

WALKING HORSE NEWS

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Dear Subscribers,

Hope you and your horses are all wintering well. The lengthening days turn horse owners' thoughts to the coming crop of foals, stallions to consider for that favorite mare and other such spring concerns. So, just for you, I'm including a new item - The Breeders' Corner.

If you can't wait to get out and start riding, the A.W.H.A. Clinic in March will get you off to the right start.

But before I start typing up all the news, announcements and ads, I thought you'd be interested to know that the newsletter now has 198 subscribers, compared to 150 last March. That's a good increase, especially in view of the fact that 30 out of that 150 did not renew last fall. So we have gained around 80 brand new people in the past year! Welcome to you all! We'd enjoy hearing from you - remember, there's no News without YOU.

Marjorie C. Lacy

CANADIAN WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION

At year end, the C.W.H.A. reports a total of thirty members across Can. Provincially, it breaks down to:

Alberta	- 11 members,	66 TWH reg'd.	Sask.	- 3 members,	12 TWH reg'd.
B.C.	- 12 " "	9 " "	Ont.	- 4 " "	3 " "
Manitoba	- 0 " "	1 " "	U.S.	- 0 " "	2 " "

In 1983, the first year of operation, there were 93 transactions of registrations and transfers.

For your 1984 membership, send \$5.00 to Canadian National Live Stock Records, 2417 Holly Lane, OTTAWA, Ont. K1V 7P2

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TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE BREEDERS' & EXHIBITORS' ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to Diane Sept who is the newly elected Director of the TWHBEA for Alberta. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding this Assoc., contact Diane at Box 28, Site 2, R.R.#8, Calgary, AB T2J 2T9.

Also, our thanks to retiring director, Ellwood Smith of Donalda. Ellwood was the very first Alberta Director of the TWHBEA when it first became a region of its own upon gaining 25 members, and separating from Region 1.

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SASKATCHEWAN TWH ASSOCIATION

Lexie Cole, Box 5, Site 2, Cabri, Sask. SON OJO writes, "I didn't have any response at all on starting an organization in Sask. so guess I'll let it be for awhile. There are enough of us in this area now that we may try for a clinic or something next year. Will just have to wait and see. I do invite people to phone or write with ideas on things they'd like to see."

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YELLOWHEAD WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting held Jan. 22, the following new executive was elected: President - Rosemary Jordan; Vice-President - Jim Arden; Secretary - Carole Nipshank; Treasurer - Jack Kerns. New directors are Jim Gordon & Russ Towell. Show Committee Chairman - Marilyn Armstrong. Horses All columns - Bill Howes and Windy Scott.

ALBERTA WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION NEWS

AWHA officers for 1984 are: President - Hilton Hack; Vice President - Henry Matechuk; Secretary - Betty Duncan; Treasurer - Marlin Matechuk. Directors are Walter Glover, Larry Malick, Sue Marsland, Diane Sept and Helen Williamson.

ALBERTA WALKING HORSE ASSOC. FUTURITY - 1984 by Hilton Hack

The Futurity is a way to prove your judgement as a breeder. When you select mares which reflect top quality, and breed those mares to stallions chosen for strong, desirable traits, the foals of this chosen combination will substantiate your high standards of breeding judgement.

The Futurity not only proves the value of the parents by their nomination, but also gives the resulting foal eligibility to compete for prizes with similar foals, as a weanling and as a yearling, thus gaining recognition and adding to the value of the foal.

The Futurity nomination starts when the mare and stallion which have been bred are nominated by April 30 of each year.

Payment of fees for the Futurity are relatively small are made by a certain deadline, as listed below. These fees make up the prizes for the show year and therefore, no fee is returnable after the nomination is made.

Remember, your good judgement as a breeder is reflected with the foal's showing in the Futurity, increasing the value of the parents and offspring. Choose your breeding stock with careful consideration to improve your breeding program as well as the Walking Horse breed.

FUTURITY FOR CANADIAN - BORN FOALS

WEANLING DIVISION ELIGIBILITY:

- Stallion nomination fee by April 30: AWWA members - \$35; non-members - \$40. Late nominations accepted until June 30 at an additional 50% premium.
- Dam nomination fee by April 30. AWWA members - \$10; non-members - \$15.00. Late nominations accepted until June 30 at 50% premium.
- Foal (born or not) nomination by July 31. AWWA members - \$10; non-members \$15.00.

YEARLING DIVISION ELIGIBILITY

- Nominated in 1983 as a weanling.
- 1984 entry fees: AWWA members - \$40; non-members - \$60. payable half by April 30 and remaining half by July 31.

Enter as often as possible - but ON TIME! For applications and more info contact A.W.H.A., 702, 1015 - 4th St. S.W., CALGARY, AB T2R 1J4

ALBERTA HORSE IMPROVEMENT SHOW - 1984

In addition to the class for two year old Tennessee Walking Horses born in Alberta and owned by a resident of the province, there will also be a class for produce of dam. This is another big step forward for the Walking Horse. More information about this new class in a future issue.

THE MARCH - APRIL WALKING HORSE NEWS 'STALLION ISSUE'

The next issue of the newsletter will be our eighth stallion issue. It will be going out to all 200+ subscribers (yes, we've grown since I typed the first page!) plus all the people we know of who don't subscribe but do own Walkers or who have expressed an interest in them.

The A.W.H.A. will, once again, help make this possible by paying the postage. Thank-you for helping spread the word! (See last page for stallion ad blank.) And if you know someone who'd be interested in a copy, tell us!

TRAINING YOUR WALKER WITH DIANE MEIS SEPT

QUESTION: When I bought my TWH gelding last year, as a three year old, he would do a real nice running walk, and he did it naturally without any special training. All I had to do was squeeze him. I rode him all summer, mostly in the mountains and on trails that were uneven and rocky. He started to pace on the parts of the trail that were a bit smoother. What should I do to get him back into his good running walk? By way of background, I ride him with a snaffle bit and a light rein. He only gaits when he is under saddle.

