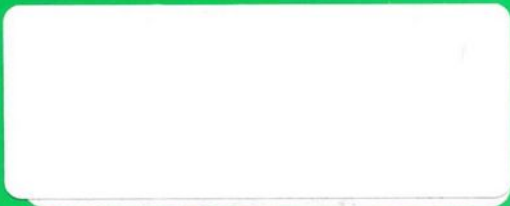
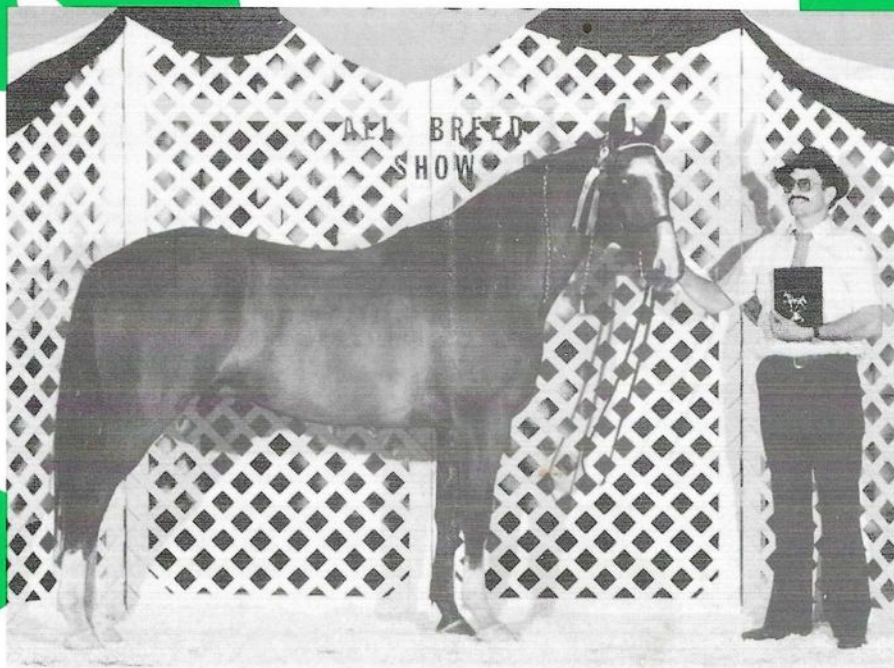


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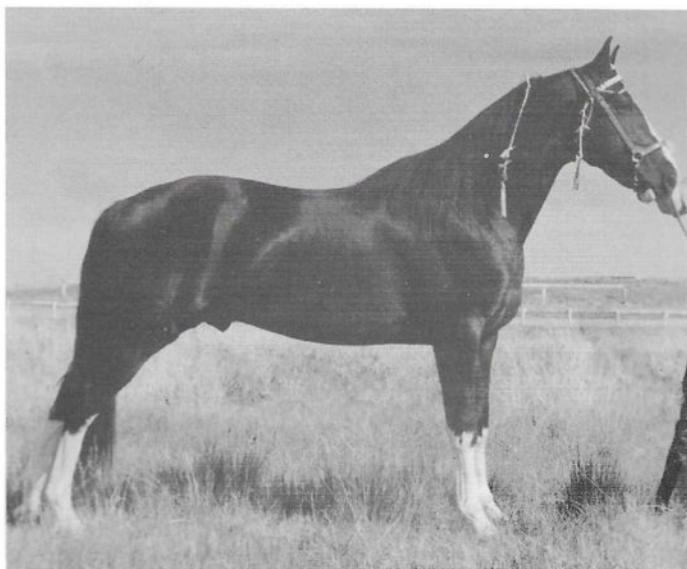
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Best wishes to you all in 1992!

I looked back at my 1991 "New Year's Resolution" to have 500 or more WHN subscribers by January of 1992, and find that we're still at approximately the same number as last year at this time. Not that we don't have dozens of NEW subscribers. It's just that there always seem to be an equal number who drop out. If you have any suggestions to help us hold on to our current subscribers, we'd appreciate hearing them. In the meantime we are advertising WHN in various rural papers to attract TWH owners who may not already know about us.

Thanks to everyone who wrote, supported the paper with ads and subscriptions, sent Christmas cards and thanked us for our work on WHN. Hearing from you gives us a boost on the days when things go wrong and someone else is mad at us!

Please keep writing, and thank you for the increase in classified ads. Remember, there's no News without you!

Marjorie C. Lacy

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\* COVER PHOTO: Streaker's Son, "Spike" wears the purple ribbon for the
\* Champion of the Breed at the Manitoba All Breed Show,
\* 1991. He was quite a proud gentleman and so was his
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## AGAINST THE ODDS IN RENO

by Debra Jack

At 5 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning, we loaded our lite-shod gelding, Tsuniah's Sunday, and our new novice plantation mare, Carolina Delight, on our horse trailer and set out for Reno, Nevada, and the Western States Celebration, one of the largest Tennessee Walking Horse shows in the United States.

We were accompanied by Mary Jo Neu of Armstrong. Mary Jo had worked all summer for us, grooming horses and riding in juvenile and certain amateur events. When we lost our trainer mid season, Mary Jo spent much of her own time helping us work the horses in preparation for Reno. So she, too, was excited to see how our work would stack up with some of the best Tennessee Walking Horses shown today. The show was held at the Livestock Events Pavilion, a great facility. Over 250 horses entered the three day show in three

separate divisions - lite shod, plantation shod and show horse divisions.

Our major goal is to take Sunday to the world championships in Shelbyville, Tennessee next August. So despite a long illness on his part and the loss of his trainer, we were anxious to see how he would measure up. We believe he is truly a great western horse, having won numerous western championships. But this was the big one!

Mary Jo is only 14 years old and until Reno, had only shown in juvenile and amateur classes. She had never been defeated on Sunday, but in Reno she would take on the professionals. No small task for a young person who had had nothing to do with Tennessee Walking Horses until one short year ago.

Mary Jo qualified for the championship stake by winning the amateur ...>



Tsuniah's Sunday at Reno, Mary Jo Neu in the saddle.

Reno cont'd...

competition. That was really an exciting moment, but it didn't compare with the thrill of hearing the big announcement:

"The winner of the 1991 Western States Celebration Plantation Lite Shod Open Western Championship is number 365, TSUNIAH'S SUNDAY, Mary Jo Neu the exhibitor, Caithness Croft Inc. of Armstrong, British Columbia, Canada, the owner."

Our novice plantation mare, Carolina, proved her potential as well. Despite her lack of professional training, Carolina

walked her way to three reserve championships, including the plantation juvenile championship with Mary Jo in the irons. This time she placed ahead of both the 1991 and 1990 Juvenile World Champions.

Needless to say, the 1500 miles home were considerably shorter than the 1500 miles to Reno.

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### NEWS FROM OUR U.S. SUBSCRIBERS

KATHY STUMPH, NEWPORT, WASHINGTON, phoned to see what had become of her Nov/Dec WHN. She told me the sad news that the stallion, Delight's Shadow Man, died in September at age 24. However, they do have a nice, pure black son of Shad's that may carry on his line. The dam of this colt is a Midnight Sun/Black Dust mare.

From JACKIE KALBERER, UMATILLA, OREGON, "My NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS are  
1) To try to make a difference by example.  
2) To work toward winning more new people for Walking Horses with facts, not flack.  
3) To continue breeding in what lots of other people seem content to nail on (or worse). (Right now my 22 head of horses do not own one shoe between them.)  
4) To try to keep in touch better with family, friends, past customers and my God."

"My Midnight Sun stallion, the not black but chestnut, Sun's Jack Dare, died peacefully on November 7, 1991, 26 years to the day from when his sire, Midnight

Sun, died. Jack is buried in the lane between pastures where he could watch all his mares and chose the set he wanted to be outwith after he finished his grain. He has left me some most outstanding 1991 foals and some mares that will foal to him in '92. I'll miss him."

"Shortly after Jack's death, Windi Bohn sent me a head shot of Jack that she had taken two years ago. It was a wonderful unexpected gift. Another friend shared some old articles she had gathered from past Western Horseman magazines, one a tribute to Midnight Sun after his death, by Margaret Lindsley Warden."

"I have a Midnight Sun daughter but may never have her long enough to raise a foal. There can't be many left producing now."

"Jack always left me guessing color-wise. Right now I have a colt who is mink? grulla? frosted licorice chocolate? color with a blaze, even hind stockings, and growing a white and gray streaked mane and tail. Another colt is a sabino crop-out, overo Medicine Hat roan with spots under his hair in his hide that would let him pass for Appy in anybody's eyes."

"The fillies are just as bright. Two sisters from Big Bertha are "Pink" -orange roan with blaze, stockings, and stark white manes and tails. There is a bay but she has two high stockings in back, nice blaze, and teal blue rings in her eyes. This doesn't count the filly from Marilyn Armstrong's black mare, Polly, who is a pure, true WHITE!"

