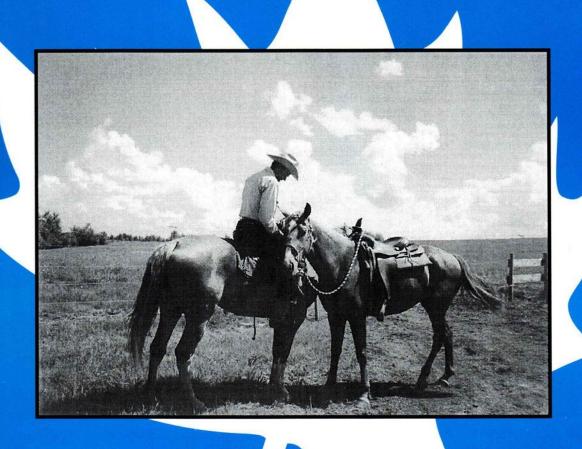
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Rudy Anderson on Misty's Amber Girl
holding Royal Class Gingerale, near
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Dear Subscribers.

Spring has (officially) sprung, and with it news of 1999 foals. The first one I heard about was a "foine little filleen" born March 17 at McDonald Farms, Pouce Coupe, B.C. Dam of this bay baby is Shadow's Magic Maid and sire is Canadian Shaker. Arriving at Trinder's Tennessee Walkers near Russell, Manitoba on March 14 was a good looking chestnut colt from the Zepher line. His dam is Zepher Glowing Ember and sire is Just'N Outlaw. Then a phone call from Vicki Stenmo of Hatton, North Dakata reported the earliest one of all, a vigorous black colt born March 13 at 7:45 am to Piper's Diamante by Black Jax Merry Chance. So the baby sweepstakes are well under way. Best of luck to everyone who's keeping the foal vigil.

Speaking of these new foals, let me remind you of *Imprint Training of the Newborn Foal* by Robert M. Miller, ISBN 0-911647-22-8. This book is widely available (it's even in the Edson IGA grocery store!) and has some very good information for handling young foals. Dr. Miller says you can accomplish four major goals with this early learning:

1)Bonding with humans

2)Desensitization to certain stimuli

3)Sensitization to other stimuli

4)Submission to humans

I would urge you to get the book and <u>read</u> what he says. It can be most valuable if done right - and no help at all done wrong.

The History & Heritage Project 2000 has been well received and we are looking forward to information from every one of you. Don't be left out! And to help with the problem of no pictures...

Coming next issue is an article on photographing those pesky horses that just won't put their ears up the moment they see a camera. We have many other articles, but let's have the news from your place too!

May (the <u>real</u>) Spring come soon to your place.

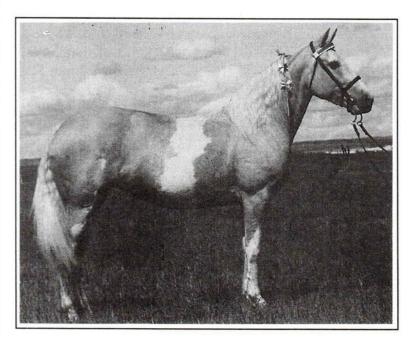
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HISTORY & HERITAGE PROJECT 2000

A PAGE FROM: "PICTURE THE MILLENIUM"



A big thank you to all the people who have sent in their "pix & peds" for the Canadian TWH History & Heritage Project. Here is a sample:

MONTERAY GOLD

One of about 70 photos and pedigrees sent in by McDonalds, Pouce Coupe, B.C.

LOUIS ALLEN ORDER -58- [US]500063 SHEBA WALKER [US]501356 MONTANA MONTE MONTANA LADDIE [US]653045 [US]611489 Sire MITCH'S COMET [US]580821 FAIRY BREESE [US]580820 KILTIE LADDIE'S MONTE RAY -76- [US]685131 [US]621470 HEY JOE [US]531057 SILVARO ALLEN [US]453516 PET TALLEY [US]441310 GOLDEN GOLD GLORY Horse Name [US]622662 REVEILLE BOY [US]570415 BUCK'S GOLDEN HONEY [US]540596 H D'S EASY MONEY [US]590519 MONTERAY GOLD 1988-1048- [US]881700 ABSOROKEE ALLEN [US]480795 JESSEY WHITE [US]452535 BABE'S ABSOROKEE [US]590599 LADY'S CAPTAIN W [US]643010 Dam THE MAID OF MAGNOLIA [US]450833 HENDRIXSON'S MERRY BOY [US]391338 LEILA ANN [US]420445 CAP'S CANDY STRIPER 1970-1050- [US]703523 BARKER'S MOONBEAM [US]380497 JAY BARKER [US]410794 ALLEN'S GOLD ACE [US]440068 APPLE ANNIE [US]501417 KNOX'S SILVER ALLEN [US]400550 KIT FISHER [US]411370 FISHER'S JOANNA [US]450328 Sex Mare Foaled April 26, 1988 Bred by Don & Jo-Anne McDonald, Pouce Coupe, BC ID No 5141405 Colour & Markings Palomino. Bald face, under chin, left eye blue, underbelly, on both hips, on both sides, four stockings, mane and tail white. Owned by Don & Jo-Anne McDonald, Pouce Coupe, BC ID No 5141405 (Owner at Birth)

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A TWO-PAGE PREVIEW OF: "CANADIAN TIMES OF THE TWH"

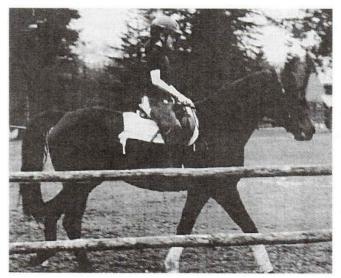
HOW WE GOT STARTED WITH WALKERS by Janet, Robert & Myrna Crockett, Courtenay, B.C.

Our first, and so far only, Tennessee Walking Horse came to join our other, older horses in 1995.

Our interest in Walkers began when our daughter, Myrna, kept bringing a large horse book home from her school library. I believe the book was *Horses of the World*. We would read about the different breeds, and it must have been talk of the Walker's gentle disposition, kindly manner and smooth, easy gaits that first twigged our interest.

Somewhere along the way we were given Debbie Smith's name and so we made a call to her. We were surprised when she told us, "There is a family right in your town that have just recently acquired Walkers. Maybe you could get in touch with them."

Debbie and Chris Egolf lived only ten minutes across the valley from us, so we went over one spring evening to look at Walkers and talk to Debbie about them. On the way home, Myrna said, "I like the little one best."



"Puffin" - Harmony Cat TR with Myrna Crockett riding

We had really only gone out of interest in seeing some of these horses and had no intention of buying a Tennessee Walker. But after further conversations with Debbie, she wondered if we would be interested in the "little one".

The "little one" was Harmony Cat TR (aka Puffin), #1994-1494 Cnd, U.S.948513. Her sire is Tom Cat Cruise U.S.910449 and her dam is Lyndy K.'s Heir KB 1981-1432 Cnd, U.S.811196.

Puffin is a true dark bay. She has a wonderful, friendly disposition and is a very willing learner. Her smooth gaits are a pleasure. We may consider breeding her in the future or perhaps getting another Walker. Myrna is involved with Pony Club and we're not sure if the Walkers with their gaits can do the dressage or gymnastics needed in the C2 tests and up. If there is anyone out there who has used Walkers in Pony Club or for jumping competition, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

It would also be interesting if people could let Walking Horse News know what kind of different competitions or events they use their Walkers in. Do any of you do jumping, dressage, team penning, barrel racing, etc., competing with other breeds? If so, how do you do? We would really like to hear.

Thanks, and we do enjoy the Walking Horse News a lot!

The Crocketts write, "We are sending you this after seeing your "mock interview" of "How I Got Involved with Tennessee Walkers" in the Nov/Dec.'98 issue, page 28. We also ask a few questions of our own at the end and have enclosed a photo of Puffin (Harmony Cat TR) with Myrna Crockett aboard."

Ed. note: Thank you, Janet, Robert and Myrna for sending in your story and photo. I hope readers will reply to your questions. I know many folks are using their Walkers for all those activities!

HOW I STARTED WITH TWH by Ken Curtis, Kitchener, Ontario

I was introduced to Tennessee Walking Horses by Winston and Donna Curtis of Winfield, Alberta in the spring of 1994. Winston had just bought his first black TWH stud and started breeding Walkers. On subsequent annual visits to Alberta I spent many enjoyable hours riding this black stallion, Allegro. It was also great to see their herd of Walkers grow.

In November of 1997 I decided to buy a Tennessee Walker myself. I found a black three year old gelding, Ebony Quest. Breaking and training this spirited horse was both a challenge and a pleasure.

On my visit to Winston's and Donna's farm last fall ('98), I got acquainted with one of Allegro's crossbred offspring, a two year old pinto gelding named Toby from an Arabian/QH mare. This colt was such a delight to handle that we soon had a deal which saw Toby joining Ebony in Ontario.

I have already registered Toby as a part Walker.

I would like to thank Winston and Donna again for introducing me to this fascinating breed of horse, and to Toby.

I enjoy the News very much. Have a great 1999.

HOW I GOT STARTED WITH WALKERS - AMONG OTHERS!

by Del Ramage, Salmon Arm, B.C.

Four years ago I took my daughter and her friends to the local stables for a birthday party trail ride - turned out to be the most expensive ride of my life. I now have <u>four</u> horses: a Walker, two Morgans (mother and daughter) and a big, red dun Quarter Horse.

My two daughters (now 13 and 10) and I looked long and hard for a horse for them, but along the way I found "Exes" (Sun's Exclamation), my eight year old Walker gelding. He's a big-boned black gelding, 15:2 or 15:3 hh, with a big exclamation mark on his face. I bought him from John Agar whom many in the Walker world know. John has been breeding Walkers in B.C. probably longer than I've been pulling in air (and that's a while!). My first "glide ride" was on Ullu Zurbriggen's stud, "Shaker" (Boothill's Sundown), who was over twenty at that time. He's a beautifully gaited black horse, well known in B.C. for throwing well-gaited foals. Ullu had bought Shaker from John Agar some time before.

My first year with Exes was something of an adventure. I hadn't ridden since my 'teens and that's a few moons too. But, I looked and listened, read lots, hung around with John and with Bill Roy, and went to a few clinics (Larry Nelles was especially good!). Exes and I are now getting along fine.

Last summer we even took in a couple of shows. We held a gaited show in Armstrong around July 2 last summer, and it was a great success. There were over 50 entries and Dianne Little did a great job of judging. Emphasis was on FUN and I think all agreed it sure was that! My big thrill was seeing my girl, Caity, aged 10, win second in an adult class of 12 in the Easy Rider. It was also a lot of fun to see the other gaited breeds and enter classes like "Mismatched Pairs.



Del Ramage in the Armstrong show, 1998. Photo by B.Bettles

Caity, Bill Roy and I also made the trek to Alberta for the Celebration last summer and enjoyed it thoroughly. Good competition, good folks, and lots of fun. You in Alberta are very lucky to have Dianne; we may just have to smuggle her into B.C. one of these years.

We plan to be out there again this summer and hope to see some of your faces out our way as well. Our show will probably be June 26 - 27, venue yet to be decided. We'll keep you posted.

I really enjoyed meeting all the Walker folks in both Alberta and B.C. last summer and am looking forward to seeing more of you this year. My thanks, Marjorie, for keeping this great little magazine thriving. I recognized many names before I ever met them, just from reading WHN.

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HISTORY & HERITAGE PROJECT 2000

There has been an enthusiastic response to the announcement of this three part project. I've had calls from people all over the country and some from the States, who are busy gathering pedigrees and pictures, and thinking about how they actually did get started with this fascinating breed of horses.

