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Dear Subscribers,

Well, this May (& June!) was a month to remember! Between wild fires, evacuation orders, the 'TWH tour' plus all the usual spring chores, I simply didn't get the *Walking Horse News* written, organized and mailed. Add in a new computer and operating system (a jump from Windows 7 to 11) and an unreliable internet, and that is my excuse for this issue being so late! And sorry your e-version is even later.

'Tis the season for new foals - and we've had more than usual for a June issue. But I know there are still many who haven't sent me news of their 2023 fillies and colts. See the two pages of birth announcements. And if yours aren't there, please send a note and a nice photo for next time.

There is information in this issue about a gene variant in TWH that, when homozygous, causes night blindness. This very rare but it is something to be aware of if you are breeding Walkers.

We have a number of new PFE Awards, a new Century Partner and a third person presented with the 'Distinguished Member Award'. Read about it here along with lots of photos and other stories. Hope you enjoy the issue... once you get it!

Happy Trails, Marjorie



Marjorie, Allanna, Anna & Kentucky Hummer. Note the smoke!

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# NEWS - NEWS - NEWS

TAEGAN BRADSHAW, BEAVERLODGE, AB writes, "I just got April's *WHN* magazine in the mail today. It was a good read. I enjoyed the foaling info. I'm obsessing about information-gathering while Juno approaches her last couple months of pregnancy."

"With the thought of foaling coming up, it brings about the thought of loss and death too. Maybe that comes from my job. I've had one shift where we had a cardiac arrest in the morning and I delivered a baby girl by the end of that same shift. Stark contrasts. But it made me think of losing Echo this fall."

"Echo was my first TWH, and she was my soul horse. We went hunting in the morning, and when we got back I found her in the pasture with an unresolvable fracture. We had to make the decision to put her down. It was heart breaking. We buried her a few feet from my garden, just at tree line. I plan to plant my horse radish patch on her grave. She was my spicy, fiery mare...it felt fitting to have some of her spirit helping grow the horse radish."

"Losing her has been hard. The herd doesn't feel the same. We often find ourselves saying, 'I wish Echo was here.' But such is life. She lives on in my heart."  
*Below: Taegan with Echo*



From PAIGE SARGEANT, RIMBEY, AB, "My grandpa, Jack Gurnett, was very helpful holding mares for us on a vet trip when we took four horses for Coggins testing earlier this week.

"He also got to spend some time with his last stud colt sired by his late stallion, Northfork Top Traveller. Northfork Jack's Legacy (*photo above*) may be the only remaining intact male offspring Traveller has - but I'd have to double check that fact. We expect big things from this colt."

From MARIAN & JOE TAYLOR, VICTORIA, BC, "My husband and I were in Alberta last week looking at horses, and met a few people who had been evacuated. Hope you're not one of them."

"I surprised myself and came home with a 3 year old gelding! He has an awesome temperament and took the journey to Victoria like a pro. He is settling in with my others and seems to be a very independent little guy. I look forward to getting him started under saddle. Thank you, Nicole Hirsekorn, and thanks to all the others whose horses I got to meet. Happy trails!"

CHLOE BUCK, WHITECOURT, AB is pleased to congratulate Meg Hoffman on her purchase of the nine year old black gelding CSR's He'za Rock Star (aka Scooter) by CSR Gold Fever x CSR Mornin's Belle"

"Meg is a really nice lady who lives out by Peers, AB. Chloe included a subscription to *WHN* for Meg in the sale. Enjoy your new Walker, Meg!"

*And thank you for supporting our magazine by giving a new owner a subscription to WHN, Chloe!*





From NATALIE SPECKMAIER, VANCOUVER, B.C. & Trigger (aka Uphill Dusty Gold 1992-1071) “Happy Birthday to the Princess in her diamond tiara... before she flung it to the ground and broke it. (I guess I'll have to buy a new one next year.) She was treated to a mani-pedi - as that's what girls like to do on their birthdays. Goodie bags were handed out to her friends and the apples were happily consumed. Hers were microwaved and all the sweeter for that. So that was her special day and now she's enjoying being naked in the sunshine as spring is slowly making itself felt. And about time! Many happy returns, Trigger. I'm so thankful for your long life and remembering our happy days on the trails.”

KARLA HANSEN, PONOKA, AB is the new owner of He'za Wild Rose #2868. A tall sorrel, she is by He'za Summer Star out of Princess Elysium (Answer to Prayer, Tom Dooley's Mister). These are some old names from the Canadian Registry. The mare was owned by Victoria Martin, Spruce Grove, AB and was bred by her grandmother, Jean Martin. Karla also has Rosie's sorrel sabino yearling colt. It's good to see some of these older bloodlines being re-introduced to the TWH population.

“Also,” KARLA writes, “Congratulations to DEBBIE SALIK, INNISFAIL, AB on the purchase of Karlas Magic Merlin! (Photo right) A forever home of love for Merlin! His very own Human! No sharing! I (Karla) will miss Merlin's antics and wonderful personality, his willingness to please and his smooth go. Many Happy Trails together.”

**Right -Karla on Playboy leading Merlin on an early training ride, 2018.**

DARLENE SHANTZ, MILFORD, ON writes, “I sent off an e-transfer for my renewal for another year. This has been a very tough year. My husband was diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer last July and died on February 6 this year. Sadly, I got maybe two rides in last year. I'm likely going to need hip replacements eventually. I'm holding it off by doing physio and trying to take care of myself after the tough months of cancer treatment with him.”

“My mare is going to be 24 this month. I really miss riding at a time when I likely need it the most. Hope all is well with you. It's wonderful that you are still doing the magazine and maybe someday I will ride again... but in the meantime I will enjoy reading the articles in *WHN*.”