"So now, after Jack's last foals are born, the stallion I have to replace him



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"On the plus side, he is flat out the most smoooth and naturally gaited stallion I've ever had to ride and use. So watch out - here is a stallion that can put "walk" on a gate post!"

"I'm also leasing a young stallion from Waldrons. This very nice colt is an evenly marked black and white tobiano son of Ebony's Beta Max out of a double granddaughter of Pride of Midnight, and both his maternal great granddams were sired by Sun's Delight. Now I can wonder if the foals of 1993 will be pinto marked or not, but with those good old Midnight Sun lines, I'll know they will walk, regardless."

LEONARD ELIASON, DEER LODGE, MONTANA, phoned to see if I might know who the Alberta lady was who stopped to visit and look at his stallion, 7L's Perfect Shadow, last summer. Leonard was away at the time and the barn manager showed her the horse but didn't get her name. If you're that person, he'd like to hear from you! (406)846-2691

A correction from ALLANNA JACKSON, LAKESIDE, ARIZONA: "The article on Eb's Jet Stream was interesting. It was kind of you to mention my involvement in getting the story, indirect as it was. However, I'm afraid there was an error concerning Sassy (Sacia's Pride); an easy mistake to make because of her name. She was not bred by the Sacias, but by Ethna Friesen. John Sacia bought Sassy's dam, Katrina's Dolly, from Ethna Friesen after Dolly had been bred to Gold Rush Rocky but before Sassy was born. Therefore, Sassy's papers read: "Bred by Ethna Friesen, Polson, MT, Owned by Mrs. Jane A. Sacia, Missoula, MT." Considering that Christine Kobza wrote in asking about other horses bred by Ethna Friesen, I thought a correction might be in order."

From LYLE & GRACE LARSON, FORSYTH, MONTANA, "Again, we didn't get anything

else done around here until we finished the Walking Horse News! The article by Allanna Jackson was especially helpful since we are training Haze's Amber Morning, and the information on schooling was just what we needed. She is doing well at a flat walk and responds to leg and hand pressure. Thanks to this article we can keep this training going."

"Our Eastern Montana weather has been extremely dry. The horses are still on pasture but we have been feeding hay as their grass is pretty well picked over. It is getting closer to spring and foaling time. Four mares will foal in May and we are hoping to be able to be present at each foal's birth. Our last year's foal, Misty, has no fear of humans, comes when we call or whistle, learns quickly and yet is spirited. We both assisted Fawn at Misty's birth, then dried her off with the blow dryer, and helped her stand and nurse. Fawn seemed to want us there and we sure learned a lot about imprinting a foal. Mares foal so quickly that we may never have this experience again, but we are sure going to try."

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#### BOB KEYSER

Bob Keyser, formerly of Montana, and well known in Tennessee Walking Horse circles, passed away the last week in January after a lengthy illness. The funeral is to be held in Florence, Montana on February 4.

Canadians probably best remember Bob as the breeder of Hudson's fine old stallion, Queen's Lil Joe, now deceased.

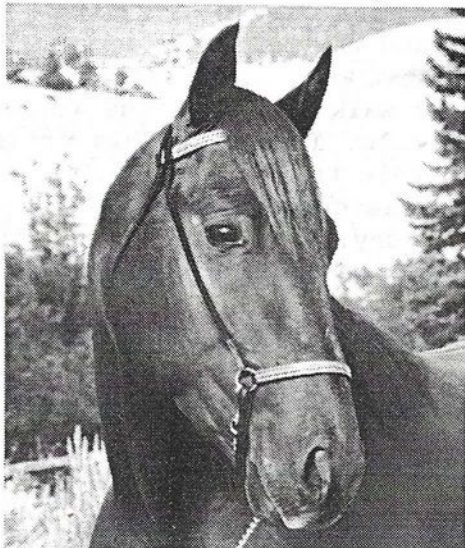
Here at WHN we have an article by Bob that we plan to publish in the near future. I wrote to him for permission to print it and Bob phoned me sometime later, saying it was fine with him if we wanted to use it. We had an interesting chat. He was calling from Washington, where he was undergoing treatment for his illness.

Our condolences to Bob's family.

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as a future replacement for his Arabian/Saddlebred gelding when he (my husband) gets older. With Wisky's foal, our herd will number nine. But despite the four Arabians and three Quarter Horses, I think it's safe to say that there will always be a Tennessee Walker in our herd. Can't wait for spring!"

KEITH DOLL, DOUGLAS, writes, "I hope Old Man Winter is being kinder to you than he's been to us. We've had cold and snow with a vengeance since mid-October. It will be a long winter if this keeps up. After last summer's flies, mosquitoes and grasshoppers, we don't deserve this! But in spite of it all, the horses are all doing fine."

"The tiny filly, Caribou's Carbon Copy (Caribou's Spit Fire x Dakota Maud Star) is now the proud property of Bea Thomas of Brandon. "Cara" was very tiny and undernourished so we weaned her at two months. Bea helped me nurse her along and the attachment just grew from there."

"We had a great trip out to Sundre. My son was married Dec. 1 so while in Alberta took the opportunity to visit some Walking Horse people. I had a great phone chat with Chris McKinnon in Calgary. I'd have loved to see her yearling palomino Last Chance filly but we couldn't get our schedules together. While in Sundre we contacted Marianne and Ted Wray. They invited us out to Mile 19 Ranch and what a fantastic visit we had. You sure meet some great people around Walking Horses."

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## ONTARIO NEWS

JOCELYN BRADY, THUNDER BAY, sent in two subscriptions and writes, "I recently purchased a TWH mare, liver chestnut with four white socks, from Cindy Vercelline of Alborn, MN. "My Yankee Rose" is a real go-getter and in the one month she's been with us, she calls all the shots in the herd! Loves to go out for our rides and is learning quickly that snowploughs and garbage trucks and school buses are just noisy, not horse-eaters!"

"I enjoy reading your magazine and am proud to send it to my American friends."

I had a phone call from RAILI TENKULA, NOLALU, and she was wondering what had happened to her Nov/Dec WHN. Did a lot of you folks in the Thunder Bay area miss that issue? We sent them out Dec. 17 as usual, in a bundle to the district forwarding center at Thunder Bay. Let us know, please. We'll have to make inquiries through the post office if our magazines aren't getting to you.

Jo had just sent me an ad she'd noticed in The Canadian Horsetrader: "ATTENTION TWH Enthusiasts: We need a head count. Is there enough interest to form an Ontario club? Contact Marilyn Faris, Box 631, Watford, Ont. NOM 2S0 (519)849-5631" when I received this letter from Marilyn,

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## PEACE AREA NEWS

by Jo-Anne McDonald

We all got over the holidays and are looking for spring. Actually we have had very mild weather so it seems like spring already. Don and I had a nice surprise just before Christmas. We received a lovely trophy in the mail and came to find out that we had won the Premier Breeder Award given out by the West Coast Walking Horse Club. As a breeder, I guess that is one trophy that indicates your horses are being shown and are doing well. Our first horses are now of an age where people are using them in one form or another. All in all, a very nice surprise.

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## PEACE AREA NEWS

by Jo-Anne McDonald

We all got over the holidays and are looking for spring. Actually we have had very mild weather so it seems like spring already. Don and I had a nice surprise just before Christmas. We received a lovely trophy in the mail and came to find out that we had won the Premier Breeder Award given out by the West Coast Walking Horse Club. As a breeder, I guess that is one trophy that indicates your horses are being shown and are doing well. Our first horses are now of an age where people are using them in one form or another. All in all, a very nice surprise.

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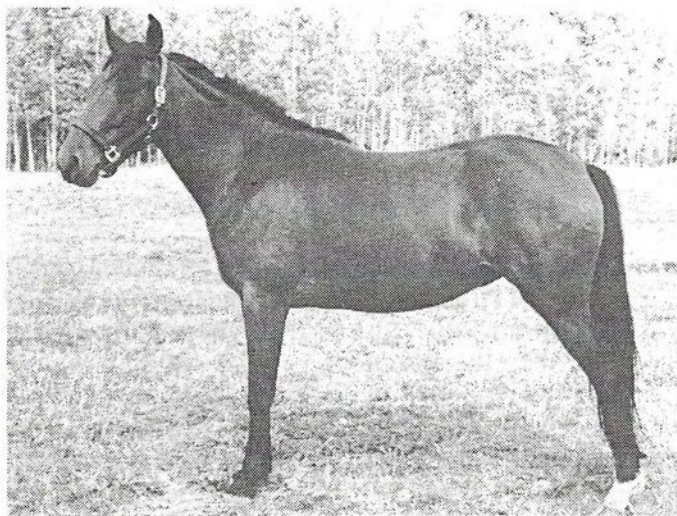
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## ALBERTA NEWS

"Hi. I am ELISE LAMOUREUX from LAC LA BICHE. I have been a Tennessee Walker owner for many years now and hope to be for many more to come. I also train my own horses for English, western and harness and did some jumping. I'm now trying some dressage."

