

WALKING HORSE NEWS

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Dear Subscribers,

I hope you and your horses are all wintering well and managing to stay above the snow! We have around 70 cm on the ground now and it's only Jan. 30.

There's been some confusion lately so just for the record, the Walking Horse News is independent and is not the AWhA or YWhA newsletter. I try to include any Association news when it is sent to me because I'm sure you are interested in it and both Associations have been very helpful. The 'News' began in May, 1977 with a note sent out to 17 people asking if they would be interested in a quarterly newsletter. 9 or 10 responded and the first issue, 3 pages long, was mailed in June. We'll be 5 years old in June! And there have been a lot of changes in the Western Canadian Walking Horse scene in that time I'm sure **you**'ll agree.

The next issue is the annual Stallion Directory. See the last page for details and don't forget to include your stallion.

Due to the great increase in postage, I am going to single-space all ads and text in future issues. That way, I can get more on the 7 pages that are all the Post Office will take for 30 cents. And please don't stop sending in news! There'll be room for it somewhere!

I would like to introduce Sylvia Crouter of Dubois, Wyoming. Many of you will already know her through her stories and articles on Walkers in the Voice and Western Horseman magazines. She is also a TWHBEA Director for Region #2 and Editor of the Mountain States Region 2 Newsletter. I think you will be interested in her editorial, reprinted with permission here:

ACTION DEVICES by Sylvia W. Crouter

Because my husband & I breed Walking Horses for use as ranch, trail & pleasure horses, the flap over the USDA possibly banning action devices in shows seemingly leaves us unmoved. But when we think more carefully, reflecting that as breeders we need to re-invigorate our stock from time to time with "superior" well - known bloodlines, then which horse wins the Celebration directly affects us and the genetic pool we create here on the ranch.

I asked Jack Knox, author of America's Tennessee Walking Horse, about the history of action devices, padded shoes and sore horses. He says MIDNIGHT SUN was shown flat shod in #4 keg shoes; then after him MERRY GO BOY wore a very thin pad, which brings us up to about 1948. Mr. Knox says that from his observation, the advent of soring, huge shoes and other artificial devices began in the early 50s.

If we breeders then have to limit ourselves to pre-1950 bloodlines, we're soon going to be unable to find any young breeding stock for sale of a parentage meeting the criterion that the forbears have proved themselves as natural Walking Horses.

ACTION DEVICES by Sylvia W. Crouter (continued)

That is, if we are to choose from well - known show horse stock, and it's awfully nice to advertise our young horses as coming from World Grand Champion lineage. It makes for status and sales.

We personally have found that strongly pacey colts are hard to square up for flat shod riding. But this is exactly the type of colt selected for development into show horses. We have found that the best colt for producing the natural running walk is one that will both trot and pace naturally in the field, but does a good four beat lick under saddle. But this type of colt is rejected by current breeders and trainers of show horses as not pacey enough for the big shoes and the big lick.

Now I ask you, how do we choose new breeding stock when we read such items as this: a recent World Grand Champion took four years to quit pacing and start walking with the aid of action devices, weights, pads, etc. And here's a quote from The Walking Horse Report Celebration Big Stake coverage: "It was noted that absent from the lineup were the teams of (naming 4 top horses and 4 top trainers), all of whom did not pass pre-show Designated Qualified Person inspection." In other words, the horses were sore.

The above mentioned horses are certainly on our personal black-list for desiring their offspring to add to our brood stock. We have several options in light of the current state of breeding within the industry: 1) we can buy well - known bloodlines, culling out the too pacey individuals; 2) we can develop our own brood stock from little known horses. The public really likes that champion name on their pedigrees though.

Or, 3) the whole industry could go straight, eliminate pads, **chains**, boots, mustard oil, pressure shoeing and all the other tortures that have been devised to make our beautiful, docile horses lift their feet high and big lick it around the show ring. What a crazy fantasy, you say!

Show horses strolling around the Celebration grounds like pleasure horses? Like mere, lowly pleasure horses? Like HAYNES PEACOCK, and MELODY MAID, and STROLLING JIM and MIDNIGHT SUN? Who would pay to watch them?

Well, I for one, and my husband for two, and I bet a lot of other horse lovers too; because a natural lick is so beautiful. A natural lick is real. It's what the early master breeders strived for so long and hard, and it's what we may be ruining with the current practice of breeding for a horse that paces instead of walks.