Darlene takes great photos - do you remember the *WHN* cover of her daughter in a formal gown riding a beautiful black Walker? Well, one of her pictures was on the cover of another, much bigger horse publication last December. Darlene WON the ‘Winter Scenes’ category in the Canadian Horse Journal's annual photo contest. Congratulations!

Hmm... Maybe *WHN* should sponsor a photo contest. What do you think, Readers?



**Debbie with Merlin, May 2023. (left)**





# THE GREAT 'CENTRAL ALBERTA WALKING HORSE TOUR'

When the author of Backyard Walkin', Allanna Jackson, was unable to attend 'The Canadian' 40th Event last August due to Covid, she was left with plane tickets that could not be refunded *and* had to be used within a year. So instead we planned a springtime visit to Alberta for May 6 to 16.

Unfortunately May 6 turned out to be the very weekend that Edson was evacuated due to wildfire! So Karla Hansen met Allanna at the airport and the tour began.

First stop - the Martin family of Spruce Grove to meet their He'za Walker line of TWH from He'za Summer Star.



A young He'za line horse at the Martins'

Next was a visit to Joyce Thomas to see her young stallion who traces back to Lucky's Koko Prince through Mornin's Cupa Koko,

Allanna also saw Karla's TWH at Ride

Easy Ranch near Ponoka. She was introduced to Karla's stallion, Hustler & youngsters, plus she got to ride several.

By Tuesday Allanna was in Edson at my place. I have six horses here so she met a younger generation of 'the Blondie family' that she'd met from her 1992 visit. Next we went to Windi Scott's for Allanna's Ride/Drive presentation (see Canadian Walker page) and saw her horses as well as two more of mine there. On Saturday we set off for Rimbey and a visit with Paige Sargeant and Joanne Stern where we met Paige's impressive stallion, Northfork Big Sky Spirit, and saw several others, mares and young stock. (see foal call)

From Rimbey we headed east to Viking to meet Steeve, & Jesseca Johanson. She had a deluxe foaling stall set up for MGW Full Throttle Freda, whose colt arrived the next week. (See foal call)



We made it to Vegreville about 9:30 that evening (after some unwanted adventures). Next morning we set out for Lesa Luchak's Maple Lane Acres. We met many of Lesa's Walkers & I saw my Uphill Heir Trigger (second last page) again. There were two new foals by him (see foal call) as well as a yearling from Golden Dream's Delight.

Lesa has a nice group of Heritage mares and a 3 year old black sabino stallion prospect, Carbo-nado's Midnight Moon. Her red stallion, LL's



LL's Ginger Spice & her Smokey filly.

Canadian Red Rascal was in training at Jesseca's

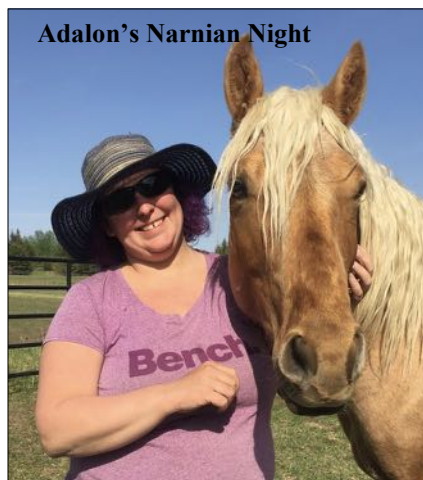
Now we headed west again, stopping to visit Rob & Jo McKenzie and their TWH mares and youngsters at Riviere Qui Barre. Their stallion, Shakin' the Blues, is just an amazing metallic blue roan colour. See the new photo we took of him in their ad on the inside front cover.

The last stop for Sunday was the farm of Ashley Stroud and Greg Wiebe. They welcomed us, fed us supper, and showed us their farm - not just the horses but the chickens, Dexter cattle, dogs and ... frogs! They have acquired

and bred a nice group of TWH. Opposite is Ashley with Adalon, a young stallion they raised from Karla's Hustler & Kit's Gotta Be Fabulous.

We were pretty tired when we got back to Windi's but after a good night's rest we were off again to Valleyview, despite the smoke & fires. Windi is intrepid!

Anna & Terry Langlois were under a

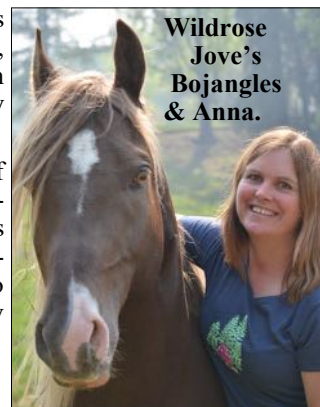


Adalon's Narnian Night

fire alert. when we arrived but Anna graciously took time to show us their stallions, mares and youngsters. Their new arena is now finished and will allow Anna, who rides every day, to do so in more comfort on the wet, windy and cold days.

Thanks so much to all of you who welcomed us and generously took the time to show us your Walkers. It was a great adventure. I wish we'd been able to visit everyone - but there was only so much time.

*Marjorie Lacy*

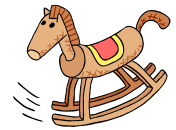


Wildrose Jove's Bojangles & Anna.





# FOAL CALL



GOLD CHAMPAGNE FILLY *photo below left*. born May 2 -  
(CSR Goldfever's Prospector x CSR Mornin's Belle)



CLASSIC CHAMPAGNE COLT born May 1  
(CSR Goldfever's Prospector x Powerplay"s Pixie)

Owned by Fran Kerik, Chrystal Star Ranch, Two Hills, AB

BLACK?  
ROAN?  
FILLY *right*  
(Shakin The Blues x Kodiaks Golden Girl)  
Foaled May 2, receiving her first hand-fed dandelion from Peter Szewczyk.