ANSWER: It is hard to answer this without seeing the horse and rider work together, but we can make some stabs at it.

The first thing I can say for sure is that the mountain riding is great for the horse. This type of riding can only help to improve the natural ability of the animal. It allows him to become more aware of himself, and of you and him as a pair.

Now, my guess at the answer to this problem is once again the good old back-to-basics ... FLAT WALK, FLAT WALK, FLAT WALK!

A Walking Horse must be moving freely and comfortably in the flat walk before he can move into the running walk. This is true for every time you sit on that horse's back. It is true for any athlete. Sprinters don't just walk to the starting line and take off at maximum speed with the blast of the gun. No matter how many times they race, they warm up their muscles until they're relaxed and ready for maximum use.

A horse as young as yours needs extra attention. He is still so much in the learning stages. He'll believe anything you let him believe. If he is allowed to pace, he will think this is what you want. If, however, he is allowed to work in a long, loose, flat walk, he will carry this movement through into his running walk.

Once you hit a smooth part in the trail, be sure you don't push him on too fast. This is what I would guess has happened. Sure, he has been using himself to maneuver the obstacles, but not with a long, fluid motion. Allow him to regain this motion on the smooth sections of trail.

Another thing you may want to consider when looking at this problem is feet. I really hope this has nothing to do with it and it probably doesn't. But, how was the horse shod or trimmed when you got him? Has anything changed in this manner? Ask your farrier.

Constantly keep in mind that you are working with a youngster who needs reinforcement for what he does well. This will develop the confidence that allows him to progress.

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Thank-you for your questions, and please send more to Diane Sept, Box 28, Site 2, R.R.#8, CALGARY, AB T2J 2T9

THE 'VERSATILE WALKER' BROCHURE

I talked to Debbie Vader, Mackay, AB at the end of January and she says to thank everyone who has sent photos of their Walkers doing all sorts of interesting things. However, she still needs more pictures, and they must be clear and sharp to be suitable for reproduction. She has Walkers in harness hitched to buggies, sleighs, even a plough! She'd really like some of Walkers jumping, doing ranch work, etc. If you have some good photos you'd like to share, please send them to Debbi Vader, Box 130, Niton Junction, AB T0E 1S0. (In case you missed the Nov./Dec. newsletter, Debbi suggested we all join together to publish a colour brochure showing the versatility of the Walking Horse. So far, Debbi is trying to see if there are enough photos worthy of reproduction in such a brochure. If there are, a 'mock-up' can be made, and the question of how to finance it addressed.

PRICES SURVEY - Have we heard from YOU yet?

A dozen people have replied so far, with a total of 42 transactions. The highest price reported is \$3200, with the lowest being \$600. Most people feel that they've received their money's worth, but there are exceptions. Prices for foals have been fairly uniform; the greatest variations have been for mature mares. I'm going to wait for more information to come in before I do a detailed analysis. However, I'm sure you will be interested in some of the comments that people have sent in with their survey forms:

"Looks like I tend to buy high and sell low most of the time. I realize what a horse is worth and seldom try to bring people down on the price. When selling, I tend to come down in my price sometimes, simply to place a Walking Horse - I feel I have to do this occasionally to promote the breed. In regard to the issue of pricing a horse in an ad, I have my reasons for not doing it, as I'm sure everyone else has too. I don't price my horses because if it's a young one it may be worth \$1000 today, but \$1500 in sixty days time if you have done a lot of work with him. If you've priced him and someone comes to look and finds you have raised your price, they don't like it too well. I find that when I run an ad it may be several months later that you get inquiries. So that's why I prefer not to price my horses in an ad."

"About your inquiry about pricing horses. I feel that this is such a difficult thing due to so many variables. The price of the stud fee, how long one has had the horse (if a young one) regarding costs of de-worming, farrier, feed, etc. Then comes the price of training. Oh, that is something few will pay for, yet most buyers want a well trained horse! Then comes the definition of 'trained' : Some could care less if a horse is trained (& I mean trained) to lift its feet, not spook at unexpected little things, be set in its gaits, take its leads, etc. Most just expect the horse to have this training, never thinking about all the hours that someone has spent teaching the horse. So this aspect depends on the seller's ability to sell. Now if one is selling a horse they have only ridden and not raised, then they usually expect to get their money out and maybe a little more."

"If I have raised a foal and sell it as a yearling, halter broken and easy to handle, then \$1000 is what a good foal is worth. Now add some training and \$1500 is equivalent to being broken to maybe move forward at a good flat walk, and understanding what the bit and reins are about. But 2 months training on an unbroken horse is not much when someone has to start from scratch. Thus I feel that most of our horses are underpriced, if they are 6 or 7 years old and trained. Then again, some people are truly not interested in an exceptionally well trained horse. Maybe most do not recognize the well moving horse nor realize that it is training that makes them stand out from the others. So I feel that it is very difficult to define a selling price, other than what a seller thinks he requires and what a horse is worth to the buyer. I do feel that if a horse is advertised, the price should be indicated in the ad."

"I've found that the same price tag applied to several different horses of the same age and training will create different reactions in me, depending on the animal's pedigree, over-all appearance and temperament. It's all a matter of personal taste, I suppose."

"I've had several people tell me lately that they'd sure like to have a Walker - 'Man, they're smooth - but they sure are the most expensive horses around! Why, Quarter Horses are a quarter of the price.' And I have reached the point where I am saying, Fine, get yourself a QH then, and bounce off into the sunset. Other people may want to raise horses at a loss, but I don't. Think of the breeder's investment in brood stock (especially in the most expensive breed around!), facilities, feed, vet care, not to mention time. Very few do better than break even. Shell out a fair price & Ride with Pride on a Tennessee Walker."

NEWS - NEWS - NEWS

BETTY MOTHERWELL wrote this letter while in Denver. She has since returned to Quesnel.

