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Rachelle Wiens of La Crete, AB hugs her mare, Karla's Golden Amber #2866 a TWH she purchased for herself and her children in 2020.

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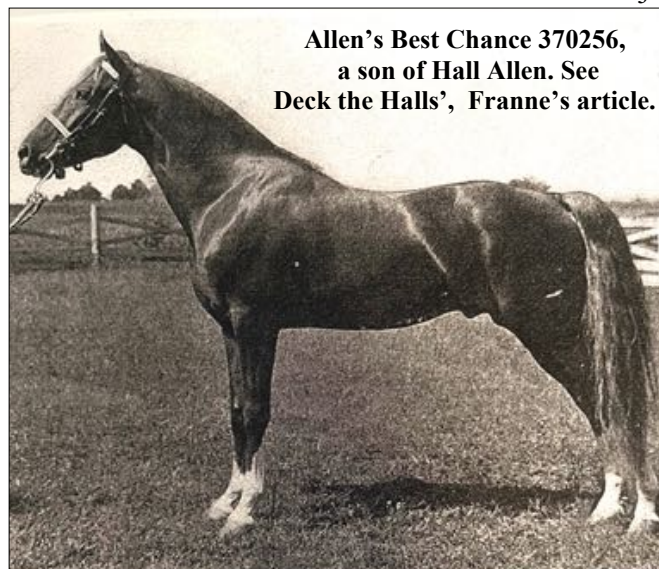
Here we are, at the final issue of 2022 already. If it's true that time goes quickly when you're having fun, it must have been a hilarious year! It was certainly a busy one for the CRTWH, celebrating its 40th Anniversary. See The Canadian Walker for a round-up.

There are some great articles. Be sure to read Allanna's Backyard Walkin' article about Cinnamon's mysterious lameness. It's something we all dread happening to our horse but with one in five horses over 15 in danger of developing PPID (aka Cushings Disease) it's wise to be aware of the symptoms and what can be done about it.

Frane Brandon's 'Foundations' recalls an outstanding stallion, Hall Allen, from the early days of the breed. See photo below. Also featured is an illustrated pedigree of two of the horses with 'the most Canadian pedigree'. A pedigree means so much more with photos to go with the names! See an example of this major project that Dianne Little has undertaken.

There's an interesting article by Karla Hansen on training your youngsters, a 'Remember When' story from Bill Howes. AWHA news, and notes from our readers. Thank you to everyone who contributed. There truly wouldn't be a *Walking Horse News* without you. So please, Everyone, send your news, photos, ideas for articles, ads and announcements to keep the magazine going.

Best wishes for the holidays, *Marjorie*



**Allen's Best Chance 370256,
a son of Hall Allen. See
Deck the Halls', Frane's article.**



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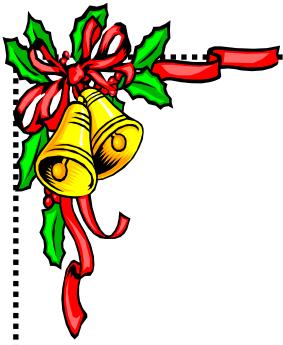
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The Warmth Of A Horse

*When your day seems out of balance
and so many things go wrong ...*

*When people fight around you
and the clock drags on so long ...*

*When some folks act like children
and fill you with remorse ...*

*Go out into your pasture and wrap
your arms around your horse.*



*Its gentle breath
enfolds you as it
watches with those
eyes ...*

*It may not have a
PhD but it*

is oh, so wise!

*Its head rests on your shoulder,
you hug it good and tight ...
It puts your world in balance
and makes it seem all right.*



*Your fears will soon stop growing,
the tension will be eased ...*

The nonsense has been lifted.

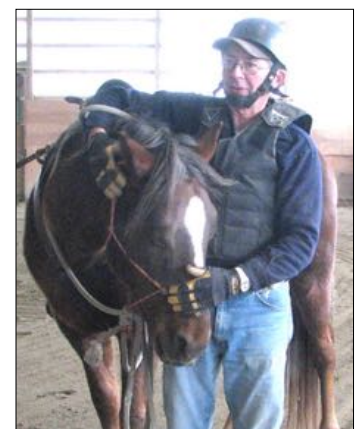
You are quiet and at peace.

*So when you need some balance
from the stresses in your day ...*

The therapy you really need

Is out there eating hay!

Unknown





The Alberta Walking Horse Association had our windup event Oct 1-2 at Tanya McDonald's home SW of Rocky Mountain House. The fall colors were spectacular, and everyone enjoyed the trails.

With the high price of fuel this year it was almost our only ride of the season, and boy! was it good to see everyone. We had eight riders in the speedy group who took advantage of the pace to do a farther ride through the hills. The six riders of the mellow group stuck to the flatlands and enjoyed themselves tremendously. Some of us even snuck in a quick ride Friday night and again on Sunday morning.

Any member can organize a ride in their area by submitting an event form through our website at www.awha.ca

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at the February AGM and on the trails again next summer.

BLAIR DYBERG GOOD FELLOW AWARD

In 2021 the AWAHA awarded the first Blair Dyberg Good Fellow award with great honour to Dianne Little. Well the time has come again, and quite a few of our members have put their heads together and made a few nominations. We were excited to see multiple nominations for one person in particular, and those of us on the board who weren't nominated, came together to make a final decision.

WINDI SCOTT, the person chosen, actually received multiple nominations from within the AWAHA club. Windi has direct contact with many of our members and demonstrates generosity with her time, knowledge, experience and even her home. She promotes the club in a multitude of ways and has

brought many new people into the Walker world over the years. She is a role model for all.