It would be very easy for us here in the West to stand on the sidelines while the show people wrangle with the USDA about future standards for the breed. Most of us ride our horses flat shod, and the argument seems to be someone else's problem. But it is our problem too. The future of the breed we love is at stake. We can stand aside and see it destroyed or we can make our feelings heard.

I urge all of us in Region 2 to think this problem through, then make our opinions heard in a variety of ways: letters to the USDA, to The Voice, to the T.W.H.B.E.A. and to national horse magazines.

We can resurrect the natural Walker such as bred by Messrs. Dement and Brantley, or we can see their handiwork evolve into an animal that can only be comfortably ridden with the aid of weights and chains. What do you think? Write and tell us for the next newsletter.

Sylvia W. Crouter

I share Sylvia's concerns for the breed and I hope we never see "big lick" show classes here in Canada.

NEWS - NEWS - NEWS

From SHIRLEY MARTIN, COALDALE: "I now have a reg'd Walker also from the Lundgren sale. Her name is Canadian Muskie and she is 2½. Her mother, Story's Big Star, is 17:1 and her father, Canadian Threat, is 16 hands, so she will be a big mare. I call her Gem for short. She is gentle to a point, full of BS as befits a young horse and extremely smooth. I ride my ¾ mare and then Gem and there is no comparison between them if one wants to be fair. My part-bred gaits but she is not as smooth in the running walk as Gem. My part-bred is being broke to drive this spring so I am looking forward to that. " Shirley went on to ask if I could do an article on the Plantation saddle. I'm afraid I don't know much about them. Are there any readers out there who could help out?

NICK BROWN of INVERMAY, SK wrote to subscribe for a friend in Quathiaski Bay, B.C. and also mentioned that Mr. George Shearer of Yorkton is buying a jet black Walking Horse stallion, a son of Ebony Masterpiece. The horse is presently at Whitefish, Montana. We join Nick & Bonnie in wishing Mr. Shearer every success with his new Walker.

I was talking to MARGE DOLL of DOUGLAS, Man. the other day and she said that they had sold their sorrel mare, Flash's Easy Aces 695782 to Marlin Matechuk of Cochrane, Alta. Congratulations, Marlin. Dolls now have only their 17 hand black stallion, Go Boy's Crown Royal, and a yearling daughter of his left and they are both for sale as well.

BETTY MOTHERWELL, QUESNEL, B.C. writes, "Was thrilled to see the dam of one of my mares on the front cover of the Nov. Voice with the 1981 World Grand Champion Junior Rider, a pedigree 'plus' for our mare's black yearling colt, Nipper's Double, who will be standing at Rawyards in '83."

"I had the fortune to purchase not only Doll's great black mare, Midnight Star F.F. & her filly, Go Boy's Foxy Doll, but also a 14 year old flashy copper mare, Betty's Early Dawn, (coincidence!) which is related to Barker. Have also purchased a handsome 1980 bay stud colt, Pride's Bay Gem; he shows great potential for three day eventing."

"I am happy to report that the Quesnel Horse Show Committee has agreed to include 4 Walker classes in their June 12 - 13 Show, so I am looking to all B.C. TWH owners to bring in their fine horses for exhibition and promotion. They may write me for a Prize List. Please come. We could even have a party!" Betty's address is: Box 4005, QUESNEL, B.C. V2J 3J2

SUE MARSLAND, R.R.#1, COCHRANE, AB TOL OWO needs photos of you and your Walkers! Especially action shots of Walkers roping, working cattle, going over fences, etc. as well as in shows, games or on the trails. They should be good quality photographs that will reproduce well. Sue needs them to illustrate articles in magazines and Horses All. Help Sue out and gain fame for yourself and your Walker!

Sue says their horses are all fine - Peaches (King's Taylor Maid) has settled in and become one of the herd, and Splasher (Shadow's Brantley x Panola MerriMack) is back from being trained at Fabros in Kimberley.

JUDY CAMERON, INNISFREE, AB reports the sale of the big 17 month old filly, Curious Delight, that she brought up from Moscow, Idaho.

From BUTCH FRIIS, WAINWRIGHT, AB, "Everything here is fine. I brought up three horses from Alabama, two mares and a stallion so the herd is growing."