"The saddest news I have at this time is the untimely death of the great and gorgeous 'Mr. Barker' in September. He was 20 yrs old. He was my first Walking Horse, a champion & a gentleman, who really opened up the horizons of my life, engendering a pride that had only one way to go - into a breeding program to get more of what he had to give."

"The good news is that Laurie & Sherrie Sharp of Quesnel are taking over where I left off, being the proud owners of two Barker sons; the 15:3 hand two yr old golden sorrel, Barker's B.B. Ace, and the six month old liver chestnut, Barker's Gemini. B.B. took over Barker's harem this year, in the same manner he won his first competitive class in Prince George (out of 6) in August. The Sharps also have two Barker fillies; yearling Rawyards Moon Maiden and weanling Barker's Last Dawn, whom you'll be hearing more about I'm sure."

"Unfortunately, we had to cancel our trip to Calgary for the Yearling Futurity, as my colt, Rawyard's Barker Sun, (also 15:3) developed a sand crack which made him unfit for travelling, so Maiden had to stay home too."

"We had two 1983 fillies - both by Randy's Mr. Barker and out of Betty's Early Dawn and Midnight Star F.F."

From HELEN WILLIAMSON, CALGARY, "I am looking forward to the downhill slide of spring as the days are growing noticeably longer. This year we are expecting 3 mares to foal from AI with frozen semen. We bred 4 mares and got 3 in foal, which is a very good rate. As good, if not better than, hand breeding. These will be the first Canadian foals as a result of this type of breeding."

THE BREEDERS' CORNER by Marjorie C. Lacy

"Horse breeding is one part art, one part science and two parts obsession. (Quoted from an article in Equus, Oct. '83, by Bobbie Lieberman.)

For years the horse breeder's motto has been, 'Breed the best to the best - and hope for the best.'

But that is no longer enough. There's something else we should be doing too, and that is paying attention to WHAT we are trying to produce.

What kind of Walkers do you want to raise? Plantation show horses or long distance endurance mounts? Family pleasure horses or model halter horses? Field trial horses or big-lick show animals?

If you stop and think about your goal in breeding Walkers, you will find that it defines the type of horse you breed and the characteristics that are most valuable in your program.

Correct conformation, smooth gaits, and a gentle disposition are important to all of us, but since horses are all too rarely perfect, we have to decide what qualities are absolutely essential and which we'd be willing to compromise on a bit. If you are raising family pleasure horses, you'd have to put disposition right at the top of your list. Endurance horses? Sound conformation and gait. And so on.

So our first step as breeders is to visualize an 'ideal horse' of the kind we want to produce, and then keep this image sharply focused in our minds as we select breeding stock. After all, as the old saying goes, 'If you don't know where you're going, you may end up somewhere else.'

Now, as it says in the opening quotation, horse breeding is only one part science, so even if you have a very clear picture of where you want to go, you still may end up 'somewhere else'. (That's when the 2 parts obsession comes in!) But we'll talk about that in a future column.

B.C. NEWS

Welcome to new subscriber, Brenda Hebert, of Saanichton. Brenda owns the TWH, Brandon's Bay 815364 by Beauty's Trails End out of Cap's Candy Striper.

LETA KELLY, PRITCHARD, wrote to say they've had a pretty cold winter until now, but icy & not good riding. She's riding her 'Pride' mare, and has 3 other youngsters, but intends to sell out of horses for health reasons. Really sorry to hear that, Leta.

ALBERTA NEWS

Congratulations to MORLEY HOLMAN, ONOWAY, who has bought a TWH gelding from Bob Lamport, Vermilion. Best of luck with your new Walker, Morley.

From WALT & MAVIS GLOVER, LETHERBRIDGE, "We'd like to congratulate Bob Bruce of Creston, B.C. on his purchase of Sky's Mischief - we were thrilled about this as he's got a good horse and we enjoyed their visit with us and our trip to Creston where we found they have a real nice place and beautiful countryside. It makes you want to saddle up and keep riding!"

"Congratulations also to Les Young of Boyle as the new owner of Beauty's Black Beauty. She's in foal to Canadian Blue so should have another real nice foal. Next, congrats to Nona Bonertz on the 'adoption' of Chinook's Blue Flash - I think Nona has acquired another son - he's such a sweetie but thinks of himself as people, not a horse! Nona says he's growing like a weed."

"Now that it's getting lighter at night, it sure makes you wish spring would hurry up, doesn't it? We are only expecting one foal this year and are hoping it happens while Walt's sister and her husband are here. We haven't seen them for 27 years so it would be quite an occasion. Even though she doesn't look it, Sky will be 18 this year and is always so proud of her long legged babies."

Received a nice letter from Bob Lamport, Vermilion, asking me to send a newsletter to Morley Holman. Bob says, "We still have old Radar, 24 years this spring. He is pretty sharp at opening gates and the other night got out and went north up along where the other horses are wintering. Randy went up the next day with his skidoo and when Radar saw him coming he stuck his head and tail in the air and headed for home as proud as his stiff old bones would take him. We also still have a couple of registered mares and several cross-breds. Expecting one foal this spring from our older mare and Wainwright's Shadow, a rising 3 yr old bred by Butch Friis. We have had him here since last fall and hope to get him broke soon." Bob and Edna were going to spend a week in Hawaai with their daughter, Alberta, and her husband in February. Hope you had a really enjoyable holiday!

LINDA BLOCK, BRETON, tells me that Nan Stockwell of Black Diamond has sold the TWH mare she bought from Linda but has purchased another Walker. The reason for selling was that the mare was too fast at a walk to ride with their other horse. The new mare is a bit slower so Nan can now ride with her husband instead of a quick 'Hi' as she rode on past him! Linda also mentioned that Irene Block has trained her TWH gelding to harness this winter and they have enjoyed a lot of sleigh rides behind him.

