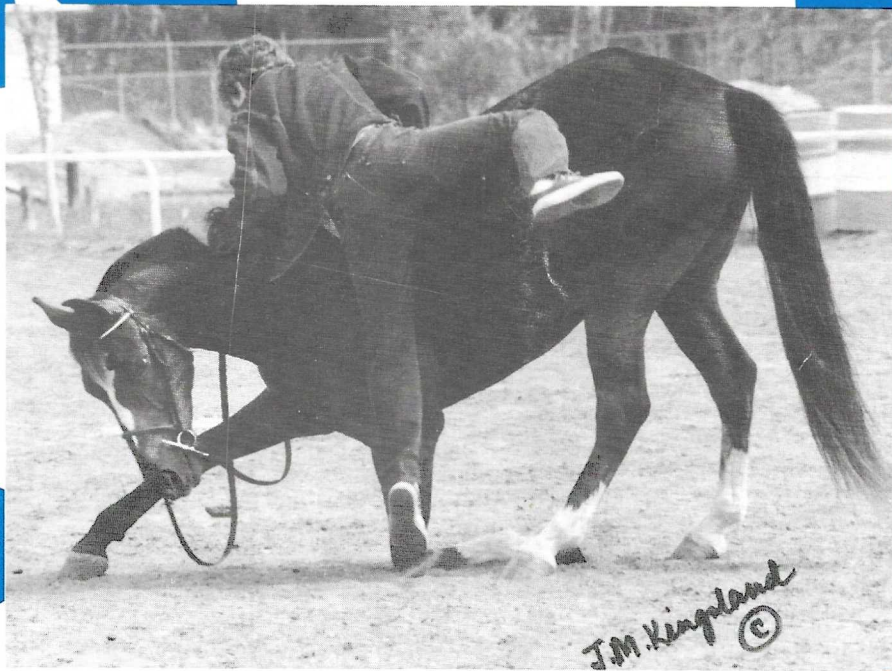


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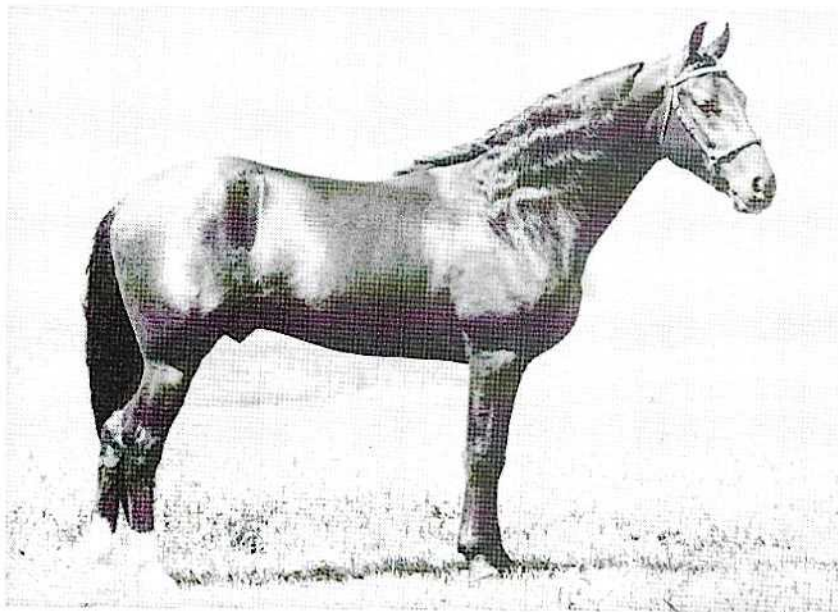
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Dear Subscribers,

Has spring come to your part of the country yet? I'm pretty sure it's come here. The poplar catkins are out and if you look across the pasture just right, with your eyes half closed, you can see a hint of green grass. But here's the final proof - there were mosquitoes all over the horses last evening! Several people have told us our deadline of the 15 of the month isn't reasonable, considering the time they get their paper. I know this is often the case. Let's say the deadline date is very flexible - if you have any news or ads, please send them in despite the date, and we'll put them in the current issue if at all possible. Otherwise we'll put them in the following paper.

I thought once I had Jo's help, this paper would get licked into shape in no time and we'd be so organized it'd make your (and our!) heads swim. Instead, the paper has just become bigger and now has both of us running behind trying to keep up!

But these growing pains just mean that the Tennessee Walking Horse is thriving in Canada - and who wants to argue with that?!

Please, let's hear the news from your place. New foals, new stock, horses sold, activities and promotion - it's all of interest to other Walker owners. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Marjorie C. Lacy

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COVER PHOTO: Chris Ball and "Gumby". Chris, from Calgary and his 5yr *
* old gelding - Shadow's Excalibur, are seen here at the *
* Festival of the Gaits, demonstrating "The Most Gentle Horse" *
* I hear they have some new tricks for this summer! *
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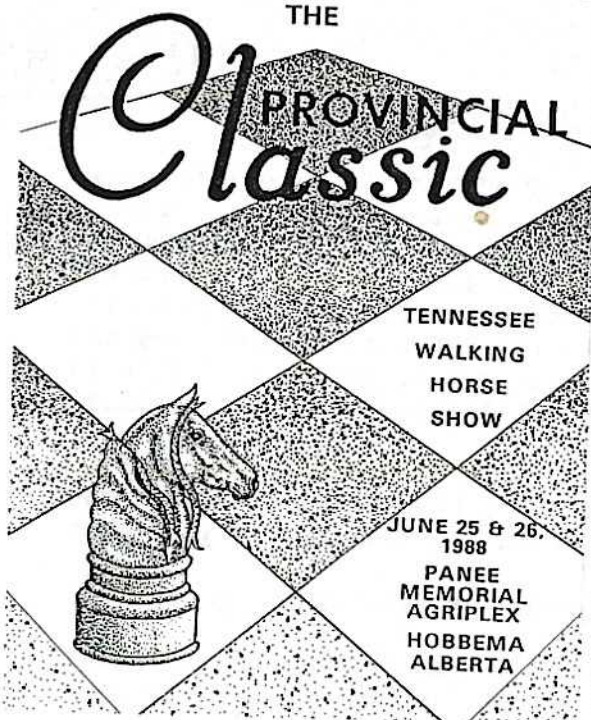
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REPORT OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 26TH, 1988

A very successful meeting of the members was held at Calgary, although not very much time was available to us, and the spring storm that blew in on Sunday disrupted some of our plans for socialising with the people who had travelled so far to be there. However, it was agreed to send the minutes of the meeting to every current member of C.W.H.A. to further our efforts to "keep in touch".

Thank you to all those who attended, and we hope we can continue to extend our lines of communication between members and Directors.

The following is a list of members across the country who have volunteered to act as "Contact Persons" for the C.W.H.A.

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"If we don't know the answers to your questions, we do know where to go to find out!" Thanks to all those who completed the Survey and offered their time to help others.

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MANITOBA

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U.S. STOPPING SPOTS

NORTH DAKOTA

PAULA PFIEFFER, NEW ROCKFORD, N.D. says, "Please include me in your places to stay. If anyone gets south of the border I'm one mile N of New Rockford on 281. Turn East at the propane tanks. Go one mile and you'll be in my yard. I have a good barn and corral. There's a motel and campground with hook-ups in New Rockford. My number is 701-947-2190."

