Lexington, two days after the Breeders' Cup at Keeneland.

VIRGINIA-BRED FILLY BY ANNAPOLIS SELLS OUT QUICKLY



With the resurgence of Colonial Downs under Churchill Downs' management, it has become hard to find Virginia-breds at auction. Only four were among 238 yearlings of 2026 cataloged in the Fasig Yearling Sale in Lexington on July 14.

We shopped early for our Racing Partnership inventory, landing [Hip #10](#), a robust daughter of War Front's turf-specialist Grade-1 winning son ANNAPOLIS, who stands at Claiborne Farm.

The filly was initially listed as "Reserve Not Attained," and we signed for her

"Post Sale" at her reserve price of \$30,000. At our customary *No Markup from Wholesale to Retail*, 10 shares at \$3,000 were promptly spoken for. The rising popularity of Mid-Atlantic racing is strong motivation.

The Annapolis lass is a product of historic Lazy Lane Farm of the Joe Allbritton family. Foaled and raised under the watchful eye of Lazy Lane president Frank Shipp, the filly was "pinhooked" into the Fasig July sale after bringing \$16,000 as a "short yearling" at the 2026 Keeneland January mixed sale.

Our partners in the new filly are:

Stephen Albano, MD; Dennis Bartos, MD; Wayne Bussard, DE; Bob Goldman, FL; Dave Lengel, FL; Eric Long, MD; Billy Massey, VA; Kevin and Elaine Price, NJ; Becky and Pat Shepherd, VA; and Frank Shipp, VA.

ANNAPOLIS is among War Front's 26 Grade-1 winners, having won the Grade-1 Coolmore Turf Mile at Keeneland in 2022. He earned \$1,581,770 before entering stud in 2024. [Link to Annapolis at Claiborne](#).

This filly was sent to Delaware for 90 days to become eligible for enhanced Delaware Certified purses (Delaware Park's excellent turf course is a popular option for Mid-Atlantic grass horses). She will return to Merryland Farm in November to begin training.

Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

DIVINING ROD

BALLYCURRIN: 6/3 at PEN, Starter (breeder/owner Flying Pheasant Farm LLC; trainer Mary Eppler)

COUNTRY BUMPKIN: 6/13 at LRL, Maiden (breeder William Bayne & Super C Racing; owner Wililam Bayne, Jr.; trainer Kieron Magee)

START TAPPIN: 6/14 at LRL, Maiden (breeder John Walters; owner Plum Tree Stable; trainer Miguel Vera)

WATERING: 6/18 at EVD, Starter (breeder Mr. & Mrs. Roy Jackson; owner Paw Paw Pretty Girls Racing LLC; trainer George Leonard III)

GALLO: 6/28 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Milan Milosevic; owner/trainer Joanne Shankle)

MOSLER

I'M BLUSHING: 6/2 at PID, Starter (breeder John & Cheri Banner; owner Winterhawk Farm; trainer Kimberly DePasquale)

WATERWORKS: 6/9 at MNR, Claiming (breeder Wes Carter; owner Emerald Spring Stable LLC; trainer J. Baird)

QUINT'S BREW: 6/13 at DEL, **\$100,000 Alapocas Run Stakes** (breeder/owner Paul Berube, Karen Linnell & Heather Hunter/Spinnaker Hill Farm; trainer Ned Allard)

THUNDERING: 6/27 at LRL, **\$125,000 Japan Racing Association Turf Cup Stakes** (breeder Jal Dastur; owner Dastur Racing; trainer Derek Ryan)

WAR HUMOR: 6/27 at CNL, **\$125,000 Edward P. Evans Stakes** (breeder Nancy & Eric Rizer; owner Eric Rizer; trainer W. Robert Bailes)

FRIESAN FIRE

BUCKIN' RIGHT: 6/5 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Super C Racing, Inc.; owner Gabriella Wilhelm; trainer Joanne Shankle)

FUTILE GESTURE: 6/6 at LRL, Maiden (breeder/owner The Elkstone Group LLC; trainer Mike Trombetta)

WORLD ON FIRE: 6/20 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Daniel Eubanks & Annette Eubanks; owner Terry H. Overmier; trainer Roy Peacock, Jr.)

MY CAPTAIN: 6/27 at LRL, Maiden (breeder/owner Richard F. Blue; trainer Suzanne Stettinius)

COUNTRY LIFE/PARTNERSHIP-bred or OWNED winners:

MISS FORTUNATE (Bolt d'Oro - Missy Rules) - Maiden win on 6/4 at Charles Town. Bred by Country Life Farm & Missy Rules Broodmare LLC; owned by Timothy Freitag and trained by Ryan Gillespie.

BELLE OF LIBERTY (Independence Hall - Hiding) - Maiden win on 6/12 at Laurel. Bred by Country Life Farm & Huron Racing Ventures LLC; owned by High Schticking Thoroughbreds LLC and trained by Joanne Shankel.

MISTER COMERIO (Yaupon - Make Amends) - Maiden win on 6/20 at

Camarero. Bred by Country Life Farm & Make Amends Broodmare LLC; owned by Establo Comerio and trained by Jason Lisboa.

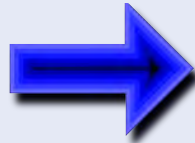
FULMINEO (Bolt d'Oro - Starr of Quality) - Maiden Over Fences win on 6/29 at Colonial. Bred by Country Life Farm & Starr of Quality Broodmare LLC; owned by Riverdee Stable and trained by Julie Gomena. This stakes winner on the flat has transitioned to steeplechase and got his first win over fences in this \$60,000 maiden hurdle race.

Other notable stakes results:

DIVINE INTENTIONS (Divining Rod - Shyza) - 3rd in the Malvern Rose Stakes at Presque Isle Downs on 6/22. Bred by Ed Bussinger; owned by Carguys Racing, LLC and trained by J. Tyler Servis. This filly has only been off the board once in her 8 starts and is already a stakes winner.

WICKEDDIVINE (Divining Rod - E Dubai's Humor) - 3rd in the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash Stakes at Laurel on 6/27. Bred by Randy Ridgely; owned by Bonuccelli Racing and trained by Kenneth Cox. With his first stakes placing following three consecutive Allowance wins, his earnings stand at \$178,315.

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