I heard from Jack Kerns, Edmonton, a while ago. He has sent his Walker mare down to his daughter in Calgary, so will have to borrow a horse for the spring Cancer Ride. Also, they have started into registered Shetlands again. (The Kerns were major importers of Shetlands a few years back.) Jack says, "We have 6 mares and a real good, fancy stallion in partnership with a man at Gibbons. There are about 10 reg. mares in this area. It's a good hobby."

Helen Williamson, Calgary, writes, "Had a woman from Quebec City looking at our horses; also an inquiry from Montreal. Seem to be coming from afari!"

SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

MARLENE SAMS, STOUGHTON, writes, "Ralph Morden and I sold all our colts except 2 fillies; one purebred Canadian, and one part-bred. I have a stud colt that I got on a trade from Mrs. Raili Tenkula, Nolalu, Ont. that I am very proud of. He's all black. I knew his sire and liked him. Mrs. Tenkula also bought 1 baby filly and 1 two yr old filly from us." Marlene fell and injured her shoulder and neck in Dec. and has had all sorts of complications since. She's now undergoing therapy to regain the use of her arm. We wish you a complete recovery, Marlene, and better luck in 1984!

BONNIE BROWN, ENDEAVOUR, sent along a memo from the TWHBEA that she thought others might be interested in. It was in response to her question about the numbering of registered horses & if that tells their age. It says, "In most cases the first 2 digits of the number is the year foaled, but not always. Most people register the foal the year it is born and the first 2 digits are actually the year we do the registering here at the office. This was the case up until the year 1980, when we changed the rule to read that the year foaled would determine the first 2 digits. Now, anything first registered with us that was born before the year 1980 will carry a 1979 number regardless of year foaled. After that, you can depend on the first 2 digits to tell you the year foaled."

I saw a note in The Walking Way - "Cedar Creek Farm (Poplar, Wisconsin) congratulates Lexie Cole, Cabri, Sask. on her purchase of 4 beautiful plantation mares. Lexie is a Canadian breeder who bought Prayer of a Promise, in foal to The Good News, as an addition to her broodmare band. She also purchased Sensational Lover, a beautiful daughter of Sensational Shadow, and plans are to breed her to The Good News before leaving April 1 for her new home across the border. The other 2 mares, RAJDL's Gypsy C. & RAJDL's Kitty, will be used for riding and possible breeding to Lexie's stallion, Thunder's War Eagle. We're excited to see these fine quality mares going to a discriminating breeder of plantation horses." We'll be interested to hear more, Lexie.

MANITOBA NEWS

KEITH DOLL, DOUGLAS, sent me a very interesting article about Midnight Sun, by the noted breed historiari, Margaret Lindsley Warden; a reprint or copy from Western Horseman, March 1966. In it, it says he was just under 16 hands and at maturity averaged 1350 lbs, a black horse produced by a cross between a bay and a chestnut. I had thought he was a much taller horse. Keith wrote, "We did get a good start on our 2 yr old mare, Flash of Diamonds. I organized a couple of trail rides this fall after the weather cooled down. Jared rode Flash in both of them and they both did very well for beginners. Don Unrau of Hamiota came down with his stallion, Super Duplicate. Don has him going very well. We also had one Peruvian Paso on one ride, so the gaited horses put on a good performance. One rider couldn't figure out how come we were riding so comfortably while he was bouncing his butt off!"

"We got our weanling home in November (Go Boy's Crown Royal x Standard-bred). He'll either be black or dark brown, but won't know for sure until spring shedding time. I call him 'Good Whiskey' because he has that good Crown Royal blood! He's as superbly gaited as any full blood I've seen and has the temperament of an angel. Royal seems to cross very well with Standard-breds, but I guess it's only natural as he's very strong in Standardbred blood himself. Both his grandsires, Merry Boy & Midnight Sun, were about 90% Standardbred." If anyone has a biography on Merry Go Boy, Keith would really appreciate a copy of it.

DARLENE HARDER, BOISSEVAIN, writes, "We've been able to do some driving as well as riding this winter, mostly training the 'young stuff'. Our 19 month old gelding is a whopping 16:2 hh! He is starting to perform the running walk really nicely. Our 2 yr old, May, is coming along well in all gaits as well as driving double to perfection!"

ONTARIO NEWS

Welcome to new subscribers, RuSSELL & LORRAINE SCOTT, of BELLEVILLE. They own 2 TWH mares aged 6 & 20, and a TWH stallion aged 4 this year. He sired 3 lovely foals in 1983 and they are hoping for 2 more this year.

Also welcome to Madeline & Peter Gibson, Stouffville, who recently subscribed. Madeline writes, "My husband and I have owned Walking Horses the last ten years. My husband's horse, Jennie's Allen, is a 23 yr old gelding from North Dakota. My horse is from Kentucky, 17 yr old Go Girl's Sunrise. We are very enthusiastic Walking Horse owners and find they are just about the perfect horse for trail riding. Practically every weekend in the summer finds us out on the trail with fellow members of the Ontario Trail Riders' Assoc. There are very few Walking Horses out there on the trails though. We do our best to convert the Quarter Horse and Appaloosa owners but to little avail. They don't know what they're missing."

"It also sounds as if we should be looking West for our next Walkers, where the emphasis is on good natural walkers with a good temperament. We will be looking forward to receiving the Walking Horse News."

From Mrs. RAILI TENKULA, NOLALU, "Well, here in the Thunder Bay area the TWH population is growing slowly. Mrs. Carolyn Dobson bought a 2 yr old colt by Tracy's Midnight from the U.S. and he sure is a looker. Also, Carolyn bought a Sundust colt from the U.S. which she plans to keep as a stud. My husband and I purchased a 4 yr old mare, Lady Topaz, from Wisconsin, and 2 weanling fillies from Marlene Sams, Stoughton, Sask. and a 2 yr old filly from Ralph Morden of Handsworth, Sask. These 3 we trailered from Sask. and they trailered really well, considering the long distance they had to be in the trailer. We also sold a weanling colt to Mrs. Sams - Boogie On BlackJack T. #832723. He also trailered well for the 15 hours that he was in the trailer. Some new TWH owners - Mrs. Debbie McKinnon, Thunder Bay, bought Go Boy's Oscar T., a big bright sorrel; Mrs. Sheri Stobe, South Gillies, bought Go Boy's Sinbad T., a beautiful black stud colt. Mrs. Joyce Redden has our old Merry Go Boy mare, Stockton's Minuet, and they are expecting a foal from the old mare at the end of March. This is going to be their first TWH."