Owned by Tanya McDonald, Whitecourt, AB



*Left*  
SCW STAGE COACH KATE - black sabino filly by SCW Counting Cadence x Kodiak's Gemini. Born May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Going to Canada after weaning.

SCW AS YOU WISH - black colt by SCW Counting Cadence x SCW The Princess Stride. May 19<sup>th</sup>.

SCW CRUISE TO PERFECTION - black filly by Cruise With The Limo x SC Ebony Silk Perfection. Born May 23. Above 3 owned by Mark & Shellie Pacovsky, Slush Creek Walkers, Bainville, MT.



PS LUNA'S MOONSHINE—Palomino colt,, born on the full moon! (Northfork Big Sky Spirit x Jewel's Travel'n Luna). *Photo above*) Owned by Paige Sargeant, Rimbeby, AB

**WHERE ARE YOUR 2023 BABIES?**





As well as trail riding, Sugar and Keith have begun supporting the Foothills Therapeutic Riding Association since his retirement. Sugar is now one of the prized gentle, reliable horses who carries the children, and Keith is a support helper. (See the article on FTRA, page 8 in the March/April 2023 *Walking Horse News*).

Over the years Keith raised 19 CRTWH Tennessee Walkers under his 'Skylines' prefix. A number of them achieved Gold in the Program For Excellence. One of them was the black stallion, Skylines Dark Storm, who was sold to Germany. His daughter Skylines Bellatrix also achieved Gold in the PFE.

Congratulations, Keith and Sugar. We wish you many more sunny days and happy trails together!

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**Keith Oberle  
&  
Yvening Sugar Moon**  
(Go Shaker Go x Walkien Black Magic)

Keith and Sugar have reached the magic number of 100 together as of Keith's birthday this June. He writes, "I board my two horses with Blane Charles and we ride almost weekly in the foothills. The photo above was taken by Blane as we were crossing the Sheep River south west of Calgary. The photo opposite shows me riding Sugar, and my daughter Elise Harlick riding Regie (Skylines Regulus), near the Sandy McNabb trailhead.





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*These horses and owners who achieved the following*  
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|--|--------|---|-------------------------------------|
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| <b>LL CHANCE'S<br/>RED RASCAL</b>              | 3909   | <b>JESSECA<br/>JOHANSON</b>                 | <b>GOLD</b>                         |
| <b>MGW FULL<br/>THROTTLE<br/>FREDA</b>         | 4021   | <b>JESSECA<br/>JOHANSON</b>                 | <b>BRONZE,<br/>SILVER,<br/>GOLD</b> |
| <b>DICTATOR'S<br/>NARNIA</b><br>live           | 4050   | <b>KAREN<br/>SOLLID</b>                     | <b>BRONZE</b>                       |
| <b>RAGTIME'S<br/>MR. JFK</b><br>live           | 4146   | <b>KAREN<br/>SOLLID</b>                     | <b>BRONZE</b>                       |
| <b>CHAMPION'S<br/>GOLD<br/>GENERAL</b><br>live | 4017   | <b>LISA<br/>TOWNSEND<br/>FRED DELF</b>      | <b>BRONZE,<br/>SILVER,<br/>GOLD</b> |
| <b>GOLDEN<br/>DREAMS<br/>DELIGHT</b>           | 1746   | <b>LESA<br/>LUCHAK</b>                      | <b>BRONZE,<br/>SILVER<br/>GOLD</b>  |
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See all the PFE Awarded horses at [www.crtwh.ca](http://www.crtwh.ca) Photos next page and back cover page.





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## 2022 BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD AWARDS



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**He'za Cruzin' Legacy - Bronze**

**BELOW: GOLDEN DREAMS DELIGHT -  
BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD**



**LL'S SCARLET  
SUNSET**

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SILVER, GOLD**





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## Report on the 2023 AGM

The AGM of the CRTWH was held on May 16th via Zoom with more than the required quorum in attendance. The Board of Directors present were introduced along with introductions of the members present.

The Minutes of the 40th AGM were read followed by the Officers' Reports. Fran Kerik reported on the Canadian 40th Anniversary Event which took place in 2022. Dianne Little introduced the new Training Levels Challenge module on Liberty, followed by Sue Gamble providing a synopsis of the Liberty tasks.

Awards in the Canadian Triple Challenge Program were announced. Bobbie Buck led off by reading out the Ride/Drive/ALT awards. Allanna Jackson gained a very impressive 3000 hour badge! (*See below*) Dianne Little read out the Training Levels Challenge Awards and the Program for Excellence Awards. Certificates were to be sent to recipients after the meeting.

Leslie Hunchuk acknowledged the #4200 horse in the registry as Carbon's Royal Gal proudly owned by Jenna-Jade Gervais of North Bay, Ontario. A prize draw from all exclusively CRTWH registered horses in 2022 was made with the draw winner being Uno Legacy Oras owned by Wayne Schmidt. A prize draw was also made from all the horses registered between April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 which was won by Shakin' A Majestic Future owned by Lisa Parrish.

Dianne Little was surprised with the 'CRTWH Distinguished Member Award'. Dianne has given many years of service to the CRTWH including over thirty years as Treasurer. Windi Scott read out several of the tributes to Dianne. Congratulations! (*See following pages*).

The meeting was adjourned after a brief discussion which arose from the floor on the promotion of the CRTWH Programs. *By Sue Gamble*



**ALLANNA JACKSON** of LAKESIDE, Arizona was visiting in Alberta just before the AGM. So President Bobbie Buck took the opportunity to present Allanna with her Ride/Drive/ALT Award in person. Allanna has reached 3000 hours logged with her horses in the Program. That's a record!

