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Splash of Silver and Premier Silver Moon, are full siblings, by Sure Silver x Yankee's Melody Maid. See the articles on the sabino pattern & Franne Brandon's Foundations article. These two colourful TWH are owned by Anna and Terry Langlois of Valleyview, Alberta.

> Photo by Anna Langlois

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Dear Subscribers,

The photo below sums up the weather we've been having in West Central Alberta - Wet! Here at my place west of Edson we've now had over 12 inches of rain since June 15, with just a few sunny warm days without precipitation. This picture is from Windi Scott, and shows one of her pastures where the Paddle River overflowed its banks in early July. The soggy conditions were the reason the Gathering had to be held at the Whitecourt Arena instead.

This issue features the horses and owners who participated in the CRTWH Triple Challenge. The Program For Excellence assesses conformation and gait; the Training Levels follow the animal's training from Basic Skills through any or all of Driving, Trail Riding and Horsemanship skills. The Ride/Drive Program is an excellent way of keeping track of time spent with your Walker, just for the joy of it.

There is lots more in this issue - about the sabino pattern in TWH and 'self correcting' run walkers, to news, sales, foal announcements, and a review of a fascinating book about an adventurous woman and her horses. I hope you enjoy the issue. Thank you to all contributors - there's no *News* without you!

Marjorie



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For the past 12 years, the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse has combined the Annual General Meeting with a two day clinic. Previous clinics covered a variety of topics and a variety of clinicians. This year, the Board decided to offer something different – a clinic specifically targeted to those who were new to gaited horses, especially the Tennessee Walking Horse. The premise was that newbies may not know anyone who owned a gaited horse or did not know what questions to ask. To encourage and support new owners, auditors were invited to attend at no charge.

The clinicians were chosen for their experience with TWH as breeders and trainers, and their ability to offer common sense advice. Clinicians Fran Kerik and Windi Scott Derman have over 50 years combined experience with the TWH. Both are practical horsewomen. Fran Kerik of Crystal Star Ranch uses horses for moving cattle, trail riding and some showing. "I now train all our horses using a combination of natural methods I've found to be effective." Windi Scott of Sawhorse Ranch has observed many changes in the breed. "Recent growth on my part has led me to focus mainly on the results that I can achieve with hands, seat, legs and voice."

The clinic focus was understanding gait and riding a gaited horse. Topics included -

What do you do with a horse that prefers to pace or trot? How do I know the correct gait? If the ride is smooth, is the horse gaiting? How do you encourage and develop a four beat gait?

I have been involved with TWH since 1981.

I audited the clinic and spoke with all participants.

The common thread was that both Fran and Windi presented material in a practical and non-threatening manner.

They created an educational and fun clinic providing a base upon which to grow.

The ability to provide educational clinics is dependent upon many factors, not the least of which is financial. The Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse is grateful for the support from the Alberta Equestrian Federation. As a result of this support, cost for 12 active participants was kept to a minimum and auditor fees were waived. The ability to offer free participation to auditors encouraged newbies to attend and learn about the TWH. Our thanks to the AEF.

Note: all participants, either riding or auditing, at any

Photo, left to right: Clinicians Windi Scott and Fran Kerik; CRTWH Directors Leslie Hunchuk and Brenda Woodall.



Is a special bit or saddle necessary? Are special shoes necessary? Is contact necessary to achieve gait? Is a special saddle necessary? Can I ride with trotting horses?

NEWS - NEWS - NEWS



From KIM PIELAK, NITON JUNCTION, AB, "I had the pleasure of riding with a great group of ladies (and four of the seven were riding Walkers!) at Entrance Ranch, north of Hinton, AB. The Wild Pink Yonder "last ride" was on June 14,15 and 16, raising money for breast cancer research, and it was an absolutely great weekend. Had an amazing time. Met some new friends and rode with the best friends."

JANA JACOBSEN, FORT STEELE, BC writes, "I have a few Heritage horses now. My young stallion Thunder's Smokey Midnight, is just at the trainers getting started under saddle. He's a real sweetie so I look forward to working with him. I have a couple Heritage mares as well as some that are outcrosses."

"No foals this year as we have been so busy building the ranch and house that I thought it best not to add anything else to our plate. Hopefully next year we will have a couple."

From BRENDA MASON, ARMSTRONG, BC, "I went for a ride this morning up the mountain, and hadn't gone more than 100 feet from the parking area when my dog started barking and growling. Yup, it was a bear, and it wasn't scared of dog, horse or me! Horse just stood there staring at him, with his head so high I could have chewed on his ears, but he wasn't spooked. It was a younger bear, and slowly wandered off the path after staring at us for 30 seconds or so. My dog trailed behind it, but it wasn't worried in the least. A little too complacent for my liking. You gotta love horses that have been out hunting. Of course he gave the burnt black stumps a second look for the rest of the ride... just in case they moved!" STEPHEN AND BRENDA WOODALL, FREEDOM FARMS, LINDEN, AB write, "The weather is starting to warm up as summer gets itself into gear here at Linden. The pasture is long and lush from the all the rain but our easy keeping horses don't get free access to it as they spend their summers in the "reduced growth" zone of our property . Even with that they are plenty round."