MANITOBA and SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

KEITH DOLL of DOUGLAS phoned to tell me about the clinic he's been planning with Diane Sept of Calgary. He's hoping for a maximum of ten horses, and all the people who are interested in Walkers in the province! He has several farriers and small show judges interested in attending as well.

In his subsequent letter, Keith writes, "We've had a good winter, weather wise, for the horses. They're all fat as pigs. On the other hand, with no snow and frozen ground, it sure was hard on feet and footing."

"My mare, Flash of Diamonds, is due to foal the latter part of April. She was bred to Caribou's Spit Fire (Merry Go Rambler x Beauty's Cheyenne). I bought him last fall. He was bred by Guthries of Willow City, N.D. I don't know where they got the name but he is fiery all right. His mother is a full sister to Beauty's Sage King, featured in the last issue of Walking Horse News."

"I sure enjoy this new look of the News. It's sure come a long way from the late '70s. I still have most of the newsletters back to 1977. Keepsakes!"

From DIANE URFER, WINNIPEG, "It's sure nice to see our magazine is getting thicker and more informative. Keep up the good work. The comic section is neat! I sure enjoyed the article, Backyard Walkin', by Allanna Jackson. Some of the horses we own have the very bloodlines she described and it's nice to find out about the different bloodlines and where they came from. Also enjoyed very much the article by Dianne Little about the Canadian. Since we have our own trailer this year, we will be able to take Sunday's Topper, our young stallion, to compete at Red Deer."

"Sunday's Topper inspired us to name our place Road King Walkers. He is very smooth, well mannered and has a real nod when he's walking. He will do anything for a carrot or a sugar cube, and loves all the attention he can get."

"He sure is fat and sassy. I can hardly wait to ride him again. Sure wish it would warm up! I'm tired of this weather as well as the snow, and I'm sure the horses are too. Our mares are walking around like blimps. I guess they are tired of packing those babies and we are in a rush to see the new crop. This is one of the nicest times of the year because of the foals."

"We wish the best of success to our Walking Horse friends who have babies coming."

MARY SCOTT, WINNIPEG, is enjoying her gelding, Shadow's Blonde Boy, whom she calls Zeffy. She trail rides and sometimes barrel races him for fun. Zeffy is a palomino and a real hit at the "Little Muddy Ranch" where she keeps him."

LEXIE COLE, CABRI, says, "We had the misfortune of having Deacon's Sunset Sue abort her foal at nine months. We think she may have slipped on ice. Hope all the others will carry theirs. We are gearing up for the foals now; expecting two any time. I'm really disappointed I can't attend the Bob Womack clinic but have mares due then. Hope spring brings you healthy foals!"

MANITOBA WALKING HORSE CLINIC, May 27/28

Keith Doll is holding a Tennessee Walking Horse Clinic at Cindy Wright's home, 1 mile south and a half mile east of Douglas, Manitoba, on Friday evening and Saturday, May 27 & 28. Diane Sept, trainer at Westridge Farms, Calgary, is Clinician.

Please contact Keith Doll, Box 315, DOUGLAS, MB ROK ORO or phone 725-3740 for full details.



"Tennessee Walking Horse breeders, have your ideal horse in mind."

That was how Dr. Bob Womack of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, noted breed historian, opened the March 26 & 27 AWA Spring Clinic, attended by approximately 100. Dr. Womack stated that Merry Wilson is his idea of the ideal Walking Horse; he feels we have a long way to go to regain that kind of movement in our present day horses.

He then went on to give a short history of the breed: the now extinct Narragansett Pacers and Canadian Pacers: the families of horses such as the Grey Johns, Mountain Slashers, Pacing Hals and others that created the foundation for the Walking Horse; the infusion of Allan blood and the finishing touches put on the developing breed by master breeders such as Albert Dement.

From much the same genetic material, each American breed has selected for particular characteristics, and over time has refined these more and more. Overstride is the Tennessee Walking Horse's most important characteristic, and Dr. Womack went so far as to say that any horse not exhibiting overstride is not a Tennessee Walking Horse - no matter how it's bred.

Next it was out to the ring to look at conformation. A big thank you must go to those folks who, at their own cost, provided the horses for this. One stallion, two geldings and five mares were the models as Dr. Womack pointed out the conformation needed to do the running walk with ease. As Walking Horse breeders, we must keep in mind that it's our horse's movement that makes it unique. Essential to a good Walking Horse are loose shoulders, and a back end that can stride right up under the horse. However, it is the way the horse uses itself that decides if

AWHA SPRING CLINIC

with Dr. Bob Womack

it is a good Walker or not, and it's not always the one with the best conformation that moves the best.

After lunch, that was put to the test. Participants were asked to assess pairs of horses moving under saddle in the arena. The horses ranged from veterans to just started three year olds. Then Dr. Womack gave his judgement of them and invited comments.

Everyone was ready for the delicious buffet supper provided, and we enjoyed the chance to visit with other TWH people from B.C., Alberta and Montana. After supper, Dr. Womack commented on the videotape, A Look into the Past, and also showed some newly discovered footage of Merry Go Boy in action.

A classic spring blizzard disrupted Sunday's proceedings, but even at that about forty people made it to Spruce Meadows. More than once I thought the place would blow away, but it didn't, and we were able to use the main riding ring that afternoon for a mock pleasure class and an individual assessment of each horse.

As Dr. Womack pointed out, our conditions and uses for our Walkers in Canada are very different from those in Tennessee. There the show horse is supreme. Here, most tend to favour a more versatile, utility type of Walker. I found the clinic interesting and thought provoking.

Thank you, Dr. Womack, and thanks, AWA, for sponsoring it and doing such a grand job of organization.

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BUILT UP SHOES, CHAINS OUTLAWED IN U.S.

On Monday, March 21, 1988, a United States Federal Judge ruled that the use of build ups and chains on Walking Horses is now illegal. This was the surprising news that participants of the AWhA's Spring Clinic heard from Dr. Womack on March 26. A total ban had not been expected by the industry.

That same evening of March 26, the Trainers' Show in Decatur, Alabama, the biggest national show of the spring season, was shut down by the United States Department of Agriculture. It had gone as planned on March 24 and 25, but on the 26 the show was closed and exhibitors of built up horses were told that they could move their horses from the stables to their trucks and take them home. They could not sell them, they could not trade them, they could not register one; in fact they could not move them. The U.S. Government has now said that you can not move a built up horse off the farm.

It is expected that the decision will be appealed.

IN MY OPINION

In the last newsletter I wrote about my feelings regarding the Alberta S.P.C.A.'s policy statement against soring horses. Here are the reactions I've received to date on that article.

JEAN REMPEL, WINFIELD:

"Wow! I nearly fell off my chair when I started reading your "In My Opinion". Thought I'd read it wrong so reread it. It still read the same so continued on to the second paragraph. You are right. We and our horses are as ex-convicts. There is a record of abuse, so we as owners must try to keep as clean a record as if we are on parole."