NEWS FROM OUR U.S. SUBSCRIBERS

CALVIN MILLER, DOUBLE DIAMOND RANCH, RHAME, N.D. wrote, "We have 4 brood mare bands with stallions. We added 20 young mares to the broodmare ranks last spring. We have some very good young Walkers to start under saddle soon, and some very good plantation show prospect blacks with a lot of class. "

QUENTIN BYBEE, CROSS TIMBERS, MO says, "We got home from Quill Lake in mid Sept. to the worst drought in 50 yrs. After viewing our burned up crops, I could see why it was so hot in Sask. last summer. But once again it was good to us and most all the dogs showed benefits from the trip and work up there. Lots of people here with little or no feed and what is available is high."

CRISTINE HOLT, DUBUQUE, Iowa, editor of The Walking Way, asked me a couple of questions that I can't answer without your help. She asks, "Who brought the first Tennessee Walking Horses into Canada, and, Who would you say was the biggest breeder of TWH in Canada?" I have an idea the answer to the first one is in Grant MacEwan's Hoofprints & Hitching Posts - at least, there was a mention of the first Canadian registered TWH in his book, but I can't find a copy of the book to check. As for the second question, who IS the biggest breeder out there? Is anyone raising a dozen or more TWH foals a year? Half a dozen? Write and let us know!

Welcome to new subscribers from the U.S., Laura Wyant of Cheshire, Ore. and Nancy Sacry of Whitehall, Montana. Laura sent along an attractive full page ad for her TWH stallion, Indigo Boy. Look for both Laura's & Nancy's ads in the Sell-Swap - Searching columns.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

A number of people have expressed concern over the high proportion of stallions we seem to have in the Tennessee Walking Horse breed here in Canada. Here is what Elna Konkin, Edgewater, B.C. says,

"In the 1983 stallion issue of the newsletter, there are 39 stallions advertised, which is great - I, for one, like to know what is available, but I know of 4 stallions that aren't advertised out of just the few owners I'm personally acquainted with. Now I'm wondering how many more there might be, as it seems to me we're getting a very high percentage of stallions. Are all the horse colts born of such high caliber (i.e. conformation, gait, disposition) that we, as breeders can afford to leave 20 to 30% of them as stallions

"Please look at what's happened with the Arabian in the last couple of decades. Why are so many of the really concerned breeders putting up such big dollars to promote the gelding futurities and versatility programs for geldings? Because just five years ago in the Arab registry, there was one stallion per five geldings, and they were not that good as far as representing the breed was concerned! It should not have been allowed to happen."

"I cannot believe that the majority are willing to forgo quality in favour of quantity."

"Arabians are not the only breed this has happened to. Look at Thoroughbreds, Quarter Horses, Appys - the Appaloosa was once a very distinctive horse; now it is a colour breed. If that is to be our fate we would be the multi-colour breed!"

Perhaps the Icelandic Pony Registry has the right idea, where the animal has to be mature and of a certain standard of conformation and gaits before it is eligible for registration. What do you think?"

Elna brings up some interesting points. Registration on inspection sounds like a pretty good idea - until you start to ask, 'Who is going to do it?' As every horse show judge knows, there are many different opinions on the quality of a particular horse. And, as we have all observed, the judges don't always agree themselves.

Another difficulty we have, as Walker breeders, is the vexing question of gaits. When it comes right down to it, if our horses do not do the gait they are famous for, what is the use of their being considered a breed? I was told last week that there wasn't any point in buying a Walker, since the person speaking felt that he could find as many easy-gaited horses in the general horse population, and anyway, half the Walkers weren't easy-gaited. That's really bad news, if people feel like that about our horses - and it probably has a lot to do with what we have been emphasizing in our breeding programs. It might also reflect a lack of knowhow in training.

We have another problem when it comes to breeding Walkers and that is the low population of these horses, and how scattered around they are. In many cases, if you are going to raise Walkers, you have to own your own herd sire, even if you have only a couple of mares. The distances are simply too far to truck mares. Mind you, things are improving a lot in that regard now compared to 5 or 6 years ago.

I guess in a society such as ours, we must rely on the wisdom and good judgement of the individual breeders to stand quality stallions. We must also keep in mind that different people have different uses for their horses and one that suits me perfectly might seem a sorry animal to you. It does put great responsibility on those of us who raise horses to know as much as we can about our breed; to recognize sound conformation, straight legs, a trainable disposition and all the other factors that make up an honest horse. From the Alta. Ag. Horse Management booklet: 'For every colt born, only about 1 in 200 needs to be retained for breeding stock. With broader use of AI, this may become 1 in 500. The time, feed, care & money that goes into breeding, training, raising & maintaining a horse is too great to sacrifice quality of stallions for quantity.' What do YOU think?

TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE STALLIONS AT STUD

THUNDER'S WAR EAGLE Can.210, U.S.682280 (Thunderbird x Allen's Ladybird).
Chestnut with strip. 15:3 hh. Fee - \$275.00 & \$3.00/day mare care.
Here is lots of foundation breeding, along with a great disposition. His
foals are very naturally gaited, athletic and easy to work with; they are
gentle and willing to please.

Barry & Lexie Cole, Box 5, Site 2, CABRI, SAsk. SON OJO Ph.1(306) 626-3645
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CANADIAN BLUE 782329 (Canadian Sun x Canadian Firefly)

Black with no markings. 16 hh. Fee - \$250.00 Coggins test required.
'Blue' has a fantastic disposition with both mares and people. All his colts
are born with a natural run-walk.