Windi Scott & Dale Derman hosted the group at a 'Pizza Party' at their Sawhorse Ranch, and Kristy Coulter, Marjorie Lacy and Alynn Ward joined the party.

(Left: It was also the day before Allanna's birthday so a fancy cake made an appearance as well. Congratulations & Happy Birthday!)





**THE CANADIAN REGISTRY  
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TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE**



*In Recognition of Dianne Little's Great Contributions  
to the  
Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse*

*The CRTWH Board is pleased and honoured to present her with*

*The Distinguished Member Award*

*For her service and dedication*

*- as a Board Member since 1984*

*- as Treasurer for over 30 years*

*- as developer, director and guide of the  
Canadian Triple Challenge Programs*

*- as a mentor with insight and guidance  
and as a judge and person dedicated to  
the welfare of Walkers world-wide.*

*Thank you, Dianne*

*May 16, 2023*





## Dianne Little - Letters of Appreciation



### ***From Sue Gamble***

Since the day I was elected to the Board of Directors I have found Dianne a joy to work with. I have been greatly impressed with her depth of knowledge and her willingness to share that knowledge. Dianne has been a CRTWH member since the 1980's and has been a Board member for much of that time, serving as Treasurer for over 30 years. Dianne has always offered wise and insightful counsel on all topics concerning the Registry. I personally have worked with Dianne on developing the Ground Work & Liberty module in the Training Levels of the Canadian Triple Challenge. With Dianne's help, knowledge, and judgement, the task was not only completed efficiently, but so importantly, was also fun to do. Dianne became a Walking Horse breeder when she selected her mare Uphill Penny by Chance to test the viability of the Go Shadow Go semen which had been frozen and stored for over thirty years. The result of this successful endeavour was a beautiful colt registered as Go Shadow Go Again (aka Buddy). Dianne is also a very influential long-time member of Friends of Sound Horses (FOSH), making CRTWH very proud of her devotion to the welfare of Walking Horses the world over. On behalf of the horses, we thank you! Dianne is more than deserving of the Canadian Distinguished Member Award for her many, many years of service to the Canadian Registered Tennessee Walking Horse. Thank you, Dianne, for your devotion to the Canadian Registered Tennessee Walking Horse registry and to Walking Horses everywhere. The CRTWH Board looks forward to working with you on our future endeavours for many years to come.

### ***From Kristy Coulter***

I've known Dianne for about ten years now. She is dedicated to bringing her vast amount of knowledge and wisdom to the Walking Horse world. Dianne has taught me so much over the years; it's hard to list it all. The biggest thing she has taught me is the importance of the little things. How small details in the riding and care of our horses can have major outcomes. She has made me want to search and learn more and more on how to improve my relationship with my horses. Dianne is a great role model. She can make a person think about more than one side. Dianne is truly an amazing woman and a fantastic teacher. I feel like I'm a better person just for knowing her.

### ***From Marjorie Lacy***

During 2022 we looked back at our history and celebrated 40 years of having our own Canadian Registry for Tennessee Walking Horses. As we did, one member's name kept coming up – Dianne Little. Dianne is an inspiration to the Board. She became a Board member in 1984, serving as Treasurer for about 30 of those years. She has done so much for our registry, but I'll speak to just one of her many achievements and contributions. Dianne was instrumental in CRTWH continuing 'The Canadian' Futurity from the late eighties through to 2004. This was a show for breeders to assess their young horses and breeding stock. However, when conditions no longer made a 'live' show feasible, Dianne & a few others visualized a Virtual Futurity, using the then-new technology of video. Instead of taking horses to a central point and hiring a judge from (usually) far away, we could video our horses at home and send the video to the judge! This was a far more accessible and less expensive alternative, while still giving participants a qualified judge's assessment of their horse. Thus the 'Virtual Futurity' was born. It became the CRTWH Program For Excellence, now a section of the 'The Canadian' Triple Challenge. This three- part program is available to all members for their education, enjoyment and the betterment of the breed. None of this would have come into being without Dianne. She was the person who saw into the future, visualizing this in 2004. But she didn't stop with the idea. A consummate teacher, she did the work of organizing the categories, setting it up, writing the rules and requirements – a huge undertaking and time commitment. Dianne has been in charge of the Canadian Triple Challenge since it began and it has grown steadily since those first steps. If the CRTWH is indeed 'more than a Registry', it's 'The Canadian' Triple Challenge that makes it so. Thank you, Dianne, for all your selfless work on behalf of our Walkers and our Registry.

### ***From Karla Hansen***

I attended my very first meeting of the CRTWH about 30 years ago. It was on the verge of new technology and big changes all over the world. It was at that little upstairs restaurant in Red Deer, AB that I met some fantastic people with a passion to protect, promote and preserve their Registry. Dianne Little was one of those people. Warm, welcoming and energetic, eager to learn about you and the horses in your life, Dianne had a way to engage everyone. Always listening with an open mind, and importantly, considering the big picture, Dianne has been an incredible force in the CRTWH. Her dedication to the Canadian registered Tennessee Walking Horse has been an inspiration throughout the years. Dianne has, over the years, had an ability to bring the CRTWH forward through times of change in various forms. From considering Hair DNA instead of Blood Typing, to introducing the Virtual Futurity, now known as the Program For Excellence, embracing internet as a tool to bring people into the registry from all over the world... With intention, endless hours of volunteering, giving clinics, sharing knowledge, encouraging individuals on the phone, at conferences or booths, writing programs, and perpetually envisioning a vibrant future for the Canadian registered Walking Horse, Dianne has indeed made the CRTWH "more than a Registry". I continue to be in awe of, and have the utmost gratitude for Dianne, for believing in the Canadian Registry for the Tennessee Walking Horse, and for educating so many people. Thank-you from all the people (and horses!) you have helped along the way, and I personally want to thank you for making such a difference for me and my horses.





