

## Unusual White Colt From Lucky Pulpit's Last Crop Born in New York

**Gansevoort, New York**—An unusually marked, mostly white colt from the last crop of California Chrome's sire Lucky Pulpit was foaled on May 19 at Stone Bridge Farm in New York in ongoing fulfillment of a dream sparked in owner/breeder Gary Tolchin when he attended races with his father as a youth.

The colt was delivered by the white mare, Passionforfashion, who Tolchin acquired privately last year after a lengthy search for a white Thoroughbred.

"I always wanted a white horse after I saw one at Aqueduct with my father, Sam Tolchin, when I was growing up. My goal is to continue breeding white horses," Tolchin said, adding that he intends to keep the newborn colt and eventually place him in training for racing.

Rick Bailey, registrar of The Jockey Club, said it is too soon to determine what color the colt officially will be given when registered. His coloring is similar, although a bit more splashed with chestnut, to that of Passionforfashion's dam, the registered white Trust N Luck mare Turf Club, who also had liberal chestnut markings.

Tolchin, who is based in New Jersey and is active in the New York and Kentucky breeding programs, has owned or co-owned many prominent runners, including champion Big Brown, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes.

After an unsuccessful attempt to buy another white mare at public auction, Tolchin fortuitously found Passionforfashion through social media. She was located by one of his agents, bloodstock and media consultant Michele MacDonald, in a Facebook posting by trainer Doug O'Neill's operations manager, Sharla Rae Sanders, and soon purchased from previous owners.

Since Passionforfashion, a daughter of Unbridled's Song's multiple graded stakes-winning son Old Fashioned, was located in California and the 2016 breeding season was coming to a close, MacDonald recommended she be bred to Lucky Pulpit, who stood at Harris Farms. The cross of the Pulpit and Unbridled lines is the same general cross that produced leading sire Tapit.

Tolchin arranged the mating with Lucky Pulpit, California's leading sire in 2016 and sire of record-setting, two-time Horse of the Year California Chrome. After Passionforfashion was safely in foal, he shipped her to Stone Bridge Farm.

The colt's birth came three months after Lucky Pulpit died of an apparent heart attack when covering his first mare of the 2017 season

"We think he's great," Stone Bridge Farm manager Heidi Fischer said of the colt, who has a sturdy frame and good bone.

Thoroughbreds with markings similar to the colt's color pattern are rare, but several have become sensations while racing in Japan. The white Sunday Silence mare Shirayukihime produced multiple stakes winner Yukichan, a white filly by Kurofune, and fan favorites Marble Cake and Buchiko, both chestnut-spotted, registered white fillies by King Kamehameha who became popular multiple winners for owner/breeder Makoto Kaneko.

"I was fascinated when I saw the white horse with my father, and I've always liked them and gray horses, which seem to be lucky," said Tolchin. "This all fell into place when Michele saw Passionforfashion on Facebook, and I said 'let's do it' with the mating to Lucky Pulpit. I want to thank the people at Harris Farms, who were so helpful, and Stone Bridge Farm, which does such a great job.

"Passionforfashion is a beautiful mare and her colt is so distinctive and unusual. They are more than dreams come true."