① THE CANADIAN TIMES OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

This part of the project is to gather the stories of how various people became interested in the breed, and the horse or horses that were a big part of their stories. (It does add a lot to the story to see a pedigree and photo of the Walker that started it all for you.)

Several people have already sent in their "How I Got Started with Walkers" stories, three of which you see in this issue. Jo-Anne McDonald went back through 1977 -1988 issues of WHN and came up with the "How I Got Started..." stories from Cole Farms, Cabri, SK; Jordan Valley Farms, Leduc, AB; their own McDonald Farms, Pouce Coupe, B.C.; and the story of Diane Meis Sept, now in Pennsylvania but previously trainer at Westridge Farms, Calgary, AB. So we have a good start. Now let's hear from YOU! MCL.

Send your story to M. Lacy, Box 7326, Edson, AB T7E 1V5

② PICTURE THE MILLENNIUM

Dianne reports that there are well over one hundred photos and pedigrees on file already! It's a lot of work, I know. Just photocopying the pedigrees of the nine horses I have here at home now and looking up and getting copies of photos of each one was a day's work! And that was only the tip of the iceberg, since I estimate we've owned or raised at least 50 more TWH since 1973. But think how great it will be twenty years from now when someone wants to see what their new stallion's grandparents or great grandparents looked like - and those pictures will be available.

The ideal photo is a side conformation shot, but any picture is better than none at all, and you can always send a better one when you get it. MCL

Send pix and peds to: Dianne Little, 619 Lake Linnet Cres.S.E., Calgary, AB T2J 2J3

I would like to give a big THANK YOU to all of you who have sent in your information sheet for this book. I would like to remind those who haven't yet, to please do so! The information form was included in your January/February issue of Walking Horse News.

The information we need is: your name, address, phone #, and a list of the registered horses you own. Horse information includes their registered name, color, height, gender, Canadian &/or U.S. registration #'s. You may FAX your information to

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and still be in time for this first printing, or mail to Lorraine (see below) No Charge for listing your horses in the Handbook!

The directory will be published by April 30th, 1999 and will cost \$8.00 including postage. To receive a copy - please send \$8.00 to

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Thank you, Lorraine Adams

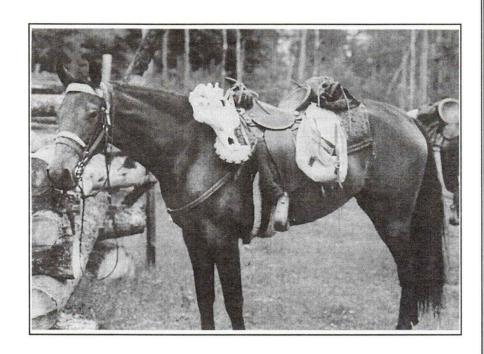
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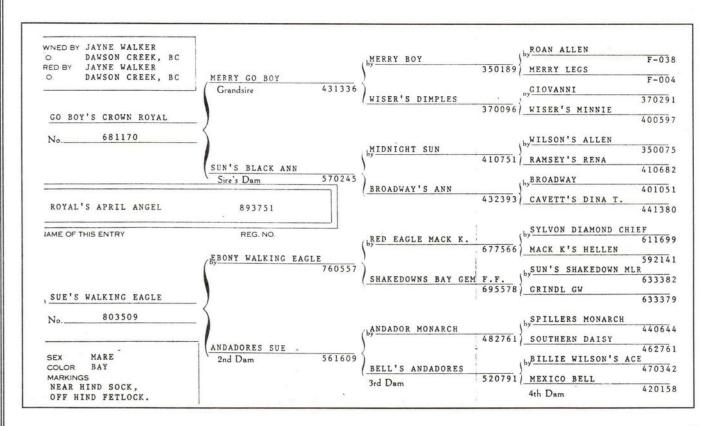
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ANOTHER PAGE FROM: "PICTURE THE MILLENIUM"

ROYAL'S APRIL ANGEL

One of Jayne Walker's home bred mares at Dawson Creek, B.C.





MANITOBA NEWS

BARB FENWICK, FOUR SEASONS RANCH, SIDNEY, writes, "Sign me up for another year of WHN - can't imagine not getting it. Also please send a gift subscription to each of the following gentlemen with my compliments. Pat Lewis and Tom Hadenko, both of St. Anne, MB, are having me train their TWH horses and I want to make sure they become part of our great Canadian TWH family. They will enjoy the magazine I know; it's the best thing that comes out of my mailbox! As well, I put up a subscription to Walking Horse News as a donation to the auction to raise funds for S.H.O. Kelly Boyd of Anoka, MN was the successful bidder so here is the cheque for her new subscription."

"It's been a pretty mild winter here in sunny Manitoba. To date, little snow as well, with only about six inches on the ground and now getting that crust on top from sunny days around freezing. My Walkers are doing well; have a foal due out of my mare, Phantom, by handsome Honey Boy's Rebel in May - can't wait! Also, here's a "baby picture" of my new stud colt, Season's Walking Spirit, when I got him at four months old. Note the happy look on my face!"



Barb with Season's Walking Spirit

"Parelli training has paid off with them all. Since taking Primary last year, we are enjoying mutual respect and friendship and having more fun with them every day. I recommend the natural methods; it sure saves you time and wear and tear."

"A friend from England who did a Calgary to Winnipeg wagon ride in 1995 for Save the Children Fund wants to do it again in

2000! Only this time it will be from Winnipeg (actually Sidney) MB to Calgary. He did it successfully in 1995 with three Belgian horses but this time will use a light horse team with a spare. I am helping to organize the logistics of the trip and general promotion. I have an idea to have TWH riders from across the prairie join the ride through their area to promote/raise funds for the charity and (equally as important) promote the TWH."

"Imagine... Walkers with riders in TWH shirts showing the ultimate use of the Walker - the most comfortable horse to get you across the prairies or where ever you want to go!"

"Let me know what you think about the idea, your interest, how you could help (we will need campsites along the route close to the highway) and if you imagine YOURSELF riding to promote Walkers in a millennium project we may name: A Walk Across the Prairies for Kids! (or something to that effect). It would be open to all horses, riders and wagons, but I see it as an ideal way to meet each other, have fun, challenge ourselves and our horses, and put Walkers in everybody's minds! Please e-mail, write, or call with

comments, suggestions and certainly, encouragement. We will need all three!"

e-mail: bfenwick@escape.ca Barb's mailing address is Box 129, Sidney, MB R0H 1L0 (204) 466-2776

KEITH DOLL, DOUGLAS, is pleased to congratulate Mike & Patty Turpen of Santa Fe, New Mexico on their purchase of Midnight Total Eclipse (aka Johnny Walker), a five year old black TWH. This nice exclusively Canadian registered gelding has gone south to be the Turpens' trail and pleasure horse. All the best of luck, and happy trails together!

From SHARON MEIER, WINNIPEG, "Well, it has been a while since I last wrote, and with a baby at home, time seems to be at a premium."

"After I last wrote, everything was going hunky-dory. Then things literally went downhill (and you have to drive several hours or stand on an overpass to go downhill in Manitoba!). Dakota and I had placed in the top ten of our two competitive trail rides and had gone on several other casual rides. Then one day as I rode, I noticed he did not seem quite up to par. He even let me clop his ears without his usual look of terror. The next day his manure was slightly runny but I was still not alarmed as sometimes he gets a little nervous after being out and that's where it shows up."

"Well, the next evening, before our competitive ride the following day, he just started gushing gallons. This was real diarrhea and I knew it was serious, so I called the vet right away. Dakota would not drink so the vet tubed him with two pails of water. There was no blockage, but then he began developing a temperature. After three days he went down and we had him hooked to an IV with what seemed like dozens of different drugs: pepto bismol, bute, three different antibiotics, semetidine so he wouldn't get an ulcer, horse aspirin, banamine for pain ... well, you get the picture. (A horse with pink lips from pepto bismol is an interesting sight.) Dakota did not eat for nearly two weeks and lost about 200 pounds."

"Luckily he started drinking again and I pumped him full of electrolytes so he would not get too dehydrated. I must say that the veterinary care by Dr. Ken Johnson was excellent. He consulted with others and did many lab tests, but none came back positive for anything so we will never know what Dakota's illness was or how he picked it up. My theory is that he picked up a bug from one of the other horses that were always coming and going from shows. I had moved him to a show barn because I had wanted him closer to home for more riding time."

"Dakota gradually got better but then - you can guess - came up lame. From the way he walked I thought he had foundered, but when I had his feet x-rayed, his coffin bone had not rotated. I came close to having him put down, as you can imagine the vet bill (almost \$2000.00)... but the bank is always eager to lend us money."

"Dakota is now wearing special eggbar type shoes with rubber pads underneath to keep the snow from balling up under his feet. There was a half inch of hoof and laminae separation on one front foot and two thirds separation of the whole hoof on the other front foot."

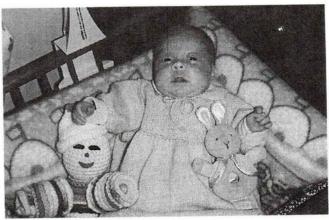
"My '98 riding season was over, but in a few months I hope to be able to ride him again as he is now walking

without limping, but I will have to have him x-rayed just to make sure."

"My husband says it was probably for the better as he did not like the possibility of his pregnant wife falling off her horse (something I used to do regularly with my nutty Arab). But Dakota does not have a mean bone in his body."

"By November, I had started to wear maternity clothes. We took one last plane trip to Edmonton to do the mall thing (and also look at another TWH in case Dakota does not get better)."

"I was due January 5/99 but halfway through my shift on November 16 my water broke and off to the hospital I went. On November 18 I gave birth to a little baby girl, just over seven weeks early. We named her Katrina, and she spent the next three weeks in hospital because she kept forgetting to breathe. However she is home now and everything is fine (except for nightly bouts of colic - but at least we know she's breathing!). She was just under five pounds when born and is now close to seven so she's really starting to grow."



A bonnie-looking Katrina - hopefully a riding partner for Sharon

I am looking forward to riding this year, although it will be a while before I take Katrina along. Hopefully my husband will babysit."

SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

From HAZEL PATON, OXBOW, "Can you see me down here among all the snow?? The wildlife are having a poor time of it. Partridges and sharptails come to the barn yard and near-by field where Keith feeds them. Now rabbit tracks are at the barn yard too and one must be a snowshoe hare (BIG feet!). Rabbits are scarce here. Deer and moose seem okay but the pheasants are hard put to find food. Lots of little birds at the feeders."

"Wanda's QH mare and my Arab are full of beans and play like colts. Anyway, I'll send in an advt just in case someone has a reasonably priced quiet TWH horse that needs a good home!"

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NEW BRUNSWICK

Welcome to another New Brunswick subscriber, DEBBIE McINTYRE, of BAXTERS CORNER. How did you get interested in Walkers, Debbie? Write and tell us about yourself.

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NEWS FROM OUR U.S. SUBSCRIBERS

From MICHELLE & RICK HAUGEN, 2545 Scorpio Dr., COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, 80906, "We, at the Gaited Horse Expo, put on a totally sound horse show every September that provides a venue for the lovers of the natural moving and naturally gaited horse. We work hard at keeping the sound horse in the forefront and do all we can to promote it. Now we have found some friends to back us."

"FOSH, Friends of the Sound Horse Organization, has chosen us to be the show for the regional Championships in the year 2000. This is an honor and we promise to be the best show possible for these events."

"Our show provides the sound horse owners with more than a few days of fun. We have hundreds of spectators and also a supervised test riding area for anyone who wants to test drive a gaited horse. This has given many owners the opportunity to not only show off their treasures but several have also made a number of sales to people who fell in love with the gaited horse."

For further information or a flyer on the Gaited Horse Expo, call (719) 444-8636 or e-mail rickh@colhomes.com.