# FOAL CALL



SCW  
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PLAYBOYS  
DREAM



SCW RED BUDS  
KING ZZZ'S

SCW AN EASTER WIGEON - BLACK SABINO COLT, four stockings , blaze. (SCW Counting Strides x SC Just Ducky).

SCW WILLIAM'S CHANCE - BAY COLT, hind socks, star. (Red Zeppelin x Zephyr's Chance Aponi)

SCW TOBLERONE - BLACK SABINO COLT, 4 stockings, near blue eye, blaze. (SCW He's A Midnight Legend x SCW Jubal's Pixie Stick)

SCW SHE'ZA PLAYBOYS DREAM - BLACK FILLY with three socks, blaze. (SCW Counting Cadence x Northfork She'za Legacy). (Above)

SCW JOHNNY RED - SORREL COLT, hind stockings, blaze. (Red Zeppelin x SCW Red Headed Lil)

SCW HOLD MY HALO - BLACK SABINO filly, hind stockings, fore coronet, belly spot, blaze. (SCW Counting Cadence x Kodiak's Miss Reflect C.F.)

SCW CRUISIN' THE WILDCAT - BLACK COLT, star, strip, snip, near hind sock. (Cruise With The Limo x Slush Creeks Lollipop)

SCW GLORIOUS DELIGHT - BLACK SABINO FILLY, 4 stockings and blaze. (SCW He's A Midnight Legend x Black Jax's Choco'late).

SCW CROWNED AT MIDNIGHT - BAY FILLY, star. (Red Zeppelin x SCW Ready for Midnight).

SCW RED BUDS KING ZZZ'S - big sorrel colt, star, near hind sock. (Red Zeppelin x SCW Little Rascals Darla) (Above)

All above owned by Mark & Shellie Pacovsky, Slush Creek Walkers, Bainville, MT.

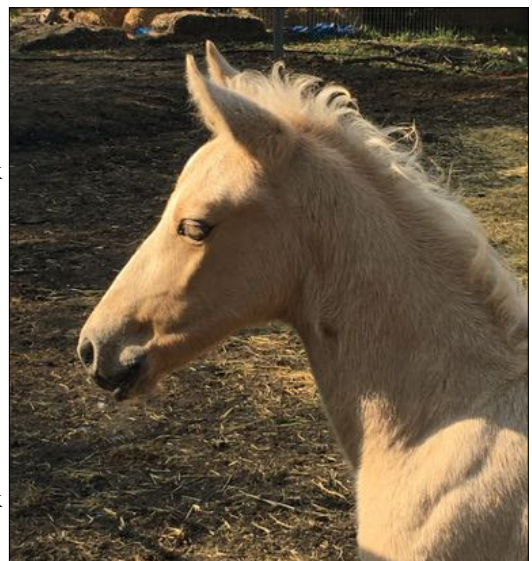


COLT - above Red? blond? At a few hours old (Uphill Heir Trigger x MGW Full Throttle Freda). Owned by Jesseca Johanson, Viking, AB.

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COLT  
(Uphill  
Heir  
Trigger x  
Mirey-  
creek  
Society  
Myrtle)

Photo  
right

RED  
FILLY  
(Uphill  
Heir  
Trigger x  
LL's  
Ginger  
Spice)



Both owned by Lesa Luchak, Two Hills, AB

**FANNING THE FLAME FOR PRESERVATION** by Franne Brandon

Marshall County, Tennessee, has always been an important area for breeders of Tennessee Walking Horses, producing fine riding animals even before the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders Association of America was established. When farmers like Herman Oliver offered their stallions at public stud, mare owners became regular patrons. One gentleman who bred his mares to the stallions Herman Oliver had available was Marvin Davis, whose farm was near Cornersville, Tennessee. Today, his granddaughter Melissa Davis continues this family tradition as she cherishes a son of Ebony's Eternal Flame and Bud's Buddy, her homebred bay stallion sired by Leon Oliver's Red Bud's Rascal out of her family's line of proven trail mares and producers.

During the fifties, Herman Oliver proudly stood the black tobiano gaited pony Billy Boy. While Billy Boy served the majority of mares that came to the farm then, Oliver always kept, according to oldest son Leon, a registered Tennessee Walking Horse stallion for mare owners that wished to raise a registered walking horse foal. Marvin Davis raised foals by Billy Boy out of a fine mare named Black Dahlia, which was by old Red Bud Allen and out of a bay walking mare. As walking horse interest began to increase in the early sixties, however, he registered the mare as Black Dahlia D. 655748, and bred her to a stallion Oliver was standing named Sisco's Merry Boy 612379, a Midnight Sun grandson. Dahlia foaled a nice filly registered as Beth Davis 655750, and Sisco's Merry Boy, when his training was finished, was sold to a gentleman named Herman Keaton of Red Bay, Alabama.

Beth Davis developed into a fine mare. Davis took her to the court of Sun's Quarterback, whose reputation as the sire of the major contender Triple Threat had resulted in relocation from Louisiana to Lewisburg, Tennessee, to stand at Harold Wise's barn. The result of that mating was a very pretty bay filly. The filly, registered as Qtr's Merry Allen 701535, developed into another fine mare. She was bred to Steve Oliver's Mark of Merry Boy horse, Mark's Cracker Jack 707146. Another bay filly, Davis's Lady Lucy 782880, and a black filly, Montana Mist 833931, were produced by crossing the mahogany bay stallion with the bay mare. At maturity, both daughters, under the ownership of Melissa Davis, visited the court of Red Bud's Rascal, keeping up the family tradition of Davis mares to Oliver-owned stallions.

