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Dunrovin

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**Ranch
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New Names for New Idaho Horses



Dunrovin's thee new horses have two things in common. They can perform the beautiful and smooth "running walk" like our other Tennessee Walking Horses and they came to us via Idaho, which is know as the gem state.

Stick around Dunrovin Ranch long enough and you will learn that we take naming things seriously. Our own name, Dunrovin sets the tone. It has a deep history in owner SuzAnne Miller's family. It has come to mean "coming back" to stay in Montana. Not all of Dunrovin's animals have special names with deeper meanings, but many do.

With this in mind, SuzAnne set about looking for names for the three new horses that arrived in early June. None of the names suggested by others felt right. She decided to ponder their commonality in finding the right names. Happily, inspiration struck when she remembered that the nickname for Idaho is the Gem State.

SuzAnne's father was a geologist who took his children into Montana's mountains in search of gems. SuzAnne's heart and head are full of wonderful memories of long summer days following her father with her rock hammer and sample bag hanging from her waist as they climbed high into the mountains and crawled in old mining pits and tunnels to dig and break apart rocks in the hopes of uncovering gems.



Rock hammers have a pick on one side and a hammer on the other to dig up and split rocks.

Names that Echo SuzAnne's Dad

Montana and Idaho share many land forms that produce the same gems. In thinking about gem names for the horses, SuzAnne started by matching each horse's color to a gem that she and her father had once found during their many digs.

Garnet



The lovely sorrel will now be named Garnet which is a gem stone that takes on many colors, including red and orange.



Jasper



Jasper is the name given to black and white agate and will now be the name for the handsome black gelding with a large white blaze and white socks on his feet.



Onyx



Onyx is a solid black stone and will be the name given to the high headed black gentleman with plenty of spirit and class.



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