Windi is always happy to teach, to serve, to share, all without asking, or expecting, anything in return. You entertain us every hour of the day; your passion and enthusiasm not only for these amazing animals, but for us and for life, shines through in so many ways.

Watching Windi continue to learn and grow has inspired many in their own journeys.

Here are a few direct quotes regarding Windi:

- At any time, day or night, if I have a question, a comment, or concerns regarding my horse, that when I reach out to Windi Scott, she always is readily there to help. She has been a wealth of knowledge that I tap into on a regular basis. She is always happy to help and she explains things in a way that just "makes sense".

-Windi had had a pivotal influence on how I ride, where I ride, and with whom I ride. I enjoy being around this woman as she answers questions that I did not even know to ask.

-She can quickly calm the rider and the horse in order to have a better connection, whether at home or out on the trails! I do not take her knowledge and experience for granted. I know how lucky I am to be able to reach out for help and she shows up every time. I believe that she is worth her weight in gold and I appreciate all that she has to offer. She 100% deserves this award!

- Windi was a 'goodfellow' for me this year as I looked for new horses and had challenges with my mare. She has also done some generous volunteering with the CRTWH 40th Event and AWAHA this year. I have been inspired by her taking up clicker training this year and trying something new after many years of horsemanship.

Windi is passionate about Walking Horses and started us on the path of Walkers. We spent a bit of time with Blair and Lori, and Blair's passion and joy in teaching showed very quickly.

Windi, you emulate that same kind of joy and passion, and we are truly honoured tonight to give you recognition for all you do.

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at the February AGM and on the trails again next summer.

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**2022 AWA BLAIR DYBERG
'GOOD FELLOW AWARD'**



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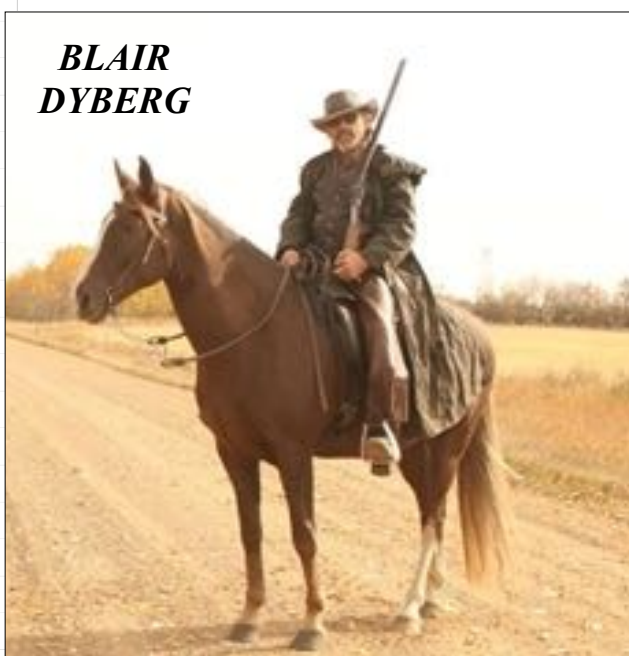
Windi, with her mare Northfork Red Duchess, displays her 2022 Good Fellow Award plaque.



Below, Windi drives her gelding, Future's Precious Brick. Below left, she canters Gen's Shadow Shaker Rocky.



**BLAIR
DYBERG**



Dianne Little (in black coat), first recipient of the Award in 2021.

NEWS - NEWS - NEWS



SHARI STASHKO, WHITECOURT, AB writes, "I received my edition of the October *WHN* today! Could not wait to rip it open to read it... and there we were on page 14, on the bottom right hand side photo. My trusty steed (Sergeant) Sir Clops A Lot, keeping the peace in our police uniforms and dragging along our two prisoners, Lorraine Roy and her RMH mount Let's Fiddle For A Little."

"It was such a fun weekend; we're looking forward to the next Anniversary of the CRTWH! But seriously, 'Copper' was so proud of that police cap and wore it the whole time and that totally made the police uniform complete! We won first place. I just love that boy."

The others that were pictured in costume on p. 14 of the October issue are:

Top left - Susan Seufert & Fancy Target;
Top right - Northfork Micki's Mystery, Morgan Ernst;
Bottom left - Westhill's Toppers Echo & Allen McKenzie.

On October 17 TRACY WAKEFIELD, BAILIEBORO, ON wrote, "Hope you all had a great summer with lots of riding. Hard to believe fall is here already. It sure has been beautiful weather and we are enjoying every chance we can to get out on the trail."

"My girl CoCoa (Karlas Sweet Cocoa) is now 17 and a lovely sweet girl. Hello to Karla at Ride Easy Ranch. The best advice Karla gave me all those years ago was to tell CoCoa to "Get her Big Girl Pants On"! Karla, it worked. I wouldn't trade her for the moon!"

"Sending a 'Hello' to Brenda Baker too. We

changed the name of Ed's gelding from Cocktail to Tucker, and he is doing really well. He and Ed have developed a great relationship."

"Hope everyone is doing well. Bye for now ."

From BRENDA BAKER, ROCKY VIEW COUNTY, AB. "In answer to the question, "Where is Starlette?", she didn't get to compete as a weanling in the CRTWH Futurity as it was discontinued in 2006, I believe. Her two full brothers, Cruising for Chics, and Chic Magnet won their weanling colt classes and I sure wish that she could have competed in the weanling fillies class to see how well the judges liked her. Her baby brother, Thriller, also lost his chance at the Futurity for the same reason. I truly think the mix of Kit's Royal Pride X Chicklette was a good one."