I had a phone call from HEIDI ROBERTS of NOXON, MONTANA inquiring about subscription rates. She had heard about WHN from Grace Larson. Heidi owns the fine old stallion, Giovanni's Bay Boy whose background includes Mack K.'s Handshaker and Go Boy's Shadow along with Lightfoot Rickey and Sago (Black Beauty II).

A March 5 letter from GRACE LARSON, FORSYTH, MONTANA, says, "It snowed last night and it is still coming down but has gotten a lot lighter. We took two stud colts in for gelding yesterday because the weatherman told us it was going to be nice all week! However, both seem to be doing okay. We did turn the older one out with the mares and watched to be sure there was no hanky-panky. All the mares hated him, so he is getting plenty of exercise playing with another gelding we have out there. The younger colt doesn't even act like he's sore and has no swelling."

"We are glad that it has cooled off though; all the trees were beginning to think "spring". Had they budded out it would have hurt them, and I'm sure we wouldn't have had lilacs this year."

"We have our spotted stallion with Randy Sayre now for two months training. Randy trained a gelding for us and we sure appreciate his ability with our Walkers. He trains for Dr. Wade of Billings also."

"I've been looking for a letter that Ann Coleman of Loveland, Colorado sent me several years ago. In it was a copy of the papers of a son of Louis Allen Order, and the horse was still living. I'll keep looking or phone Ann and see if she still has the information."

"We enjoy Walking Horse News so much."

From ALLANNA JACKSON, LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, "Chance's Comanche Dawn 927008 (Mandy) is now back in Massachusetts. It turned out that she was not suitable for my purposes so Gary Martin bought her back. Now my local horse-owning friends are asking when I'm going to get something young enough and sound enough to take out trail riding with them."

"Sassy is healthier and happier now that Mandy's gone. She's alpha mare and takes the job of keeping "the boys" in line quite seriously. Koko is healthy and cheerfully strolls along for rides of an hour or so. He's closing in on 28 and just can't do the long hard rides anymore. Koko has also been teaching Mister to pony but that has been a little hard on Koko."

"Mister's also an adorable little pest. He still run walks occasionally in the corral, but also foxtrots and trots, loves to lope and throws flying lead changes when he isn't countercantering for fun. He seems to have inherited the Zephyr aptitude for tricks - what would I do with a trick horse? He dearly loves chewing things, untying ropes, opening things and carrying things around in his mouth. Some days I think he's mistaken himself for a puppy!"

"I'm glad to see CRTWH moving towards a parentage verification program. It will make a good registry even better. The preference for DNA hair analysis profile while accepting bloodtyping seems a good compromise. I've sent off for a DNA kit for Koko, even though his blood type is already on file with CLRC. Since 99 percent of Koko's progeny are in Canada, I think it is important that CRTWH get both ID forms while he's still alive."

"The Heritage 2000 is a great idea. I certainly hope you get everyone's full co-operation. You've got some very good and very rare Walking Horses and history there in Canada. I've been promoting your Canadian Walkers to the Germans who are looking for natural gait and the original type of Walking Horse. I've already started rounding up the Koko info to send to Dianne."

"We've been having Indian summer all winter. It's gorgeous now, but makes for a dangerous fire season this summer if we don't get precipitation of some sort soon."

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

From DEBBIE SKWARCHUK, PRINCE GEORGE, "Renewal time again - the last two years have flown by! My husband and I are awaiting the arrival of our first TWH foals in mid-March. We bred two of our mares to the beautiful stallion, Tsuniah's Dark Delight, owned by Roberta Brebner of Williams Lake, B.C."

"The whole family looks forward to receiving the WHN and everyone impatiently awaits their turn at reading it. We have found many informative articles as well as funny ones. We are still waiting to find out who "Silver" is!"

"I put so many miles on my mare last summer that I'm sure she will enjoy the break that foaling will give her. My riding partners and I travelled many beautiful trails and look forward to doing the same this summer. Walking Horses are becoming more popular in our area. I find now that instead of people asking what kind of horse I'm riding, they say, "That's a Tennessee Walking Horse, isn't it?" Enclosed is a picture from one of our trail rides last year. From the left: Debbie Skwarchuk & Tsuniah's Merry Half Moon; Sheila Coburn & Namra's Miss Kaitlyn; and on the right, Kim Pringle with 24 year old Merry Clemontina."



Debbie, Sheila & Kim on the trails

PEACE AREA NEWS

From JO-ANNE McDONALD, POUCE COUPE, "I must say I enjoyed my trip down memory lane for the History & Heritage Project 2000. It makes me wonder what happened to many of the horses that got their start here. I hope everyone will take a bit of time and send their information in so Canada can document all the fine animals that made their way to, or were born here, in Canada."

"We have sold Success' Big Chief (Dressed for Success x Heather's Angel) to Kim & Mike Clark of Fort St. John, B.C. Kim & Mike are fairly new to Walkers so we wish them every success in their new venture. Please send them a subscription to the newsletter with our compliments."

MAUREEN HUMMEL, ROSE PRAIRIE, writes, "I have a little blurb to put into the news if you would. It's from Laura Wyant of Oregon who has set up a sort of a club for people who own horses tracing directly back to Sandy Sun's Sally. If you have a pinto TWH descended from her, you may wish to find out more about this group.

To check out the home page: http://members.aol.com/TobianoTWH/F-Tobiano.index.html or e-mail WWntrSprgs@aol.com.

The mailing address is sSs Breeders Assoc., c/o Box 234, CHESHIRE, OR 97419"

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ONTARIO NEWS

MAL & THERESA ASTLES, KINBURN, wrote in January, "Happy New Year to you and all of your readers. I can't believe a year has gone by since I last wrote you."

"We have had a quiet year with the "boys", Fela and Chance. I was busy getting ready for early retirement in November of '98 so unfortunately we have done less riding this past year. We did, however, manage a week in Vermont in the summer and took a trail ride on Icelandic horses. That was a nice experience. They are a gaited breed having a gait called the "tolt" which is very smooth. Fela and Chance had better watch out, otherwise Theresa may want to trade them in!"

"I would like to thank Jane Mueller for her assistance in helping us find a trail riding holiday. She was most helpful and gave us good advice. As I explained to her, we had planned to attend the Celebration in Tennessee but our plans were cancelled at the last moment."

"As I write this letter the weather is very mild and the "boys" are busy doing what they do best - resting and eating! They had better get a good rest because now that I have retired they can expect some serious workouts very soon."

"Anyway, keep up the good work, and enjoy the upcoming year. Best wishes to you all."

Speaking of holidays on horseback, I received a business card from BARB BURECHAILS of WATERLOO, advertising her business "Horseback Adventures". Her number is (519) 888-6503.

From PATTI PELLA (nee' Bailey), MARATHON, "Well, as you see, I have married and changed my name. Here is my subscription renewal and a bit of news. Jake and Ginny have had a very relaxing winter. I am expecting a baby in March, so I haven't been riding since the end of October. Both horses seem to enjoy this semi-retirement, but not for too much longer! Ginny (Pretty Girl Ginger) is in foal and we're expecting the foal early in June. Lots of excitement here this year! I keep telling Ginny that this time I can really relate to her pregnancy—we're definitely in it together!"

"Take care and keep up the good work on the magazine."

ROSEMARY HARTLEY, NIPIGON, writes, "As always, I'm <u>almost</u> late to re-subscribe without missing an issue. I've been extremely busy with family and work. The twin boys and Kyle keep us going; still not much sleep. I'm so lucky I board Cedar at a wonderful place, Magic Hills, owned by Denise Ham. I never have to worry about how he is doing even if I don't get out to see him for a couple of weeks."

"The Easy Boots have really worked out. I got the "ice studs" put on the boots and we can now ride during this period of melt and freeze. It was also great for the summer and fall. We need shoes for our trails. I wasn't getting out riding very often so having shoes put on seemed a waste of money. (I would only get out four to six times per set of shoes.) It also seems that farrier science is promoting letting a horse go barefoot as much as possible. With the Easy Boots I didn't miss any riding. Usually Cedar would lose a front shoe and that would be it until the farrier could get out. No more!"

"Thanks for your assistance in getting information on the Easy Boots. The 1-800 number was great. The person on the end of the line knew about the product and helped a lot."

"Carol Hall will be out again to give us our lessons on May 13 to 16. She has been great, coming out twice a year to put on her clinics. We have really improved, though when riding with Carol we realize how much further we have to go. I really do believe that Walkers require more riding experience than they are given credit for. A beginner can get on and the Walker will take them for a ride, but to "ride" the Walker and make the most of their gaits, which to me is exciting, the person on the horse's back has to know what he or she is doing. It is not something easily learned on one's own."

"Well, the boy's nap is nearly over; must go."

RACHEL POULIN, HALLEBOURG, writes, "I wish to advise you and all WHN readers, especially those in Ontario, that I will be closing my training and riding facility October 1, 1999, after 27 years of being in the horse business. The first fourteen years, I catered to all breeds of horses and Canadian buyers, but the last thirteen years I mostly bought, trained and sold Tennessee Walking Horses and catered to Canadian TWH buyers."

"I still have a top quality broodmare and her beautiful last year's filly of prime breeding. Please check the classified ads for both of them. I will have my nine year old stallion, Foxlane's Strider, castrated, and will enjoy him for the great trail riding horse that he is. I will also keep a 1997 filly from Foxlane's Strider for future trail and endurance riding. This is what I want to promote for myself now, plus lots of travelling."

"I will always be happy to answer calls from past customers and friends, and to extend a helping hand if I can to all that need me, when I am home." $\,$

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ALBERTA NEWS

MARLENE FAIRBROTHER, WINDING CREEK RANCH, DELBURNE, received this very nice letter from a well satisfied customer who had bred her 16 hand grade mare to Marlene's bay Walker stallion, F88's Whistle, in 1996. Marlene saw the foal when it was only a few days old, and hadn't heard anything further since then, until this arrived in January. What a great testimonial!

"I'm not sure if you remember me or not, but my name is Roberta Delidais and about two and a half years ago you bred my palomino mare, Thyme, to your stud, Whistle. Well, my colt is a year and a half now and his name is Colby. He's a beautiful gelding, already 14:3 hh and around 800 - 900 pounds. When I came home from school in Calgary to my parents' farm over Christmas, I was impressed with how quiet and calm he was. During my three week break from school, I rode him every day, and I have never ridden such a smooth horse in my life. I now know what you were talking about when you said "the running walk" - it's incredible. I think even more impressive is how intelligent he is. He really picked things up fast over Christmas, and with his calm demeanor, I can't wait until he is three or four, and big and strong enough

to do more heavy duty riding."

"Anyway, I just wanted to let you know what a beautiful colt your stallion threw, and how happy I am with Colby. If I ever breed my mare again, I'll look you up! Thanks again, Marlene."

MARY KRUGER, BON ACCORD, writes, "The new owner of the young mare, Blazin' Socks, is Tiffani Lambert, Redwater, AB. Blazin' Socks is by CR Sweetwater Sundance out of Bush Baby's Beauty. Would you please send her a complimentary copy of WHN?"

From DARREL & GAYE ROTH, RAFTER 4L TENNESSEE WALKERS, DARWELL, "Is spring ever going to arrive? The horses have wintered well and the mares are showing very heavy. We should have some foals on the ground by the time this is printed."

"Darrel has been able to start quite a few horses despite the snow... so they will be ready to ride this spring."

"Knieval's Big Chief has been kept in the barn and is just about shed out - looking great for the breeding season."

"We wish to congratulate Doug & Shirley Jesperson of Stony Plain on their purchase of Easy's Masterpiece. I'm sure that you will have many smooth miles on this filly. (And we have others for sale with the same potential)."