WINDI BOHN, DEVON:

"I too have had people come up and tell me they've heard Walkers are going to be outlawed in Alberta, even Canada. Remarks like this are the direct result of the wrong kind of media controversy. The human breed as a whole will dissect what they want from what they hear - usually negative - and fill in the gaps with their own thoughts. I know this from experience, having written a regular horse column in an Alberta weekly newspaper for over three years. I wrote an article about choosing the best pony mount for a child -

and three breeders called and asked why I was running down ponies! I re-read what I had written and not once had I made a derogatory remark about ponies! I had simply cited a list of good and bad qualities to be on the look out for."

"I feel that the SPCA policy on Tennessee Walking Horses, along with their radio interviews (Joy Ripley in particular) have done much damage to our breed. I know the intention of the SPCA is to focus only on big lick, but the general public will surmise what they will, and the bad taste will linger..."

"In reading the first five paragraphs of your column, In My Opinion, you stated disbelief and anger at the fact that Walkers are singled out for bad publicity. You're right when you say the public can't distinguish between the styles of training and showing. In paragraph five you say we're dead set against soring - whether big or little lick supporters. I agree! Most-- I venture to say --- almost all big lick exhibitors don't want to be caught with a sore horse, and with DQPs it's pretty hard to get anywhere with one. As for miseducation? Get all the facts straight before promoting or discrediting any aspect of the breed. As for bad publicity? Any publicity that singles out abuse will be eaten up by the public, and they'll

remember it above and beyond all positive aspects presented."

"In paragraph six you support the SPCA's stand, but isn't it this that has sparked all the negative controversy? Their intentions were honest enough but the damage will have far reaching effects on all Walkers. I say BOO to the SPCA. My solution? Learn all there is to know. If a prospective Walking Horse owner asks me about the breed I explain about their Natural abilities. If they ask about big lick, I say "Yes, it's very popular in the States but not in Canada." If they press me for information about the big lick I explain my personal position which is: I will probably never own a big lick horse, I couldn't afford it, there's few qualified trainers within my reach, and most important - I plain don't like them all that much. But I am firmly not against others showing horses in this manner if that is their desire. I believe the DQPs keep the present day Walking Horse shows cleaner than any others. Yes, there are probably bad trainers who still sore their horses but their reputation is at stake if they are caught showing abused animals."

"My stand? Promote, promote, promote. The majority of Walkers raised in Canada should be sold to pleasure riders, ranchers, gymkhana enthusiasts, etc. These horses should be out there doing what they do best - and doing it visibly. Owners should be encouraged to show for the betterment of the breed, but the emphasis should be on enjoyment. That's how I feel."

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(Editor's note: Thank you for writing, Windi. However, I must disagree with you when you say, "Isn't it this (the SPCA's stand on soring) that has sparked all the negative controversy?"

No. It is the soring, and the failure of the Tennessee Walking Horse fraternity to bring it into the open and eradicate it years ago, that has caused the controversy and ultimately the recent Federal Court decision reported above.)

CRISTINE HOLT, DUBUQUE, IOWA:

"I really appreciated your stand in the article, In My Opinion. People say the humane organizations are always picking on the Tennessee Walking Horse. First of all, they wouldn't pick on us if we didn't give them ammunition to work with. Second, they are equally concerned with abuses in other breeds. Most of the Walking Horse people don't read the pamphlets from these organizations and so don't realize that they are also watching the Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds, Competitive/Endurance Riders, and on and on. It's just that many of them don't stop to think about that. I don't blame them for being upset. I don't like the finger pointing at me either. But I would do something about it rather than whining, as you so aptly described it, "Well, he did it too!"

"I am especially keen on this topic today because I just got done talking to a lady in the Midwest who just purchased a padded horse. She told me that she knew that he was "only touched a couple times a month" and worked "almost sound". A warning signal went off in my brain, but it really started clanging with the next few sentences. She was going to bring the horse home and hoped to do well with him as long as she could "keep him fixed". I asked her if she was going to do the training herself and she said, "Yes, as long as I can fix him right." I couldn't believe it!"

"I asked her what she thought of soring and she said, "Well, I'll be honest with you, Cristine. If I see it out in front of me, I get angry. But if I don't see it, I can live with it." For an example, she told me about a show she'd been to last year where she watched a padded horse trainer put an alligator clip up a horse's rectum. She watched the horse pass DQP inspection, go on to win the class, ... "and win Big, let me tell you." She saw the trainer take the clip out of the horse and drop it in the trash bin. When she went over to investigate and saw the clip, then she got angry. ...cont'd>>

OPINION cont'd...

But if she doesn't see it, she can live with it!!! Oooo, I was really flabbergasted after she hung up. She's new in the breed, I believe, and either very naive or rather one step below human. She says people should worry about things that are important, like child abuse. She equated soring to when she burns herself on the stove."

" So soring is very alive and well, and our industry is still in trouble. I agree with you that we can't afford to stick our heads in the sand and hope it goes away. As the lady on the phone said, "We're never going to get rid of soring." I said no, we won't. Not unless people start standing up and saying, No more. I won't put up with this anymore."

DANGERS AHEAD

by Sylvia Crouter, Dubois, Wyoming

Aficionados of the pleasure horse should be aware that as flat shod Walkers begin to show around the nation, a spirit of hot competitiveness threatens to eat away at the purity of the natural Walker. Abuses have started to creep in. Under this category come

- (1) Walkers carrying heavier shoes.
- (2) Subtle soring of pleasure horses.
- (3) Putting horses up on pads until just before a show to achieve greater animation.
- (4) More and more emphasis on exaggerated head nod and overstride to the detriment of all around soundness.
- (5) Breeding horses for the pleasure show ring to the detriment of all around soundness.

J.D. and I came away from the meetings in Tennessee with a strong feeling of satisfaction that the pleasure horse industry now has a real voice in policy. We also left with a heightened awareness that, human nature being what it is, the pleasure Walker could be corrupted in future years if we are not really vigilant.

We also reaffirmed this ranch's personal commitment to maintain soundness, to breed for versatility, and never to allow show competition to eclipse our breeding goals: to breed for the long striding, headnodding mountain Walker that handles the tough trail as well or better than any other breed.