"We are pleased to announce the arrival of a stunning palomino colt on June 12 from our mare Northfork Micki's Mystery by Northfork Patch of Gold. He's such a character and I think he likes people more than horses . He is going to be a lot of fun to spend time with this summer." (*See Foal Call photo.*)

"The saddle horses haven't gotten out much yet this year but we hope to be in the mountains for at least a few trips before the snow flies again."

"I really enjoy using the Triple Challenge program requirements to keep me focused on creating a wide range of skills within our horses. It's easy for me to think I don't have the time to do more than trail ride but when I incorporate the various program requirements my horses all benefit and soon those little fine tuned touches get added to our every day rides. Before you know it those trail horses have acquired the skills of a well trained horse who can take home some ribbons in Cowboy Challenge, Gymkhana, Western Dressage or horse shows."

From SUE GAMBLE, SWASTIKA, ON, "Our haying is basically all done. It went well. We flagged our 30 bales and Dave is on his way home with the tractor tonight. We had a different farmer doing it this year; he was very productive and accommodating. He also made some small squares and we got 70, a small reserve just in case someone else ever takes care of the horses or if Dave isn't here to pull the rounds apart. We brought the 70 home in the horse trailer yesterday, so now have to move the thirty bales home four at a time on our flatbed trailer."



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THIS N' THAT from the ALBERTA WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING RIDES:

Sept 10-16: Ride the trails at Sandy McNabb. Camping is on a first come basis.

Sept 21-22 Wind-Up at the Willy Bronze Poker Rally, Donalda. Contact Alynn Call/text 780-706-1724

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Hope you are spending lots of time in the saddle this summer!

HAVE A GREAT DAY & WALK ON!

THE GATHERING 2019

Windi Scott: "We moved the July 19-21 Gathering to the Whitecourt Arena - it's too wet at my place!"



SUMMER SOLSTICE RIDE AT BELLIS, AB







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PASSING HANDS



Congratulations to WINDI SCOTT of MAYERTHORPE, AB (*above left*) on her new Walker, Karla's Priscilla Pearl (Uphill Heir Trigger x Karla's Fancy Raven). Pearl is two years old.

From BRENDA WOODALL, LINDEN, AB, "We purchased Northfork Red Duchess this spring and to get to know each other better we started by working through the Basic Skills requirements and then video taping them for submission. We are now on to the skills required for Horsemanship Level 1 and Trail Levels 1-3 and hope to have all these ready to send in October."

JULEE CLARKE, SOUTH CAROLINA, writes, "We are more than thrilled to have this opportunity with Jesse (Walkien Jesse Skywalker). He is really sweet, and makes us smile! His new home has 43 acres of pasture and forested areas. We have a few boarding horses, riding horses, rescues, breeding mares, and now Jesse will join us! It has been a big decision to start a small breeding farm, but we are finding so much joy in loving these mares and babies. Plus the added bonus of breeding Heritage horses is icing on the cake! I only wish I had learned about the Heritage Walkers earlier in my life (57 this month)! We are extremely blessed and thank God every day for allowing us to do this."

We will look forward to seeing the foals Jesse sires for you, Julee. MCL.

From LORNA WRIGHT, CARNWOOD, AB, "Rick and I would like to congratulate Emily Mulder of Millet, AB on her purchase of Ridgewalker Lucky Drifter. We wish her many enjoyable rides on him. Please send Emily a gift subscription to *WHN* with our compliments." PAIGE STERN, BLUFFTON, AB would like to congratulate Madeleine Chapman on her purchase of Travel'N Wild Phoenix. "They make a lovely pair and I know she will enjoy her as much as I did. Congratulations, Madeleine, and thank you for choosing Phoenix." *Photo below*.



From DON AND JO-ANNE McDONALD, McDONALD FARM, POUCE COUPE, BC, "We have sold Smoke's Supreme (pending), our 2018 black filly by Shaker's Silver Smoke out of Royal Class Canadian Kelte to Donna Henry of Bluesky, Alberta. This nice filly stands 14 hands at one year so she is going to be tall. We wish Donna and Supreme lots of wonderful years together."





FOALCALL



BAY SABINO FILLY (Society's Duke Allen x Wilson's Ruby Roan). Owned by Diane Sczepanski. Northern Foundations Farm, Whitehall, Wisconsin.

PALOMINO TOBIANO FILLY (Northfork Big Sky Spirit x Silky Reward) Paige Stern, Bluffton, AB





BAY FILLY (Champion's Gold x Kits Ruby Tuesday) *Photo left.*BLACK FILLY (Champion's Gold x Sippin Chocolate) June 20.
PALOMINO COLT (Arrow's Star Traveller x This Ones for U Lexie Cole). He came up from Colorado with his dam.
Amy Lauzon, Mane Gait TWH, AB

BAY COLT (LL Chance's Red Rascal x Bellissima Donna Z.)