A note from SYLVIA WHALEY, AIRDRIE, says, "I very much enjoy the chattiness of WHN and the informative articles submitted. I'm looking forward to two Walker foals in June and July."

BETTY BURKE, NESTOW, writes, "It's subscription time again. Walking Horse News is the only magazine in our house that's read from cover to cover. We enjoy reading about what other Walker people are doing and appreciate the educational articles. Please send a gift subscription to Fran Kerik, who is leasing stallion prospect, Allen's Midnight Rascal. We miss his sweet personality but are glad that he's gone to a good home. Also please send a gift subscription to Sheldon Barker who has purchased Allen's Terry Lynn. Although Sheldon is a Quarter Horse person, we've had him train two of our Walkers and are very pleased with his methods and results. We plan to send more work his way."

"We are anxiously waiting for the snow to disappear, more babies to arrive, and the fun to begin! Wishing everyone and their horses good health and happy trails."

From JOHN & CHRISTINE KOBZA, PINCHER CREEK, "We are very pleased to congratulate Shirleyanne & Mervin Clarkson on the purchase of Major Chaos (Ultra's Major Threat x Thing's Diamond Lil), and Rhonda Goodsman on the purchase of Solstice Memory by Create a Memory x Mountain Jasmine. (Mountain Jasmine is a full sister to Sun's Blue Eyed Mystery.) We are confident our boys are in very good hands, and look forward to seeing them and their new owners at some shows. Please send each of them a year's subscription to the News with our compliments."

"Here at Eagle's Moon Ranch we are anxiously awaiting the first offspring of Sun's Blue Eyed Mystery and Toddy's Apollo. We are expecting four foals: Sun's Blue Eyed

Mystery & Toddy's Apollo; Mountain Jasmine & Toddy's Apollo; Thing's Diamond Lil & Ultra's Major Threat; and Chinook's Blue Beauty & My Touch of Pride. We are also eagerly awaiting the offspring of Pride's Rustic Image & Toddy's Apollo, owned by Lake & Anita Duncan."

DIXIE BALL, BLACKFALDS, writes, "HI, fellow Walker riders. Trust everyone has survived another long and dreary winter, and you are all getting ready to get those horses on the trail again. I am training a 3 year old for the show ring and getting Hot Chocolate in shape for Competitive Trail. Along with that, we are calving out 75 cows this year, so it's fairly busy on the farm."

"I would like to congratulate Rhonda Lemmon of Clive, AB and Paul Hawthorne of Wetaskiwin on their purchases of their first Walking Horses. I know they will be very happy with the breed. Please send each of them a subscription to *Walking Horse News* with our compliments."

"I would really like to see a few more Walkers in Competitive Trail this year. Last year was lacking. If you've never tried it, and would like some info on it, please feel free to call me and I will help you all I can. The Walkers really do well at this sport, and it's lots of fun - the company is great, the food is wonderful and the trails are spectacular."

"Keep those Walkers walking!"

From VAL LORINCZY, SAVANAH L WALKERS, LEDUC, "Hi, thought I would drop a line to all the survivors of that long winter. It seems like the snow will never go, especially at our place, but the horses say it's spring. Mares are nice and fat in foal, and shedding like crazy. I guess I'll have to pull Pride (Final New York Edition) away from that round bale and start working him. Must get him back in shape for the show and breeding season."

"We have two 4 year olds in training and two 2 year olds to work with. These horses are for sale this year so I'd better get <u>someone</u> off the couch to give me a hand! Hope to get some trail riding in this year. See you all at the shows. Good luck foaling!"

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TM8-450 Dept. of the Army Technical Manual

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AGE

The average duration of life of the horse is about 20 years, at which age he might be comparatively considered as old as a man of 60 years. The percentage of animals in the military service that attain this age is relatively small because of physical disability which interferes with their economic use. Stallions and mares reach the age of puberty and are capable of reproduction at about one and one-half years of age, but they are not bodily mature until about six years of age. Horses for military use train more readily and better, with fewer unsoundnesses developing, if their training begins at age six or seven years of age, rather than at the immature ages of three to five years. The period of military usefulness will average about 10 to 11 years. The average horse begins to show quite well-defined indications of senility at 17 years of age, but many horses, like certain men, stay young beyond their years. It has often been observed that horses 10 years of age and older are seemingly better able to withstand the

hardships of campaign than are younger horses. As a rule, mares show the effect of advancing years to a lesser degree than geldings.

HORSE COLOR

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The various groups of horse colors with black points are black (body black), brown (body brown), bay (body red), grullo (body slate) and buckskin (body yellow). ... (Page 19).

The various subdivisions of horse colors with nonblack points are chestnut/sorrel (body red), red dun (body very light red), yellow dun/palomino (body yellow), ... and cremello/perlino (body off-white).

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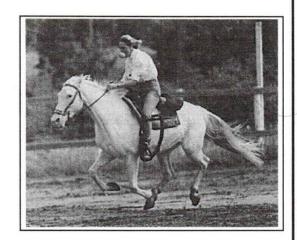
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CRTWH NOTES

I would like to make all sellers of Walking Horses aware of their responsibility in making a sale complete. When a horse is sold, it is necessary for the seller to transfer that horse into the new owner's name. This is the final step in completing the sale and making it legal. So many buyers are first time owners and are not aware of the time frame allowed for a transfer. If a month or more elapses, the new owner is penalized for something he or she did not know about or understand.

So please, sellers, transfer the horse to the new owner and do not leave it up to the buyer.

The Annual General Meeting of CRTWH will be held on Saturday, April 17, at 10:30 a.m. It will be in Red Deer, AB at the New Elks Hall, 5121 - 50th Ave. (Parking is available on the north side; go down the lane to reach the parking area.)

We plan to have the "Picture the Millennium" binders at the meeting so you can see how the History & Heritage Project 2000 is coming along. See you at the meeting.

Helen Williamson, Secretary Calgary, AB (403) 931-3838

TWHBEA MEMOS

European TWHBEA Members Conduct Successful Meeting

TWHBEA held a meeting & luncheon for its European members on January 24., 41 people attended. Josef Holstermann, TWHBEA Director for Germany, presided. Gerrit Band, TWHBEA Director for Region 2, was also in attendance. U.S. TWHBEA representatives were Todd Shelton and Tracy Boyd.

The first item of business was an update on the legal aspects of transporting semen into the European community from the U.S. and other countries, followed by a discussion of the Equine Passport in Europe, its purpose, legal requirements and ramifications.

The next item centred on a judging program for Europe. Holstermann announced plans for a European Judges' Clinic to be held May 15-16 in Germany. Clinicians will be Dr. Dave Whitaker, Middle Tennessee State University and Dr. Doyle Meadows, University of Tennessee.

Rounding out the meeting was a discussion of plans for Equitana, the World's Fair of Equine Sports, in Essen, Germany March 6 - 14. This year all TWHBEA's equine representatives will be from Europe.

From a Jan.29/99 TWHBEA News & Information release

Items from TWHBEA Executive Committee Meeting, Feb.22/99

Breeders' Division VP Judy Martin recommended, at the request of her committee, that the color designation "Spotted" be deleted from TWHBEA registration applications and that it be replaced with "Pattern". Under the "Pattern" heading would be "tobiano", "overo" and "sabino". Following discussions, no action was taken on the recommendation.

A recommendation by Martin to revamp and re-issue the "Official Guide to Color & Markings..." booklet was approved.

Pat Carpinito, VP Horse Show Division, announced her committee's new plan for the regional futurity system. Discussion turned to TWHBEA's funding policy, formed in 1996, whereby new futurities receive \$3000.00 per year for each of their first three years. This is to help launch new futurities, and it is hoped that after three years they will be self supporting. Any that are not may appeal to the Executive Committee for additional funding.

Of six regional futurities that had completed their initial three years, three requested an additional \$3000.00 each. The Executive Committee agreed to sponsor ribbons and trophies for all three, and granted the Tri-State Regional Futurity \$1509.00.

The Western Canadian Regional Futurity, in its third year of existence, was granted \$3000.00 by the Executive Committee.

Pleasure Horse VP Marietta Gambrell's committee voted unanimously to continue the TWHBEA Versatility Show in Murfreesboro, TN as is until 2002, except that the Pleasure Horse Committee will each be responsible for raising \$100 so there will be cash prizes. Dr. Kenneth DeHaven submitted his resignation which was accepted, and Doug Toone was approved as his replacement.

From a Feb.24/99 TWHBEA News & Information release

CANADIAN NATURAL WALKING HORSE CLUB

I am starting to put together a "new age" Walking Horse club that may interest your readers. It will be called the Canadian Natural Walking Horse Club, based out of Manitoba, with hopes of having provincial divisions right across the country. It will also be open to U.S. owners who are interested in learning about our goals and breeding programs here. My aim is to strive to promote the naturally gaited walker as well as promote natural training methods with our Walkers.

We think this focus will have merit and interest for people coming into Walkers, as well as creating a new "focus" for demonstrating, promoting, showing and riding these truly wonderful horses. It may take a while to get things going, but I am asking for input and discussion from WHN readers on this future club. I envision developing a new format and criteria for shows/demonstrations, that will present the Walker as the most versatile, safe and comfortable horse to ride. All suggestions are welcome.

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New URL address for Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse (CRTWH): http://www.crtwh.ca

One new newsgroup, Cdntwh, has had a name change to "naturaltwh". Barb Fenwick of Manitoba started it and we welcome others to join the ever-growing group . www.onelist.com Look for naturaltwh Submitted by Jane Mueller, Saltspring Is., B.C.

The Sandy Sun's Sally Breeders Association - for tobiano TWH tracing back to sSs: http://members.aol.com/TobianoTWH/F-Tobiano.index.html or e-mail WWntrSprgs@aol.com. Submitted by Maureen Hummel, Rose Prairie, B.C. mhummel@awink.com

I'D LIKE TO KNOW...

What Gait is a Singlefoot?

This question, posed by Keith Oberle in the last issue, has brought a number of replies, both to WHN and directly to Keith. Here are the ones WHN received or found:

DARREL ROTH, DARWELL, AB

"A singlefoot and a rack are the same."

ALLANNA JACKSON, LAKESIDE, ARIZONA

The third edition of the *American Heritage Dictionary* gives us the following definitions:

Singlefoot noun - A rapid gait of a horse in which each foot strikes the ground separately; the rack, no longer in technical use.

Rack (2) noun - A fast, flashy, four-beat gait of a horse in which each foot touches the ground separately and at equal intervals.

The North American Singlefooting Horse Association (NASHA), with headquarters in Three Forks, Montana, U.S.A., equates the singlefoot with the ability to maintain even four beat timing at speed. This is consistent with the dictionary definition of the rack. NASHA has identified Peruvian Pasos, Paso Finos, Tennessee Walking Horses, Foxtrotting Horses, Racking Horses, Spotted Saddle Horses, Rocky Mountain Horses, Mountain Pleasure Horses, gaited Mustangs and more as "North American Singlefooting Horses". Not all of these breeds rack. For example, there is no provision for a rack in the Peruvian Paso breed standards. Walking Horses and Foxtrotters aren't supposed to rack either, though many of them do. That's part of the reason they became separate breeds from the Saddlebred, Racking Horse and Rocky Mountain/Mountain Pleasure Horses. If all of these breeds "singlefoot", which gait is it? This list encompasses all 19 natural gaits of horses with style variations. Only the paso largo, rack, and tolt gaits meet the even four-beat with speed requirement. Tolt and rack are simply the Icelandic and English names, respectively, for the same gait. The paso largo is the most extended form of the Paso Fino's corto gait.

Here in Arizona, and throughout much of the western U.S., "singlefoot" is an obsolete term for any gait that is not a plod walk, trot, pace, lope or gallop. My father remembers riding a "singlefooting" mare at a summer camp in southern Arizona 50 years ago. In size and appearance, this mare was just another ranch bred dude horse, but she did something smooth when the rest of the string were trotting. What gait was she doing? Who knows? Given the average speed of the group, her gait might have been a foxtrot, running walk, or stepping pace. The wranglers just called it a singlefoot.