W.B. Glover, Gen. Del., LETHBRIDGE, AB T1J 3Y2 Phone 1(403) 328-4023
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CALTA MIDNITE VICTRY U.S.793709 & Can. reg'd. (Midnight Jester E. x Bell's
Little Beauty)

Solid black. 16 hh. Fee - \$300.00 (live foal) & \$3.00/day mare care.
'Vic' is very showy with good presence, has a fantastic disposition and
moves strong & true. His foals acquire his characteristics. Proven sire.
1983 Champion Stallion & Grand Champion Halter Horse at Camrose Show.

H. Hack, R.R.#6, CALGARY, AB T2M 4L5 Phone 1(403) 285-9450
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SUN'S RAY HONOR ACE U.S.702398 & Can. reg'd. (Sun's Merry Man x Ace's Gentle
Miss)

Chestnut with strip, snip & 2 hind socks. 15 hh. Fee - \$300 return and
\$3.00/day mare care

'Honor' is the reigning Manitoba Champion Tennessee Walking Horse. He has
excellent conformation with exceptionally nice head. Excellent mare care.
(See article in Jan./84 Voice of the Tennessee Walking Horse, pp 24 & 25.)

Menno & Darlene Harder, Box 132, BOISSEVAIN, Man. ROK OEO Ph.1(204)534-6618
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LUCKY'S KOKO PRINCE U.S.713971, Can.154 (Rambler's Lucky Socks x SunDown
LaMarr)

Dark brown with off hind fetlock. 15 hh.
Fee - \$250.00 & \$125.00. 7 days free board in season. \$3/day dry otherwise.
Breed to a sire of winners! In '83 season: Koko's Magic Shadow; Koko's Sun-
down Shadow; Mitzy Pride; Misty's Go Go Girl; Shadow's Lucky Jade #823381.

Bill & Jan Howes, 53373 Rge. Rd. #215, ARDROSSAN, AB TOB OEO 1(403)922-2932
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CHAPIE'S TOPPER #813560 (King's Stormy Mist x Shadow's Lyrical)

Black with 4 white socks & blaze face. An extremely flashy & well marked horse
Good disposition, natural gaited, good running walk & good Walker's head.
Fee - Private Treaty.

George & Heather Sharpe, Box 66, MUNSON, AB TOJ 2CO Ph. 1(403)823-9419
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BEAUTY'S TRAILS END Can.195, U.S.752154 (Midnight Jester E. x Sago (Black Beau-
ty II))

Black with both hind socks. 15:1 hh. Fee - \$350.00 Mare care \$3.50/day.

Marlin Matechuk, Box 1390, COCHRANE, AB TOL OWO Phone 1(403)932-3642
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TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE STALLIONS AT STUD IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

MONTERAY MERRIMACK U.S.#811587 (Laddies Monte Ray x Doll O' the Mist)

Chestnut stallion with blaze and three socks. 'Mack' is of Merry Go Boy breeding. He is very gentle, with impeccable manners and an extremely beautiful gait. Stop by any time and see how he operates.
Fee: \$250. reg'd mares; \$200 grade. Half due at service; half on production of live foal.

Cindy Botkin, Box 12, QUESNEL, B.C. V2J 3H5 Phone 1(604) 747-3405

MCDONALD FARMS STALLIONS AT STUD:

BEAUTY'S SAGE KING U.S.#602247 Can.#99 (Hey Joe x Sago(Black Beauty II))

Chestnut stallion with near hind stocking & strip. Stands 14:3 hands. Natural gait and a very good disposition.
Fee: \$200 with vet certificate. Guaranteed live foal.

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LADDIE'S MONTE RAY U.S.#685131, Can.#76 (Montana Laddie x Golden Gold Glory)

Sorrel stallion with both hind stockings, off fore sock & blaze. 14:3 HH Natural gait and a very good disposition.
Fee: \$200 with vet certificate. Guaranteed live foal.

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CANADIAN CROWN ROYAL U.S.#804937 (Canadian Threat x Perfection's Twiggy)

Solid black stallion with no white markings. Stands 15 hands. Natural gait and a very good disposition. Outstanding pedigree.
Fee: \$250 with vet certificate. Guaranteed live foal.

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The above 3 stallions standing at McDonald Farms, Box 388, POUCE COUPE, B.C.
Phone 1-604-782-7962 VOC 2C0

SUN'S ROCKY VELVET U.S.#824904 (Sun's Last Nipper x Ebony's Rockette)

Black stallion with star, half stocking, sock, and half sock. 14:3 HH and growing. His grandsires are Midnight Sun and Ebony Masterpiece. He has a natural run-walk and is very stylish. Will only be bred a few times this year.
Fee: \$100, live foal or return breeding. Mare care is available.

Ann Tonn, Fraser Valley Walkers, 6927 - 126 St., SURREY, B.C. V3W 4A6
Phone 1(604) 591-7851

PBE GEE'S SHADOW U.S.#771385 (Shadow's Super Seven x Flash's Easy Aces)

Black stallion with near hind coronet. Stands 15:2 HH. Shadow is very gentle and has excellent gaits. His foals are mostly black, naturally gaited and have super dispositions.
Fee: \$225 (live foal guarantee). Health certificate required.

Shirley Tutte, S.S.#3 Upper Mud River, PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. V2N 2S7 560-5541

DEADLINE for the next newsletter is Mar. 25/84. Let's hear from YOU!

Sales, purchases, new foals are all of interest to other Walker owners. Activities, opinions, training & breeding tips are welcome, and don't forget to send along your prices survey from the Nov./Dec. issue!

SELL - SWAP - SEARCHING

WANTED: REGISTERED PUREBRED TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE STALLION, 2 years old or over. Must be black in colour. Please write or phone immediately. Pictures, pedigree and complete information on first letter, please, as I am anxious to purchase now. The price I will pay will depend on pedigree, age, training, and breeding & show record.