Congratulations to KAY & YOGI JORGENSEN, DAWSON CREEK, B.C. on their 25 wedding anniversary. Kay writes that they had a great time and welcomed in both the New Year and their second 25 years of married life all at the same time.

TENNESSEE WALKING HORSES for SALE

SECRET'S VIP - Chestnut gelding, 5. Very stylish. 16 hands (approx.) Has been ridden out over the hills. \$1500.

THUNDER'S DREAM GIRL - Chestnut filly, 2. Good wide flat bone. Good stride. Has been lunged. Strong foundation bloodlines. \$1200.

SECRET'S NATASHA - Bay filly, 2. Extremely gorgeous. Excellent broodmare prospect. Private treaty.

ANNIE'S MINI MAN - Bay colt, 2. Natural gait plus the quickness of a cat. Well balanced but small. Should mature approx. 15 hands. \$1000.

SECRET'S IMPERIAL - Black yearling colt. Shown once; won Weanling Halter Class at Gig Harbor Jubilee. Should mature over 16 hands. Stud prospect. \$1250.

SECRET'S EXACTA - Black yearling colt. Full brother to high point halter horse & top amateur horse, "The Jolly Pirate". Stud prospect. \$1250.

All of above are U.S. registered & have Midnight Sun & Merry Go Boy in bloodlines. Also expecting 5 colts this spring.

Staley Farms, Star Rte. Box 332, WASHTUCNA, WA 99371 Ph.1(509)646-3467

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BEAUTIFUL PUREBRED WALKER MARE. Dark chestnut with blaze. 2½ years old & 15:3 hands. Broke to ride. Please phone 1(204) 534-6659

Darlene & Menno Harder, BOX 132, BOISSEVAIN, Man. ROK OEO

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ONE REGISTERED TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE COLT. Red chestnut with flaxen mane & tail, and blaze. Will develop into a very athletic, showy horse. Well gaited and gentle. Phone 1(604)427-4233.

Marjorie Fabro, S.S.#1, Site 10, Box 17, KIMBERLEY, B.C. V1A 2Y3

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TALL, PROUD & TRUSTING '81 STUD COLT (Mr. Barker x Peppi Diamond). Light chestnut with blaze & right rear stocking. Phone 1(604)249-5265

Betty Motherwell of Rawyards Farm, Box 4005, QUESNEL, B.C. V2J 3J2

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LOVELY REGISTERED HALF-WALKER MARE. Golden buckskin. 2½ years old and 15:3 hands. Broke to ride AND drive.

Darlene and Menno Harder, BOISSEVAIN, Manitoba 1(204) 534-6659

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WANTED: TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE mare, bay in colour, not to exceed 14:2 hands at full growth. Good conformation, natural gaited.

Ivan Towriss, Box 562, BIGGAR, Sask. SOK OMO Phone 1(306) 237-4733

WALKING HORSES FOR SALE

BOLS HARVEST MOON #754399 - Gr. granddaughter of Rogers Merry Go Boy. 6 year old, 15:1 Palomino mare. Natural walk, well trained show & trail horse. Presently in foal to Flowing Sundust. We purchased 'Ginger' in the U.S. where she had been shown successfully - but she is no sissy & was recently chosen to be lead horse in the Light Horse Assoc. trail-ride. Asking \$2800 - make an offer.

R. Jordan, R.R.#1, KAKABEKA FALLS, Ont. POT 1WO Phone 1(807)577-6045
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Reg. Tenn. Walking Horse colt (Shadow's Big Red x Merry Silver Nutmeg) Red roan with flaxen mane & tail, 4 white legs and white face. Very well gaited. Halter broke. Born April 29/81. \$800.00

Beautiful purebred T.W.H. mare. No papers. 6 years old, bay in colour. Imported from Alabama. In foal to Shadow's Big Red. Well broke to ride. Well gaited. Papers may come later but no guarantee. \$1800.00

Butch Friis, Box 1351, WAINWRIGHT, AB T0B 4P0 Phone 1(403)842-2160
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Black stallion, a son of Merry Go Boy, 13 years old, 17 hands high. Competed successfully in the U.S. and E. Canada. A proven sire of gaited foals. Very gentle. This is a beautiful, sound stallion but, as we have sold all our mares, he must go. We invite your offers.

Bay filly, born May '81. Very tall & flashy, and gaited.

