

## Jennifer Leuty

For decades, Jennifer Leuty has been a dedicated breeder of Thoroughbreds, operating on a small scale at her Fox Hollow Farm near Walter's Falls. Since the 1990s, she has produced stakes winners and high-priced yearlings, and her enthusiasm for the industry remains as strong as ever. With a new breeding and sales season underway, Leuty is excited about the future, having recently acquired promising new broodmares to replace her retired stars.

Among the young horses she's particularly excited about is Executive Success, a three-year-old Ontario-sired filly she bred. The filly recently broke her maiden in a \$50,000 claiming race at Gulfstream Park's prestigious Championship meet. By Souper Speedy out of Birsay (by Bold Executive), Executive Success was claimed from that race by Woodbine trainer Martin Drexler.

"Ontario-sired horses can compete anywhere," Leuty said. "We have a very good product here."

Leuty's connection to horses runs deep. She was practically raised in the saddle, riding hunters and jumpers as a child. Her introduction to Thoroughbred racing and breeding came through Susan Foreman, a successful breeder and consignor in Orangeville.

"I was helping Sue out when she was riding horses for Jim Day at his farm in Everatt," Leuty recalled. "That was when [champion] Dance Smartly was just a two-year-old."

Leuty purchased her first mare in the late 1990s, and one of her earliest homebreds—a colt by Ascot Knight—sold for \$70,000 at the CTHS Woodbine yearling sale. That yearling was out of Traipsin Lady, a mare Leuty had acquired from Adena Springs.

Her breeding program took off in 2005 when Moonshine Justice, a colt by Whiskey Wisdom out of Legal Rhythm, captured three stakes races as a two-year-old and went on to earn over \$500,000. More recently, Leuty has bred stakes winners such as Blessed Two, out of Birsay, and stakes-placed Souper Classy, out of Silver Adventure. Both were sired by Souper Speedy, a stallion whose untimely passing in 2024 was a great loss to Ontario breeders.

"I'm going to miss Souper Speedy," Leuty said. "But I'm hopeful for the new stallions arriving in Ontario this year."

Looking ahead, Leuty has refreshed her broodmare band with younger prospects, including Souper Sinclair, a stakes-winning daughter of Souper Speedy who retired at the end of 2024. She also acquired Fire Emoji, a half-sister to champion and Woodbine Oaks winner Elysian Field.

Another exciting prospect for Leuty is Mi Argento, a three-year-old filly she sold in the U.S. as a yearling for \$70,000. Mi Argento, out of Silver Adventure, is set to make her mark on the track this year.

Leuty remains deeply committed to the Ontario breeding industry and encourages newcomers to immerse themselves in the community. "There are so many great people in this business who are always willing to share their knowledge and help out."

While breeding racehorses comes with its ups and downs, Leuty remains steadfast in her belief that Ontario-sired horses can compete on any stage. “Our breeders’ awards program is a fantastic incentive, and our horses can run right alongside the American-bred ones. This business gets in your blood, and I wouldn’t trade it for anything.”