"Starlette had one very black foal named Party Krasher. A year or two later, Bill & Pam Unrau near Grand Prairie, (who already had bought Cruising for Chics and Blackjack from us a few years earlier), needed another riding horse, so Starlette climbed in their trailer, (with a hot tub as a traveling companion), and went home with them. To my knowledge, she is living happily ever after."

"Also, Dolly Dapples (*below*) has gone to live near Athabasca with some very experienced horse people. It was a hard decision to sell her but





SANTA ROY & his reindeer, GYPSY GOLD (Karla's Royal Flash and Karlas Gypsy Gold) are all ready for Christmas.

Roy is the oldest and Gypsy Gold the youngest Tennessee Walker AT RIDE EASY RANCH, PONOKA, AB. Photo by KARLA HANSEN.

"From BILL HOWES, JALISCO, "Hello from Mexico, fellow TWH lovers. Recently I wrote a short story here for publication, called 'REMEMBERING ROY ROGERS'. I spent a lot of time researching on the internet. Some trivia I picked up: In a movie called 'My Pal Trigger', directed by Frank McDonald, Bob Nolan, a Canadian, co-starred. Nolan was a long-time friend and musician with Roy in the 'Sons of the Pioneers'. Bob Nolan wrote 'Tumbling Tumbleweeds in 1934."

"Does anyone remember an individual in the Calgary area (I believe), who used to come to our TWH events to teach us about Roy Rogers?"

Ed. Note: Might that have been Stan Potter? He was a great Roy Rogers fan, and very proud of his Walkers' Trigger Jr. heritage.

SUE GAMBLE, SWASTIKA, sent this info-some years back: "I just bought a book from Amazon.ca titled An Illustrated History of Trigger, The Lives and Legends of Roy Rogers' Palomino by Leo Pando. There is a chapter on Trigger Jr. and the other doubles for Trigger. And what a gorgeous picture of Trigger Jr. on the ramp of a trailer with Roy Rogers! All dapples! Unfortunately the book doesn't have enough on Trigger Jr for my liking, but lovely pictures of all the Triggers - but sadly, all in black and white, probably the way they were originally taken."

DIANNE LITTLE, CALGARY, AB has amassed an amazing file of photographs of Canadian TWH, past and present, in Canada. But of course there are still some missing. One we'd all really like to see is BELL'S LITTLE BEAUTY #222, born June 9, 1973.

Why this chestnut mare in particular? She had a big influence on the breed in Alberta in the early years of the Canadian Registry. In particular, her son, Calta Midnite Victry #224, became a popular sire, with 44 offspring to his credit. Her three daughters, She'za Bell #223, Calta Midnite Velvet #228, and Calta Onyx Beauty 1245, also contributed to the TWH population in their turn. Does anyone out there have a photo of Bell's Little Beauty to share? You can just take a picture of the photo you have and send it via email! No need for snail mail.



**Hilton
Hack
& Calta
Midnite**

The October issue of *WHN* had Delight's Miss Marquis, a 27 year old daughter of Kary's Jeepers on the cover. 'Flip' is just back from a pack trip in the Willmore Wilderness this fall.

Last issue I asked if there were any other Jeepers offspring surviving but had no replies. Jeepers was born in 1975 and left 49 registered offspring, the last born in 1997. Recently I heard that his 1995 son, Northfork Patch of Gold, died last summer. The 2022 palomino filly in the photo above left is one of Gold's last offspring.

On Monday, November 14, 2022 the United States House of Representatives voted on the P.A.S.T. Act (Prevent All Soring Tactics). It passed by a sizeable vote. Now it must get to a vote in the Senate to become law.



2022 AWhA Annual Wind-Up Ride

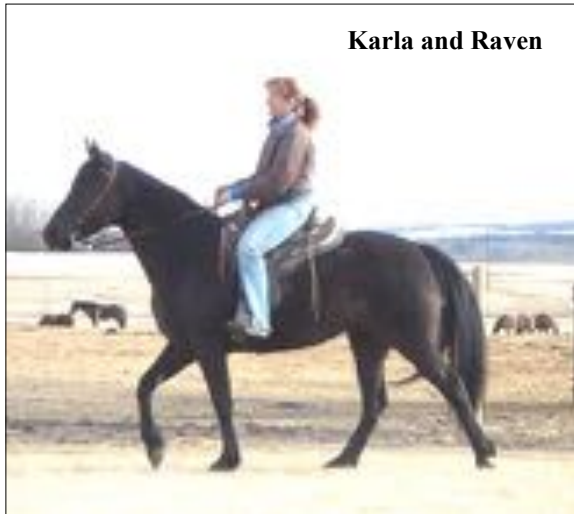


Some of the AWhA members who took part in the Wind-Up Ride, October 1 & 2.



WHAT MY HORSE NEEDS TO KNOW BEFORE I MOUNT & RIDE

by Karla Hansen



Just so you know, I got my first horse when I was very young. She was an untrained chuck wagon pony brought home when I was six and a half years old. “There’s your horse, go play”. That was my first ‘training lesson’. I rode bareback, and I can’t remember when I started using a bridle. A halter was usually used.

Now that it is five score and more decades ago, I have some clear guidelines in mind before I mount my next trail-riding horse. (Note that I usually have hours, leading into years, of ground work with a horse before ever getting on its back.)