A letter to the editor published in the August '84 Arizona *Bridle & Bit* newspaper defined the four beat gait of the Nez Perce's Appaloosa as a 7 mph amble in which the lateral legs moved forward together but set down separately. This is the gait we call the stepping pace or broken pace in Tennessee Walkers. This same letter mentioned that many northwestern bred Quarter Horses were four gaited and many horses in the old West had a well-developed amble, singlefoot or pace. The writer pointed out that a 6 to 7 mph gait is the optimum speed for long distance travel. In the context of that

letter, "singlefoot" might mean foxtrot, running walk, stepping pace, paso corto or paso llano rather than the more strenuous (for the horse) rack.

So, what gait IS the singlefoot? Whatever gait the particular "singlefooting" horse does when someone describes its gait that way. This may not be the same "singlefoot" that is meant the next time you hear the term.

In summary, the dictionary prefers to make "singlefoot" synonymous with "rack", but historical, regional and current usage does not entirely support that preference. Therefore, there is no truly definitive definition of the word singlefoot.

Maybe that's why the dictionary considers the word "no longer in technical use" in American English. The actual usage of the "singlefoot" gait name is so vague that when you aren't sure which four beat gait a horse is doing, you can call it a singlefoot and no one can prove you wrong!

EARL FARSHLER, in his book, *Riding and Training*, first published in 1945, revised edition 1959, has this to say about the singlefoot:

"The rack is the true saddle horse gait. It is exactly midway between the trot and the pace, a true four beat gait with every foot striking the ground separately at exactly spaced intervals. One can easily hear it as well as see it. ... It is without a doubt the easiest of all gaits for the rider, merely giving him a quivering sensation, no jar, no bumping, no shifting from side to side, but as easy as it is for the rider, it is the hardest of any gait on the horse. ... Many of you have heard some old-timers speaking of a singlefooter and how fortunate one was to be able to secure one such animal for a personal mount. This of course is the same gait, slower, done naturally - not artificial, not showy nor nearly as hard on the horse as a rack, but just as easy to ride." Page 323 - 324. MCL

CHARLES O. WILLIAMSON, in his book, *Breaking and Training the Stock Horse*, published first in 1950, also mentions the term "singlefoot" in his chapter on training the gaited horse. He says, "As seen now (1957 and for some years past) the slow gait is a very slow rack (which the author calls a walking rack for want of a better name) or singlefoot and, as consequence, most so-called five gaited horses only do four gaits." Page 117.

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Finally, the last word on this comes from Webster's 9th New Collegiate Dictionary:

single-foot vi, of a horse (1890):

to go at a rack -- single-footer n.

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ON TREE-LESS SADDLES

From JO KINGSLAND, ALIX, AB. who asked in the last issue, if anyone had seen or experienced riding a tree-less saddle.

"Well, there are a lot more of these saddles around than I ever imagined! Here is a synopsis of the replies I had from our subscribers."

BLAIR DYBERG, WETASKIWIN, AB. phoned right away to tell me he had seen one in one of the tack stores in

Red Deer not so long ago. He had considered it for competitive trail riding.

SHEILA HAINES, SPRUCE GROVE, AB. told me that Monty Gwynne (who trained one of her horses) uses one. Monty is a Level 1 student of Parelli Natural Horsemanship and it was at a PNH clinic where I had seen one.

MARGARET GOSLING, NANTON, AB. has been using one for trail riding for quite a while now. She just loves it! only weighs 11 pounds! She suggested, however, that if you were going to ride hilly country it should have both a breastplate and a crouper attached. Margaret described the saddle as an "overbuilt bareback pad". She gave me the catalog address in Kentucky through which she had purchased hers.

DARREL ROTH, ONOWAY, AB. has ridden his neighbour's tree-less saddles and liked them so much he considered importing some but exchange rates the way they are put an end to that idea. I was invited to come and ride on them.

LARRY & SHIRLEY BLAESER, SHERWOOD PARK, AB. wrote a full page report on their five years experience with tree-less saddles. Using them extensively for both trail and mountain riding on TWH, Peruvian Pasos, and Arabians, they were a perfect fit on all breeds and never moved out of place. Riders enjoyed the supreme comfort and for four years and many,many, many miles the sweat patch on the horses' backs was even all over. However, last year their horses began to develop "hot spots" and the Blaesers believe the saddles are beginning to break down. They will be replacing them this year. Larry also enclosed several pages of a catalog from Kentucky printed from the internet. Prices are in the range of \$795 to \$1490 US for the different models offered.

"Since I raised the question many people have told me that tree-less saddles are becoming very popular among professional Barrel Racers."

HORSE HEALTH HINTS

TWIN FOALS

This year I've talked with three TWH breeders whose mares slipped twins in January or February. Last year I know there were several as well.

Twins are not reason to rejoice in the horse world. Many of the "misses" in conception are cases where the mare conceived twins, carried them only a few weeks and aborted. The owner would only be aware that the mare seemed to settle, and then came back into season, usually with a longer than normal diestrus period. If the twin pregnancy lasted 37 days or more, the mare wouldn't come into season for several months and usually misses the year.

Although only 1 percent of conceptions result in twin pregnancies, even then 90 percent of those that survive beyond 150 days end in abortions or stillbirths.

Due to the size and shape of the mare's uterus, and the type of placentation, a mare can very rarely support twin fetuses. If the pregnancy has continued until the eighth or ninth month of gestation, when there is rapid growth of the foal, twins are forced to compete for space and nutrition within the uterus. Generally the weaker one will die, triggering a foreign body reaction inside the mare, so that she aborts both.

According to M. Phyllis Lose, V.M.D., the incidence of twin pregnancies in mares used to be around one in every 1000. Now it has increased appreciably, for no known reason, especially in Thoroughbreds.

Dr. Lose says that mares very commonly ovulate more than one ovum per cycle. In her practice she has examined thousands of afterbirth membranes and has found that in over 60 percent of all single births, there is evidence that the pregnancy began with twins, triplets or more! She feels that in most mares, some internal force selects the dominant embryo very early in the pregnancy and the others recede to black cylindrical masses called amorphi globosi, which may be seen in the afterbirth.

Therefore, she feels that ultrasounding a mare for

twins at 12 days is too early. Her advice is to check at around 18 to 21 days, and if there are still twins at that time, it is not too late to have them aborted. Do so earlier than that and you may be ending a perfectly good pregnancy in which the mare's body would have dealt with the extra fertilized ova.

Dr. Lose describes a mare that is carrying near term twin foals as characteristically dripping milk from before her due date for two to three weeks past that. It is usually a large & roomy mare that has been very well fed that can deliver live twin foals.

So, be prepared for twins if the mare goes 'way overdue and streams milk from a few days before she should be due. Twins tend to be smaller and weaker than single foals; they will need supplementary feeding, so have the Foal-Lac handy and a warm dry place for the babies. If you can catch some of that first milk that the mare is dripping, freeze it until needed. (But don't milk her out.) Then both babies can have the benefit of their mother's colostrum - they need it to ward off infections. Live twin foals need almost as much special care as an orphan, and may never catch up in size and ability to their single brother or sister.

To avoid the problem, ultra sound monitoring is advisable if the mare has a history of twinning.

Let's all hope our mares have strong, healthy <u>single</u> babies!

Marjorie C. Lacy

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TRAINING MYTH-UNDERSTANDINGS

Applied Heeding: Basic Trailer Training by Ron Meredith

Trailer loading is not a BIG deal. It is just heeding. When you step forward, the horse steps forward. When you stop, the horse stops. Your horse stays by your side always and that includes walking next to you into a trailer.

The thing you never do is force the horse into the trailer. You don't want to make any part of your training program scary to the horse. You just stay at the shoulder and calmly walk into the trailer. Loading a horse in a trailer is not an accomplishment. You don't need to do anything loud when when you load a horse into a trailer. It is just having your horse heeding aids so completely that he goes with you anywhere. So if your horse does not want to go into a trailer, you need to go back and sharpen your heeding and bring up the trailer question again later.

Fine tune your step cue by going back to the stage of reinforcing what you ask with an aid if necessary. Walk forward and reinforce the message that the horse is to step with you by tapping its hindquarters with a whip. Stop by turning your body parallel to the horse's body and blocking its chest with the whip, emphasizing the side that matches the foreward front foot. Do a LOT of backing, controlling each stride. Get accuracy. Get only the stride you ask for and no more or less. It is accuracy that makes the horse heed you into the trailer. If you don't get accuracy you will get disobedience.

Remember that if the horse does not enter the trailer, it does not necessarily mean that he is disobeying your step cue. He may not quite understand heeding well enough yet. You may need to go back and work more with basic heeding to confirm your cue.

Don't get bossy. Accuracy comes from doing the same thing over and over, not the same thing louder and louder. Use repetition, not retribution. To get the horse in the trailer, you apply consistent directional pressures in a relaxed, rhythmic way. You don't let those pressures get louder and louder or faster and faster.

Everybody wants to see you shake a ladder and crack a hip and put a horse in a trailer in little under a second. That may impress an ignorant audience but it's a negative experience for the horse. With really good training, the horse obeys, follows, and stays in the trailer not from fear but from trust. When you create a fight with a horse about something, the fight will become bigger and bigger every time. So it will get harder and harder to load the horse into the trailer. It's a longer and slower process in the beginning to get the horse to respect your step cue and earn its trust. But once you earn trust, you have it for life. In fact, once you have shown a trusting horse that the trailer is safe the first time you load it, it will usually walk right in the next time.

A trailer is just another piece of equipment in the training

process and should be introduced with rhythm and relaxation. You introduce the saddle in stages and another piece of new equipment like a trailer should be approached the same way. If the horse is uncertain but paying attention to you, just keep going back to where everything is calm until the place where everything is calm gets closer and closer to the trailer. Do things in front of the trailer that are calm like picking up the horse's feet or doing some grooming. DO NOT hurry. Every time you feel the excitement level rising or feel yourself losing control, go back to something the horse understands how to do well to establish control and calm again.

Some horses may walk right in the trailer with you the first time. Some you may need to coax and cuddle a bit. You don't need to get the horse in the trailer the first day. The process may take weeks. Remember that if the horse does not get in the trailer on the first day, you have NOT taught him that he doesn't have to get in. Horse's don't think like that. They will remember the last thing that happened. So, on the second day, he will remember the spot behind the trailer where he still felt comfortable and you can take up where you left off.

When you get the horse in the trailer, you must remember that since it is a new piece of equipment, he will be a little uncertain. So don't add anything new at this point. For example, don't drive him around yet. Let him stay in and investigate and if he wants to get out, let him. And let him get out in any way he feels comfortable. Most horses will want to turn around and walk out their first time. If your trailer does not allow for this and your horse is accustomed to driving lines, you can put lines on the horse and gently ask him to back out You may not have a problem at all with the horse backing out. Just don't pressure your horse to back out of the trailer. Don't add more pressure to the issue until everything else is working.

If the horse is afraid and tries to escape from the trailer, do NOT punish him. You must regain relaxation and make the trailer a comfortable thing. So you may need days and days and days of just letting the horse investigate the trailer while you stay at his shoulder and show him that it is safe. Just keep walking the horse up to the last point behind the trailer where it is comfortable and stay there. Scratch and groom until you can step him forward again and still remain comfortable.

Avoidance situations like whipping or shanking the horse to enforce obedience create up to five times as much activity as approach situations. So an approach situation like coaxing a horse with grain or hay is usually a waste of time when it comes to a situation the horse is unsure of, like a trailer. That's because the drive to avoid the trailer will be stronger than the drive to approach the bribe. However, approach situations (offering grain or hay inside the trailer) will sometimes be what will put the horse in a calmer state of mind. So you don't want to rule out approach situations entirely.