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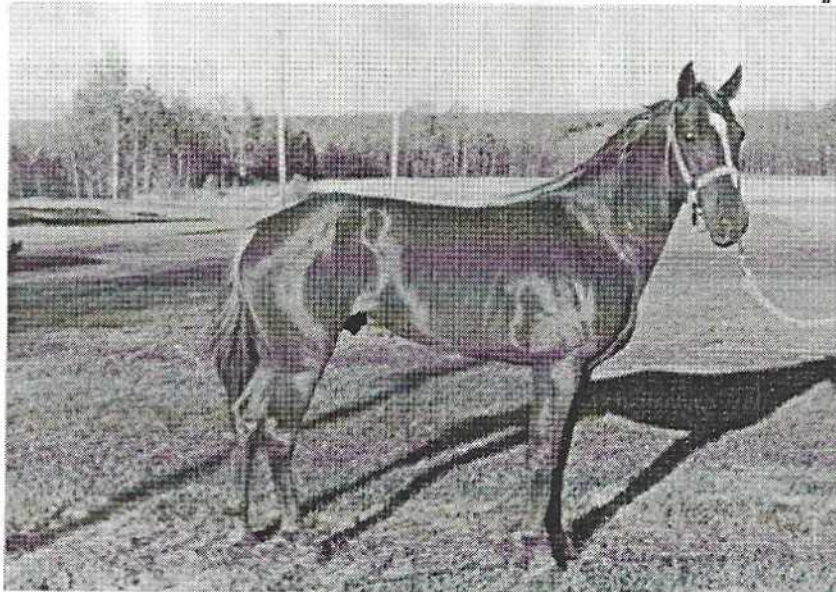
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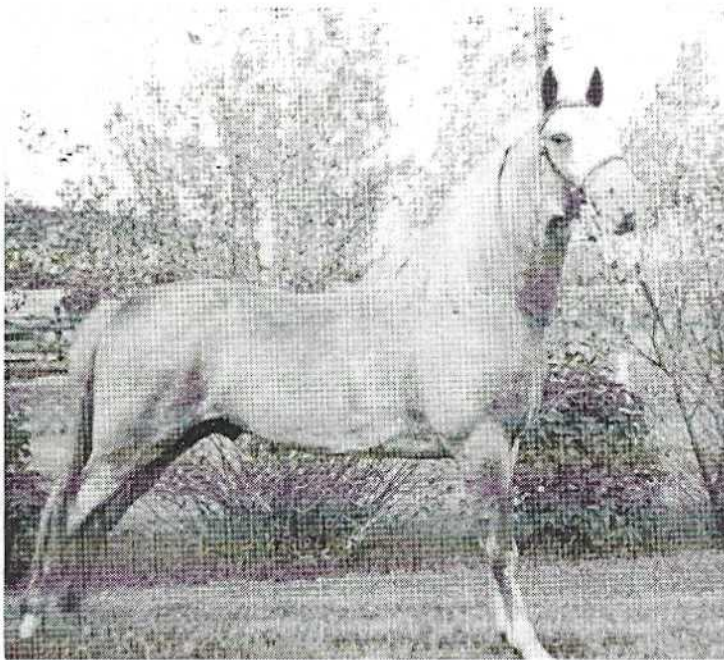
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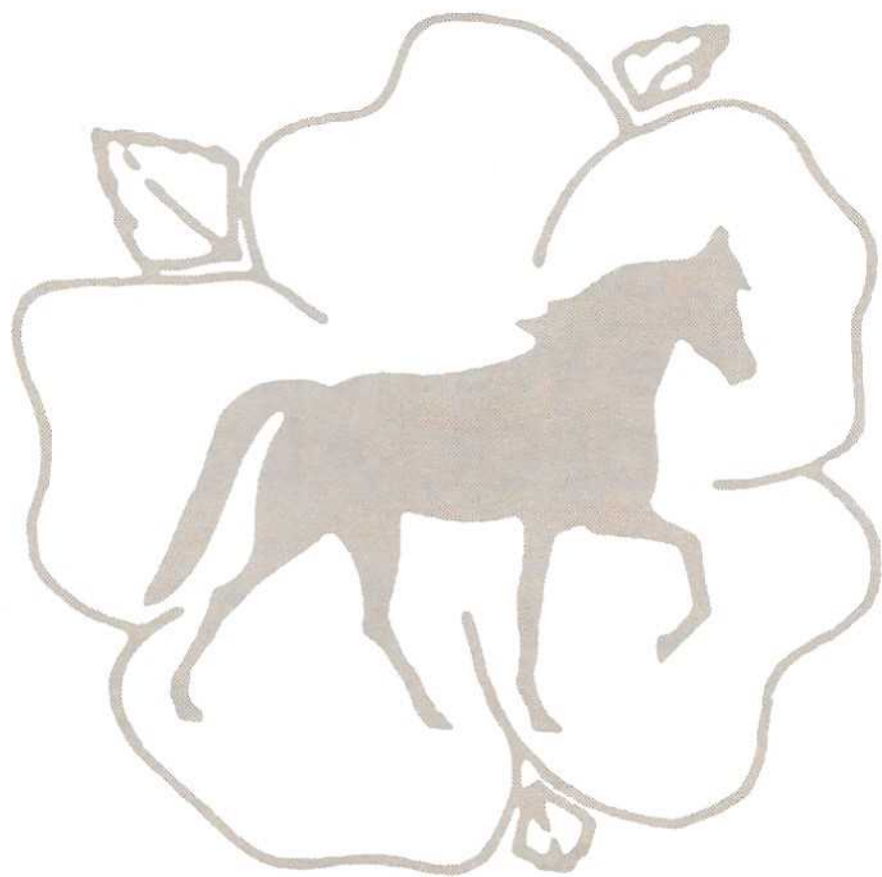
The 1988 A.W.H.A. Queen will be crowned at the fun day. If you would like to watch the contestants ride their final horsemanship pattern, you are welcome to arrive at 9.a.m. The young ladies would love to have an audience.

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A Two Gait Division for three year old horses
A Three Gait Division for four or five year old horses

In order to be eligible for either of these divisions, the mare, gelding or stallion must have been entered in the Weanling, Yearling and Two Year Old Division of the Futurity, and all Futurity conditions met.

This Performance Division will be judged using the Canadian Equestrian Federation rules for the Pleasure Division of the Tennessee Walking Horse. English or Western Tack may be used.

For 1988, the Two Gait Division will include the Two Year Olds of 1987 (born 1985).

For 1988, the Three Gait Division will include the Two Year Olds of 1986 (born 1984) and the Two Year Olds of 1985 (born 1983).

A copy of the rules and fees for the Performance Division will be mailed with other Futurity material.

Horses Eligible for the Two Gait Division

Shaker's Avena	Thunder's Gingersnap	Go Shadow's Glory Be
Invasion's Butterfly	Shadow's Melica-G	F88's Peaches n Cream
F88's Merry Nutmeg	Shadow's Rachis-G	Topper's Choice
D-J's Easy Trails	Calta Caligula	D-J's Shade of Gold

Horses Eligible for the Three Gait Division

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2nd: SHADOW'S SETARIA-G

by: Go Shadow Go -- out of: Shadow's Happy Miss
owner/breeder: Westridge Farms

WEANLING COLT (13 eligible, 10 shown)

Trophy donated by: JORDAN VALLEY FARMS, Clement & Rosemary Jordan

1st: D-J's BEE BOPPER

by: Beauty's Trails End -- out of: Ebony's Dakota Spell
owner/breeder: D-Joint Ranch

2nd: TOPPER'S BREEZE

by: Chappie's Topper -- out of: Sunday Breeze
owner/breeder: George Sharpe and Jack Strachan

YEARLING FILLY (5 eligible, 4 shown)

Trophy donated by: COLE FARMS, Barry & Lexie Cole

1st: D-J's PEPPY TWO

by: Beauty's Trails End -- out of: Miss Stroll-o-Way
owner/breeder: D-Joint Ranch