BAY FILLY LL (Chance's Red Rascal x Golden Dreams Delight) foaled June 23.

SORREL COLT (LL Chance's Red Rascal x LL's Ginger Spice) foaled June 28. *Photo below*.

Bred by Lesa Luchak, Maple Lane Acres, Two Hills, AB



PALOMINO FILLY 'Hello Dolly!' (Uphill Heir Trigger x Karlas Enticing Dawn) Born June 15. Marjorie Lacy, Uphill Farm, Edson, AB. *Left*.







Above: Madison Raymond, age 10, on Homer, age 23, at the Mortlach, SK Trials, Fall, 2018.

Below: Madison and her dad, Curtis Raymond, and Wiggins Trace of Sin (Trace) after competing in the Junior Stake, Mortlach, Spring 2019.



What Do <u>YOU</u> Do With Your Walkers?

RODNEY (JOHN) RAYMOND, ESTEVAN, SK uses his in field trials, & writes,

"Here are a few pictures of our horses. My granddaughter Madison has been riding Homer by herself since she was five. She comes every summer when we've been training dogs on the prairies. She rides 10 to 20 miles a day dog training and at the field trials we go to. Homer has looked after her all the way."

"Now she likes riding our new horse Snowball, (*below*) and alternates between the two. They will be getting a lot of miles this summer!"



Above: Madison (age 11) on Zak's Thunder Road (Snowball, age 13) in spring, 2019.

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MORE NEWS

FRAN KERIK, CSR, TWO HILLS, AB, writes, "This spring has been pretty busy. My friend from Belgium came for a visit at the end of April with a friend right in time for kidding! The baby goats are always a hit and we had a very successful kidding season. Then the foals were born and got lots of love from the girls. We have also had kittens and chicks make their appearance on the farm."

"I've managed to get in some riding, attending the Bellis ride hosted by AWHA. New trails for all of us! Mostly sand, some bog. The camp site was horse friendly which is a bonus. We are definitely going back."

"I also entered a Cowboy Challenge at the end of June, riding Blaise. *(Below)* She was excellent! We got first in novice. She is a brave horse who tackles all the challenges with enthusiasm. I plan on doing lots of riding around home this year and working with my young horses."



DELORIS SALT, STRATHMORE, AB phoned me recently. She was at the Stampede, looking at the horses (of course!) and began wondering about the Walkers she and Bill raised at Cloudwalker Stables. She would be most appreciative if any of the *Walking Horse News* readers who own a Cloudwalker horse would get in touch with her. She would just like to know where they are and how they are doing. Her phone number is 403-934-8213 or you can write or send a photo to her at 228 Cambridge Crescent, Strathmore, AB T1P 1R9.

From SYLVIA CROUTER, BOX HANGING 3 RANCH, DUBOIS, WY, "The June *WHN* looks great. I'll look forward to reading it."

"We just had our last 2019 foal this morning, June 26, the last one for this year. Eleven in all!"



WINDI SCOTT of MAYERTHORPE, AB writes, "Today and yesterday Karlas Priscilla Pearl (Uphill Heir Trigger x Karlas Fancy Raven) did her basic skills for the CRTWH. Our 10 year old visitor from BC did it all. They learned together (*above*). The little girl had never handled horses in her life. They bonded right away. I have never experienced a horse more willing to learn. Pearl is so smart and so kind."

JOYCE DASSONVILLE, CHILLIWACK BC, writes, I am looking for a special horse for my 24 year old daughter with severe autism. Dominique has been riding for 15 years but is still a "beginner" rider. She is unable to post and has always ridden a gaited horse. Her current horse, Katzie, a 29 year old Missouri Fox Trotter, has been retired due to old age health issues.

A gaited horse, one that automatically shifts into a true smooth gait, is a must. Stability and calmness are paramount. I need a horse that is the ultimate level of trustworthy. Dominique rides independently and she rides in the forest nearby. Dominique has to ride out on a very quiet street for a few minutes to get to the dyke and the trails. She will be sharing the forested trails with people out for a walk, sometimes with their dogs. She is always accompanied by her support worker on her horse.

Katzie, the horse Dominique has ridden for the past 9 years, is a saint.. Finding a replacement is not going to be easy. I am looking for a horse between 10 and 15 years old. Are you able to help us in our search? Do you know of any suitable horses that might be for sale? Possibilities include Tennessee Walker, Missouri Fox Trotter, Icelandic, Peruvian Paso, Tennuvian or other gaited horse. Do you have anything that might be suitable or might you be able to point us in the right direction?

Thank you for your help and I look forward to your replies. Contact joycedassonville@gmail.com.