Your first objectives in training are always rhythm and relaxation. And the first indication that you've interrupted the training rhythm is that the horse's breathing pattern gets interrupted. He catches his breath. As soon as that happens, you've got to go back and reestablish the rhythm and relaxation before you move on.

If your horse is scared, be patient. If your horse is disobedient and wants to fight, change the subject. If your horse is calm and obedient, he will heed your step cue, stay at your shoulder and walk right in.

Instructor and trainer Ron Meredith has refined his "horse logical" methods for communicating with equines over 30 years as president of Meredith Manor International Equestrian Centre (Route 1, Box 66, Waverly, WV 26184; 1-304-679-3128;

http://www.meredithmanor.com), an ACCET-accredited equestrian educational institution.

TRAVEL SAFETY

Tips compiled by Dave Wilson, Wilson's Garage, Santa Rosa, CA

This presentation at this year's Alberta HBOC provided a wealth of good pointers for those who travel with horses in tow. Here are a few of them.

TRAILER MAINTENANCE: (Every time you tow)

Safety check oil, fluid levels and belts on tow vehicle. Check hitch, ball, electrical connections, signal & brake lights. Check safety chains & hooks and all tires for correct pressure. Look inside the trailer for wasp nests!!

Once a month

Clean inside & out, wash & wax.

Check tires for wear, cuts, etc.

Check wheels, bearings & brakes, any fasteners attached to trailer.

Take out floor mats and clean floor. Check for any rotting boards.

Lubricate any movable parts so they move easily. Repair & touch up any rusty or sharp places.

Once a year, Check

Insurance coverage.

Condition of springs & all wiring, lights, etc.

Floor underside for sound channel iron, no dry rot in wood, and seal floor with a wood water sealer.

Condition of tires, ramps & hinges; oil hinges.

Tailgate & threads on screw-type clamps for wear.

Brake system (including shoes), & wheel bearings (repack).

EOUIPMENT LIST for TRAILER

Tool kit, with sharp knife, crow bar, screw driver, pliers, hammer, wrench, etc. Light bulbs for trailer light, flash light with extra batteries, extra oil for tow vehicle, & fuses. Include work gloves and waterless hand cleaner.

Jumper cables, towing chain, flares in case of breakdown. Spare tires & jack for vehicle & trailer.

Two chocks to put behind front & back tires when parked.

First aid kits - human & equine.

Pail with sponge or cloth.

Extra cotton & leg wraps.

Large container of fresh water.

Extra halter & lead line, & long line; sheet or blanket.

Broom, shovel, fork, rake, disposal bags for manure.

Sufficient hay & feed for trip.

Water & feed buckets, hay net (with fresh hay each trip!).

Maps, directions and phone numbers needed.

Can of wasp/hornet spray.

If going to an event, have with you

Necessary health papers.

Rule book.

Membership/registration number for horse & rider.

Identification/registration papers.

Attire for rider, tack for horse.

Credit cards, cheques, cash.

(Travellers in Alberta need to have a Livestock manifest and/or copies of their horses' registration papers. Check to see what is required in your province or state.)

Highlights of the Alberta Horse Owners & Breeders Conference.

Submitted by Dianne Little

SILVER ...

Is wondering where your "identification" letters are. Rumours that Silver has been sussed out are rife, but no one has written in yet... (Silver, c/o Box 7326, Edson, AB T7E 1V5).

A big "thank-you" to Jo-Anne McDonald for the photo and your <u>correct</u> identification of Laddie's Monte Ray as the stallion that sired Silver's filly all those years ago. When compared with one taken at the time, it's obvious they're the same horse.

We are also pretty sure that Mr. Ball's "black mare nicknamed Shadow" that was at the Saskatchewan farm at the same time as Laddie's Monte Ray was SHADOW'S LYRICAL. What do you think? Perhaps the Chapmans at Stettler can answer that.

Looking forward to your letters!

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FITTING YOUR FUTURITY FOAL

Part 1: Taking Care of Mama

What can you do for your futurity foal right now to give it that "competitive edge"?

"Oh please!" you say, "It isn't even <u>born</u> yet! What on earth can I do for it NOW? And anyway, it will be what it will be according to its genetics, won't it?"

Well, you're right that it will be born with all the genetic potential that it will ever have. But to live up to that potential it will need a lot of help from YOU.

There are a few things you can do right now to give it a good start, and the first and most important is to double check that its mother is getting a diet complete with all the nutrients she needs to build a healthy baby. Be sure she's getting <u>enough</u> to eat and be sure it's good quality feed.

Not only does the mare have to build that baby (and some research says that the fetus' growth rate doubles during the last two months of gestation), but she needs to stay in good condition herself. A thin mare won't have the body reserves to give birth, start milking (an awesome amount to feed the ravenous baby), and get back in shape for rebreeding in thirty days or less! A moderately fleshy mare will be better able to produce the milk that will be your foal's major source of nourishment for the first few weeks of life.

Another thing that can help the baby get off to a good start is to be sure his mother isn't carrying a big parasite load. Not only do those worms take nourishment away from the mare, they also take it away from the fetus. And if the mare has loads of worms, you can be sure the baby will will pick them up in no time once it's born. Regular deworming becomes particularly important if the horses are always kept in the same pasture.

Some people recommend deworming the mare right after foaling (12 hours or so) to avoid Strongyloides westeri, a parasite that the foal ingests through the mother's milk. You might want to check with your vet as to whether this parasite is common in your area. A heavy load of these give the very young foal diarrhea.

So, even before its birth you can be planning to give your futurity foal every chance to live up to the genetic excellence its pedigree would suggest. Pedigree alone can't do it all. Your good management can give your foal that competitive edge!

Marjorie C. Lacy

Next month: Fitting Your Futurity Foal: Off to a Flying Start *

More Highlights of the Alberta Horse Owners & Breeders Conference

"Trainers are trying to develop athletes and this is not done overnight - a great deal of patience and guidance are necessary. You must think of your young horse's early training as the process of `toughening' the bones, tendons, and joints of his structure. In essence, you are building `calluses' around the stress bearing joints. The younger the horse, the more immature the bone."

"A good trainer is one who manages to allow the horse to develop into its natural ability without breaking the horse down in the process."

THE BACKYARD RACE HORSE - Janet Del Castillo, Winter Haven, Florida

"Phenylbutazone, usually known as `bute', is very commonly used for pain and inflammation in horses because it is effective and inexpensive. However, this drug remains in the horse's bloodstream for a long time after each dose, so it is the most common non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug to cause toxicity. Bute should be given at the lowest possible effective dose and on a once a day basis. For long term use it's best to give a low dose every other day. Bute is available in paste and tablets for oral administration and as an injectable product for intravenous administration. If given outside of a vein, it is extremely irritating to the horse's muscle tissues."

"Acepromazine is a tranquilizer that is available at feed stores. I personally think that this drug should only be available through a veterinarian as it must be dosed very carefully. It has no effect on pain sensation so a tranquilized horse may react violently to a painful procedure. It dilates blood vessels and lowers blood pressure so should not be

administered to horses that are bleeding profusely or are in shock. In male horses, a rare reaction results in paraphimosis (involuntary extension and erection of the penis.) The horse's penis is easily damaged in this state."

"Steroids are often combined with antibiotic in eye ointments. This combination is for minor irritation, but should never be used if there is actual damage to the horse's cornea. Eye injuries in horses are very serious - always consult your veterinarian before putting any medication in a horse's eye."

"Always read the label and follow directions on any drug package or bottle, even wormers."

WHEN GOOD DRUGS DO BAD THINGS - Dr. Trisha Dowling, Saskatoon, SK

"Few `Performance horses' are acquired these days without the opinion of a veterinarian through what is commonly referred to as the prepurchase exam. The purpose of the exam is to gather information on the health status of the horse in order to assist the buyer in making an informed decision regarding the purchase. More specifically, the prepurchase evaluation attempts to identify current problems and interpret these findings relative to the horse's intended use. Buyers must realize that there is an element of risk in buying any horse. Hopefully, in the case of a prepurchase exam, the buyer will gain a better understanding of the potential risks so they can purchase the horse with a certain level of comfort and confidence."

PREPURCHASE EXAMINATION OF PERFORMANCE HORSES - Dr. Dan French, Okotoks, AB

Submitted by Dianne Little

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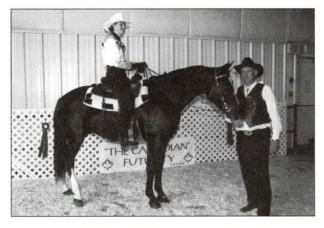
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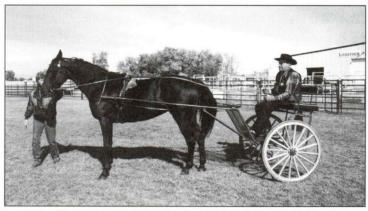




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Yearling In Hand - RIDGEWALKER'S LADY HAWK



Yearling Colt - SOLSTICE MEMOY



Two Year Old Gelding – EBBY'S SILVER COAL



Yearling Filly - T-BONES BLESSED ANGEL

Two Year Old Colt - DACHELE'S RAINCHECK

Results of the

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September 19, 20, 1998, Olds, Alberta

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TOP MOVEMENT SCORE ENTRY IUS' TOUCH A PRINCESS

by My Touch of Pride out of Lady Bonnie Shadows Owner - Jus' Fine, Randy Johnson trophy courtesy of Walking Horse Junction, Bill Howes

FINISHED HORSE: **Highest Score over 5 Years** ANGEL'S DAWN GLIDER

by Midnight Toddy out of Angel's Alberta Rose Owner - Norman Thachuk trophy courtesy of Cloudwalker Stables - Deloris & Bill Salt

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whose progeny accumulate the most points DA-JO MISTY'S RENA

Owner - J. Glenn Robinson trophy courtesy of Diane Sept

JACK STRACHAN MEMORIAL TROPHY

G2'S RENA'S MOLLY

by Midnight Toddy out of Da-Jo Misty's Rena Owner - J. Glenn Robinson trophy courtesy of Heather and George Sharpe

TOP SCORE ENTRY

POWER'S CANADIAN COPY

by The Power is On out of Kelly's Victry Kiss Owner - Cloudwalker Stables trophy courtesy of J. Glenn Robinson

whose progeny accumulate the most points MIDNIGHT TODDY Owner: Viggo Sorensen trophy courtesy of Westridge Farms, Helen Williamson

STALLION

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE 1998

WEANLING FILLY Trophy courtesy of D-Joint Ranch

First: Jus'Touch A Princess; Owner/Breeder: Jus' Fine/Randy Johnson; by My Touch of Pride out of Lady Bonnie Shadows Second: Double Play's Miss Scarlet; Owner/Breeder: Laurie & Dale Innocent; by Coin's Double Play out of Evening Blessing

WEANLING COLT Trophy courtesy of Jordan Valley Farms

(41 entered, 23 shown)

(35 entered, 22 shown)

First: Power's Canadian Copy; Owner/Breeder: Cloudwalker Stables/Deloris & Bill Salt; by The Power is On out of Kelly's Victry Kiss Second: Double Play's Eldorado; Owner/Breeder: Laurie & Dale Innocent; by Coin's Double Play out of Little Sydney

YEARLING FILLY Trophy courtesy of Cole Farms

(20 entered, 13 shown)

First: T-Bones Blessed Angel; Owner/Breeder: Mrs. Alice Green; by Tramp's T-Bone Walker out of Another Angel Second: G2's Rena's Annie; Owner/Breeder: J. Glenn Robinson; by Midnight Toddy out of Da-Jo Misty's Rena