Montana Mist's first Old Bud foal, Oliver's Crackerjack, made history as one of the first walking horse stallions imported into Germany. He was selected by Josef Holstermann for Downunder Stables, owned by Josef and Hilke Holstermann in Bad Zwischenahn." Neither we nor the later owner Lies Hannink ever had any bad experience with Oliver's

Crackerjack", Josef recalls. "He has always been a most intelligent and beautiful personality; he surprised everyone who met him with his Beauty and gentle Character."

Lady Lucy's foals stayed in the USA. Her foal by Old Bud which carried on the family tradition of bay horses, only in the colt version, was named Bud's Buddy 965508. He was an attractive bay with hind socks, fore coronets, and an intriguing blaze. Buddy got a lot of saddle time, but he also met two mares before being gelded. One was an older Ebony Masterpiece sorrel daughter named Ebony's Eternal Flame. Although in her later years at that time, the foal that she produced by Buddy was another bay, a striking colt registered as Bud's Divine Masterpiece.

Bud's Divine Masterpiece, barn name Mr. Baby, is owner/breeder Melissa Davis's pride and joy, an intelligent stallion with a very gentle nature and inherited walking ability. When he was started under saddle as a youngster, Melissa, who broke him herself, gave him a few days of basic training, then took him on the trail with a seasoned horse as a companion. She remembers that he "needed no wet saddle blankets." He enjoyed the trails from that first ride, while also picking up gait with no manipulation from his rider, hitting that natural, steady flat walk and running walk that were bred into the Middle Tennessee walking horses before the influence of the padded show ring changed the emphasis on the type of horse that breeders sought to produce.

*Below Melissa & Bud's Divine Masterpiece*





Now twenty years old, Bud's Divine Masterpiece has spent his entire life, except for trail rides or local shows, at the farm where he was foaled. He is one of only two grandsons of Red Bud's Rascal on the sire side to still stand at stud. Melissa purchased a gold champagne mare, double bred to Red Bud's Rascal, to raise two foals sired by Mr. Baby for her grandchildren. Patti's Champagne Surprise 20504613 produced a coming-two gold champagne filly named Master of Music and a November, 2022 gold champagne colt still on the mare. Music is a pretty filly that is very people oriented. Her natural movement in the pasture shows potential of good rides to come under saddle. The colt at the mare's side is also walky.



The majority of Bud's foals have been bred by Larry and Rhonda Lineberger of Lineberger Farm in the Delina area of Marshall County. Lineberger Farm has as its goal the preservation of old bloodlines in colts that are well-gaited and good minded. As Rhonda says "these qualities are needed for trail pleasure horses. These horses also have enough stamina to work in the Field Trial sport."

Rhonda remembers that "One day Larry and Leon (Oliver) went to look at a neighbor's colt, which was for sale. Leon mentioned that Melissa Davis had an older, full brother to the colt." Leon and Larry went over to Melissa's to see her gelding – *photo opposite*.

Larry noticed Melissa's stallion and asked about his breeding and history. "We have kept fillies by our stallion (Bullet's True Mark, see "The Twenty-first Century Halls", Walking Horse News, February 2023, page 12) and we have two full sisters, so we were looking for a Heritage-type stallion to pair with these mares. Doesn't it seem like some things were just meant to be?"

The Linebergers found that "Melissa's stallion has the Red Bud bloodlines and is a fine stallion himself. He seemed to be a good prospect to cross with our mares." With several small crops on the ground by Bud's Divine Masterpiece, Rhonda's evaluation is that "The colts are well-minded, great gaits, and kind to the eye. The cross with our mares has exceeded expectations."

*Trends are found in all breeds of horses. In the Tennessee Walking Horse breed, the most recent trends have been toward a narrowing of bloodlines with a focus on unique colors. This combination has not necessarily contributed to the overall betterment of the breed, in terms of disposition, working conformation, and naturally inherited running walk gait.*

Preservation of older bloodlines is essential for retaining the traits for which the breed was developed, and Melissa Davis, Bud's Divine Masterpiece, and the Linebergers are working with each foal crop to fan the flames for preservation of the legacy that began with the Oliver and Davis families several generations ago.





## Back Yard Walkin'

### NURSING THE HORSES

by Allanna Jackson, © April 29, 2023

The White Mountains of Arizona received the wettest, snowiest winter we've had in decades. This made it easy to give Cinnamon a winter lay-off to recuperate from her lameness and bring her PPID symptoms under control. But this winter was hard on Velvet though it may not have been the weather.

In August 2021, I wrote about Velvet's inappetence and her difficulties with ulcers, sand and worms. Velvet has been having recurring bouts of anorexia for two years now. When her appetite is good she eats well, gains weight and looks great for weeks, before losing her appetite again. I dosed Velvet with Ulcerguard, which has omeprazole, the only drug proven to treat ulcers in horses, in November 2022. In early December I found a large quantity of sand in the bottom of her feeder that had come from the orchard grass hay. I put both horses on psyllium for a week to clear out any sand they'd ingested. I followed that up with putting Velvet back on Ulcerguard. I weaned Velvet off Ulcerguard in January and she seemed fine.

The middle of February we had an especially wet, windy storm that blew slushy snow under the roof of the horses' shelter. Velvet got wet and so cold she was shivering. I blanketed both horses and gave Velvet access to the more enclosed log barn. She spent the night in the barn, but didn't eat or drink anything. That set off another bout of anorexia and colic. I gave Velvet warm water to drink. I added vegetable oil to the water I gave her by syringe to get some calories into her. Finally, almost 2 weeks later, the weather cleared enough I could trailer Velvet to the vet.