Fran Kerik 35 hours Stephen Woodall 50 hours Cindy Laschowski 55 hours Lisa Parrish 75 hours Josie Coulter 80 hours Bobbie Buck 90 hours Brenda Woodall 115 hours Cheryl Peressini 125 hours Kristy Coulter 125 hours Kim Pielak 135 hours Krystal Tuftin 165 hours Les Zaharichuk 205 hours Allanna Jackson 290 hours

The 2018 Ride Drive ALT program was amazing. We had 13 submissions. Our members did a total of 1401 hours with their walking horses in 2018. This year we gave out a 1000 hour badge to Brenda Woodall and a 1000 hour badge for Allanna Jackson. Since this is the second time Allanna has earned the 1000 hour badge we made a change to our badge system and created a 2000 hour platinum badge in her honour. We presented a lot of the certificates at the AGM and the rest will be mailed out to the remaining members. This program encourages everyone to set their own personal goals, and from the looks of the hours logged, I'd say it was a very successful year. Congratulations to all.



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IS PLEASED TO CONGRATULATE

The Owners, Trainers & Horses who achieved these <u>TRAINING LEVELS</u> in 2018:

Basic Skills in Hand

Uphill Heiress - Marjorie Lacy / Trainer P. Stern Image's Speedy Ticket - Lisa Parrish CSR He'za Rock Star - Chloe Buck (*Photo right*) Diamond Dusty Lady - Kara Swallows

Driving 1 CSR Blaise of Glory - Fran Kerik

CSR Money's Gold Penny - Cindy Laschowski (Photo below right)



Trail Riding Levels 1, 2, & 3 and Horsemanship Level 1

Northfork Cotton Trim - Lori Dyberg (Below) Northfork Cheerful Chipper - Blair Dyberg (Left)





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CONGRATULATES

The 2018 'PROGRAM FOR EXCELLENCE' ACHIEVERS:

BRONZE AWARDS

CSR Blaise of Glory - Fran Kerik **CSR Money's Gold Penny** - Cindy Laschowski **CSR He'za Rock Star** - Chloe Buck

BRONZE and **SILVER**

Image's Speedy Ticket - Lisa Parrish (*Right*) Uphill Heiress - Marjorie Lacy Ragtime N'Ritz - George Prokop NHA's Crimson Frost - George Prokop (*Below*)





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SILVER and GOLD

Northfork Cotton Trim - Lori Dyberg **Northfork Cheerful Chipper -** Blair Dyberg

GOLD

R. Diamond Smoky Autumn Gold - Marjorie Lacy **Smokey Mountain Melody** - Bill Roy (*Below far left*)

BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD

DD's Lyrical Dream - Marjorie Lacy (Below middle) Uphill Star - Marjorie Lacy (Below right)

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*Tape the hair onto a clean sheet of paper across the middle of the sample. DO NOT touch the hair roots (which may contaminate the foal's DNA).

*Write the pending name of the foal, its birth date, parents' names and your name on the paper and on the outside of the envelope.

*Fold and seal it into a paper envelope (never a plastic bag!).

* Include with your foal's registration application.

RESIGNATION

appointed in 2016 and has been an

asset to the Board. Brenda managed

the Ride/Drive/ALT Program until

the fall of 2018. Her hard work helped

make 'The Canadian Event' last fall

the great success that it was. She was

also instrumental in organizing the

May AGM Clinic which was very

popular and well received. Thank you for all your work and enthusiasm,

Brenda. We will miss you!



Brenda Woodall of Linden, AB has resigned from the CRTWH Board of

Directors.

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NEWS FLASHES

- Send hair for DNA <u>with your foal's</u> registration application. See above for details and instructions.
- You can pay for CLRC transactions by e-transfers now. See last month's Canadian Walker.
 - The new Coat Colour Chart is available on www.crtwh.ca. Watch for the addition of photos, coming soon!
- An on-line auction to raise funds for our Programs and Educational initiatives will be featured this fall. Please start looking for 'horsey' items you'd like to donate to the cause.

COLOUR IN HORSES - White Spotting Patterns: SABINO

The white spotting pattern most commonly found in the Tennessee Walking Horse is Sabino. This is the "signature" pattern of the TWH breed. With the genetic information we have now, we know that from his description that Foundation horse, "Roan Allen" F-38, was really a sabino, not a roan at all!



SABINO can include horses with as little to show it as leg markings with jagged borders, or face markings such as a wide or irregular blaze



Most of these horses are just registered by their body colour with their markings noted. However, breed two such Walkers together and you may create a much more obvious sabino.



The more obvious sabinos may display belly, girth, neck or under chin spots or sometimes an isolated white patch on a knee. Sabino may also manifest itself in white flecks or patches of ticking or 'roaning' on the body. Some sabinos show all of these markings. The mare above shows the white ticking plus some body spots, while her colt shows no sabino characteristics.



There are also white or nearly all-white "maximal sabinos" like the horse above. The all white sabinos with dark eyes may be mistaken for genetically white horses (which are very rare), or for grey horses that have turned white.