YEARLING GELDING Trophy courtesy of Karen & Roland van Loo & Andrea Thomber

(4 entered, 3 shown)

First: Shadow's Double Play; Owner/Breeder: Nicole Mazur & Cameron Lougheed; by Coin's Double Play out of Cruise's Sunday Blessing Second: Toddy's Noble Tequila; Owner/Breeder: Albert O'Neil; by Midnight Toddy out of Eagle's Teila

YEARLING COLT Trophy courtesy of Leo Brilz

(12 entered, 5 shown)

First: Solstice Memory; Owner/Breeder: Christine & John Kobza; by Create A Memory out of Mountain Jasmine Second: Major Chaos; Owner/Breeder: Christine & John Kobza; by Ultra's Major Threat out of Thing's Diamond Lil

YEARLING IN HAND Trophy courtesy of Treetop Ranch, T.J. & Linda MacKay

(17 entered, 13 shown)

First: Ridgewalker's Lady Hawk; Owner/Breeder: Liz & Norn Levangie; by N-Mile Summertyme Decision out of Sunset Success Second: T-Bones's Blessed Angel; Owner/Breeder: Mrs. Alice Green; by Tramp's T-Bone Walker out of Another Angel

TWO YEAR OLD FILLY Trophy courtesy of Jack Strachan, Heather & George Sharpe

(12 entered, 9 shown)

First: Coin's Spicey Babe; Owner/Breeder: Cloudwalker Stables; by Coin's Double Play out of Calta Nutmeg Second: Lady Belindi-Go; Owner/Breeder: Robyn Bagby/J. Kingsland; by Honey Boy's Rebel out of Candy's Bay Lady 2

TWO YEAR OLD GELDING Trophy courtesy of Chevron Oil Employee Involvement Program

(9 entered, 8 shown)

First: Ebby's Silver Coal; Owner/Breeder: Norm Thachuk/J. Glenn Robinson; by Midnight Toddy out of Eb's Jet Stream Second: Mister Coolio; Owner/Breeder: Donna & Blayne Zimmerman; by Delight's Midnight Legend out of Miss Styx

TWO YEAR OLD COLTS Trophy courtesy of Sandra & Hasso von Lippa

(3 entered,2 shown)

First: Dachele's Raincheck; Owner/Breeder: Tina & Jim Hutchinson; by Generator's Black Rain out of Gen's Muskcat Second: Shine On Genius; Owner/Breeder: Dawn Sigurdson; by Pride's Genius out of Pride's Miss Ellie

BREEDERS CLASS Trophy courtesy of the Zimmerman Family

(6 entered, 4 shown)

First: Kelly's Victry Kiss; Owner/Breeder: Cloudwalker Stables/Deloris & Bill Salt Second: Eb's Jet Stream; Owner/Breeder: J. Glenn Robinson

TWO YEAR OLD LINE DRIVING Trophy courtesy of Bill Fraess

(6 entered, 3 shown)

First: One More Whiskey, Jack; Owner/Breeder: Pat & Stu Pritchard; by Thunder's War Eagle out of Royal's Misty Lady Second: Golden Dreams Delight; Owner/Breeder: Sheila Haines; by Answer To Prayer out of N-Mile Golden Dream

TWO GAIT PERFORMANCE Trophy courtesy of Louise & Ralph McLaren

(13 entered, 8 shown)

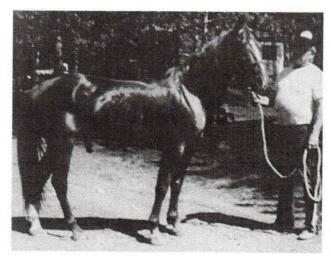
First: Cloudwalkers Thatsamore; Owner/Breeder: Cloudwalker Stables/Deloris & Bill Salt; by Midnight Toddy out of Kelly's Victry Kiss Second: Canadian Perfetion; Owner/Breeder: Ted Smith; by Pride's Dominator out of Crescent's Merry May

THREE GAIT PERFORMANCE Trophy courtesy of The Little Family

(3 entered, 2 shown)

First: G2's Ebby's Sir Prize; Owner/Breeder: J. Glenn Robinson; by Midnight Toddy out of Eb's Jet Stream Second: G2's Rena's Stormy; Owner/Breeder: J. Glenn Robinson; by Midnight Toddy out of Da-Jo's Misty's Renas

MORE ON THE RAPID JOE LINE



Stan with Heza Summer Star, 1989

JEAN MARTIN of SPRUCE GROVE, AB phoned one afternoon to inform me that they too own a stallion son of He'za Walker. Jean and her husband, Stan, are the proud owners of a beautiful copper sorrel son of He'za and the mare, Summer Solstice. "He'za Summer Star" was born in 1983 and was bred by Susan Banks of Calgary.

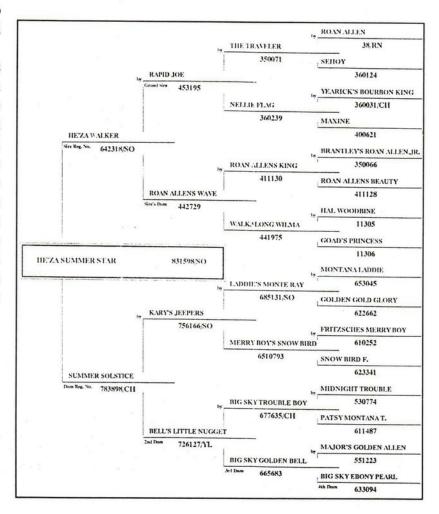
Jean writes, "We rebuilt a man's horse trailer and he paid us with He'za Summer Star."

"Star has had many children learn to ride on his back. Also the day our children came out for the day, all had a ride on the big horse, Star."

"His favorite foods are carrots and bagels, followed by hay and oats. His favorite pastime is taking Stan's cap and hiding it, then giving him the old horse-laugh!"

"Star is a real pet but loves to go along the river trails to Edmonton and back."

"We have three other Walkers plus a Quarter Horse mare and a QH/Arabian mare. These two have spent many summers at Joseph Lake at the camp for physically impaired youngsters. Our other Walkers are the bay mare, Tracy's Reflection (Tracy's Midnight x Gypsie Reflection); the chestnut mare, Princess Elysium (Answer to Prayer CCF x Serenity's Princess Allen); and the two year old bay filly, Shauna's Delight (Answer to Prayer CCF x Delight's Midnight Legend)."



COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDING

Part I: What is a Competitive Trail Ride? by Carol Williamson Hall

It is a timed ride (not a race) on horseback over a set course varying from 30 to 45 miles (for open riders) or 20 miles for novice riders or young horses. This distance is to be completed in one day. A 60 mile ride is to be completed in two days. Each ride is completed within a minimum and maximum time period. There are also compulsory rest stops on the trail for monitoring your horse's condition (by qualified judges).

Winning entries are based on the horses judged to be in the best condition and who have completed the ride within the allotted time.

Competitive rides are judged by one to three judges, one of whom is a practicing veterinarian. Horses are judged on soundness (40 percent), condition (50 percent), and suitability and manners (10 percent). Horsemanship is also an important aspect of competitive trail riding. Entrants are

judged on the care and handling of their mounts throughout the entire weekend and Horsemanship Awards are given out at the end of the ride.

Horses competing in the Open division must be 60 months of age or older. The Novice division is for new competitors or young horses not less than 48 months, or for horses in less than top condition. The Novice ride is performed at a slower rate and is less distance than the Open rides.

What is an Endurance Ride?

An endurance ride is a controlled race against time on horseback over a set course varying from 50 to 100 miles. This ride

includes compulsory one hour rest stops on the trail every 15 to 25 miles so that the horse's condition may be monitored. Unsound or overstressed horses will be pulled from the race at any time during the ride.

Winning entries are based on the first horses across the finish line judged in acceptable condition.

Horses in this event must carry a minimum of 150 pounds (rider and tack). The horse must be 60 months of age or older.

P.& R. Rates

Now that I have explained the difference between the two events I will talk mainly about Competitive Trail Riding. During the ride there are periodic stops that are mandatory. It is here that P&Rs are taken. P stands for pulse and R stands for respiration. P&Rs can be used to determine your horse's level of condition although they are not the only criteria used. Other factors include your horse's attitude and the way he moves. But for the average horseman, P&Rs are the two tools easiest to use in determining a horse's condition.

This is especially true when they are taken in relation to immediate stress. If it takes a horse 30 minutes instead of 10 to recover to normal rates, you know he is tired.

What is a normal P&R rate? During a competition, any pulse over 48 beats per minute and/or any respiration rate over 24 breaths per minute will be penalized. The penalization scale looks like this:

Pulse	Pulse F		Respiration	
0 - 48	= 0	0 - 24	= 0	
49 - 52	= 1/2	25 - 28	= 1/4	
53 - 56	= 1	29 - 32	= 1/2	
57 - 60	= 1 1/2	33 - 36	= 3/4	
61 - 64	= 2	37 - 40	= 1	
etc.		etc.		

(Ed. note: There may have been some changes in these penalties since 1984.)

What to do When You Encounter a P&R?

Firstly, try to determine where a P&R stop will occur on the trail. They usually occur at the top of a long, steep climb or at the sneakiest spot possible along the trail. If you know this, try to come into the P&R stop slowly so as to allow your horse's P&R to recover to normal. Keep your horse as quiet as possible and away from any distractions. This will also help him to get as low as possible for the recheck. Find the best spot to let the horse stand quietly. Do try to get under a tree on a hot day. Take your horse away from the incoming trail, but not to the area where horses will

be trotting right past you as they head for the "out" trail. Leave enough room between horses so that the inclination to sniff each other is discouraged.

After you have been checked, don't move off until you are sure that you won't upset anyone. Don't leave another horse in a bind, stewing about the companion that used to be there, especially if there is only you and one other guy.

How to Take P&Rs

The first thing to do is determine your horse's normal heart rate at rest. When you start conditioning your horse on the trail, it is wise to stop after a tough climb or a long run and take the P&R. By monitoring your horse's P&R constantly, you can tell what level of condition your horse is in. It must be remembered that these tests are just an approximation. The pulse will vary from horse to horse, and with excitement, pain, nervousness, shock, disease and exercise.

There are several locations to take the pulse. One of the easiest is along the jaw. Run your fingers along the bottom



Carol riding at Tees, AB. competitive trail ride

of the jawbone until you feel the artery. Once you find it, put pressure on it and feel for the pulse. It is easiest to count for 15 seconds and then multiply by four.

Another place is just inside the left or near elbow. With the back of your hand flat against the ribcage, you feel or the actual heart beat, which is really two beats: lub-dub-lub-dub-etc. When you feel the lub-dub, count it as one beat, not two.

Another method is using a stethoscope. The stethoscope is also placed against the ribcage inside the left elbow.

The average respiration count on a horse is 8 to 12 breaths per minute. Again, find out the norm for your horse. To check the respiration, watch your horse's flank area. When he breathes in, the stomach comes down; when he breathes out, the stomach comes up. Most people count each time the stomach comes down. Don't put your hand on the horse's flank, as this action may alter the count.



Next issue: Training and Conditioning the Competitive Horse Editor's note: This article first appeared in The Walking Way, October 1984, and is reprinted with permission. Our thanks to Carol Hall, Westridge Farms trainer.

HORSE-READER'S DIGEST

EQUUS February, 1999

An item in the "Hands On" section of the magazine caught my eye. "Up to Speed" on page 18 discussed the speeds of the various gaits, giving the following norms:

Walk - Two and a half miles per hour.

Trot - Seven miles per hour.

Canter - Eleven miles per hour.

Gallop - Twenty miles per hour.

These are averages, of course, not the fastest speeds a particular horse may be capable of. Still, that's an interesting figure for the average speed for a walk.