"I don't have only Tennessee Walkers. I have a Quarter Horse, Morgan mare, Appaloosa filly and also a beautiful American Saddlebred mare that is my pride and joy. So you can see that I really like gaited horses as well as the others."

"I have a beautiful black TWH filly that's coming two this May, 1992, and a colt that's going to be one year old in July. The two of them are doing just fine. The filly's training will start this spring and I hope she learns easily. The only thing I really do not know too much about is the special gaits of the Tennessee Walkers. I got the running walk okay, but it is still not all that it should be. If you have any tips, I would be really pleased."

[Well, Readers? If you have suggestions that might help Elise, send them to WHN and we'll revive the "Problem Corner" column.]

From ROSEMARY JORDAN, LEDUC, "I figure it's time to write you all a long, newsy letter. I now have two partners. My sons have decided to join Mom in her horse training endeavours. We are busy as usual around Jordan Valley Farm. While most people wish for warm sunny days, we just change gear and play "Jingle Bells". I'm convinced it's the only way to train a young colt. Strolling Jim himself spent time in harness. Ron & Sharon Carter are so impressed with how quiet Rocket is."

"Another thing - it's funny about all this imprinting stuff that's coming out now. That's always the way I've trained any foal I ever had, even the Arabs (though it didn't make such a big impression (imprint) on them)."

"About blood typing. I like your ideas but I suppose it's too late to do anything now. Boy, everything is so expensive."

"I have three lovely coming two year old fillies for sale, and also two in training. One is a three year old grey

gelding (black roan) and a four year old blue roan filly. She drives like a dream and rides, but she does have a lot of energy. Would make an excellent endurance horse. By spring both will be good horses for fairly experienced horsemen."

"It was nice to see that bit of history on Velvet's Alberta Rose in Dusty Files. I own her now, and she's such a dependable mare. When we went riding at Empty Town, even the donkey didn't flap her."

DAWN CORRIVEAU & LEN BOYER, ATHABASCA, write, "We would like to congratulate PEARL DAY of ATHABASCA on the purchase of King's Red Wing LB, her first Walking Horse. Please send Pearl a gift subscription to Walking Horse News with our compliments."

From RUSS DAVIES, DUFFIELD, "I know it's about time I wrote, maybe long past! I don't know where the days have gone but they seem to fly past. Have been driving Lady, our coming three year old, with Pride until the last couple of weeks. She is very ambitious and just full of go - trots, paces, and runwalks in no order, depending on how she feels. On Christmas I took the family (ten adults and six grandchildren) for a sleigh ride, so that made those two pull pretty well. Colts when first driven seem to scald their shoulders very easily so I made a sweat pad like I make the saddle blankets. I had to clip both sides so they'd be thin enough, but they sure helped."

"I didn't have enough young horses to start (!) so I bought two more. We got Tumbleweed Dan and Ides of March from Eldon Eadie. Dan is coming two and Ida is coming three. I've been ... cont'd>



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driving Ida, hauling hay for the calves. We have 20 feeders. Also been hauling wood and straw, so they get used a bit. Ida is goosie to harness and unharness but she will get over it. She and Dan are full brother and sister, the same shade of sorrel and near the same markings. Both are slim and tall so if they are gaited the same they should make a nice team."

A nice note from DAN & ALMA DAVIES, MAGRATH, "We really enjoy the Walking Horse News and look forward to getting it in the mail. Surely do appreciate all the time and efforts involved in making the magazine possible. Thanks so much!"

BOB BENNER, EDMONTON, writes, "On Nov.1/91 I got my two black Tennessee Walkers, purchased in Georgia a couple of months earlier, home. Their arrival in Edmonton was during that very cold weather we had but they "winterized" very quickly and have done just fine since."

"These are my first Tennessee Walkers (after over 40 years owning Quarter Horses) so I've had two enjoyable months playing with them. I find quite a significant change. I am also trying to learn to ride this new type of horse. It has been a very enjoyable challenge."

"Incidentally, one is a six year old gelding sired by Sensational Carbon and the other is a five year old stallion sired by Ebony Masterpiece. Both have a lot of show experience in Georgia."

"I'd like to thank Neale Hubbard for assisting in this purchase and also for assistance since their arrival."

From LAVERNE & CAROL LUNDGARD, HINES CREEK, "I think Steve has kept you pretty

well informed about our travels and horse trades. Peace River Belle is doing fine; she and the rest of the herd have had real good pickings on the stubble field. I hope to start driving her with Nugget sometime this winter."

I received this note from MARLENE CHARLTON, R.R.3, ROCKY MTN HOUSE, AB TOM 1T0 "I work with Pony Club kids and we do a lesson on all the different breeds of horses. So I collect pictures of the many breeds and have a very good collection. But I do not have a picture of a Tennessee Walking Horse. I have seen many pictures in Horses All but I only use colour pictures. So, if your next issue has some colour pictures I would very much like to have one."

[Well, Readers? Here's your chance to send Marlene a flattering colour photo of one of your Walkers for her collection and help promote your chosen breed.]

From JEAN REMPEL, WINFIELD, after a visit here shortly after Christmas, "It was nice to finally get up to your place, see Rebel and some of your mares, and to see so many deer nearly on the door step. I could hardly believe that Chuck could tell them one from the other."

"Well spring through to winter, 1991, seemed to fly by, with only a few horsey events attended from this farm. Mary and I rode in the TRAC Competitive Ride at Tees in May. I rode Jessie Dee, my new mare that I bought in Dec. (combining her saddle training and Competitive ride conditioning, we entered the ride with 57 days under saddle and a total of 150 miles). She completed the 23 mile ride without mishap. Mary rode Luke and they placed 6th in the Light Weight division. In June I was asked if I would bring a horse to the Drayton Valley Livestock Show and Demo, so I took Jessie to it, and rode her in the cattle show pen with a glass of water (we didn't have much room to work in as the pen was only 30 feet by 60 feet due to lack of space in the arena). Mary and I attended the Red Deer Classic Show and the Festival of the Gaits in Tees. Mary took her 3 year old gelding, "Maverick" ( Northfork Sky Walker X Chapie's Misty) and they showed their



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stuff taking the 1991 High Point Trophy home. Maybe this next year I'll take Luke and see which of the two can get the most points. (Luke [Northfork Sky Walker] was the 1990 High Point horse). I rode Jessie in the Ugetuk Days Parade at Winfield in Aug. receiving 1st place in Adult decorated horse. We only had one problem that as there were so many horses entered there were only 1 or 2 floats etc. between each group or single horse and Jessie didn't see why she should have to walk by herself behind that there truck bristling with heads and horns when there was a nice bunch of friendly looking horses just in front!"

"I hauled a 16 ft. trailer (the first time I've towed one that long) and 4 horses to Red Deer to the Futurity in Sept. Mary showed all 4 in their classes while Diane and I groomed and held them ready. (Mary showed my 2 year old gelding for me after he stood on my foot cracking a toe while we were waiting for his class)."

"Diane, Mary and I attended the CATW Fall Trail Ride in spite of the weather. It was raining when we left home."

"In Oct. I took a week off, driving my pickup to Carrot River, Sask. (the first time I have gone so far by myself) to visit relatives. I stopped in to visit Imgeborg Meachem at Carrot River while I was there. Even though she hasn't any horses now, she is still very interested in them, what they are doing etc."

"It has rained enough this Jan. so far that every side road is a skating rink. The other night I slipped getting in the car and landed on the ice, slamming my right arm on the bottom door jamb. Thankfully I didn't break it, but it sure hurts."

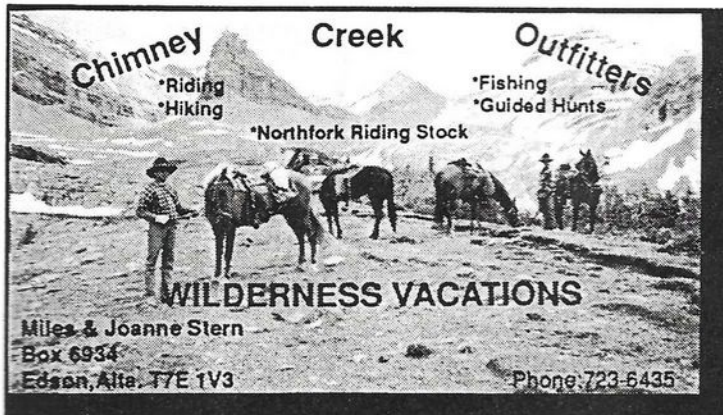
"We have 3 foals expected for April and May so hope the weather is nice then. Belle always seems to foal just prior to a storm and then gets upset when she and her newborn are put inside out of the weather."