Sabino can be seen on nearly any colour of horse, but does seem to be most common on red base ones. Sabinos, especially those with large blazes, sometimes have blue eyes. There is a Sabino1 test but I believe there is a lot more to be discovered about this genetic pattern.

But His Name Was ROAN Allen! by Franne Brandon

The gentlemen who gathered in Lewisburg, Tennessee, in April of 1935 to organize a breeders' association for the national promotion of the native saddle horse type which they had developed were not scientists. They were farmers and businessmen and other breeders who had goals for a breed type of horse based on the running walk gait and, to a lesser extent, certain established bloodlines. Color was not a primary consideration.

When this group began to register horses and collect pedigrees, the newly formed association began to publish studbooks, as its by-laws required. These studbooks listed acceptable colors and markings. The two elements were treated separately, and probably none of the people involved realized that one of the most common combinations of facial and leg markings was actually a pattern, a spotting pattern, that impacted a large number of the foundation stock being registered each vear. In Volume I of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' Association of America's Studbook, two pages, 36 and 37, are devoted to 'DESCRIPTION OF COLOR AND MARKINGS FOR REGISTRATION". Nine colors are listed, with number 1 being sorrel, followed by chestnut, then black, then roan (red), then roan (strawberry), then roan (chestnut), then roan (blue), followed by white, bay, brown, grey, and vellow. Why bay roan is not listed remains a mystery, as both red roan and strawberry roan are described as variations of sorrel. Leg markings are described next, and a brief sentence states "White spots or patches on the body should be noted". Face markings are described in some detail, but this section does not mention white under the chin or on or under the jaw as

facial markings. Finally, a brief paragraph states that only white or flaxen manes or tails should be mentioned when registering a foal or an adult horse.

The first twelve horses registered in the initial studbook were sired by Hunter's Allen F-10. Mary Lou Allen 350002 and Jimmy Allen 350003 were full siblings out of Golden Lady 350031, the sister being described as a "roan mare, four stockings, blaze, flax mane and tail", while the brother was a "chestnut roan horse, both hind stockings, near fore coronet, blaze, flax mane and tail." Horse number 19 was Golden Girl, another full sibling, this time described as "golden vellow mare with both hind stocking, strip, white mane and tail. Horse 350026 was yet another full brother, Bright Allen, which stood at stud at Brock Stables in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Although he has been described as a "golden roan", the Studbook only says roan horse, both hind stockings, blaze, flax mane and tail, as opposed to the white mane and tail of Golden Girl. The dam of these four horses was registered after they were. Golden Lady 350031 is described as a "cream yellow mare both hind stockings, bald, white mane and tail." Obviously, Golden Lady was a dilute, but her adult foals also demonstrate that she was a sabino, since Hunter's Allen F-10 was a "golden chestnut horse, off hind stocking, star".

The sires change with the horses registered after Lady Allen 350012. Roan Girl 350013 was NOT a roan, although her description reads "Roan mare, both hind stockings, off fore sock, underlip and throat, blaze." (p. 40). Some color genetics authors insist that a chin marking is the hallmark of the sabino gene.



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Lady Beasley 350012 is also a "roan mare, both hind stockings, blaze," while Missy 350015 is NOT a roan, but simply a chestnut mare with hind stockings and a blaze. (p. 40) All three of these were sired by Brantley's Roan Allen, Jr 350066, J. R. Brantley's replacement for his popular stallion Roan Allen F-38, who was NOT a roan at all. His replacement son was a spotted sabino, with spots on the shoulder and sides. The three mares were the first registered of many foals by Brantley's Roan Allen, Jr., many of which were, by their studbook descriptions, sabinos like their sire and grandsire. At the first Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in 1939, Brantley's Roan Allen, Jr. won the Get of Sire Class, along with five of his 1939 get, some of which sported his sabino pattern.

The infant TWHBAA registered 208 horses in 1935, its initial year. Of these 208, sixty-three were "roans" with sabino markings. Most of these horses are red base, and the common practice appears to have been to register these as "roan" only, with flax or white mane and tail descriptions proving that the base color was red. A horse that was bay sabino or black sabino had the base color listed before the term "roan".



Bay roan stallion. age 7, 15.3 hands. weight 1200. Rear stockings. bald.

These 208 horses include the homozygous sabinos which were registered as white with no markings. Perhaps others registered in 1935 were minimal sabinos whose owners discounted the few white hairs in their coats, since a number of chestnuts, sorrels, blacks and bays had markings descriptions that appear to be minimal sabino. Included in the sixtythree are sabinos with pronounced body spotting, enough to have been registered as pintos in later years. In contrast, only nine horses appear to be classic roans, horses without the facial markings and extensive white to indicate that they MIGHT have been minimal sabinos rather than classic roans.