Keith & Marge Doll, Box 315, DOUGLAS, Man. ROK ORO Phone 1(204)763-8806
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LEGS ELEVEN 700683 - Foaled May 14, 1970. Chestnut mare, near hind sock, star, snip. Bred for '82 foal by Beauty's Sage King. Big, strong mare, easy to handle, good trail horse. By Shadow's Brantley out of Doll O' the Mist. \$2500.00 firm.

BARKER'S LUCKY LEGS 802255 - Foaled June 28/80. Chestnut stallion, off hind sock, near fore coronet, star. Dam - Legs Eleven, by Randy's Mr. Barker. Good-sized, quiet colt. \$1500.00 firm.

SHAGANAPPI SHAKER 796667 - Foaled July 9/79. Black mare, off hind coronet, star. Pretty head. Has been ridden a few times & was easy to handle. By Mack's Shadow out of Handshaker's Candy S. by Mack K's Handshaker. \$1500.00 firm. Phone 1(604)843-7638 evenings or write:

Kay & Yogi Jorgensen, R.R.#1, DAWSON CREEK, B.C. V1G 4E7
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WALKING HORSES: One filly, coming 3 year old, Merry Go Boy & Midnight Sun breeding. Black. \$2500. Two geldings - one, coming 4; one, coming 2; \$1700 each. H. Penner, S.S.#2 Beaton Rd., KAMLOOPS, B.C. V2C 6C3
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TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE STALLIONS AT STUD

SHADOW'S BIG RED 733495 (Shadow's Brantley x Merry B. Ann). Sorrel, 15:3 hands. Fee - \$250.00

EBONY'S LAST FANDANGO 785325 (Ebony's Master Copy x Merry Girl Foster). Black, 15:2 hands. Imported from Alabama. Fee - \$300.00

For the 1982 season, Shadow's Big Red will be standing in Wainwright & Ebony's Last Fandango in St. Albert.

For these fine stallions please contact Butch Friis, Box 1351, WAINWRIGHT, Alta. TOB 4PO Phone 842-2160 or Sean Kelly, R.R.1, ST. ALBERT, Alta. T8N 1M8 Phone 459-3083.

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Phone 1(403) 592-2304 Rocking Walkers Stud Farm Ltd.

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SUN'S RAY HONOR ACE - handsome chestnut 12 year old standing at stud. Natural walking foals with good dispositions. \$300, return privileges. Darlene & Menno Harder, BOISSEVAIN, Man. 1(204) 534-6659

DAKOTA GAMBLR BUG 716700 (Dakota Midnight Gamblr x Dakota June Bug). Bay horse with star, both hind fetlocks white. Coming three years. 14 hands high, natural gaited. Good for breeding ponies. Stud fee: \$125.

Ivan Towriss, Box 562, BIGGAR, Sask. SOK OMO Phone 1(306) 237-4733

UPHILL GOLD CHIP #792509 (Zepher's Monte Ray x Uphill Arnica) Double registered Palomino and Tennessee Walking Horse. 15 hh with star & sock. Very gentle. Stud fee is \$100.00 & mare care is available. Call or write Ann Tonn, P.O. Box 718, NOBLETON, Ont. LOG 1NO Ph. 1(416) 859-4441

HE'ZA WALKER #642318 by Rapid Joe by The Traveler by Roan Allen F-38 out of Roan Allens Wave by Roan Allens King by Brantley's Roan Allen. Sorrel with blaze & 4 white feet. 15:2 hh. Gentle disposition and good natural gait.

For more info contact M. Lacy, Box 2728, EDSON, AB TOE OPO 723-2547.

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WANTED TO BUY: Plantation saddle, in any shape. Call Sue Marsland, 932-5675 or write R.R.#1, COCHRANE, Alberta TOL OWO

Don & I have purchased an enlarger so anyone wanting enlargements of any of the photos I have please contact me. The prices are \$10.00 for an 8 x 10 & \$20.00 for an 11 x 14. I also have a few Lloyd snaps left at \$1.00 each.

I have some excellent snaps & an 8x10 of the AWhA High Point Horse & Rider. I have been really busy locally so we have had lots of practice. Please write Jo-Anne McDonald, Box 388, POUCE COUPE, B.C. VOC 2C0 Ph.604 782-7962

The next newsletter (March-April) is the annual Stallion Directory, and your good horse should be in it! Fill in the following or make up your own ad (maximum 50 words) and send to me by March 19. It's a bargain at \$2.00!

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