

# The Tale of Buddy's Peak'n

I was born in New York on April 18, 2017. My registered Jockey Club name is Buddy's Peak'n but everyone calls me Buddy. They say it's because I have a lot of buddies and was named in their honor!

My dad is XIXIXI, a winner at 3 years old. He is the oldest of 4 foals out of Littleprincessemma and they are all winners. Did you know one of them is American Pharoah, the Triple-Crown and Breeders' Cup Classic winner of 2015? They call it a Grand Slam. I hope I can be like him when I grow up!

Sanson Peak, may she RIP, is my mom. She was a decent racehorse and hails from a family of greats such as Toccet, Theatrical, Awesome Again, Deputy Minister and the list goes on! All I hear is winner, winner, winner!

My mom took the best care of me - she even carried me for over 12 1/2 months! The day I was born, my mom told our owners something was wrong with me. They sent us to New Bolton Hospital right away. Turns out we had a vitamin deficiency and because I was treated in the first 24 hours, I will be just fine! My owners tell me a lot of people prayed for me and that's why I have so many buddies!

I hated when I had to leave my mom. They told me it was time I start growing up on my own and that I have a lot to live up to. No kidding!

My best friend, Louie, had to leave his mom too so we got through it together. We are like bread and butter! We even eat out of the same bucket!

Growing up, my mom taught me to be patient and kind. She let me be independent but kept me in line. My buddies voted on my registered name as a tribute to my mom and I love it! I hope I can make her proud as she continues to watch over me from the other side of the rainbow bridge.

Life right now is pretty simple. I live on a great farm in New York where I have lots of friends and everyone loves me! I heard the man who feeds me says I'm his favorite. Don't worry, I won't tell! I'm a great secret keeper!

It's great when my owners come to see me - they come every week! They bring me carrots and apples and I get plenty of hugs, rubs and kisses. My owners even give me the hugs and kisses all my buddies send!

All in all, I would say I'm a pretty lucky horse!

Pretty soon, I will have to go to another farm to train for racing. I'm kind of excited about that! There is "Winner" in my blood so I can't wait for my first race!

Well, that's all that's happened in my life so far. I hope you might continue to follow my journey because I'm sure there will be plenty to add to my story. In fact, why not be a part of it and join my partnership? I can never have too many great owners! (And I am a loyal Buddy!)

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