The (at least) 4 to 5 year old must have been trained to stand still while I brush and clean feet, and put the saddle pad and saddle on. It must let me adjust and tighten the saddle with no fuss or sidling around. The bridle must be accepted and when the cues to turn the head to the right or left are given, the horse must respond softly and readily. I also like to have the horse trained to put its head down when cued by the reins while I am still on the ground.

It would be nice to know that the horse has been ground driven, and will respond to a one rein stop. I insist that the horse not move when I am mounting. Using a mounting block, or a fence, rock, picnic table or whatever, makes it easier to get on and will decrease saddle shifting. It is also a safety measure if the horse knows you will not get on if he is shifting around. The horse must stand until I ask for movement. This takes time, but if you take the time at the beginning of training, it will take less later.

Much of my opinion is based on experience. I’ve spent hours of my life with horses, watching them, working with and learning from them, and I learned mainly from trial and error, and hard

knocks. I was eight when my first foal came along. Since then I have read training books, by Monty Roberts and a number of others. Later in life, I attended a weekend Parelli session, and when I did get into Tennessee Walkers, I attended several clinics with Dianne Little and Bill Roy to improve my knowledge of that breed. I also owe much to my horse, Roy, for being such a great partner. He’s always been willing to learn and let me experience and understand the higher connection we can achieve, when we take the time needed.

In order of importance:

1. The horse must be accepting, and relaxed.
2. Stand to be saddled, bridled and mounted.
3. Understand the command to move forward.
4. Know ‘Whoa’ and what a one rein stop is. (People need to stop saying ‘whoa’ if they don’t want the horse to stop moving. Use a different word such as ‘Easy’.)
5. The horse must trust me, and be confident in my directions.

Training begins early.

Start horses young, getting used to all the strange things humans ask of them.



Training takes place over years, step by step, before actual riding begins.



SEPTEMBER AWHA CLINIC WITH ANNA LANGLOIS by Karen Sollid

The September AWHA clinic with Anna Langlois was a great time of learning and camaraderie. Several gaited breeds were represented, with everyone striving to find and/or improve those smooth gaits that we all love.





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CRTWH 40th Anniversary Year Round-Up

2022 was our 40th anniversary and we celebrated by holding 'The Canadian' 40th Anniversary Event. This multi-faceted undertaking saw the involvement of many owners of Canadian registered TWH, both past and present. Some attended our Event in Thorsby and some contributed by donating resources, time, publicity and effort to the many projects that have gone on in relation to our anniversary.

These include:

The addition of new Modules to the Training Levels Challenge; for example, Back Country Trail Riding and Liberty.

Discussion on developing a youth program.

The in-depth researching and gathering of photos of Canadian registered TWH that are represented in our breeding history to form an accurate archive of what those horses actually looked like.

The updating of registration applications to incorporate new genetic info on colour.

All CRTWH forms revised to have a uniform look.

The addition of e-transfer capabilities and an updated website.

Program for Excellence Awards now shown not only on a horse's actual pedigree but also included on each horse's CLRC website information.

First ever stallion to achieve the PFE Platinum Award.

And as a thank you to our members, discounts on transfers and registrations of foals born in 2021 and 2022 plus the amnesty on fees during this anniversary year for eligible horses not previously registered or transferred with CRTWH.

It has been a very busy and eventful year. We look forward to the next 40!



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Don't miss out on getting your Walker registered or transferred into your name at great savings. See crtwh.ca or the Oct *WHN*.



THE PHOTO PEDIGREE PROJECT

The two below are full siblings from the same pedigree at right.

Karlas Acadienne Gypsy & foal



Karlas Magic Merlin



**Canadian Registry
of the
Tennessee
Walking Horse**



THE PHOTO PEDIGREE PROJECT

One of the reasons for Dianne Little's Photo Project was to see if there was a Walker with an All Canadian pedigree, and whether photos of all of them could be found. Well, a horse with *all* CRTWH registered ancestors was not located but many interesting facts and histories turned up, along with a wealth of photos. The Photo Project was Dianne's personal contribution to the CRTWH 40th Anniversary.

Leslie Hunchuk of Millarville, AB writes, "On one of last year's CRTWH contests, the question was asked, 'How many CRTWH horses are on the registration papers of your horse? Counting the horse itself there is the possibility of having 31 CRTWH registered horses on a pedigree.'"

"When I counted up the numbers, my filly, PS Luna's Spring Shiver 2019 [CAN]- 4008 had **25!** Recently I received a compiled picture pedigree for Shiver put together by Dianne. To quote her letter,

"As of 2022 there are five CRTWH registered horses with 25 Canadian ancestors on their pedigrees. They were bred by two CRTWH members. The five horses share two of the same ancestors: Bell's Little Beauty #222 and Iron Eagle's Cherokee #1243."

Two are full siblings, bred and owned by Karla Hansen, Ponoka, AB.