Mrs. Darlene Harder, Box 132, BOISSEVAIN, Man. ROK OEO Ph.1(204)534-6618

REG. TENNESSEE WALKERS FOR SALE, for spring or summer delivery:

4 mares, 2 fillies, 1 stallion. Most are well broke. Blacks, chestnuts, from 14 to 16 hh. Priced from \$1500 to 2500 Can. For further info, contact Quentin & Steve Bybee, R.1, Box 87, CROSS TIMBERS, MO 65634 1(417)998-6360

FOR SALE: CHINOOK'S SMOKY BLUE 823333 (Canadian Blue x Trouble's Misty) Foaled May 2/82. Black stud colt, good conformation, with white star, snip & hind fetlock. Very friendly & gentle. Halter broke. Will geld if required.

CHINOOK'S BLUE RICKY 833766 (Canadian Blue x Beauty's Black Beauty) Foaled April 13/83. Black stud colt, off hind & off fore socks, outside near fetlock & blaze. Should be a flashy looking colt. Walt & Mavis Glover, Gen. Del., LETHBRIDGE, AB T1J 3Y2 Ph.1(403)328-4023

Due to shortage of feed, we offer the following for sale:

EBONY'S MISS REFLECT 737163 (Ebony Masterpiece x Reflection's Miss Lu) Black mare with star & snip, coronet. Brood mare only.

THUNDER'S ECLIPSE 831396 (Thunder's War Eagle x Anne's Glory) Chestnut colt, blaze & hind stocking. A big, stout colt with lots of action.

THUNDER'S BUFFY LYNN 820674 (Thunder's War Eagle x Brandy Lynn Belle) Sorrel filly with flaxen mane, & blaze. Has a beautiful running walk. Barry & Lexie Cole, Box 5, Site 2, CABRI, Sask. SON OJO Ph.1(306)626-3645

WHAT OFFERS? PUREBRED, REGISTERED TWH MARE. 8 yrs old. Has been shown successfully at halter. Has had four foals; is carrying a foal to Sun's Ray Honor Ace, the reigning TWH Champion of Manitoba. Please contact Mrs. Darlene Harder, Box 132, BOISSEVAIN, Man. ROK OEO Ph.1(204)534-6618

FOR SALE: TENNESSEE WALKING HORSES

LIGHT CHESTNUT COLT, star & snip. 8 months old. U.S. registered.

TWO BROOD MARES. 1 ROAN, 10 yrs. 1 LIVER CHESTNUT, 11 yrs. Neither has been saddled for two years, but are broke well. U.S. registered.

LIGHT CHESTNUT MARE, 16 yrs. Very well broke. U.S. registered.

CHESTNUT MARE, 8 yrs old, very well broke. U.S. Registered. In foal to Ebony's Royal Heir (Ebony Masterpiece x Go Boy's Gypsy Girl).

HALF WALKER MARE, 4 yrs. Nicely started, going well. Gentle.

Various other riding horses & Thoroughbred jumper prospects. Please contact Bryan Bexson, Saskatoon. Stable 934-3453; home 931-4425; work 934-3779

WANTED: TWO YEAR OLD OR YOUNGER WALKER STALLION. Must be black with little or no white markings. Must also be 'spirited' and 'showy'. Send particulars such as price, size, pedigree, and pictures to:

Darlene Harder, Box 132, BOISSEVAIN, Man. ROK OEO Ph.1(204)534-6618

SELL - SWAP - SEARCHING - Stallions

FOR SALE: SHADOW'S BIG KING - Tennessee Walking Horse stud colt, born April 28/83. Sorrel with a small star and very narrow strip. Sire is Shadow's North Sage #740763, dam is Mitze's Golden Sun FF #725263.

G. Keillor, Box 290, VANDERHOOF, B.C. VOJ 3A0

FOR SALE: FROST AT MIDNIGHT (Midnight Jester x Revery's Frosty) - 8 year old Black mare. Good disposition and well gaited. In foal for '84 to a Clydesdale stallion. She's U.S. & Canadian registered.
BEAUTY'S BREEZY BAY - 1983 bay filly (Beauty's Trails End x Dancer's Sun Dance). Good disposition. U.S. registered.

Contact Helen Linsley, Gen. Del., GROUNDBIRCH, B.C. VOC 1TO Ph.1(604)780-2330

FOR SALE: TENNESSEE WALKING HORSES

FLASH'S SUN BONNET 791920 (Sun's Merry Man x Flash's Dixie). Yellow mare with star. Bred to Majestic Streaker. Good running walk. Not broke. \$1500.

SUN'S DAKOTA SKYLARK 752028 (Sun's Merry Man x Calico's Majorette). Sorrel mare with white markings, light mane & tail. Good running walk. Not broke. Bred to Majestic Streaker (Majestic Black Royal x Ebony's Flicka). \$1800.

CHIEF'S MEADOW 826427 (Bonnie Chief x Sun's Dakota Skylark). Filly, gaited. \$1100.

BONNIE CHIEF 794066 (Ebony's Reflection x My Merry Bonnie). Bay stallion, green broke. \$1500.

Also, 2 four year old geldings, purebred. 1 yearling. 2 yrling grades & foals

Bonnie Brown, Box 265, ENDEAVOUR, Sask. SOA OWO Ph.1(306) 547-5560

FOR SALE: REG. WALKING PONY OF AMERICA #81 - 11 year old bay mare, rides, drives. Proven brood mare. \$975.

WANTED: RELIABLE GAITED MARE for pleasure and steep mountain trails. Must be under 15 hh.

Mrs. Alex Patterson, R.R.#1, CAWSTON, B.C. VOX 1CO Ph. 1(604) 499-5861

FOR SALE: UPHILL REDWING #82 3191 (Mack's Shadow x Canadian Rainbow). Can. 164 2 year old red chestnut gelding, star & snip. A good looking young fellow, very loose moving, well conformed - eligible for the Alta. Horse Improvement Show. About 14:2 or 3 now; will mature at 15 hands or more. \$1000.