2nd: D-J's MISS EMMY LOO

by: Beauty's Trails End -- out of: Captains Do Drop
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YEARLING COLT (5 eligible, 3 shown)

Trophy donated by: LEO P. BRILZ, Medicine Hat

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by: Beauty's Trails End -- out of: Flash's Easy Aces
owner/breeder: D-Joint Ranch

2nd: SENSATIONAL ANSWER

by: Answer to Prayer CCF -- out of: Quite Sensational
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YEARLING GELDING (4 eligible, 2 shown)

Trophy donated by: ROWLAND & KAREN van LOO & ANDREA THORNBUR

1st: CELTIS-G

by: Go Shadow Go -- out of: Verline's Lady
owner/breeder: Westridge Farms

2nd: CALTA SPORT AT MIDNITE

by: Calta Midnite Victry -- out of: Jester's Snappy Lil
owner/breeder: Calta Stables

TWO YEAR OLD FILLY (7 eligible, 3 shown)

Trophy donated by: JACK STRACHAN, GEORGE & HEATHER SHARPE

1st: SHAKER'S AVENA-R

by: Shaker's Royal Heir -- out of: Mac's Sunday Tear Drop
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2nd: THUNDER'S GINGERSNAP

by: Thunder's War Eagle -- out of: Mac's Vicky Lou
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TWO YEAR OLD COLT (2 eligible, 2 shown)

No Trophy

1st: CALTA CALIGULA

by: Calta's Midnite Victry -- out of: Miss Boots A Walking
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2nd: D-J's SHADE OF GOLD

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CORRECTION TO THE PRINTED FUTURITY RESULTS:

1987 1ST PLACE WEANLING COLT-
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(not Ebony's Dakota Spell)
[with apologies from the Futurity committee]

A VISIT TO THE ELLIOTT WALKING HORSE RANCH by Randy Johnson

I enjoy reading about the activities of our neighbour provinces and states, and since my job allowed a few days off, I thought I would write and let your readers know of a very enjoyable time we spent at the Elliott Walking Horse Ranch in Declo, Idaho, the first weekend in March.

Since our move to our "new" home just south of Sherwood Park, and the acquisition of Ebony's Miss Arden, we have had to try and make plans for breeding. I had contacted Ed Elliott early in 1987 in response to a two page ad he had placed in the Voice magazine, which had pictures of five stallions. With our moving in the spring as well as trying to get ready for the show season, we had no time to make the trip.

After some hurried arrangements, Danny Higgins, Neale Hubbard and I drove out to Kelowna, where we leased Gypsy Man's Shadow from Luigi Valentini, and that solved our breeding problem for 1987.

Earlier this year we again were in contact with Ed Elliott and decided to take a quick trip to Idaho. I had been through Idaho before and it didn't seem to me it was going to take too long. It took me more than ten minutes to find it on the map and it surprised me to find it was only an inch from Utah (60 miles).

We left Thursday evening and after a stop for some "great prices" on clothes and tack, we arrived late Friday afternoon at the Elliott Walking Horse Ranch. The divided highway for most of the way was great to drive, and we saw new scenery.

We spent a great deal of time looking at the greatest number of Tennessee Walking Horses I have ever seen on one place, and I wish to express my appreciation for their tolerance of my wanting to videotape each horse.

The Elliotts have seemed to cover almost all the bloodlines, from the Foundation stock (Roan Allen F-38, Merry Legs F-4, Birdie Messick F-86) to Sun's Delight D. 592116, Merry Go Boy 431336, and right up to the present (Pride's Generator 753925, Ebony Masterpiece 560586, and Delight of Pride 795892). Some of the pedigrees on their sixty plus horses are like reading a Tennessee Walking Horse "Who's Who".

We were treated ROYALLY, and would enthusiastically recommend a visit if you are planning to be in that area.

I rode, had the stallions demonstrated for me (great temperaments), was shown the palominos that were brought from Tennessee (one sold while we were there) and the large amount of young stock, and loved all the colours!

I realize it will be too late by the time this issue of Walking Horse News is out to readers, but you may be interested to know that the Vice President of the Pleasure Horse Division for the TWHBEA, along with Oregon trainer Frank White, will be at the Elliott Walking Horse Ranch the last weekend in March for a clinic sponsored by the newly formed Idaho Tennessee Walking Horse Association.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

ANN TONN, SURREY, has sold both the Walkers advertised in the last issue of the News. The mare went to Debbie Poirier and Dave Smith of Maple Ridge, and the black colt went to a first time Walker owner. Ann says plans are already well underway for their fall Tennessee Walking Horse and All Breed Show. The date is Sept. 25 and the judge will be Lane Curry of Maple Valley, Washington. Ann attended the AWA Spring Clinic recently.

SHARON NADON, QUESNEL, sent along an announcement of upcoming events that are being sponsored by the T.W.H.A.B.C. First on the list is a clinic by Ann Kuykendall of Muskogee, Oklahoma, being held this weekend, April 9 and 10. The other big event is the B. C. Walking Horse Celebration on Sept. 10 & 11, with Jake Price of Carlton, Oregon, judging. Both are being held in Quesnel at Reiersen's Riverview Arena.

JOYCE PATTERSON, CAWSTON, writes, "My mare, Alberta Moon, aka Dixie, had a beautiful blue roan colt. Dianne Ogden phoned me from Pavilion this a.m. I'll be picking him up in September. I was so happy. My very first pure bred Tennessee Walker foal - and a blue roan! I just couldn't believe it."

PEACE AREA NEWS by Jo-Anne McDonald

Well, I'm very sad to report we lost Little Toot Wilson on March 7. Toots had a very severe allergic reaction to the selenium she had been given. She was within one month of foaling. She will surely be missed.

On a happier note, we are expecting seven foals this year. I hope all will be well.

We have sold our sorrel mare, Barker's Paige Lee (Randy's Mr. Barker x King's Falling Star) to Charles and Marjorie Lacy of Edson, Alberta. I hope this is the mare you've been looking for, Charles! Congratulations and best of luck. I'm sure "Snuffy" will bring many miles of easy riding.

Don has had our three year old mare, Monteray Snip, at our local Fair Grounds since the first of the year. He has been taking riding lessons on her and both are learning lots. Monteray Snip is Toots' last filly so she will be kept as a future brood mare.

Jayne Walker is also getting a a "brain transplant" - trying to change from trail riding to show riding via lessons. These lessons do teach lots of the finer points of horsemanship. Learning how to teach a horse to bend and relax is a challenge in itself, Jayne says.

She also reports that her gelding, Dancer, will be going to his new home by the middle of March. His new owners are Dan and Maureen Cardinal of High Prairie, Alberta. They also own the sorrel gelding Misty's Chico Ray (Laddie's Monte Ray x Doll O' the Mist).

Well, I guess that is all I have to report for now. Good luck to all at foaling time.



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1987 proved to be a busy one for us. Club members attended several parades dressed in our club jackets, and were very well received, with up to eight horses in each parade. Plans are underway for even more parades for this year, and featuring far more horses in each.

A few of our members entered in a local endurance ride and, for beginners, did quite well. Two of them then went on to compete all around the province and into the U.S.A., and Dave Smith and his TWH stallion SUN'S ROCKY VELVET won the top Endurance Stallion of B.C. award. Not bad since this was Rocky's first year as an Endurance horse, and he's only 6 years old!