They are **Karlas Magic Merlin** 2014-[CAN]- 3837 and **Karlas Acadienne Gypsy** 2015-[CAN]- 3894

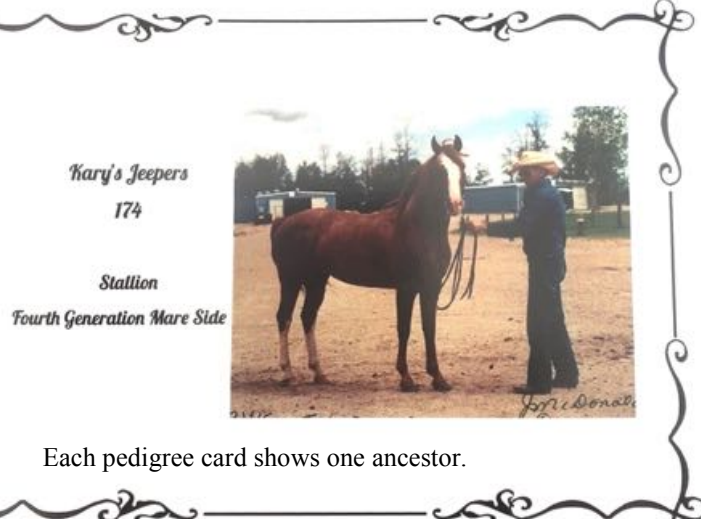
The other three are also full siblings bred by Paige Sargeant, Rimbey, AB. They are

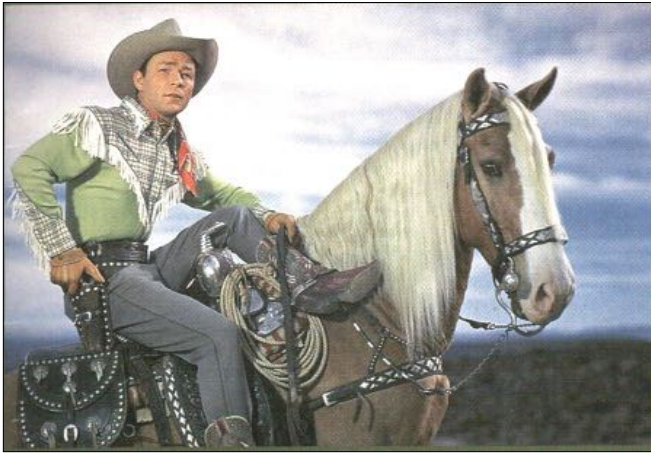
PS Luna's Spring Shiver 2019 [CAN]- 4008, owned by Leslie Hunchuk,

PS Luna's Phantom Sun 2021 [CAN]- 4206, owned by Paige Sargeant, and

PS Luna's Ditto 2020-[CAN]- 4054 owned by Rachel and Adrian Bell, Vulcan, AB.

At bottom is a photo of **PS Luna's Spring Shiver** and her sire & dam (also the parents of Ditto and Phantom).





REMEMBERING ROY ROGERS

by Bill Howes

In the process of researching, I spent a whole afternoon watching, fascinated, three of his old movies, over & over. It brought back a lot of boyhood memories.

In the course of the second day's search I became increasingly worried. Nowhere was there any mention of Trigger being a TWH? Was Trigger really a horse known as 'Golden Cloud' of no known breed? I think it's fair to say I went to bed that night in a cold sweat. Surely all our knowledge of Allen's Gold Zephyr's connection to Roy Rogers cannot be wrong?

The next day I tried a different 'Search Engine' and there it was. I could not clear up just which Trigger had ended up being stuffed, alongside his favorite German Shepard, 'Bullet' in the Roy Roger's Museum, but the TWH connection became a lot clearer. There were three Triggers; all three trained by Glen Randall & his son Corky. There was no mention of when or how the first Trigger was replaced or even if he was?

Now this only speculation on my part, but knowing that Roy starred in around a hundred movies, was honored as 'King of the Cowboys' across America for a straight stretch of ten years and had a very busy life between his first love, music, and his boyhood love of horses all during the 30's, 40's & 50's, I cannot visualize a single Trigger horse being able to 'keep up'.

When Glen Randall first found a Trigger 'double'- Allen's Gold Zephyr - at Fisher Palomino Farms in Souderton, Pennsylvania, no money could buy him. Mr. Fisher knew what he had and he was in no hurry to part with his beautiful TWH. It took nearly five years for him to finally relent and sell the horse. In that interim, he was busy breeding Allen's Gold Zephyr and produced many fine horses. Fisher

Farms specialized in Palominos of all breeds. The grandsire of Luckys Koko Prince, Zephyr's Gold Rambler # 482616, was shipped from Pennsylvania to Helen & David Morris, at Whitefish, Montana, in a boxcar in 1947.

Roy Rogers was first a musician, playing throughout the American midwest with 'The Sons of the Pioneers', a very popular Western band. Due to his strong tenor voice, he was popular as a 'Square Dance' caller, something still very prevalent in my youth. The travelling life of a musician played havoc with Roy's first two marriages and left him with three young children to care for on his own, when he happened to be starred alongside a pert young actress, Dale Evans. Together they would eventually fill their home with nine children.

'Trigger Jr' (Allen's Gold Zephyr) was billed as 'The Smartest Horse in the Movies'. His name was always billed above the movie title, along with Roy and his wife Dale. 'Trigger Jr' was extremely intelligent and knew a multitude of tricks. During his breeding farm years, he was trained to do dressage and could dance beautifully. In the words of the Randals, he was just too pretty and valuable to actually perform very often in Westerns, over rough terrain; he was used sparingly. Where he shone was as 'The Star of Stage & Screen', to show off to movie goers, before, after and during movie stunts. Allen's Gold Zephyr died in 1965.

Next year, 2023, Jeff Kramer, the lead producer of 'Happy Trails', the old radio / TV program, is planning to release a musical, 'The Real Life Adventures of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans'. It could be coming to a theatre near you!

Happy Trails to You,
Until We Meet Again;
Happy Trails to You,
Keep Smilin' Until Then.