"Hope to take Jessie and the cutter to the Cutter Parade in Lacombe this year. The Cutter Parade is meant for horses, mules and donkeys. We didn't go last year as I didn't feel we had enough driving hours to go among a large group of horses and cutters and sleighs safely. In 1990 Jo Kingsland, Sheila Holtz and I went and watched the Cutter Parade and saw a steer run away with a stoneboat, not once but twice, and later I heard that it got away a third time. There was also a horse and cutter wreck afterwards through UNSAFE UNHITCHING. That is the second time I have heard of someone removing the bridle and reins before unhooking the horse from the cutter, without the horse being tied, and the horses running off with the cutters."

"Guess that's all for this time from Rocky Slopes Farm."

## SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

STAN & JEAN RITCHEY, NEILBURG, write, "Stan's black Walker mare, Princess, sure worried us when she couldn't use her left front foot. We had the vet out and she drained an abcess from under the hoof. Stan bathed the foot in warm water and Epsom salts 3 or 4 times a day for a week and a half. She's using it quite freely now but it's still tender if she steps on a frozen lump. We're sure hoping she recovers completely."



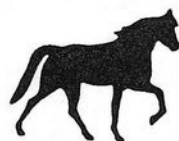
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## BREEDING BLUES

by Arianne Baker

Breeding season is coming up fast and this is just a note for those people who will be taking mares out to be bred. Be aware - this is every bit as serious a contract as making a major purchase like buying a new car.

We had our mare bred three years ago. Everyone thought she caught. We didn't have her pregnancy tested - our fault. Unfortunately we were in the process of moving to a new farm that fall and didn't have the time to get the vet out. But as winter went on, she grew bigger and crankier and we anxiously awaited her due date in April. In April she would walk along and groan and drop to the ground and we were worried that something was wrong. We asked the vet who said that it was normal; some mares get labour pains that make them act like that just before their time.

But April passed and then May came. She had milk but no baby. We had the vet out - and he informed us it was a false pregnancy.

Now by this time, we had already made plans for the current year's breeding. So we contacted the people we had paid our stud fee to the year before and explained about the false pregnancy and that we had already booked our mare to another stallion this year and paid the booking fee. Could we get our money back for last year's fee? We knew we would be purchasing a second stud within the next year so we wouldn't have to travel anymore to breed our mare.

The answer we got back was that it wasn't their fault if there was something

wrong with the mare, and we could rebreed her but no refund.

Obviously there was nothing wrong with the mare as she had a beautiful colt last year and one prior to the false pregnancy. We have contacted them again a few times but to no avail. Their decision is firm.

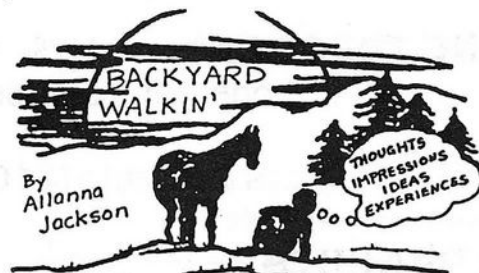
As breeders ourselves now, we offer a refund or rebreeding, under contract, because we lost \$350 that we can never recover and a foal year that can never be replaced. Perhaps others can learn from our experience. Ensure that your investment is protected because it costs more than money when you lose. By the time you add up a stud fee, eleven months of care and nurturing, shots, mare care, vet fees, etc., that cute little baby you get will have cost a lot of money and time. When you've struggled through all that and don't have that precious bundle, and no real satisfaction, it's a hard lump to swallow.

[Editor's Note: If you are thinking of breeding your mare to someone else's stallion, be sure to have the terms spelled out for you before committing yourself. Does "Live foal guarantee" mean rebreeding until you do get a live foal? Does it mean if there's no live foal, that you are entitled to your money back? Do you have a choice of rebreeding or your money back? How do the stallion's owners define "live"? One that stands and nurses? There are many interpretations, and it's in everyone's best interests to have a clear understanding, preferably in writing, before a problem arises.]

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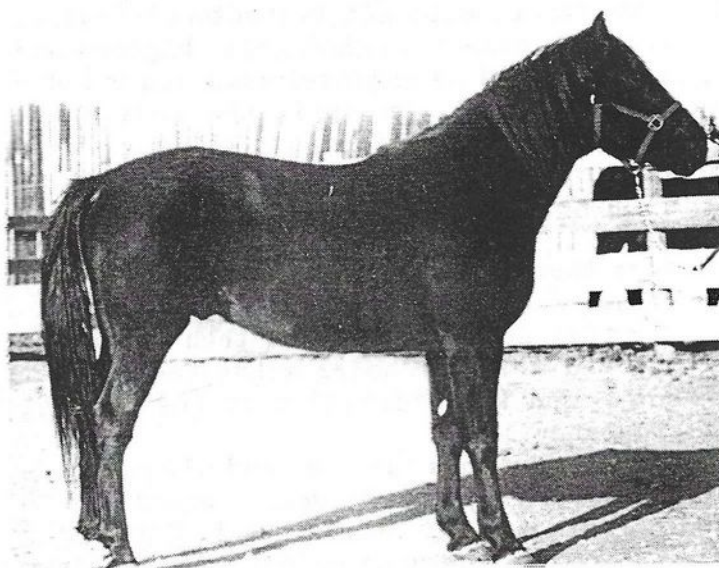


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## DUSTY FILES:

### Ten Years Ago in WHN

by Marjorie C. Lacy

It was January 30/82, and I was bemoaning the fact that we had 70 cm (over two feet) of snow on the ground! Postage had leaped from 17 cents to 30 cents and I informed readers that I'd be single spacing from then on to try to cram the maximum into the seven pages I could mail for 30 cents.

We reprinted Sylvia Crouter's article, "Action Devices" from the Mountain States Region 2 Newsletter. And in the news were Butch Friis, Wainwright, AB, who had brought two new mares and a stallion up from Alabama; Shirley Martin, Coaldale, AB, who had recently purchased Canadian Muskie, 2 1/2, (Canadian Threat x Story's Big Star); George Shearer of Yorkton, SK, who had bought an Ebony Masterpiece stallion; and Marge Doll, Douglas, MB, who had sold Flash' Easy Aces to Marlin Matechuk of Cochrane, AB and Midnight Star F.F. & her filly, Go Boy's Foxy Doll, to Betty Motherwell of Quesnel, B.C. Betty was also happy to report that the Quesnel Horse Show Committee had approved four TWH classes for the June show.

There were ten "For sale" ads, eight TWH stallions advertised at stud, and Ivan Towriss, Biggar, SK, was looking for a small bay TWH mare, not to exceed 14:2 hh at maturity.

### !! NEWS FLASH !!

A T.W.H.B.E.A. Committee met with National Spotted Saddle Horse Association directors on Friday, January 24th, 1992 in a fact finding session to discuss the possible purchase of the N.S.S.H.A. Registry by the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders & Exhibitors Association.

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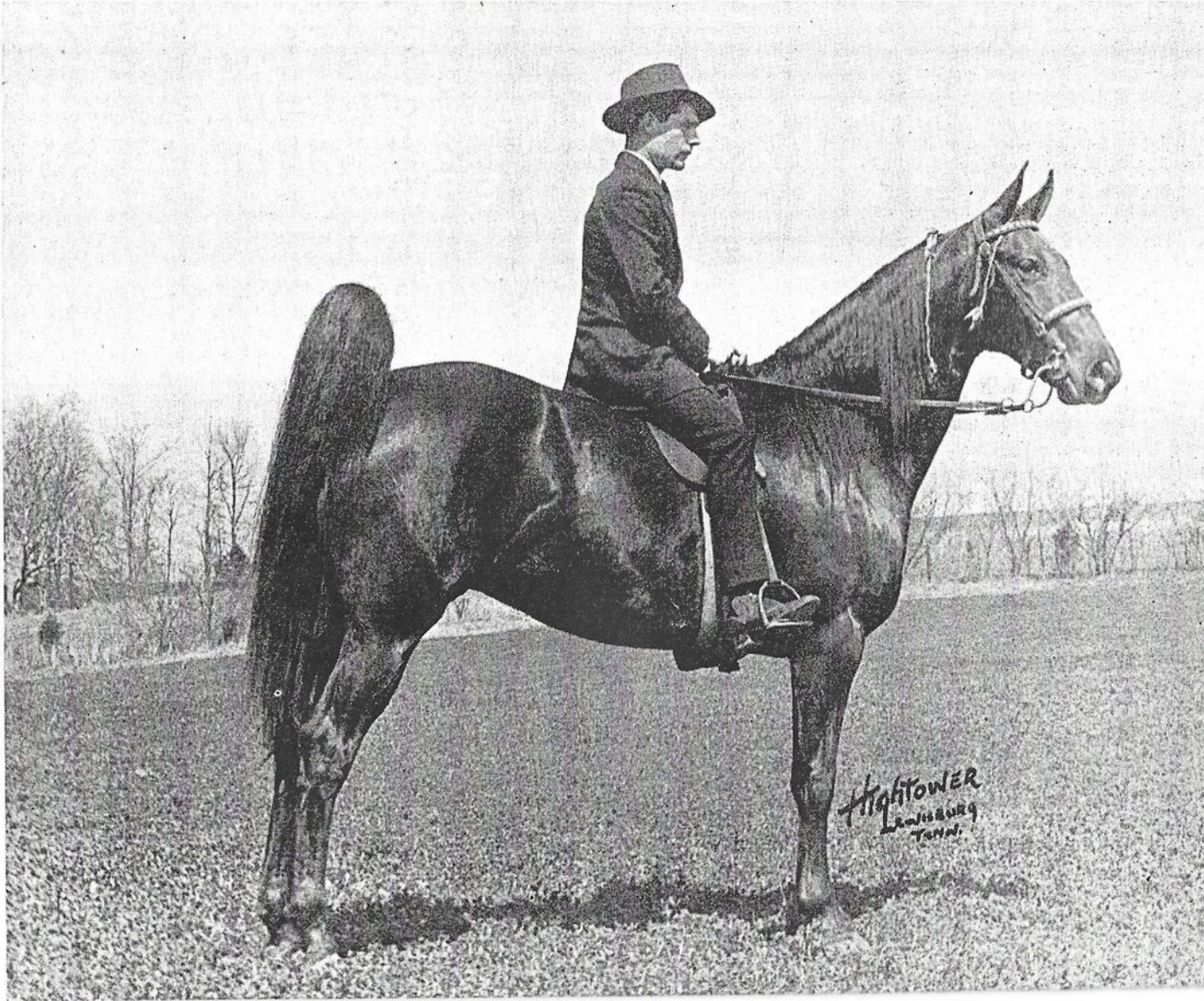
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by Marjorie C. Lacy