We hosted two 2-day clinics, each of which was followed by a 1-day Funshow. The first was coached and judged by Anne & Bob Kuykendall of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and sponsored by the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeder's & Exhibitor's Association. The Kuykendall's had much good advice for us, and we quickly came to admire their expertise with horses, and especially the Tennessee Walker.

The second clinic/show was coached and judged by Diane Sept of Calgary, Alberta. This is the second such event with Diane, she has such a wonderful rapport with both rider and horse that we unanimously agreed to hire her a second time. Both events were very well attended, and this year we will be hiring Lane Curry of Maple Valley Washington for a similar weekend.

The W.C.T.W.C. will also host some schooling shows and playdays in the Vancouver area, inviting all our equestrian colleagues.

Our club president, Ann Tonn, was elected to the T.W.H.B.E.A. Board Of Directors, as the representative for the entire province of B.C. Ann attended the December meetings in Tennessee, and brought back many good wishes and much good news to her associates. Of prime interest was news of two super new video tapes now available to add to the growing list of educational films made by the T.W.H.B.E.A.

R.C.M.P. constable Mark Dibblee rode Marjorie Fabro's gelding CANADIAN BLUE BOOGIE in a Kimberley parade, and was so impressed that he asked Marjorie to permit him to use Blue as often as possible. Blue is now appearing in many R.C.M.P. functions, whenever they need a big black horse. Even the R.C.M.P. are starting to learn about the Tennessee Walker!

Walkers will be represented in the B.C. Horse Improvement Program Show this fall, which will be held in Langley, B.C. This program is for B.C. bred and owned horses of all breeds, and will feature a stallion parade, information booths, and many show classes.

The West Coast Tennessee Walker Club will also be manning a booth at a Horseman's Bazaar, and we plan on dressing our representatives in ante-bellum costumes. Armed with the new "Ride With Pride" video, we should make a good showing, and attract a lot of attention.



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by Sylvia Crouter

J. D. and I attended the annual meeting in December. On Friday the Pleasure Committee met. About six years ago when the Pleasure Committee was first convened we were few enough to sit around one table. This year the big meeting room was half full and many Board Directors were present. This shows the great strides the flat shod walker has made in just a few years. We are being taken seriously and our opinion counts.

At the Pleasure Committee meeting a lot of discussion centred on the use of the word "animation" as a criterion in the judging of plantation classes. Advocates of the more highstepping plantation horse wanted the word animation left in the official description, fearing, no doubt, that the Walker was in danger of becoming a kind of comatose, head-droopy performer. The majority of those present, whose fears focused more on the distinct possibility that plantation horses could become artificial, had their way and "animation" was dropped. "Presence" and "brilliance" were considered appropriate for our flat shod horse.

There is a new class called Western Riding which counts toward Supreme Versatility points. See your new booklets for a description.

(Reprinted from the Box Hanging Three Ranch's Spring 1988 Newsletter with permission from the author. Thank you!)

ALBERTA NEWS

A.W.H.A. SPRING CLINIC with attendance of over 100...



Our sympathies to MARILYN ARMSTRONG at ROADMASTER STUD FARM, HAY LAKES, who recently suffered the tragic loss of her TWH stallion. Midnight Sun's Shadow, one of the last sons of the immortal Midnight Sun, and the only one in Canada to my knowledge, is dead. He would have been twenty three this summer. We are very sorry, Marilyn.

GLEN & SHEILA REUM of RYLEY are pleased to announce the arrival of a pinto filly on March 8. She's by Stormy Secret out of Shaker's Serenade.

JUDITH MASSE', LEDUC, phoned to say that they are selling their farm and so the horses will have to go too. Judith has a team of beautiful black Walkers and an assortment of vehicles for them to pull. One real showpiece is an authentic replica of an Australian landau coach with burgundy leather seats, fringed surrey top and solid oak wheels.

ROGER FREI of CALGARY is the new owner of Northfork Canadian, also known as Cody. He and Cody made their debut at the AWWA Spring Clinic in Calgary.

RUSS & ROSE DAVIES, DUFFIELD, are back from their trip south, with 7027 miles to their credit. They stopped in at the Bureau of Land Management wild horse corrals outside of Reno, Nevada, and had a tour around. There were about 900 head of horses there at the time. They also had a look at some Walkers in California.

Russ has started working their brown Paso gelding. Sadly, the other Paso foundered while they were away, so there went Russ' team.

Davies are the new owners of the well gaited, sorrel roan mare, Merry Go Katie, bought from Judy Severo at Elkford, B.C. last fall. They are considering raising a foal or two from Katie.

A.W.H.A. SPRING CLINIC

Andrea Thornber, Cicily Little & Louise McLaren

present their mares (Lotza Spots Summer, Northfork Redwing & Joe's Snow Princess)
for appraisal by Dr. Womack



WINDI BOHN, DEVON, writes, "Charity's News Flash is now in Kelowna at V4 Stables. I sold him to Luigi Valentini."

"I own two fillies, both two years old; Echoing Imprints and Tom's Little Bird. I'm training both horses in harness this year. Harness is my new found joy! I'm considering trying Birdie in plantation someday. I'm co-chairing the Provincial Classic with Neale Hubbard this year. It's my first major involvement behind the scenes with a horse show and it's a challenge."

At UPHILL FARM, EDSON, we are sad to report the death of our palomino mare, Lady's Merry Mist. Born in 1971 at the Double Diamond Ranch in Rhame, N. Dakota, Misty was imported to Canada at her mother's side by Jack Schmehl of Rimbey. We bought her as a green broke three year old, our first purebred Walker. She will be sadly missed, but her bloodlines will live on in her eight surviving offspring who are scattered from Ontario to B.C., Alberta and Utah.

NEIL MASON of CALGARY phoned recently. He's been hunting all over Alberta and into B.C. for a big, strong, very well broke TWH gelding for use as a field trial mount. He has even looked at Walkers as far away as Arizona and Missouri, but a good mount is hard to find.

ALBERTA NEWS

JEAN REMPEL, WINFIELD, writes, "Mary has Beauty (Bushbaby's Beauty) going quite well, both bareback and under saddle. She has to have 125 hours on her for the five credits at school. She's in grade eleven and wants to take up animal health management and horsemanship. She has 52 hours so far, and needs to get her in a show before the end of June as part of the required time."

"I have started to ride Luke (Northfork Sky Walker) for a few minutes every day or so. It is sure hard to limit yourself to fifteen minutes, and not more than half an hour if you include saddling and grooming time. I likely won't get out to any shows or rides this summer. I haven't missed the Gaited Show since I first went as an onlooker in 1984.

"We are looking forward to our first purebred foals, one by Answer to Prayer and one from Luke. Gypsy, our partbred, will also have a foal by Luke. It'll be interesting to see what colour this one will be; her other two were one colour when foaled and a different colour at a year old."

ENNIS & KATHY MYERS, VETERAN, relatives of Larry Hauk, wrote to say that Larry's horses will be dispersed in an upcoming sale. The date of the sale was not specified.