The Equine Tapestry: An Introduction to Colors and Patterns, by Leslie Kathman, offers extensive information on the sabino1 pattern, giving credit to the Tennessee Walking Horse breed for perpetuating this pattern and spreading its influence to other U.S. Southern gaited breeds. The Equine Tapestry distinguishes the sabino1 pattern from other sabino-like patterns found in small numbers in other breeds. On page 85, it states "The Sabino1 mutation first appeared sometime between 2500 and 3000 BC, making it the oldest identifiable pinto patterning gene. The first known Sabino1 horse was found at the Tartas-1 burial site in western Siberia. The gene was also found in later Bronze Age samples, one from Lchasen in Armenia and a second from Micurin in Moldova."

"Modern Sabino1 horses carry that same mutation, passed down through the ages. In contrast, the known white spotting patterns are all modern mutations."

The Tennessee Walking Horses registered in those early years of the breed carried on an unique gene, a spotting pattern that had existed for millennia. Although the foundation era breeders did not realize it, their horses were special in the world of equine color genetics, bearing the oldest of the spotting patterns, sabino1, in the original spotted walking horses. The others are just modern interlopers. Sources: Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders Association of America Studbooks. Vol. I, pp 27-68.

Kathman, Lesli. The Equine Tapestry: An Introduction to Colors and Patterns. Charlotte, NC, Blackberry Lane Press. c. 2014, pages 81-85

Sheila Coburn with Shadow's Super Seven, showing the sabino characteristics of jagged hind stockings and fore sock, knee marking and extensive white on face, lips and chin. Black resists sabino influence more than red.





SABINO shows up in many forms. Here are a few examples.

1. Sorrel sabino, roaning throughout coat, 3 white feet and nearly bald face, blue eye.

2. Palomino mare, irregular blaze and white hind feet. You would think she was a standard palomino, but her white maximal sabino colt (by a black horse with star and hind ankle) shows that she must be a minimal sabino.

3.Sorrel sabino colt, stockings above knees & hocks, wide

irregular blaze.

4. Sorrel sabino colt with 'Medicine Hat' type markings. He is getting close to 'maximal' expression.

5. Black sabino gelding with extensive white ticking on his body, giving him a bluish gray colour. He also has the large blaze extending over lips and chin, jagged white leg markings, body spots.

6. Black sabino mare, blaze, white chin, under jaw and on sides, white hind socks, but little to no white ticking or roaning.









These are just a few photos that show how sabino may be expressed. Do you think you have a sabino in your herd? You can get a sabino1 DNA colour test at Animal Genetics in Florida. It would be interesting to hear how any such tests turn out. Send us a photo!





FOAL CALL

CHAMPAGNE COLT Jamie, (CSR Gold Fever x Banners Sipping Champagne) *Photo right, at back*.

SORREL FILLY (CSR Gold Fever x Power Plays Pixie). Brienne, *Photo right, in front.* Fran Kerik, CSR Walkers, Two Hills, AB



PALOMINO FILLY 'Ivy' (Uphill Heir Trigger x Kit's Gotta Be Fabulous) Ashley Stroud & Greg Wiebe, Onoway, AB. *Below*.





PALOMINO COLT (Northfork Patch of Gold x Northfork Micki's Mystery) June 12. Brenda & Stephen Woodall, Freedom Farms, Linden, AB *Photo left*.

BLACK COLT, white stockings & an irregular star. (Karla's Hustler x Pride Of Gen's Terminator) July 9. *SOLD* Karla Hansen, Ride Easy Ranch, Ponoka, AB

SORREL FILLY- SCW Ravishing Ruby (Red Zeppelin x Slush Creeks Kiss This). Born 5-18-2019 Mark & Shellie Pacovsky's Slush Creek Walkers, Bainville, MT. *Photo below*



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The running walk is an inherited gait, not a manmade, gymnastic "correction" of some other inherited gait or gaits. Breeding horses that are so multi-gaited that they can be trained to do anything was not the purpose for establishing a Walking Horse registry. One hundred years ago the vision of a few breeders was to produce a breed of horses that would inherit the desire and ability to keep themselves in a consistent running walk with no need for gait training or human help.

"Albert Dement, as early as 1905, envisioned the development of a breed of horses which would produce and reproduce, by proper mating, the true gaits of the Tennessee Walking Horse." (Flat-foot walk, running walk, and canter as they were in 1946) Quote from *Biography of the Tennessee Walking Horse*, by Ben A. Green.

Merry Legs F-4 was "a straight-going mare with no amble whatsoever. She had lots of head motion... Her canter was perfect, and her flat walk and running walk were truly as great as any ever displayed by Tennessee Walking Horses. Anybody could ride her, because she had perfect manners and was gentle as could be." *The Echo of Hoofbeats* 3^{rd} *edition*, by Bob Womack, page 156.