The new blood typing rules decided upon at the annual meeting of the TWHBEA on December 7/91 are:

1)Effective October 1, 1992, all females foaled after September 30, 1992, must be blood typed before their resulting foals (offspring) can be registered. The blood typed females foaled after Sept.30/92 must match sire and dam, if dam's blood type is available.

2)Beginning October 1, 1992, a warning will be placed on all new registration papers cautioning buyers about blood typing requirements for future breeding purposes.

3)All horses, past and present, (stallions and mares) that have been blood typed, will have their registration papers identified with a special marking, indicating that they have been blood typed.

4)All persons who voluntarily blood type foals at registration, and /or existing broodmares, will be granted (monetary credit) for blood typing fee. (I inquired as to the amount of credit to be allowed and it is ten dollars off the cost of a blood-typing kit from Tennessee. If you get the blood typing done at the Guelph, Ont. lab,(about \$45 Canadian), you won't be eligible for this incentive. Mrs.

Brandon said they wouldn't take ten dollars off the registration fee instead.)

5)Effective October 1, 1992, all new foals blood typed and registered out of a blood typed sire and dam will be issued a different colour of registration papers to designate their certification, once a complete parentage qualification (sire, dam & foal) is verified on the foal.

6)Effective January 1, 1993, all mares producing a foal must be blood typed before the foals are eligible for registration, and the mares typed be grandfathered as typed.

The new president of TWHBEA is Mr. Walter D. Chism, Tennessee. The new Pleasure Horse Director is Mr. Steve Wirts, Indiana.

I see that some of our Canadian participants in the TWHBEA Versatility Program have achieved high honours. Congratulations to Mona McMillan and Jerry Harlton, Mainwynd Stables, Spruce Grove on Dee Jay's Peppi Two completing her Versatility Championship, and Copy's Super Dame winning Honor Rolls in English and western pleasure.

Congratulations to Andrea Thornber of Calgary and her horse, Mizzou's Spirit, on attaining a Youth Superior Championship. We'd like to hear the stories behind these achievements.

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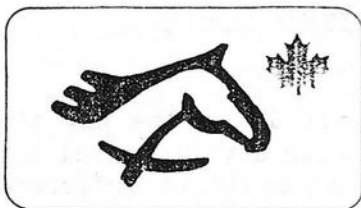
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## STRONG GAIT - THE MODIFYING FACTOR IN THE GAITED HORSE

by Eldon Eadie

When a foal is born, the first thing that it does is struggle to its feet and take its first wobbly step toward its mother. Within a short time it will be walking, trotting or pacing at its mother's side. These gaits are genetic characteristics. If they were not, the learning process would take months, not minutes. When a foal is born, the sequence of muscle contractions necessary for the act of co-ordinated movement is just as deeply ingrained into the brain as those necessary for breathing, sucking, chewing, coughing, defecating or any of the dozens of other activities that it will perform on its first day of life. All that is needed is a little bit of nourishment and a small amount of strengthening of the muscles, and the foal will be able to run almost as fast as a mature horse.

God, in His wisdom, has designed a genetic system that gives each newborn, of each species, almost everything it needs to ensure its survival. In people, walking is not necessary at birth, so all we get is a healthy set of lungs to attract our mother's attention. We have to learn walking later on, so walking is developmental in humans. In most animals it is genetic because they have to be able to escape predators within minutes of birth.

All characteristics of every form of life on earth are either genetic, developmental or environmental, and the genetic nature of gait has been proven by every breeder who has ever mated two horses to produce a foal. The only time in a horse's life when you can observe the

pure genetics of gait is on the day the foal is born. Very soon developmental and environmental factors begin to influence that genetic ability and sometimes it becomes obscured, but the basic patterns of gait programmed into the horse's brain are never far below the surface. They are always there to be influenced by man or nature, and it is the combination of these factors that produces the fascinating study that gaited horse people are involved in.

First, we need a couple of quotes from "Genetics and Horse Breeding" by William E. Jones.

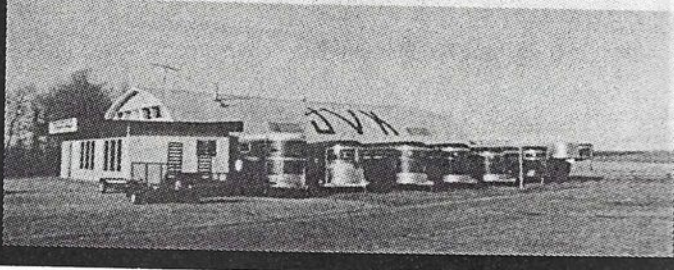
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"Two types of traits exist in horses: those showing discontinuous variation, which are called qualitative traits, and those showing continuous variation, which are called quantitative traits. Many of the traits of importance to horse breeders are qualitative and include such characteristics as color, anatomical and physiological abnormalities, lethals, and certain behavioural patterns. These traits are inherited in discrete classes, and definite phenotypic ratios are obtained when heterozygotes are intermated. The quantitatively inherited traits are also important to horse breeders. Such characteristics as milking ability in mares, speed, pulling power, and growth rates are quantitative traits. Here one finds no definite ratios appearing but rather variation from one extreme to another."

MODIFYING GENES page 176

"Certain genes, known as main genes, bring about the expression of a trait. Other genes, known as modifying genes, modify the expression of the main genes. Some genes modify the expression of several genes, while others modify the genes at only one locus or even one of the alleles at a locus. For example, the dilution gene, D, when it is in the

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heterozygous condition, causes a dilution in the basic coat colors, causing blacks to become buckskin or grulla, bays to become dun, and chestnuts to become palomino."

Translated into plain English, the above reads as follows: There are two broad classes of genes in horses. The first is the qualitative gene group that regulate the quality or "kind" of characteristic. These genes have a dominant/recessive nature, and the characteristic in question will be either one or the other. When you own a black horse, you know that it has at least one gene for black colour because black is dominant. When you have a sorrel horse, you know it has two genes for sorrel because sorrel is recessive. This is called discontinuous variation because there are no intermediate mixtures of colour unless other gene pairs are present that will modify these main genes. In the absence of these modifying genes, there is only one kind of black and one kind of sorrel and only three possible genetic combinations: Black/Black; Black/sorrel; and sorrel/sorrel.

Mankind will probably never fully understand the way that genes actually produce all the characteristics of even simple forms of life. We will certainly never fully understand the genetics of gait, but many pieces of the puzzle are already in place. The basic laws of genetics have been well demonstrated. One of my favorite quotes is from Lawrence Hauk, an old time horseman from Alberta. In one of his more reflective moments he stated, "It's all Mendel's Law, that old monk who piddled around with peas."