This time we met Dr. Merkle, the experienced livestock vet who moved here a few months ago. He examined Velvet and found diminished gut sounds but nothing else. He missed seeing her strike at my truck bumper and then almost collapse from a gut spasm. Dr. Merkle prescribed sucralfate to soothe Velvet's digestive system.

In March Velvet still wasn't eating enough. She seemed slightly dehydrated and constipated so I started giving her electrolytes. Her appetite improved and she returned to a normal weight. By April 15, Velvet's 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday, she seemed to be back to normal. I rode her on a short ride, ponying Cinnamon. Velvet was on her best behavior but seemed unsure of her balance so that was her last ride.

April 18 Velvet didn't eat. Both horses were scheduled to see Dr. Alcumbrac for their annual physicals and vaccinations on April 20. I thought maybe seeing Velvet in the middle of one of her colicky spells would help him diagnose the underlying cause. A vet tech and Dr. Alcumbrac both checked Velvet's vital signs and found nothing amiss. He prescribed Gastrogard, which is omeprazole. I took Velvet home and started her on Ulcerguard, which is identical to Gastrogard, but usually slightly cheaper. (I do not understand marketing!) I had two doses of Ulcerguard, bought another tube and promptly ordered more. Six days later the order that was supposed to arrive in 3-5 days had not shown up. Velvet was improving, but missing just one dose put her back where we started. I called the Animal hospital and obtained more sucralfate to tide Velvet over until the shipment arrived. Ulcerguard/Gastrogard is expensive – more than \$10 per dose! It seems to help Velvet but doesn't solve the riddle of why she has these recurring bouts of anorexia.

Last fall the rain created mud so sticky it sucked Cinnamon's boots off. Ready or not, she was going barefoot. The weather grew colder and snowed weekly. The snow mostly melted between storms, but enough stayed to keep Cinnamon's hooves chilled and clean. When we could I led both horses together on short walks around the neighborhood. They enjoyed the attention on their little outings.

Dr. Truitt and I scheduled and re-scheduled appointments to x-ray Cinnamon's hooves. Trying to do it as a farm call didn't work. I was finally



able to get my trailer out to take Cinnamon over to the animal hospital on January 12. The radiographs revealed Cinnamon's hind feet are perfect. The soles on her front feet were too thin and something looked odd about the hoof angle. White Mountain Animal Hospital referred me to a farrier. I called him, then obtained the radiographs from the clinic to email to him. The farrier was out of the state when I sent him the x-rays. I thought he said he would call me to schedule an appointment when he got back into town a few days later. I never heard from him.

I measured Cinnamon's hoof length and hoof angle, then printed out the radiograph and measured them. At first I was afraid Cinnamon's front coffin bones had rotated. After very carefully studying the images, her external hoof measurements, and her health records I realized Cinnamon's external hoof angle had changed. Hoof angles should not change! The radiographs revealed her coffin bone angle had not changed! This was very good news!! It was also something I could fix. It was February 16 before I could work on Cinnamon's feet without slopping around in a mud bog. I sensed Cinnamon saying, "Ah, that feels so much better" when I put both front feet back at her anatomically correct angle. She moved better when I led both horses on a short walk a few minutes later.

On March 16 I rode Cinnamon bareback for 15 minutes. She seemed happy to be ridden again so I gradually eased her back into riding. At the end of April, Cinnamon and I are enjoying riding at a leisurely walk on the local trails. We're riding only an hour or so, but Cinnamon is feeling good enough she's volunteered to trot or gait a couple of times and even hinted she might want to canter.



Allanna & Cinnamon on a ride in earlier years.



May has been a frenetic month in Alberta with wildfires, alerts and evacuations, but so far we're okay and mostly all at home again.

The annual **Spring Online Auction** was once again successful and fun.

Some of our planned clinics had to be changed: **May 20-22 and May 26-28** The Anna Langlois Clinics have been rescheduled for the fall.

**June 2-4 Ivy's Glide Gait Clinic** took place as scheduled last weekend with good attendance.

*Photo below of Ivy with Shari Stashko and Copper, and below that Susan Seufert and Target at clinic.*



We have our ride at Fort Assiniboine. June 24 /25 to look forward to.

*Thanks to Windi Scott for the photos*



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# CONGENITAL STATIONARY NIGHT BLINDNESS (CSNB2) in TENNESSEE WALKING HORSES

Genetic testing for CSNB2 can help owners and breeders identify affected Tennessee Walking Horses as well as carriers that may produce affected foals. Research on CSNB in Tennessee Walking Horses is ongoing.

Congenital stationary night blindness (CSNB) is an inherited condition in which affected individuals are unable to see in low light or dark conditions. Horses with CSNB are born with this condition, and it is non-progressive (it does not get worse with age). Some typical signs of CSNB include apprehension to enter unfamiliar places in dark conditions, having trouble finding feed or water buckets at night, or getting injured at night. Oftentimes CSNB in horses is undetected by the handler or owner. CSNB is definitively diagnosed by a dark-adapted electroretinography (ERG) test conducted by a veterinary ophthalmologist.

There are likely several different genes that contribute to this disease in horses, and these genes

are likely breed-specific. For example, horses homozygous for the variant that causes leopard complex spotting in Appaloosas and related breeds are night blind. However, other breeds without this white spotting pattern (e.g. Thoroughbred, Paso Fino, and Tennessee Walking Horse) have also been reported to have CSNB, and thus variants in different genes likely explain CSNB in these other breeds.

In 2019, a case study involving a night blind Tennessee Walking Horse identified a variant in a gene with a pivotal role in cell signaling low light vision conditions. This identified variant is therefore suspected to cause CSNB in this breed.