"Hunter's Allen F-10 was one of the squarest gaited horses that has been known even up until today. He traveled an even gait for literally miles at a time, and unlike many Tennessee Walking Horses he walked as well up a hill as he did coming down; and it just wasn't possible to ride him out of a running walk..." From the article *Hunter's Allen as I Remember Him*, by Jean Hunter, daughter of TWHBAA founder Burt Hunter, who was also owner of Hunter's Allen.

"My first experience with Walking Horses was forty some odd years ago (around 1905) when I spent the summers on my uncle's farm in Howard County, Missouri. There was an old fellow who lived up the road whose habit it was to go to town every Saturday and get very drunk. His friends would put him on his horse, tie up the reins and start him home. I always watched him go by late in the afternoon and that horse was going at as true a walk as a horse can do and, as I remember it, better than 7 miles an hour... I could not help but compare that to many of our modern Walking Horses that revert to pacing horses when they are casually ridden in the Western manner. In my opinion, that is the bane of the Walking Horses, and entirely too many of them do it." From the article *One Special Family of Walking Horses, by Tom Moss, The Western Horseman*, November-December 1948. Tom Moss developed the LaMarr family of Walking Horses that were essential foundation stock for the CRTWH.

One hundred years after these horses demonstrated that a hereditary self-correcting running walk really does exist we still find that most pure-bred, registered TWH cannot running walk without extensive training and continual help from an educated rider. Are these stories about Merry Legs, Hunter's Allen, and the anonymous Missouri Walking Horse just delusional fantasies, or are they true? I believe they are true because I have seen and ridden a few horses that were strongly self-correcting for running walk without any gait training. I'll list them in the order I met them:

The grey stallion Mischievous Secret 684413 TWHBEA (Midnight Secret x Grey Velvet) was bred in Kansas and foaled in 1968. I met him and rode him once in Sept., 1988 when his owner brought him to Arizona to breed to my mare Sacia's Pride. He was not ridden at all until he was almost 20 years old and was then ridden only a few times by only two or three people. Mischievous Secret had the smoothest, most powerful, most perfect, strongly self-correcting hereditary running walk I have ever experienced. The colt by Mischievous Secret out of Sacia's Pride was stillborn just six weeks after Mischievous Secret was stolen from his home corral in New Mexico. He was never found.

The sorrel stallion Kentucky Rainbow 846056 TWHBEA – 473- (Wainwright's Shadow x Radar's Amber Ella) is the star of *The Running Walk of the Tennessee Walking Horse* DVD which is available through the CRTWH. Jo Kingsland, Marjorie Lacy, and I saw Kentucky Rainbow in person at Eldon Eadie's in Sherwood Park, Alberta, in October, 1990. Kentucky Rainbow died young.

The brown stallion Luckys Koko Prince 713971 TWHBEA -154- CRTWH (Rambler's Lucky Socks x Sundown LaMarr) was foaled in Montana in 1971, then spent most of his life in Alberta. Koko could not pace. He was a La Marr Walking Horse who inherited a strongly self-correcting running walk that matched Tom Moss' description of his ideal gait for Western Walking Horses. Koko spent the last seven of his 32 years in my back yard.

The sorrel sabino stallion Kary's Jeepers 756166 TWHBEA,-174- CRTWH (Laddie's Monte Ray x Merry Boy's Snow Bird) was herd sire for Jack Gurnett's Northfork Farm in Alberta. I still appreciate Jack's generosity in allowing me to briefly ride this gentleman of a stallion in 1990 so I could both see and feel Jeepers' strongly self-correcting hereditary running walk.

I remember seeing the late Jean Rempel, a former CRTWH president, and her sorrel stallion Northfork Sky Walker (aka Luke) 846159 TWHBEA, -391- CRTWH (He'za Walker x Northfork Dble Star) easily maintain his inherited running walk for the entire 25 miles of the TRAC ride at Tees, Alberta in May, 1992. Jean rode Northfork Sky Walker on a loose rein the whole ride. *(Photo below right.)*

In 2006 my brief ride on Mary Mel's White Sage 159132 AMHR (Jan Mabie Pace x Mary Mels Goldilocks), confirmed my belief that hereditary, strongly self-correcting running walk is not exclusive to the Tennessee Walking Horse breed. This Morgan stallion was slow at all gaits yet he persistently put himself back into running walk with no help from his rider. His trainer had never ridden a gaited horse before so she knew nothing about gait training. Unfortunately, this stallion died at age 7.

I'm sure Merry Legs F-4 is not the only mare to inherit a strongly self-correcting running walk. I just happen to have been looking for stallions with that gait behavior.

Inheritance of a strongly self-correcting fourbeat gait is not limited to running walk. The late Lee Ziegler reported that the last Missouri Fox Trotting colt she bred did a fox trot as his only middle gait.

Though strongly self-correcting, hereditary running walk does exist, it is so rare no one knows how to breed for it. A few of the descendants of the stallions listed above inherited their self-correcting gait but many did not. Scientific theories can never be proven to be totally true, but they are disproven by just one valid finding that contradicts the theory. To date, all theories about the genetics of running walk have been disproven by many horses that inherited the "wrong" gait behavior. Nevertheless, the quest to find the genetics of strongly self-correcting four-beat gaits is worth pursuing because horses that inherit it truly are the easiest gaited horses to ride and train.