Back Yard Walkin'

by Allanna Lea Jackson © 2022

Friday, Sept 2, 2022 I rode Cinnamon and ponied Velvet clockwise around the Osprey Connector Trail. Cinnamon wanted to go for the outing but only had energy enough to plod walk. Velvet tagged along nicely except for snatching grass because Cinnamon was so slow. Cinnamon hit her hooves on some rocks under the water while crossing Porter Creek.

Saturday, Sept 3, Cinnamon was favoring her right hind leg so I gave her a dose of banamine, which she swallowed only half of. Instead of riding I let both horses graze for about 40 minutes, then groomed them thoroughly.

Monday, Sept 5, was the Labor Day holiday here in the US. When I went out to feed the horses breakfast Cinnamon hobbled out of barn very obviously lame in her left front leg. Breakfast was delayed while I inspected her for signs of trauma. There were none. I carefully picked out her hoof looking for an impaled object, abscess, stone bruise, or anything else that might account for such a sudden onset of severe lameness in one foot. Removing the mud packed into her hooves helped, but she was still lame. Cinnamon limped over to her feed tub, making it plain she wanted breakfast, not doctoring.

I knew from experience that calling a vet on nights, weekends, and holidays is futile. After breakfast, I groomed Cinnamon more thoroughly. For a moment Cinnamon stood slightly stretched, which is unusual. Was that a laminitic stance? Then she moved to her normal stance. She was still uncomfortable on the right hind as well a lame on the left fore. I hosed off her hooves to get them as clean as possible and removed dirt packed into the white line in several places on three feet. I used a hoof knife to carefully open what might have been an abscess at the toe of Cinnamon's left front foot. This produced only a few small drops of blood so I stopped. After getting all four hooves as clean as possible I poured betadine along the white lines and frogs to combat thrush or white line disease. We'd had thunderstorms with rain almost every day for two months so the corral was a mud bog. I put Cinnamon's Easy Boot Gloves on all four feet to keep them

clean, and gave her a dose of banamine. The Gloves are a performance boot, not a therapy boot and Cinnamon's only hoof wear. Cinnamon's limp disappeared after the banamine took effect. That evening I soaked her left front hoof in Epsom salts for 15 minutes.

Sept 6, Cinnamon wouldn't cooperate with hoof soaking. I called the vet's office. They were so busy they couldn't see Cinnamon for at least 10 days. She had improved with the treatment I'd given her so I didn't think this was a drop-everything emergency but I didn't want to wait that long for a vet. The receptionist gave me phone numbers for three equine vets in the region. The first one had a voice mail saying to text him, so I did. He never replied. The second vet's voice mail said he worked by appointment only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and did not do emergencies. The third vet's voice mail said she was not taking new clients. Cinnamon was going to have to survive with the betadine, boots, and banamine until her regular vet could see her. I have two complete sets of the Gloves for Cinnamon which I changed daily when applying the betadine to keep her feet as clean as possible.

I've had a nagging sense that something was wrong with Cinnamon for several years now because of an insidiously increasing exercise intolerance. She'd been given a clean bill of health at her spring physical... except for an odd blood test reading that the vet blamed on a quirk of the test procedure. The repeat of the blood test a week later was deemed ok. Cinnamon was diagnosed with asthma 10 years ago. Asthma could account for shortness of breath and exercise intolerance due to a chronic oxygen deficit, but it did not account for salt craving, polydipsia, polyuria, or this sudden onset of lameness.

By Sept 9 the betadine and boots treatment exposed and cleared up several infected spots in Cinnamon's white lines. I pared those out and removed some exfoliating frog, then applied more betadine and changed boots again.

The afternoon of Sept 10 Cinnamon's lameness on the left front had increased so I cleaned her feet and dosed her with banamine. Half an hour later she was galloping around the corral because I let Velvet out to graze so I let Cinnamon graze for 20 minutes too.

Sunday, Sept 11 Cinnamon seemed uncomfortable on her right front and left hind. What kind of lameness rotates among all four legs?

Cinnamon wasn't getting any worse, but she wasn't getting any better so Sept 12 I went around to the vet's office in person to get more banamine and try again to schedule an appointment. They were still so busy they couldn't see Cinnamon until Friday. I politely but emphatically told them Cinnamon needed to be seen

sooner than that because she'd been lame for more than a week and I couldn't just keep giving her banamine without a diagnosis. They started to give me the same list of equine vets so I told them about my failed efforts to contact them. The receptionist, two vet techs and I silently looked at each other for long seconds before one of the techs asked the other, "Dr. Truitt?" I didn't know who Dr. Truitt was, but a minute later Cinnamon had an appointment for the next day.

Tuesday, Sept 13, I trailered Cinnamon the mile to the animal hospital. The vet tech with the most equine experience helped me get Cinnamon settled in the corral beside the barn, then took her vital signs and history. Everything checked normal. Several minutes later Dr. Truitt emerged and introduced herself and commented Cinnamon's body condition looked good. I've been careful to keep Cinnamon at an ideal body condition score of 5 all her life.

Dr. Truitt thought Cinnamon's feet looked good and she was impressed that I do my own hoof trimming. But her hands-on inspection revealed heat and a very strong digital pulse in all four hooves, which is a symptom of laminitis. With that finding Dr. Truitt prescribed rest and absolutely NO riding. She advised icing Cinnamon's hooves and standing her on sand, which is the best emergency treatment for the first 48 hours after the onset of acute laminitis. My heart sank. It was already at least a week too late. If the boots and low-dose banamine I'd been giving her weren't adequate treatment Cinnamon was doomed. I authorized a very thorough and expensive blood test because in spite of her ideal body condition, Dr. Truitt thought Cinnamon might have PPID.