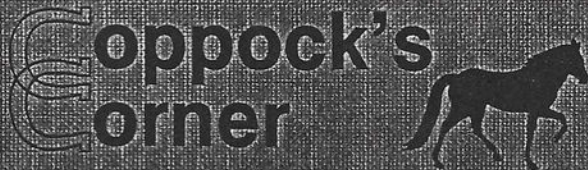
Mendel's Law deals with qualitative genes or the genes that produce "kinds" of characteristics. These genes have a dominant/recessive relationship, where the dominant gene will completely hide the existence of the recessive gene, until an animal is produced that combines those two recessive genes for a certain characteristic. The recessive characteristic can remain hidden for many generations before it appears again. The trot/pace gene pair belongs to this group and the dominance of the trot has been

established beyond question. When you see a horse with a tendency to pace, you know that it has two pace genes. A horse with the tendency to trot will be either a trot/pace or a double trot horse. There are only three possible combinations of this gene pair: double trot, trot/pace, and double pace. These three combinations form the basic building blocks of the gaited horse world, and if that was all there were to it, we would still only have trotters and pacers. But the other component of gait is the "GAIT" gene pair.

This would all be as simple as black and sorrel if it weren't for the modifying power of these "Gait" genes. They belong to the second group (quantitative genes) that regulate the quantity, amount or strength of a characteristic. These characteristics do not come in discrete types but rather show continuous variation (of strength) from one extreme to the other. There is no dominant/recessive relationship between the genes of this group, but rather, every individual will show some amount of the characteristic, be it weak or strong.

Milking ability is a good example of these genes. All females of the species produce milk but some produce more than others. All males of the species show the presence of these genes in the milking ability of their daughters. The dairy industry gives us an excellent example of the use of quantitative genetics. In recent years the average milk production per cow has gone from 1100 to 1700 gallons per year, with most of that increase coming from understanding and using genetics in breeding programs.

The logic of it works like this. One of the laws of quantitative genetics is



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that the strength of the characteristic expressed in the individual is the sum of the strengths of the two genes for that characteristic inherited from each parent. Just for this illustration, let's say that the weakest milking gene would produce 100 gallons per year (gal/yr) and the strongest gene 1500 gal/yr. The poorest producing cow would give 200 gal/yr while the best producer would give 3000 gal/yr because the poorest producing cow would have two of the weakest milk genes and the best producing cow would have two of the strongest milk genes. Since both the cow and the bull each give one gene to their offspring, you need to save bulls from a family of high producing cows. Otherwise, there is a danger of getting one of those 100 gallon genes in the bull, so even when he breeds high producing cows, half his offspring will have that weak gene.

None of this progress was possible for the dairy industry until dairymen realized that the strength of the milk gene from the bull was just as important as the milk gene from the cow.

Quantitative genes are sometimes called "Poly genes" because for each characteristic there are from several to hundreds of different genes, each one producing a different strength of that characteristic. Each individual will have only two of those genes and the strength of the characteristic expressed in the individual will be the sum of the strengths of its two genes.

The second law of quantitative genetics is that every individual of the species will have some amount of the characteristic, even though it may sometimes be so weak that it is difficult to observe.

The gene pair that produces gait is the same gene pair that produce the basic walk of all horses. Over the years, many horsemen have recognized the direct link between the flat walk (strong walk) and gait. To prove that they are one and the same thing, let's look first at the basic walk of all horses. You don't have to look very far before you notice that some horses have a very weak walk, taking short, stumpy steps before breaking into a trot at a very slow speed. Others reach out and stride much better, reaching a higher speed before breaking. Still others, such as Merry Wilson, are excellent flat walkers, striding, nodding, reaching, using their shoulders, travelling fast but still maintaining an even gait at speed. The walk is clearly a quantitative genetic characteristic that shows continuous variation from one extreme to the other.

Well, so far that is common knowledge, proving nothing. But let's take a look at the characteristic that we call gait. You also don't have to look very far before you notice that there are some strong gaited horses and some weak gaited ones. Some show only faint indications of gait, some can travel 4 or 5 miles an hour before breaking to a trot or pace, others up to 8 miles per hour, some don't break at all and some don't even drift slightly until they break into a canter. Gait is also clearly a quantitative genetic characteristic showing continuous variation from one extreme to the other.

#### QUESTION:

What are the "Gait" genes doing in the horses we call ungaited??? If gait comes in different strengths then every horse on earth has gait genes.

#### ANSWER:

THE GAIT GENES OF THE UNGAITED HORSES JUST PRODUCE THE BASIC WALK. GAIT GENES ARE WALK GENES.

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Next issue - Part II of STRONG GAIT: The Modifying Factor in the Gaited Horse

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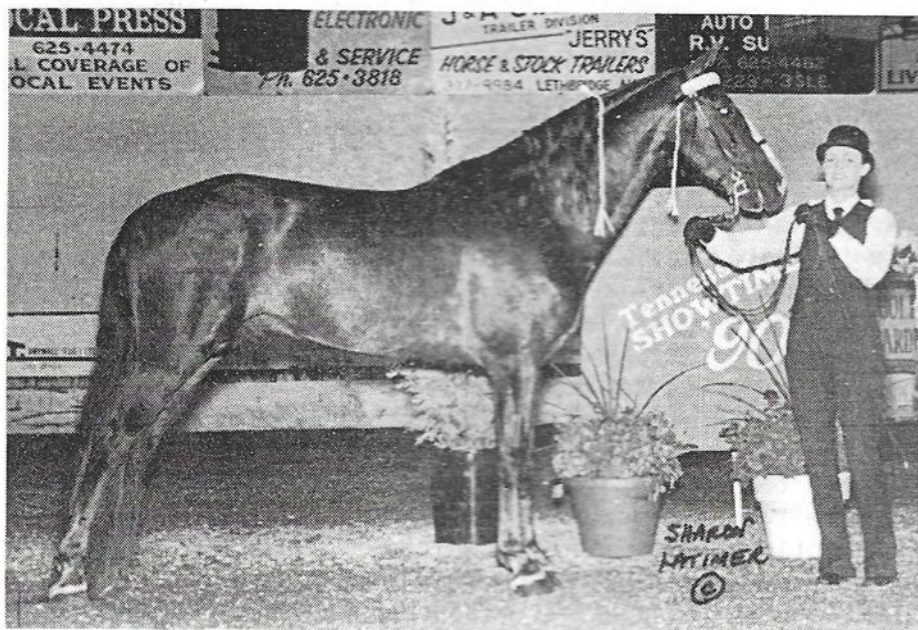
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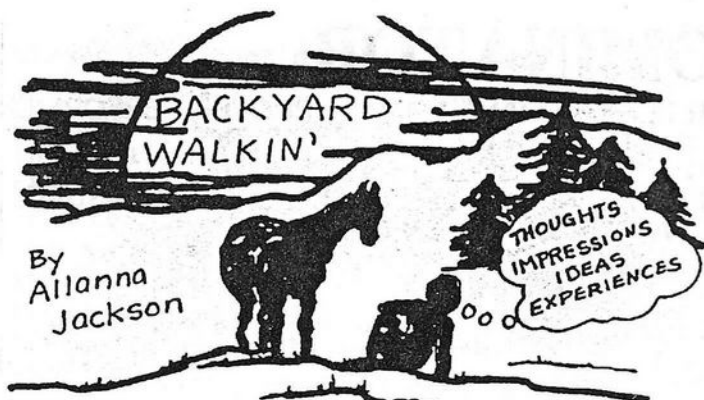
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### Playing with Obstacles

Working a horse over obstacles is an ordinary part of training horses who will be competing in trail classes or jumping, but is seldom considered in the training of a pleasure horse. The assumption seems to be that obstacles are advanced work for show only, until you are astride a horse that totally panics at the request to cross a mud puddle in the road, or have to hang on for dear life while your frantic mount swivels, pivots and finally makes a gigantic leap over some insignificant ditch he could have stepped across. If encountering windfalls while riding in the forest is cause for trepidation, you've met the reason for schooling pleasure horses over obstacles.

Obstacle training for Walking Horses develops balance, co-ordination and caution. It also builds confidence. The horse learns to think on the move, rather than running first and thinking afterwards, which is their natural tendency. The horse that has learned to proceed carefully through obstacles can be trusted to get both of you safely out of awkward or precarious footing unaided, and may actually prefer that you leave him alone and sit quietly while he does it.

Obstacle work is ALWAYS done at a basic walk. We're training pleasure horses, not jumpers. Jumping is a separate discipline that requires different training procedures and the assistance of a knowledgeable instructor. Contrary to most information on gait training, obstacles are NOT used to "break up" or "correct" the gaits. The confidence and adjustability the horse learns will help his gaits but that's an incidental benefit, not the main purpose of obstacle

work. Your flat walk and schooling figures will correct any gait problems. (More on schooling figures next time.)

The horse can be started on simple obstacles as soon as he understands moving away from leg pressure and correct responses to the bit. In fact, the sooner he's introduced to obstacles the better. They give him a reason to do these various movements you've been teaching.