We are very sorry to hear of the passing of John Rempel, at Winfield, Alberta last week; our sympathies to Jean and her family.

STONE VALLEY WALKERS, ALIX, reports the sale of Shandy Maestro, to Vern & Jeanne Lauck of High Prairie, Alberta. This tall, long-striding 3yr old has moved into the kind of country he will enjoy - lots of space! Intended as a pleasure mount for Jeanne, he will carry his new owner in comfort for miles. Best of Luck, Jeanne - I'm really quite jealous that you'll be the first to ride this beauty!

JACK GURNETT, RIMBEY, announced the arrival of a fine chestnut colt out of Perfection's Twiggy by Kary's Jeepers.

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NEWS FROM OUR U.S. SUBSCRIBERS

LAURA WYANT, CHESHIRE, OREGON, sent along an ad for the stallion, Bodacious Sun #692920, along with a couple of photos. This grandson of both Midnight Sun and Merry Go Boy is also the grandsire of Laura's black stallion, Indigo Boy.

From JACKIE KALBERER, CRESCENT RANCH, UMATILLA, OREGON, "I saw a copy of your magazine and would like to subscribe. I was happy to see the ad for Crescent Gold Dust in the Jan./Feb. issue. I have his only full sister. The two of them did very well showing as weanlings and yearlings when I owned them."

"I have a direct son of Midnight Sun out of a granddaughter of Merry Boy and Roan Allen F-38 that I am standing and selling foals from. I would like advertising information also!"

CRISTINE HOLT, DUBUQUE, IOWA, writes, "Boy! Did I eat up the advertising in the Jan/Feb issue. It gave me a clearer picture of the breeders in Canada. It kind of gives a person the feeling that Canadians are taking their Walking Horses seriously and that the industry is really maturing. I know that they have always been serious, but the professional looking advertising really brings that idea across strongly. For those who used pictures, I can now connect the picture with the names that I have been reading about for so long."

"I was interested to be able to study Crescent Gold Dust's pedigree. Would like to see more pictures of him in the future. Seeing a picture of Northfork Sky Walker makes me want to read more about his offspring. And now I know what Sun's Rocky Velvet looks like. Nice shoulder line! Beauty's Trail's End is a beauty indeed. Nothing like a good looking Walker duded up in good looking Western tack. And I really enjoyed the aerial view of Jordan Valley Farm. Very impressive."

"Of course, I never tire of seeing the regulars: F-88's Masterpiece, Thunder's War Eagle, Chapie's Topper, Misty Dark Delite, Go Boy's Crown Royal, Perfect Shadow, Shaker's Royal Heir, and finally, Go Shadow Go. Stalwarts of the breed if you ask me. I hope we continue to see this type of serious advertising. Makes me hanker to promote my horses in Canada just to see Merry Man in such good company!"

CALVIN MILLER, RHAME, N.D. sent me a copy of his videotape of young Walkers for sale at the Double Diamond. It's very interesting. We were also talking about the proper trimming of Walking Horses' feet. Calvin says, "On a good natural Walker we try to trim the front feet with the same angle as the shoulder, which can be from 50 to 54 degrees. Most are around 51 to 52 degrees. The hind will be somewhere between 53 and 56 degrees, depending on conformation, etc."

I talked to SYLVIA CROUTER of the Box Hanging Three Ranch, Dubois, Wyoming, recently. They have a brown yearling colt on their ranch now that was born in Calgary. He's by Go Shadow Go out of Verline's Lady.

They recently sold their Shaker's Shocker stud, Shocker's Pioneer. He was a 16:3 hh black stallion. Another of their stallions, Alova's King of Sage, is a great grandson of Beauty's Sage King and grandson of Shadow's Brantley - familiar breeding to Canadians.



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SOME MORE NOTES FROM Dr. BENNET'S CLINIC ON LOCOMOTION IN THE HORSE

= The back can be divided into four areas: neck, thoracic, lumbar and sacral. They are all tied together from the poll to the tail, by a strong "main cable".

= The neck vertebrae are like cars of a train - always 7 bones - all similar but each is different.

= The 1st joint allows for up and down movement only e.g. to flex at the poll.

= The 2nd joint rotates on its axis but cannot move up or down.

= The 3rd to 6th joints permit some rotation. This is seen when a horse twists and turns to get his head through a fence!

= Fear of pain causes resistance. Resistance causes the muscles to clamp tight. Slackening the muscles on each side of the neck will cure the resistance.

= The thoracic vertebrae (rib section) are poorly connected and easily disturbed by bumps from severe posting, reining, cutting or dressage exercises at too young an age. They have prongs which form the withers. The withers form the fulcrum for the "main cable", maintaining the tension in it.

= Growth plates in all horses do not close until they are 5 1/2 - 7 years old, until then they are very easily damaged.

= The saddle is essentially designed to transfer your weight OFF the spine onto the ribcage.

= The loin area (Lumbar vertebrae) has very little up and down movement and even less sideways. "If you ever see a horse moving with GROSS alternate hip movement - you know he's hurting himself"

= A horse that can't canter or does a lateral canter, has likely damaged his back. However, careful therapy can effect a cure.

= The higher the withers - the better the suspension in that "main

cable". The point of the withers acts as a tower on a suspension bridge does to maintain the tension in it.

= Good loins - not too long - also help support the cable.

= The only true sign of collection is the arched tail, being a result of relaxed back muscles allowing this main cable to be tautened, thereby shortening the whole of the horse's length and maximising the driving power of the hind quarters. When the tail arches, so does the head come up.

= When the head is lifted artificially, the withers are lowered and the main cable is slackened. Back muscles then take up to support the rider's weight and prevent damage to spine. Tight back muscles will prevent a horse from ANY natural movements.

= Dressage exercises develop and strengthen the belly muscles, allowing the horse to carry the rider's weight (which is on the weakest part of the back) without clamping those back muscles.

= The Femur (hip joint-stifle) should be equal to or longer than the Gaskin (stifle - hock). TWH needs a longer Femur to make the hind leg swing like a pendulum. Short Femurs are desirable in SPRINT RACERS.

= Longer Gaskins are always bad - cause of weak and wobbly hocks. Lower hocks should be the result of longer femur and gaskin bones. This makes the stifle lower too. Extra hind leg length guarantees the horse is gaited.

= Stifle and hock joints take most of the stress. "Straight" legs cause less strain on the joints but lack flexibility.

= The Rump should be level with or slightly higher than the withers.

[These notes are not intended to cover the WHOLE clinic ... but they sure make interesting reading! The video tapes are about 5 hours long. J.M.K.]