A few minutes later Dr. Alcumbrac, who has been seeing Cinnamon all her life, came striding briskly out to do his own exam. Dr. Truitt told me she graduated from vet school four months ago with a general practice degree. Dr. Alcumbrac has been a general practice vet for over 30 years, treating everything except mice and monkeys. His specialty is wildlife, particularly Arizona's endangered Mexican Wolves, Sonoran Pronghorn, and Jaguars.

Dr. Alcumbrac asked the tech to lead Cinnamon at a trot on the paved public street beside the animal hospital while both vets watched. He checked Cinnamon's feet with hoof testers. She tested lame on both hind feet and the left fore. Her left hind hoof was so tender she cow-kicked at Dr. Alcumbrac who was quite wisely standing beside her hip. Dr. Truitt mentioned laminitis. Dr. Alcumbrac commented laminitis usually causes lameness in both front feet or all four feet, not three feet. I silently wondered, was it just coincidence that Cinnamon reacted to the hoof testers most strongly near the damaged spots on her white lines? Dr. Alcumbrac recommended switching Cinnamon to powdered bute because it's cheaper than banamine and has the same anti-inflammatory effect. I trailered Cinnamon

home to continue treating her with betadine, boots, and bute while we waited for the blood test results.

Three days later Dr. Truitt called to report Cinnamon's blood test showed slightly elevated glucose and cortisol levels. She wanted to repeat the test in a week, but this time she wanted to make it a farm call so Cinnamon would be relaxed in her home environment – just in case the elevated cortisol level was a stress response to being trailered to the clinic. Meanwhile, the betadine, boots, and bute regimen had reduced Cinnamon's lameness - as long as she was wearing the boots.

While researching, pondering, and praying about all this I remembered Cinnamon's previous abnormal blood test results would be in her records at the animal hospital. When Dr. Truitt came out to do Cinnamon's blood draw for the re-test, I told her about it and the other vague symptoms. She listened intently, then jotted down a note to herself. She found Cinnamon's hoof temperature and digital pulses were back to normal. I showed Dr. Truitt the Easy Boot Gloves and she approved of them as support for Cinnamon's hooves.

The following week Dr. Truitt called to report Cinnamon's second blood test still showed slightly elevated glucose and cortisol levels. The diagnosis was PPID, Pituitary pars intermedia dysfunction, also known as Cushing's Disease. She prescribed 1mg of Prascend per day. Prascend is a pill form of the drug pergolide mesylate, which is the only form of the only drug approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of PPID in horses. Pituitary pars intermedia dysfunction is an endocrine disorder caused by degeneration of the neurons of the hormone production pathways in the brain, especially in the pituitary gland. PPID can be managed, but not cured. The only known risk factor is age - it occurs in 20% of horses over age 15. Cinnamon is 20.

Symptoms of PPID include: lethargy and exercise intolerance; increased thirst and urination; frequent infections; increased susceptibility to parasites; recurring bouts of sub-clinical laminitis; abnormal fat deposits on the neck crest, tail head and shoulders; reproductive problems; abnormal hair growth and shedding; topline muscle wasting; and dental disease.

Cinnamon's test results and symptoms fit the profile for mild PPID so her prescription for Prascend is half the amount listed on the information sheet that came in the package. She had her first dose of Prascend on October 12. Within two weeks Cinnamon improved enough she was walking normally in her boots without the bute. It can take 1-3 months for medication to bring PPID symptoms under control. Damaged hooves take a full year to grow out. No one knows yet if Cinnamon will ever be sound enough to ride again.

DECK THE HALLS by Franne Brandon



When farmers in the central basin of Tennessee were developing a type of native saddle horse, certain bloodlines were favored in different areas of the region. Biography of the Tennessee Walking Horse, in the chapter “A Case of Too Many Tom Hals”, reports that this bloodline was so popular that many different stallions from that line were offered at stud throughout the mid-state. Another chapter in Biography, “A Breed is Born”, notes that “The southeastern part of Bedford County became known as “Grey John Country.” And the northwestern part of the county became known as “Earnhart’s Brooks Country.”” (p.45)

Once a breeders’ association was organized in 1935, however, and the foundation bloodlines were established, horses with the popular Allan F-1 lines up close in the pedigree took precedence over those which had been regionally popular prior to this. With Hunter’s Allen given foundation number F-10 and Roan Allen number F-38, the two most prominent of Allan’s stallion sons set the stage for lines that would dominate in the future. Among the offspring of James Brantley’s Roan Allen F-38, one of the prettiest and successful in the show ring as well as a sire, was Hall Allen 350180.



Hall Allen (*above*) combined the best of both of Allan’s successor sons. His sire was Roan Allen F-38, sometimes shown as Denmark Allen, a flashy red sabino, the spotting pattern that for decades was simply lumped with classic roan to describe a horse’s color. Hall Allen traced through his dam Ella II to Hunter’s

Allen F-10, the tough but often cantankerous Allan son that showed and won well into his teen years. Through Ella II, Hall Allen also received a second infusion of Roan Allen F-38 blood via the stallion Bullett, while his third dam added the lines of Earnhart’s Brooks F-24.

