



## 2 foals signal life after tornado

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FORT COLLINS - On May 22 of last year, as a mile-long tornado tore through northern Colorado, Tuesday - an American Quarter Horse mare - took cover behind a shed.

But the winds proved too great and the shed collapsed on top of Tuesday, breaking her leg.

"She was my best friend," Jennifer Mears said, Tuesday's owner.

Tuesday was taken from the ranch in Lucerne to Colorado State University Veterinary Hospital in Fort Collins where she was put down.

"The final goodbye was the hardest part," Mears told 9NEWS last year. "Being with her that one last time was probably the hardest thing I've ever had to do and knowing that she was never going to come home again."

But Tuesday's story didn't end there.

Those with CSU's Equine Reproduction Laboratory harvested Tuesday's eggs and used a highly-specialized process to inject sperm into them and implant them into surrogate mares.

All this was done for free.

Two mares eventually became pregnant.

"The outcome is the result of a decade's worth of work," Dr. Pat McCue said, director of the Equine Reproduction Laboratory.

In late April, both foals were born. Both are male and both are healthy.

"I'm totally ecstatic," Mears exclaimed. "I have two beautiful babies who make a name for Tuesday."

In fact, one of the foals is a spitting image of his mother.

"I was like, 'Oh, he's perfect,'" Mears said.

Mears and her family took the foals home on Tuesday.

"This is definitely something I never expected to happen to me, but I am so thankful it did," Mears said. "I couldn't say a big enough thank you ... I really couldn't."

If you have any thoughts on what Mears should name the two foals, she's open for suggestions.

You can send those ideas to CSU spokesperson Dell Rae Moellenberg at [DellRae.Moellenberg@colostate.edu](mailto:DellRae.Moellenberg@colostate.edu).

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