The variant follows a recessive mode of inheritance, meaning that only horses with two copies of the variant are affected. Based on population screening, it is estimated that one in a hundred Tennessee Walking Horses are homozygous for this variant and thus likely night blind. Genetic testing for this variant can help to identify these horses. Testing can now be performed to also identify horses with the variant and avoid matings between carriers, which could produce affected foals.

| UC DAVIS<br>VETERINARY MEDICINE<br>Veterinary Genetics Laboratory  |                       | CONGENITAL STATIONARY NIGHT BLINDNESS<br>(CSNB2) TEST REPORT |                     |
|--|-----------------------|--|---------------------|
| <b>Provided Information:</b>   |                       | <b>Case:</b>   | <b>NQ93043</b>      |
| <b>Name:</b>   | <b>KARLAS HUSTLER</b> | <b>Date Received:</b>  | 23-Mar-2023         |
| <b>Registration:</b>   | <b>3468</b>           | <b>Report Issue Date:</b>                                    | 29-Mar-2023         |
|  |                       | <b>Report ID:</b>  | 1063-7726-4016-4099 |
| <small>Verify report at <a href="http://www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/verify">www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/verify</a></small> |                       |  |                     |
| <b>DOB:</b> 04/13/2009 <b>Sex:</b> Stallion <b>Breed:</b> Tennessee Walking Horse                          |                       |  |                     |
| RESULT   |                       | INTERPRETATION   |                     |
| Congenital Stationary Night Blindness (CSNB2)  | N/N                   | Normal. Horse does not have the CSNB2 variant.               |                     |

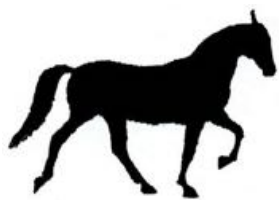
Above is an example of the CSNB2 test results for an Alberta stallion, Karla's Hustler. As you can see from the result above (N/N), he does **not** carry the variant for this condition. It is a very small percentage of TWH that do have it, and that percentage was derived from a very small sample of horses. However, it would be good to know that the condition simply does not exist in ones herd and can't be passed on

So, if you'd like to know if CSNB2 is present in your breeding animals, the test is available from Veterinary Genetics Laboratory, University of California Davis, One Shields Ave, Davis, CA 95616, [vgl.ucdavis.edu](http://vgl.ucdavis.edu) (530) 752-2211. The cost is \$40.00 USD.

I was not aware of this possibility in our Walkers. It is thanks to our Saskatchewan Director, Deana Thompson, who informed the CRTWH Board about it. MCL



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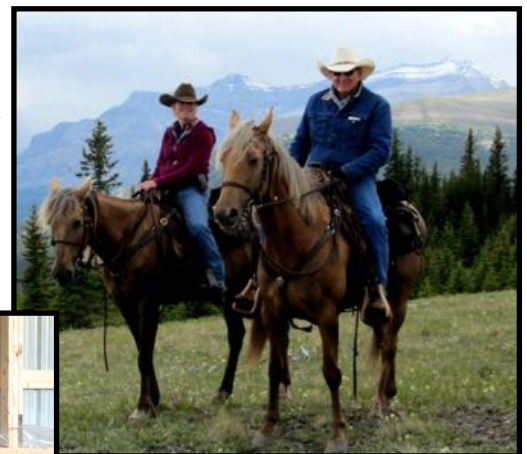
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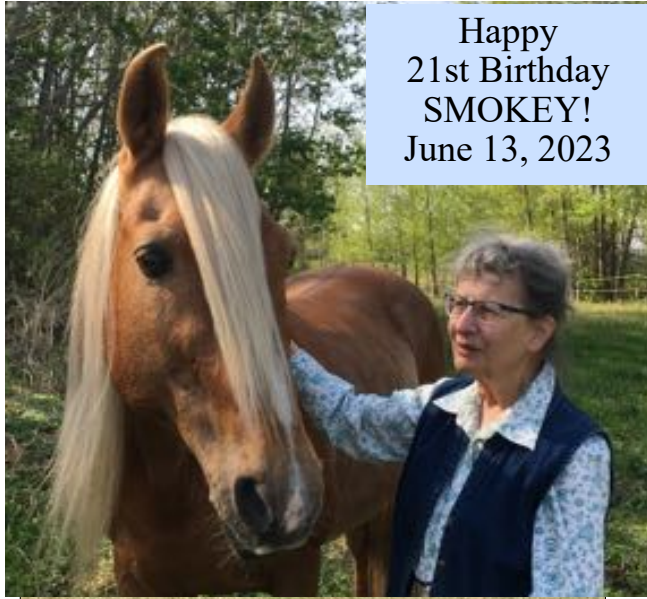
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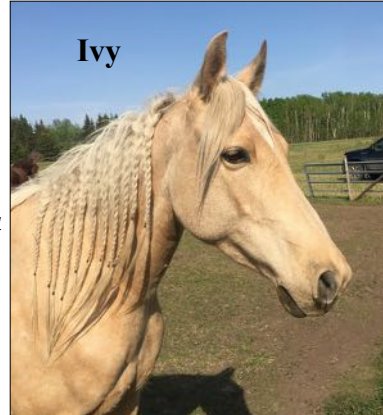
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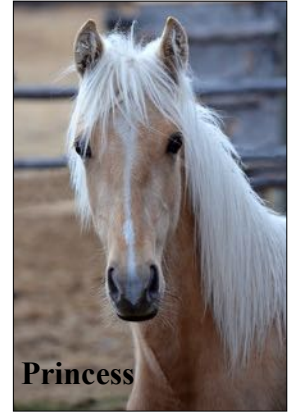


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BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD**

**MGW FULL THROTTLE  
FREDA  
BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD**