With this blending of bloodlines chosen by breeder Mrs. Lee Black of Wartrace, Tennessee, Hall Allen arrived in 1930, although the TWHBAA Studbooks do not record a foaling date. He was the youngest of three full siblings. Older brother Sam Allen 350187, a 1924 foal, was also significant in the stud, while the sister Pearle 370229, with a recorded foaling date on May 1, 1928, passed on her genetic greatness through five sons by Merry Boy 350189. Perhaps the fact that Hall Allen was six years younger than Sam Allen and had more years in the stud after both became registered stallions accounts for his higher overall production record.

Hall Allen was in his early prime as a five-year-old when the first horses were registered with the new walking horse breeders’ association. By the end of 1940, at age ten, he was well established in the stud. In an article in the November, 1940, issue of American Horseman, “Wilson Farms’ Great Hall’s Allen 350180, Producer of Champions”, the stallion is listed as the farm’s senior stallion. (pp. 28, 29). Under the farm manager W.C. Heady, Hall’s court had attracted top mares, resulting in a number of excellent show get. The article starts with Red Ace, the two-year-old stake winner at Memphis, which had also won the Two Year Old Stallions class at the 1940 Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration. A top show mare by Hall Allen that year was four-year-old Bessie King (*below*).



Aristocratic Allen was already establishing himself as a successor to his sire. Myrtle Maid was touted as an example of the beauty of the Hall Allen offspring. Other outstanding get were Margaret M., March of Time, Judge's Favorite, and Allen's Best Chance. Wilson Farms in Gallatin, much closer to the Kentucky state line than Shelbyville or Lewisburg, was noted for its fine American Saddle Horses as well as top Tennessee Walking Horses.



The Echo of Hoofbeats lists Hall Allen as “among the most prominent” sons of Roan Allen F-38. His many credits as sire of show ring stars include Red Ace, who was the World Champion Two-Year-Old Stallion in 1940, Rhoda Allen, sire of the beautiful Steve Hill protégé Honey Gold, Hall Allen's Playboy, two-time Aged Gelding World Champion, along with Aristocratic Allen and Myrtle Maid, well-known and excellent show horses. Hall Allen also proved that he could influence from distaff lines by siring the mares that produced Rose City Sue, World Champion Mare in 1949, Nancy Ann Hendrixson, Two-Year-Old Filly World Champion in 1947, and Hot Toddy, Geldings Four and Over World Champion in 1947.

Old Wilson's Ace, by Wilson's Allen and out of the Hall Allen daughter Margie Allen B., won the two-year-old stallion class at the 1942 Celebration, then returned in the Grand Championship to place

behind Melody Maid and Greater Glory, but ahead of the World Champion four and over stallion Hill's Wilson Allen. In 1943, Wilson's Ace won the Champion Walking Stallion, Any Age, class while placing fourth in the Big Stake. In 1944, Wilson's Ace moved up a notch to place third in the World's Grand Championship, after taking top honors in both Walking Stallions, Four Years Old and Over, and the repeat blue in Champion Walking Stallion, Any Age. Old Wilson's Ace went on to a successful career in the stud, carrying forward the Hall Allen line through the distaff influence of his dam. For show ring competition, Old Wilson's Ace was shown simply as Wilson's Ace.

While Old Wilson's Ace was possibly the most successful successor to Hall Allen through mare lines, the sons of Hall Allen were well established sires as well. Aristocratic Allen, owned by Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Brock of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, sired foals as a very young stallion. He continued in the stud for many years, siring the 1948 World Champion Stallion, Any Age, Locke's Cotton Ginner. A beautiful blond sorrel, very popular in the forties, Aristocratic Allen's attraction for mare owners was perhaps diminished by being out of a mare of a totally unknown background.

Other well-known sons of Hall Allen at stud were Golden Hall Allen, Pride of Hall Allen, Rhoda Allen, and Golden Promenader. In fact, Hall Allen was so highly regarded as a stallion that the overwhelming majority of his sons registered from 1935 to 1941 saw service in the stud. Some like Abbott's Allen and Hall Allen's Tim sired only one foal. Others like show champions Best Chance and Aristocratic Allen sired almost a hundred foals. Rhoda Allen, out of a mare by Mitch F-5, sired almost two hundred foals.

Time changed all trends, however. With the World Grand Championship wins of Midnight Sun and Merry Go Boy, the red-base show horse dropped in popularity, while the practical uses for the horse outside the show ring diminished as well. The red sons of Hall Allen faded into the background. By the time that trail riding regained the popularity once accorded the old Ride-A-Thons, color reigned supreme, but this helped to preserve some of the lines back to Hall Allen that remained.

Next issue: Hall Allen's 21st Century Successors

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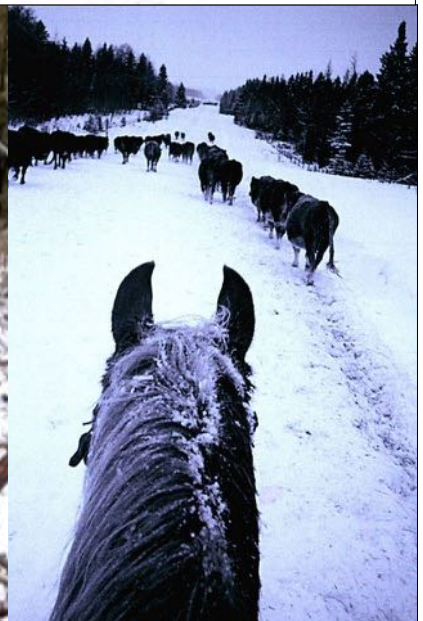




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