Marjorie or Charles Lacy, Box 2728, EDSON, AB TOE OPO Ph.1(403) 723-2547

WYANT'S WINTER SPRINGS offers: Training * Buying/Selling * Stallion service:

INDIGO BOY #782636 by Stately Invasion out of Indigo Doll. Refined Arabian look, 14 hands, BLACK, Natural running walk. Call 1(503) 998-2803 or write P.O. Box 234, CHESHIRE, Oregon 97419 U.S.A. (Near Eugene.)

TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE TRAINING - Specializing in the training of the pleasure horse and rider for show and trail. Thirteen years experience. Diane Sept, Box 28, Site 2, R.R.8, CALGARY, AB T2J 2T9
Phone 931-3160 (barn) or 931-3614 (home).

SOME FUNDAMENTALS ON TRAINING TWH - training booklet and many other promotional materials available free from the TWHBEA. ALSO info on transfers, registration, what to look for when buying a Tennessee Walker. Write & request from: Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' & Exhibitors' Assoc., Box 286, LEWISBURG, TN 37091

SELL - SWAP - SEARCHING - STALLIONS

FOR SALE: SHADOW'S EXCALIBUR (Shadow's Brantley x Glory's Gold Chiffon). 3 yr old TWH gelding. Will mature at about 15:1. Incredible disposition and ability. 'Gumby' is a real athlete and will make a super working horse; trail, cattle. Green broke. Reserve Grand Champion Line Horse, 1982 AWA Show; winner 2 Yr Old Gelding/Stallion Line class, 1983 YWA Show. 5th place, 2 Yr Old Line class, 1983 Horse Improvement Program. \$1300.00
Diane Sept, 931-3160 days; 931-3614 evenings.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: BLACK TWH GELDING, foaled April, '76. Experienced rider. Excellent trail horse with a lot of endurance. Has been ridden in rough bush country and to herd cattle. Very fast walk. \$2000 or trade for a child's horse (no ponies). Will consider any type of horse but prefer TWH.
Linda Block, Box 183, BRETON, AB TOC OPO Ph. 696-2135

TENNESSEE WALKING HORSES FOR SALE:

We have over 100 quality registered Walkers to pick from. We've been breeding for the natural run walk for 35 years. Our program is to furnish top broodmares to anyone wanting to raise natural walking horses. If interested, write for our new catalog describing each horse for sale and its price.
We are also breeders of Buffalo, Beefalo and Gelbvieh Cattle.

Calvin Miller, Route 2, Box 27, RHAME, N.D. 58651 Ph. 1(701) 279-6655

FOR SALE: 1983 SOLID BAY RUNNING QUARTER HORSE FILLY from gaited mare. \$500.
1983 LEOPARD SPOTTED FILLY from Walker mare. \$700. Both will mature plus 15hh. Both well cared for. Prices negotiable or will trade.

Mrs. Alex Patterson, R.R.#1, CAWSTON, B.C. VOX 1CO Phone 1(604) 499-5861

FOR SALE: SHAKER'S ROYAL RAVEN 806219 - Black gelding, foaled May 3, 1980. Excellent lady's or child's pony. Stands 15 hands. Broke for saddle or driving. Excellent running walk. Sell or trade for cattle. \$2500.

R.D. Arychuk, Box 308, VIKING, AB TOB 4NO Phone 336-2188

AT STUD: KARY'S JEEPERS #756166 (Laddie's Monte Ray x Merry Boy's Snow Bird) Beautiful silvered sorrel roan, blaze, hind stockings & blond mane & tail. Gentle disposition, good natural gait. 15 hh. Fee - \$125. Terms by arrangement.

Jack Gurnett, Box 935, RIMBEY, AB TOC 2JO Phone 1(403)843-6124

FOR SALE: SHADOW HAWK #826598 (7L's Perfect Shadow x Missy Wilson). Coming 2 yr old stud colt, black with 2 white hind fetlocks and white star. Good disposition and gait. A real beauty.

Jim or Nancy Sacry, Box 516, WHITEHALL, Montana 59759 Ph.1(406)287-3411

FOR SALE: SHADOW'S RAVEN IMAGE #814136 (Shadow's Red Man x Beauty's Black Beauty). Coal black stallion with no white markings. 3 yrs old this spring. Has been ground driven and started under saddle.

Donna Henry, Box 344, GLEICHEN, AB TOJ 1NO Phone 1(403)734-3751

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A.W.H.A. CLINIC - March 24 & 25 A.M.

Dr. Dave Whittaker - Professor at Middle Tennessee State University. Horse trainer and recognized judge.

Topic - Learn to recognize which gait your horse is doing when you are on its back. Do you know the difference in feel between a running walk, stepping pace, rack or pace?

Training suggestions and help for any problems you may have.

Hands-on clinic with your horse; will be limited to a number of riders, so send your entry early.

For those who choose not to ride, come and learn from observing others.

Applications must be in by March 17, 1984.

Clinic Cost - \$55 for non-members; \$45 for AWA members.

Stabling - \$10 per night with feed.

Location - Kahn Stables, east of MacLeod Trail & Deerfoot Trail on Hwy 22 to 152 Street.

For further information, call H. Williamson 9313838 (evenings) or D. Sept 931-3160 (days).

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____

NUMBER OF HORSES _____ NO HORSES (Please check) _____

NUMBER OF NIGHTS STABLING REQ'D _____

ENCLOSED AMOUNT FOR CLINIC \$ _____ (Payable to A.W.H.A.)

Stabling is \$10/night with feed. Payable to Kahn Stables.

Send to A.W.H.A., #702, 1015 - 4th St. S.W., CALGARY, AB T2R 1J4

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SIRE _____ DAM _____

COLOUR _____ MARKINGS _____

HEIGHT _____ FEE & TERMS _____

COMMENTS _____

OWNER _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

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