The P.A.S.T. Act

has made it through the House of Representatives!

Now - on to the Senate!

In historic vote, House passes bill to make horse "soring" a thing of the PAST

WASHINGTON (July 25, 2019)- The Humane Society of the United States and Humane Society Legislative Fund applaud a historic move in Congress to protect Tennessee walking horses and related breeds from the cruel practice of intentionally inflicting pain on the animals to force an exaggerated step that is prized in the show ring.

The House of Representatives approved by an overwhelming 333 to 96 bipartisan vote, the U.S. Senator Joseph D. Tydings Memorial Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act, H.R. 693. This muchneeded legislation will amend the Horse Protection Act, closing loopholes that have allowed violators to continue their heinous practices undeterred.

The HSUS and HSLF also commend former Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., and Rep. Cohen for introducing the first version of this legislation in 2012.

Sara Amundson, president of Humane Society Legislative Fund, says, "We are grateful to the House champions - Reps. Kurt Schrader, Ted Yoho, Steve Cohen, Ron Estes, Jan Schakowsky and Chris Collins - and to all who cosponsored and voted for this bill, as well as to House leadership for bringing it to a floor vote. Now it's up to the Senate to get the PAST Act over the finish line."

The Senate companion bill, S. 1007, introduced in April by Senators Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, and



Mark Warner, D-Va., currently has 41 Senate co-sponsors. The identical legislation was approved by the Senate Commerce Committee in 2014.

LAST OF THE SADDLE TRAMPS by Mesannie Wilkins

"If you think you're beaten you are; If you think you dare not, you don't. If you'd like to win but you think you can't It's almost a cinch that you won't.

If you think you'll lose you're lost, For out in the world we find Success begins with a fellow's will -And it's all in the State of Mind.

Words to live by. These words were given to Mesannie Wilkins from a Mrs. Bryar of Lunenburg, New Hampshire on Mesannie's incredible journey from Minot, Maine to California aboard her horse Tarzan in 1954. The fact that Mesannie was 63 years old and hadn't ridden a horse in thirty years didn't faze her for longer than a minute or two. This enjoyable and humourous story is best related in Mesannie's own words:

"I was born in Minot, Maine and had lived there for the most part until I was five weeks shy of my sixtythird year, by which time it seemed pointless to remain." (It was already November when she finally departed her hometown.)

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"Months back, my doctor told me that I had two to four you live restfully". I figured I'd get plenty of rest in the saddle. I couldn't rest in my house because the bank was taking over."

"I would buy the cheapest horse I could find, ride him south until my money ran out, find a job, save a few dollars, and then ride on."

"Tarzan was a rusty black of fourteen-plus hands...Eyes wide apart, ears small and pointed, nicely shaped feet and strong, clean legs. He was well built and reminded me of the old-time trotters that used to race at our fairs." And this she also said of Tarzan: "They were so anxious to sell the horse that I figured he would be a lemon, but I was wrong."

"I don't know how old Tarzan was. He was aged, but he wasn't a complainer. Depeche Toi, my dog, was fourteen months. With a name like that you might think he was a Poodle but he wasn't."

Mesannie spoke to her animal companions about the coming journey: "All I ask of you is patience" she said. "We're heading off for a long walk, but someday we'll settle down I promise".

Mesannie's adventurous journey led her to Tennessee. Lack of money was her constant companion. She had been on the lookout for another horse for some time to help share the load that poor Tarzan had been straddled with. Surprisingly she acquired that horse in Tennessee but you will have to read the book to find out how Rex, a twenty year old Tennessee Walking Horse, was added to Mesannie's family. Mesannie's words when she first laid eyes on Rex: "I stood there studying Rex, and I liked everything I saw. Even his tail was natural. It hadn't been broken and set up where it didn't belong, which they always do for show purposes. The only thing that troubled me about him was his size. 'How would a shorty like me climb on top of such a giant?'They saddled him, and I rode him around inside the barn for a few minutes. He had a nice easy-going gait. The breed was developed for comfortable riding, and Rex didn't disgrace the breed." Mesannie then said to the owners: "I like him, but I just can't afford him"

If the above



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words of Mesannie are not intriguing enough to get you into the book maybe her selfdescription will: "I was dressed for comfort in the saddle and safety on the road, and that added up to male attire: A hunting cap with ear flaps, a blanket-lined vest over a wool shirt, heavy work jeans, and rubbers over lumberman's felt boots."

"Last of the Saddle Tramps" is a delightful read of a woman who had amazing courage well as as unbelievable endurance, toughness, and determination all while she ended up famous for her efforts. Hats off to her! Don't miss riding along with Mesannie through 7000 miles of America in the 1950's. You won't regret it.

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