Start simple and build gradually. You want to challenge the horse without over facing him. Mild apprehension in the beginning is part of learning. Terror is not. A frightened horse learns nothing but fear and will be more frightened the next time. The apprehensive horse that succeeds will learn confidence. Obstacles should be introduced in the security of the home area but once the horse becomes willing to slow down and listen to you when he's unsure, go out on the trails. Nothing persuades a horse of the value of turning on the hindquarters quite as fast as getting his nose in a clump of trees with no space to maneuver other than where he's already standing.

The horse that has been reluctant to drop his head, tuck his chin, arch his back and transfer his weight to his hindquarters becomes more willing to do so when collected up this way just before descending a steep hill, especially if he's had experience struggling down the slope trying to avoid somersaulting over his forehead. Don't expect the horse to start collecting himself going downhill; he probably won't. But if you set him up, he'll quite likely co-operate and you'll both notice a difference in the ease, comfort and security of the descent.

Why get his hooves wet when the road beside the puddle is dry? But if home and supper are on the other side of the stream, maybe wet feet aren't so bad after all. With a little thought you can easily make every ride reinforce the horse's training and gaits and have more fun riding at the same time. This also happens to be good preventative management to eliminate or reduce problems such as ring sour behaviour, cheating, or having an angel in the ring but a monster on the trails. When the horse is expected to perform correctly anywhere, at any time,

he will learn to behave all the time.

A simple obstacle to start with at home is a single log or pole on the ground. Make sure it is solid enough that the horse will notice it if he whacks it with a hoof. Horses can kick a single 2x4 or PVC pipe and never notice it, and they certainly aren't going to care. A 4x4 or 6x6 pole or log will produce a solid clunk if the horse hits it and he'll have to knock it fairly hard to move it.

Put the pole on the ground across a fairly wide gate opening and tie the gate open as wide as possible. If you can arrange to have it across a gate at the end of your ride, the horse usually walks through going home so much the better. Simply walk the horse through the gate at a basic walk as always. The horse probably won't be fooled that easily and may slow down or stop to look at it. This is fine, as long as he's facing it. Don't let him spin away or turn his back on it. He must face it. If he does spin away, say to the left, give him the command for a right turn on the hindquarters and spin him right back to face it again. If he spins right, make him do a left turn on the hindquarters back to face it. Once he's looking at it and standing still, let him stand quietly without any pressure from you for a few seconds. Once he's actually looked at the pole calmly, ask him to move forward. He may only move a single hoof but if he actually puts weight on it so that he's closer to the obstacle than before, reward him; he's done what you told him to do.

This is important because this is how he learns to trust himself and you. Let the horse savor his reward for a minute or so and then ask for another forward step. Reward him for the next forward move and so on. Be willing to spend ten or fifteen minutes or more moving the horse one hoof at a time toward the pole. As long as he's facing the obstacle, looking at it, and moving forward even the least bit when instructed to do so, he's learning valuable skills and confidence. You are teaching the horse to cope with fear in a safe and productive manner, something that will make him a better mount the rest of his life.

The horse may, after his initial

hesitancy, suddenly leap forward over the pole. Be ready for it, but DO NOT punish him. All you want this first time is for the horse to cross the pole. You don't really want to reward the jumping so continue home as usual. The horse will realize that the pole didn't bite. The next time he'll probably be more willing to walk across.

The next time you ride him, take him over the pole again just as you did the first time. Walk up to it at a basic walk. He'll probably cross with only a slight hesitation. In a few sessions he should be walking quietly over the pole without hesitation. When he reaches this stage, move the pole into your schooling area and ride him over it there. The new location may startle him the first time, causing him to startle or spook. Handle this the same way you did when first introducing the pole. He should get used to it quickly.

When he's comfortable with the single pole in several locations, add a second pole 20 feet or so after the first one. He might walk over it calmly. Or he might spook at it. This is handled the same way as the first pole. After all, to the horse this is a new obstacle. The horse might simply not see the second pole and trip over it. If this happens, turn around and ride him over them again the other way. He'll probably be more careful. When he's comfortable with that, move the poles closer together. Adding a third pole is done the same way. When the horse is used to three poles about ten feet apart, you can begin changing the number of poles and the spacing between them with every pass through them. Eventually you'll want to move them to a ...cont'd >

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spacing of one to two feet between poles so that the hind feet are just crossing the first pole as the front feet step over the last pole. The horse has to think about where his feet are and co-ordinate his movements to do this. All you need to do is start him into the obstacle straight and moving forward at a slow walk. Give him enough slack in the reins so he can lower his head to watch what he's doing, and sit quietly. The horse will teach himself. When he kicks a pole out of line, leave it there and ride through again. He's made it harder for himself and will learn that it's easier to go clean.

Anything that is safe for the horse to walk on or over can be introduced in the same way. I've used logs, bricks,

plywood, roofing paper and sheets of plastic, both coloured and clear, (weight these down with rocks). Be creative! The only requirement is that it be something that the horse cannot get trapped in or cut on. Trick him once and you'll be a very long time regaining his trust, especially if he's injured or badly frightened by your error in judgement.

For a bit more variety, and to help the horse sidepass correctly, move one of the poles off by itself and ask the horse to sidepass across it in both directions. Keep the pole under the middle of the horse's body as you sidepass.

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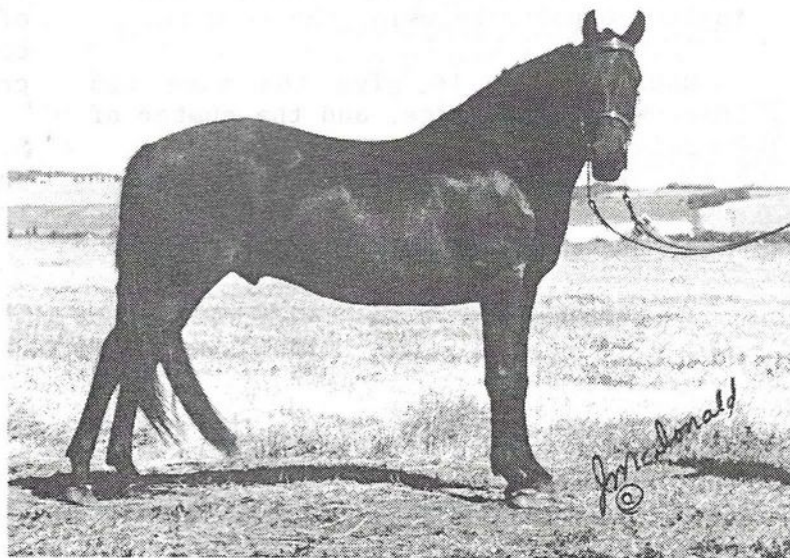
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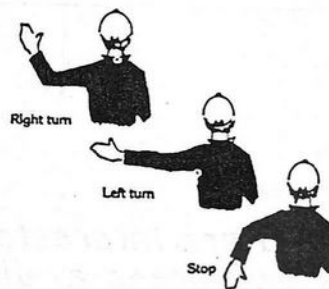
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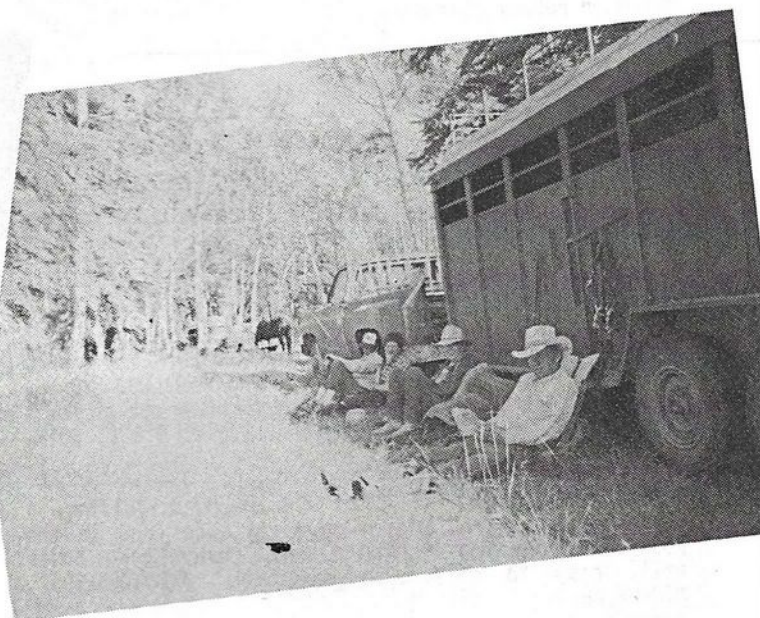
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**COMING EVENTS FOR 1992**

APRIL 4  
 CRTWH Annual General Meeting &  
 Conference  
 QUESNEL, BC. (Neil, 604-992-3220 or  
 Eldon, 403-962-1335)

MAY 2/3  
 Spruce Meadows Auction Sale  
 CALGARY, AB.