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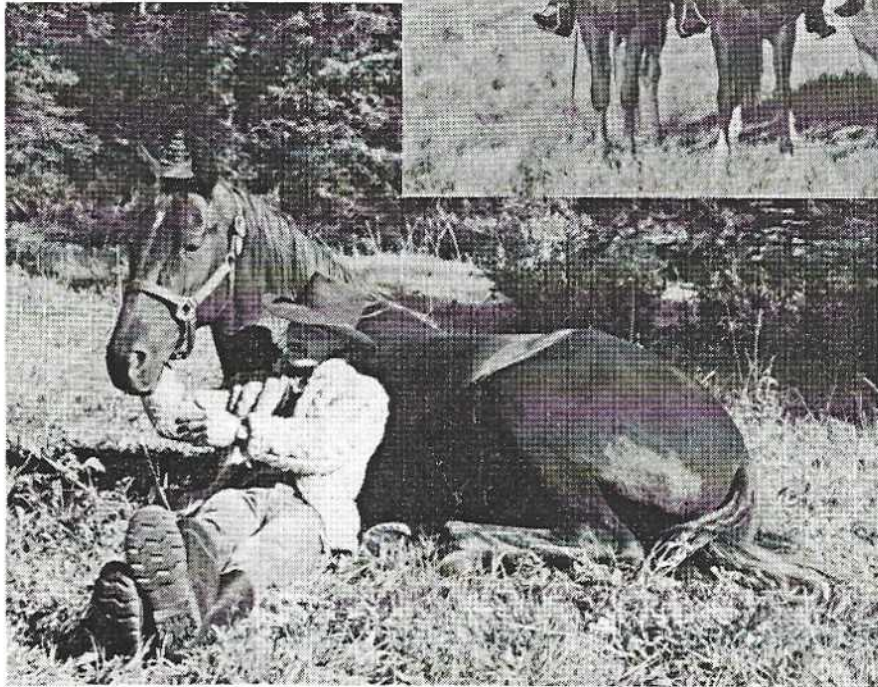
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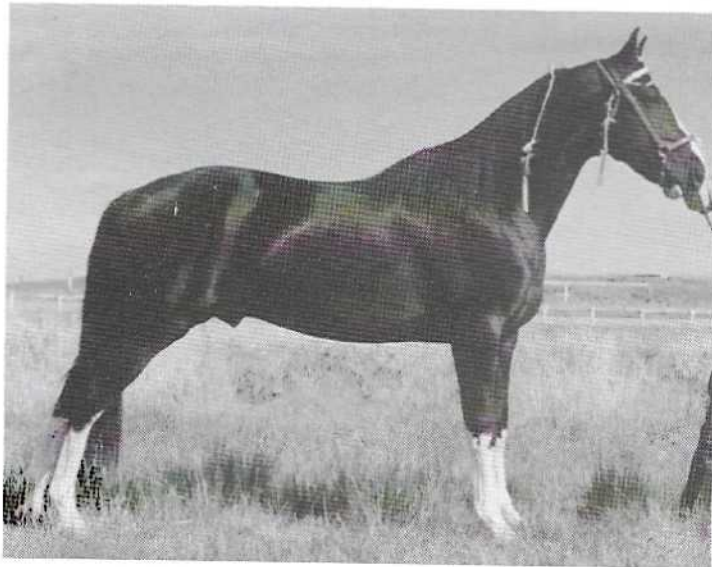
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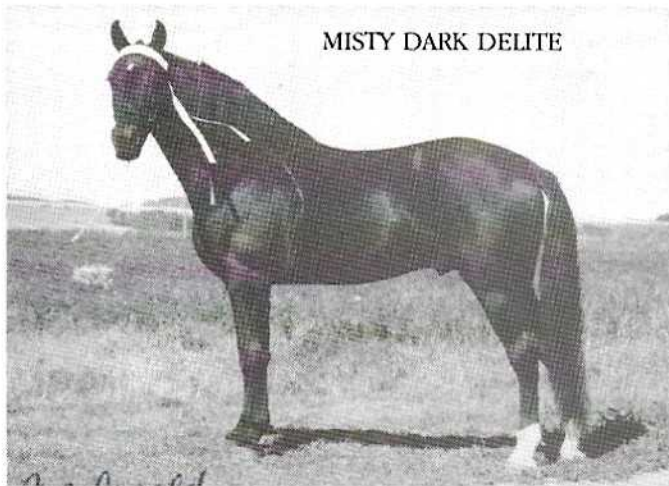
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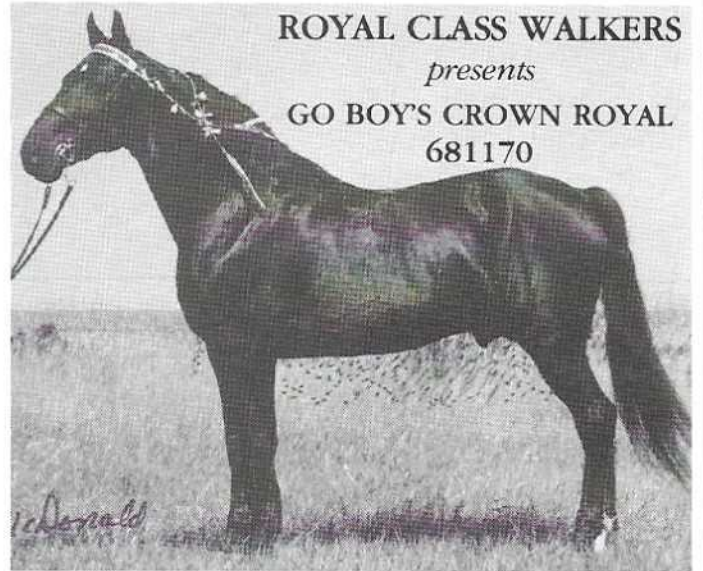
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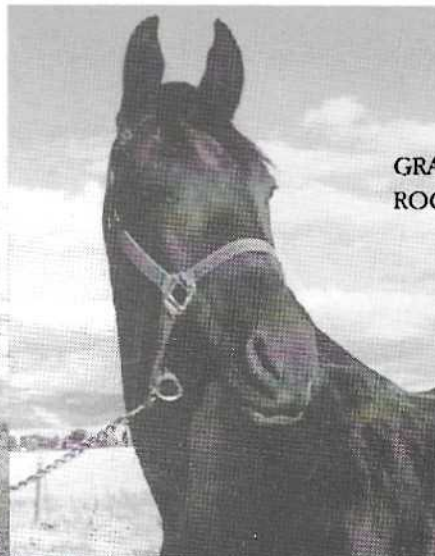
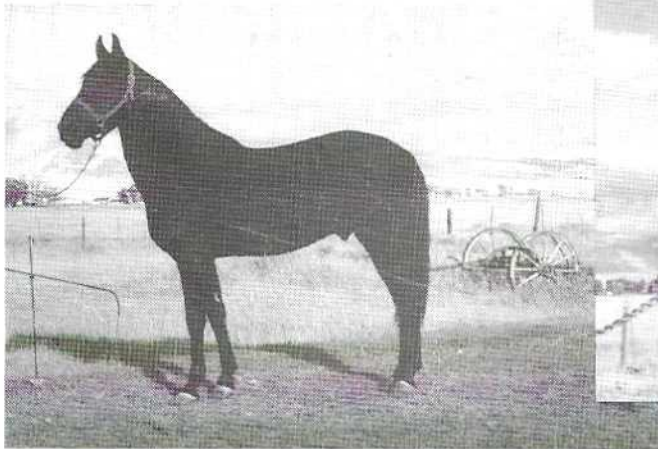
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