

WALKING HORSE NEWS

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Dear Subscribers,

Happy New Year! Here's hoping that 1978 will be a banner year in the Walking Horse ranks.

At long last I've gotten the directory typed. Included are all the names and addresses on the newsletter mailing list. Subscribers names are marked with a star.

Many of the stock listings are incomplete since only those animals reported to me could be included. I know there are a lot more Walking Horses out there than that!

Forgive the errors please - there are bound to be some amongst all those numbers especially.

I hope the directory proves interesting and useful, and helps more of us to get to know one another in the coming year.

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Now, for the next newsletter. April will be our stallion issue and your chance to present your good horse to a large group of interested Walker owners and breeders. I will send copies to the Alta. Horse Branch to up-date their Tenn. Walker stallion listings.

Promote the Walking Horse by letting people know you have one and are proud of him! Write up an advertisement for your stallion or fill in the form below and return it to me by March 20th. There is no charge to subscribers.

NAME _____ U.S.# _____ CAN.# _____

SIRE _____ DAM _____

FOALED _____ HEIGHT _____ STUD FEE _____

COLOUR _____ MARKINGS _____

COMMENTS _____

OWNER'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

Return to: Marjorie Lacy
Box 2728
Edson, Alta. TOE OPO

NOTICE OF MEETING!

Dr. C.D. Lundgren writes:" I propose a meeting (may I suggest March 11/78) to be held in Red Deer to set up our own region as to the T.W.H.B.&E. Assoc. We need 25 members for this and that should be no problem now."

"We should set up our own committees so that the people who are interested in the different affairs of the T.W.H. could serve on that committee. We could call the meeting for 2:00 P.M. on Saturday and then break at 4:30 with various committees that we want formed and then return Sunday morning for discussion and reports of the committees. We will draft up a charter in the meantime so that we can register under the Society's Act as a club, thus being able to receive grants for setting up trails, etc."

If you are interested in forming this group, get in touch with

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LETHBRIDGE, Alta.

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Peggy McAllister, chairman of the prize list committee of the Silver Spur Gallaxy Horse Show, Box 690, LLOYDMINSTER, Sask. S9V 0Y7 would like to hear from you pronto! if you're interested in showing Walkers there August 24, 25, 26. She'd like to know what classes you would like included, particularly in performance. But hurry, their Prize List goes to the printers on Feb. 15th.

FOR SALE:

Tandem 2 horse trailer. Also, 3 colts; 2 black, 1 sorrel, 2 years. One 2 yr. old sorrel filly & one black, 6 yr. old mare. Evelyn Wocknitz R.R. 2, Tappen, B.C. phone 835-4733

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AT STUD

Queen's Lil Joe #612465 reg. Tenn. Walker chestnut stallion. Top placing in many shows throughout Montana, Washington, B.C. & Alta. Beautiful disposition & conformation. \$100.00.

Ken Hudson S S 1 - 3 - 39, Lethbridge, Alta.

REGISTRATION - The Last Word!

Some more comments on registering part-breds: Alvin Schlitter of Edmonton is not in favour of registering part-bred Walkers or having two registries for purebreds. However, Mrs. Jocelyne Steele, Erickson, Man. writes, "We are in favour of part-bred registry; we feel everyone should have a chance to own and ride a Walker, and not everyone can afford to buy a purebred. Our son fell in love with a little silver colt; had she been purebred we couldn't have afforded to let him have her. She is registered with the National Half-Walker Breeders Assoc. of the United States, P.O. Box 442, Mansfield, Ohio 44901, U.S.A."

Mrs. A.R. Patterson of Cawston, B.C. agrees that part-breds should have papers-" at least the horse has his name and age with him, and when you buy a 9or10 year old, that's what you're getting!"

Hazel Paton, Oxbow, Sask. thinks papers for part-breds are a good idea - "how else can one get proof of breeding?"

And Mrs. Urfer, Brandon, Man. feels strongly that part-breds should be registered, especially mares since they are able to pass on their good qualities to the next generation. Mrs. Urfer's $\frac{3}{4}$ Walker - Standard bred mare possesses the true Walking Horse gaits and has stamina to burn.

Mae Dunlop is trying to organize a Canadian registry for part-bred Walkers and asks that owners contact her personally at R.R.2, Castleton, Ont. KOK IMO.

Canadian National Livestock Records, Ottawa, Ont. has issued Canadian registration papers for 85 purebred Walking Horses up to Sept. 20th of this year.



In following up Bill Howes' suggestion that we find some sort of "advertising" for our Walkers, I wrote to G & H Products, 2457 Lester River Road, DULUTH, Minn. 55804, which makes "breed" mud flaps. They cost 13.95 & 17.95, U. S. but don't forget 10 % exchange and around 35% duty. Does anyone know of a Canadian manufacturer?

The following is an open letter from Sue Marsland, R.R.1, Cochrane, Alta.

CANADIANS UNITE!

In the late forties and early fifties an experiment was begun, innocently at first, to make the Walker a more dramatic and attractive performer. Within a few years due to the built in pit-falls of competition, the innocent experiment had snowballed to the discredit of everyone in the breed and at the expense of a gentle and willing breed.

The push for higher action led to a frenzy of inhumane soring and artificial devices to get the horse to do what he was never intended by nature to do. At the same time it created a nation wide stigma against the breed that will take generations to eradicate.

Canadians are new to the breed and have an opportunity to re-establish the integrity and credibility of this beautiful and deserving breed. We can make him a source of pride to owners instead of shame and we can attract those who have previously been frightened away, thinking the Walker is too complicated and that special trainers and devices are necessary.

So, Canadians, don't be influenced by show types who say it's innocent and it doesn't hurt the horse. Think for yourself and observe closely at the shows. Everyone who supports the present extremes of showing supports the likelihood that abuse will occur. Don't be led by what is happening in the States - they have set the styles in the past but what is happening there doesn't mean it's right. It just means that is where they've ended up.

We have an opportunity to do something worthwhile - let's do it!

Bill Howes has a suggestion regarding stud fees and would be interested in your reactions.

" I've felt so many times in the past that a lot of studs are over-rated because of the high fee set on them rather than on the quality of the foals they produce. I'm speaking mainly of Arabians but I'm sure the same thing is bound to happen with Tennessee Walkers. I'm wondering if it would ever be possible to set stud fees thru-out Alberta at one set price for everyone for, say, a trial basis of one year. This would enable owners of mares to choose stallions based on their offspring and location rather than on the price of the service set by the owner. I see nothing to be gained in the long run by people who set their stud fee low to enable them to pick up more business & at the same time if T.W.Horse stallion owners are sincere then I feel they shouldn't limit the access of anyone to their stallion whether he be good or above average by setting a higher fee which would be for the chosen few. I'm sure this last suggestion will get some feathers flying but I'm curious."