MAY 30  
 TRAC competitive trail ride  
 TEES, AB. (Ron, 758-6837)

JUNE 6/7  
 "Wild Rose Walking Horse Specialty"  
 Show  
 OLDS, AB. (Mona, 963-5595)

JUNE 13/14  
 "Red Deer Classic"  
 RED DEER, AB. (Dawn, 885-2002)

JUNE 12/14  
 TRAC competitive trail ride  
 JENNER, AB. (Ron, 758-6837)

JUNE 19/21  
 TRAC competitive trail ride  
 ATHABASCA, AB. (Ron, 758-6837)

JUNE 20/21  
 Taber Open Horse Show  
 TABER, AB. (Ted, 223-3387)

JUNE 26/28  
 TRAC competitive trail ride  
 PEACE RIVER, AB. (Ron, 758-6837)

JULY 3-12  
 Horse Haven at Stampede  
 CALGARY, AB. (Grethe, 934-2989)

JULY 10/12  
 TRAC competitive trail ride  
 DAWSON CREEK, AB. (Ron, 758-6837)

JULY 17/19  
 TRAC competitive trail ride  
 PINCHER CREEK, AB. (Ron, 758-6837)

JULY 23-25  
 Klondike Days/Challenge of Breeds  
 EDMONTON, AB. (Lyla, 387-4192)

JULY 25  
 CATW Festival of the Gaits  
 TEES, AB. (Mary, 784-3540)

JULY 25  
 Magrath Celebration  
 MAGRATH, AB. (Ron, 758-6837)

AUGUST 1/2  
 "Tennessee Showtime"  
 CLARESHOLM, AB. (Marlin, 932-3642)

AUGUST 15  
 Spruce Grove Open Show  
 SPRUCE GROVE, AB. (Mona, 963-5595)

AUGUST 8/9 ?  
 "Days of Old" Show  
 CALGARY ?, AB. (Roger, 256-4412)

SEPTEMBER 4/6  
 TRAC competitive trail ride  
 KANANASKIS, AB. (Ron, 758-6837)

SEPTEMBER 9-13  
 Equifair, Battle of Breeds  
 SPRUCE MEADOWS, CALGARY (Sharon,  
 239-4021)

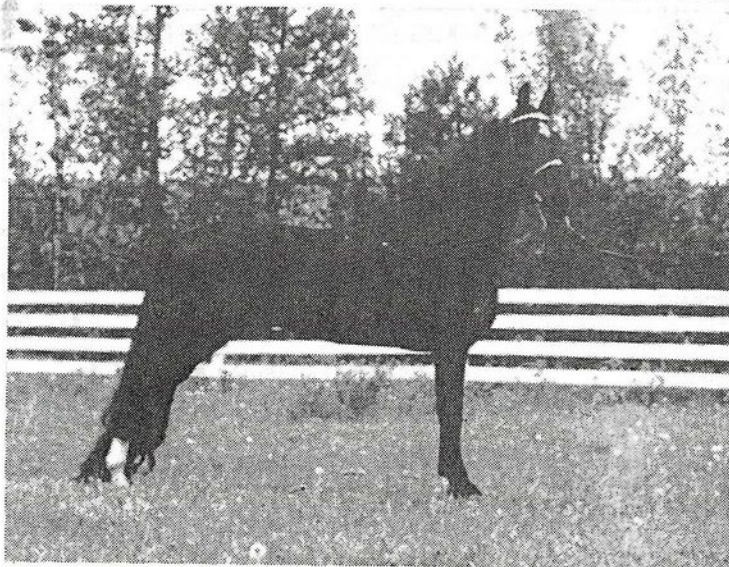
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 TRAC competitive trail ride  
 GRANDE PRAIRIE, AB. (Ron, 758-6837)

SEPTEMBER 19  
 CTWH Futurity  
 RED DEER, AB. (Dianne, 271-7391)

SEPTEMBER 20  
 AB. Horse Improvement Program  
 RED DEER, AB. (Sharon, 239-4021)

SEPTEMBER 25-27  
 TRAC competitive trail ride  
 WRITING-ON-STONE PARK, AB. (Ron,  
 758-6837)

NOVEMBER 7  
 AWWA ANNUAL MEETING



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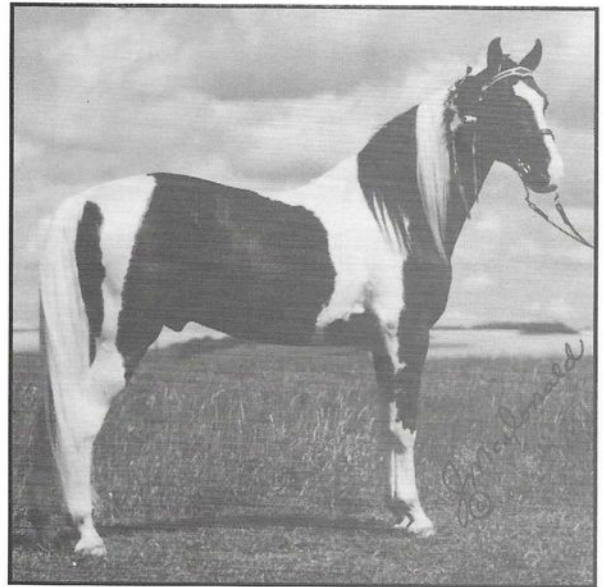
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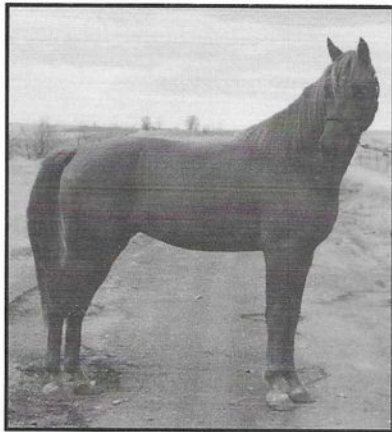


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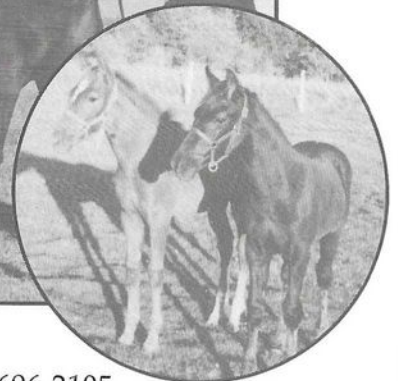
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## GO SHADOW GO

TOP STALLION - C.T.W.H. FUTURITY 1987 & 1988

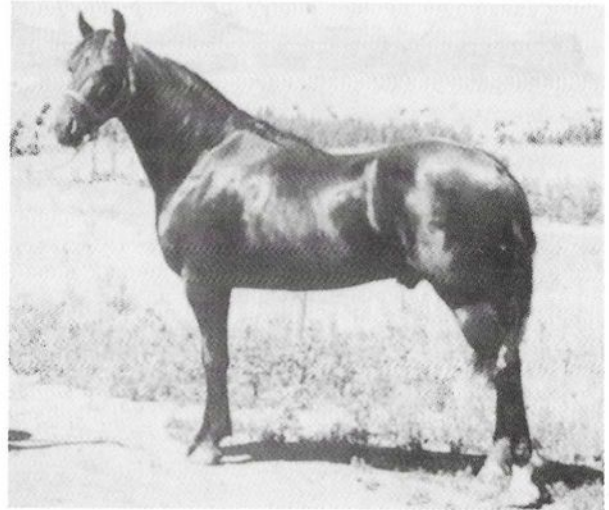
CANADIAN WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION REGISTRY  
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Shadow's Brantley 621310  
 Horse Name: GO SHADOW GO -129- 1210371  
 Sex: Stallion  
 Color: Black  
 Markings: Star, hind fetlocks white.  
 Foaled: April 5th, 1991

Owned by Helen Williamson  
 Bred by Pearl Tompkins

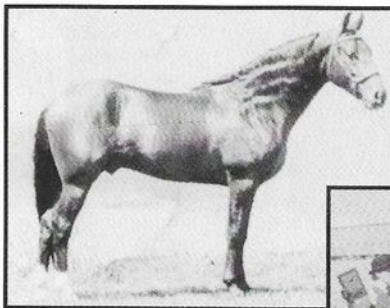
Grandfather: Merry Go Boy 431336  
 Sire: Merry Go Boy 431336  
 Dam: Miss Flying B 640249

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## SHAKER'S ROYAL HEIR

TOP STALLION - C.T.W.H. FUTURITY 1991



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Shaker's Professor 746022  
 Horse Name: SHAKER'S ROYAL HEIR -131- 1810081  
 Sex: Stallion  
 Color: Liver black  
 Markings: Star, snip, hind socks white.  
 Foaled: May 8th, 1981

Owned by Helen B. Williamson  
 Bred by Helen B. Williamson

Grandfather: Mack K's Handshaker 563320  
 Sire: Merry Go Boy 431336  
 Dam: Verlene's Lady 655160

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