CANADIAN HORSEMAN Nov/Dec.'98

"The Health File" on page 13 reports the birth of the first "sex selected" filly from sperm sorted artificial insemination. This new biotechnology, which sorts sperm carrying the X chromosomes from those carrying the Y chromosomes, is expected to become a billion dollar industry. Dr. Mervyn Jacobson, CEO of the Fort Collins, Colorado biotech company, XY Inc., says, "Selecting whether a horse will be male or female before it's even conceived will revolutionize the horse industry".

Guess it's still a long way in the future for most of us...

THE CANADIAN HORSE ANNUAL 1999

An article on page 30 details the results of a survey done during 1998 by the CEF. The survey concludes that there are 110,574 participants in the Canadian horse industry and approximately 886,431 horses in Canada.

What are people doing with all those horses? 25% participate in hunter/jumper and 25% in western disciplines, 19% in dressage, 8% in eventing, 3% each in driving and breed specific disciplines, 1% in endurance and 16% in other disciplines.

I wonder if competitive riding is included with endurance?

WESTERN HORSEMAN March 1999

Did you notice the photo and item about the Montana Blackhorse National Guard Unit on page 25, "Horses & People"?

The horse pictured was Royal Challenge, a black Tennessee Walking Horse owned by Jana Butler of Helena, Montana. An eye catching horse - and good publicity for the Walker.

Also, the article "Countdown to Foaling" by Dwight G. Bennett, D.V.M., Ph.D., had some interesting facts. The average length of pregnancy in the mare is 338 to 342 days but a normal pregnancy may range in length from 320 to 380 days! A mare beyond 320 to 330 days may foal at any time, but it is a mistake to induce parturition even after 340 days, since the foal may be too immature to survive. It seems that Mother knows best.

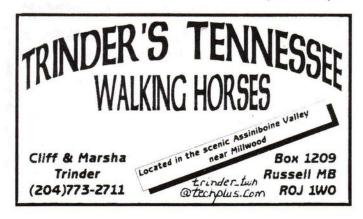
COUNTRY WEEKLY December 25/97

Shania Twain, the popular country singer originally from Timmins, Ontario, knows how to relax. An article about her in Country Weekly, sent in by Susan Banks, Calgary, AB. says, on page 37,

"At home, Shania escapes with horseback riding and promises to add some leisure to her tour time. In fact, she's taking her two horses, an Appaloosa and a Tennessee Walker, out on the road with her."

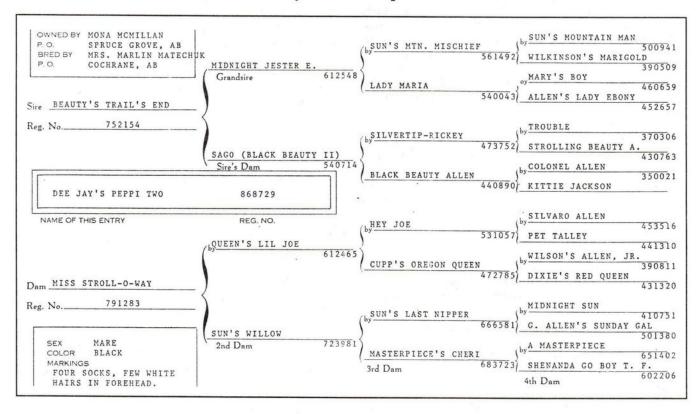
"Touring will be fun. I'll get a chance to take advantage of it more. I'll go to restaurants more often, go riding, meet horse people and do more activities outside music. I don't want to wait any longer."

Marjorie C. Lacy &



DEE JAY'S PEPPI TWO - A HORSE FOR ALL REASONS

by Charis Cooper



Peppi was foaled on March 14, 1986 at the ranch of Henry and Marlin Matechuk. She was sired by Beauty's Trail's End out of Miss Stroll-O-Way. The Matechuks showed Peppi in the Canadian Futurity and in the Alberta Horse Improvement Program in Peppi's early years, always doing well. Mona McMillan purchased Peppi as a three year old, I believe, and continued her show career, winning many championships and also a TWHBEA versatility championship in 1991.

Betty Augart purchased Peppi in 1992 for a pleasure horse. Then in October, 1993 I bought her from Betty. So now this great horse was used on our ranch for cow work, trail riding, and still a little bit of showing.

Peppi was bred to Chapie's Topper in 1994 and gave birth to a black colt in May of 1995. Midnight Cowboy is now three years old and has the same temperament as his mum. I can ride him anywhere with no problems.

Now Peppi was ready to move on again and a new career as a sidesaddle parade horse was on the agenda. Peppi accepted all the trappings that go with sidesaddle riding and we have ridden in the Calgary Stampede Parade, local parades in this area, and also at Spruce Meadows' "Evening of the Horse" in the International Ring. We've also performed at demos at the Calgary Stampede and Spruce Meadows.

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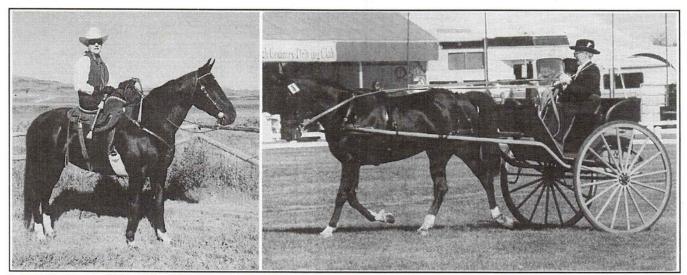
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L. Peppi in Western Sidesaddle at Longview, AB Parade. R. Driving Peppi in the Dressage phase of the Three Day Driving Event, 1998

Now we've embarked on another new career as a driving horse in competitive driving. I have joined the High Country Driving Club of this area, and this past summer Peppi and I performed in the Pleasure Show and the Three Day Event Competitive Driving Show. In this kind of driving, a trot is mandatory, and Peppi has risen to the challenge. She can trot for miles, but still performs the classic run walk when ridden.

So, I would say, Peppi is the epitome of versatility. She is almost 13 years old and just keeps getting better with age. Peppi truly lives up to the Canadian Tennessee Walking Horse motto:

A HORSE FOR ALL REASONS!

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BOOK REVIEW HORSES DON'T LIE by Chris Irwin

as told to Bob Weber

The subtitle may read "The magic of horse whispering", but Chris Irwin has gone beyond what people have come to expect of horse whisperers. His methods of training, well detailed in this book, are the gentle, progressive steps that reflect the same logic used by non-resistance trainers like Ray Hunt. Irwin goes into detail about the predater/prey relationship and lets us see exactly how much we're asking of our horses by insisting that a prey animal accept a predator on its back and obey commands. He also gives advice on what to watch for and what the horse is trying to tell us through body language.

The training methods used are clear, straightforward steps that anyone can follow. Irwin also explains why these methods work and how the horse is seeing what we are doing. He doesn't just focus on training the horse, but also training the rider - what riders should be doing and how they should be asking for certain responses.

Irwin looks at a factor that many don't consider in horse training - the mind of the horse trainer. Irwin asks us to search within ourselves to change mental habits that we may not have even realized were affecting our riding. He then proceeds to strategies that we can use to become the people our horses want us to be. "So the hard part of horse training isn't really about the horse at all. It's all about

knowing who you are, while learning about who the horse is, and figuring out who you need to be to bring the two together in mutual respect and trust," writes Irwin.

A bit of Irwin's past history is recounted, focussing on how he came to develop the training methods that he uses. Interestingly enough, Irwin was not a fifth-generation horseman, nor did he grow up surrounded by horses. His past athletic endeavours did not evolve into riding and training until he left high school. As he says, "The point is, handiness is learned, not bestowed. And I can prove it, because that's how I got it."

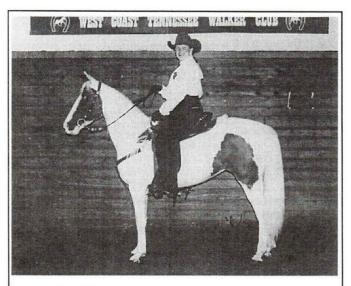
Horses Don't Lie is a wonderful book that explains how we can become better trainers, better riders - and better people. This book should be essential reading for anyone who wants a better relationship with her horse.

Horses Don't Lie by Chris Irwin as told to Bob Weber. Great Plains Publishing. 110 pages, softcover. Available from the Bookstall, Box 670, Aurora, ON L4G 4J9 for \$20.00 plus \$4.50 postage/handling and 7% GST. Phone 1(800)505-7428

Also available is Chris Irwin's video entitled Horse Whispering Demystified, \$55.00.

Review by Catherine Mathewson. It first appeared in Canadian Horseman, March/April'99, and is reprinted with the author's permission.

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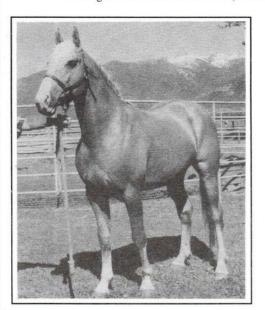


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ANGELINA RAIN Kentucky Rainbow x Queen's Big Star Angelina is a 15.3½hh, 7 year old chestnut TWH mare. She was going under saddle before she proved herself as a broodmare (see foals below).

ANDHO'S MISS AMBER *Shadow's Big Red x Mischief's Pride* "Missy" is a 15.3hh, 12 year old mare, sorrel w/roaning. She has competed successfully in both open & breed shows. She has also proven herself as a broodmare. She would be the perfect mount for someone wanting to start showing or for a young amateur.

MISCHIEFS LEGACY Ring Side Gossip x Mischief's Pride "Lacy" is a 15.3hh, 5 year old, chestnut tobiano mare with good conformation and a great running walk. She has competed in 2-Gait classes and done some work over fences. She raised a foal last year (see A Walking Silhouette) [Photo at right]

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1998 CHESTNUT COLT

star & snip sire: Uphill Tonquin dam: Kokos Sundown Zepher (Luckys Koko Prince x Zephers Third Lady)

1998 COLT

reddish brown,
blaze & hind socks
sire: Uphill Tonquin
dam: Samarah (50% Arab, 25%
TWH, 25% Unknown) Her
grandsire on TWH side is
Rhythm O Rollin Hills 658791 has anyone heard of him?

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dam: Samarah (see above)

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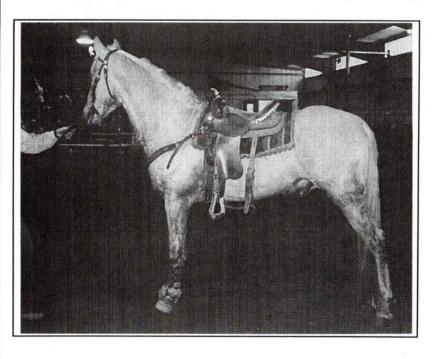
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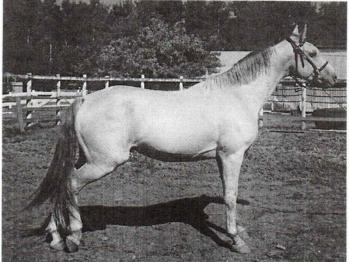
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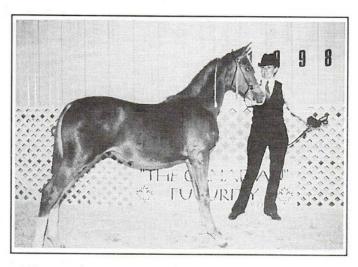
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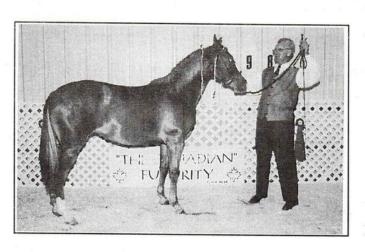


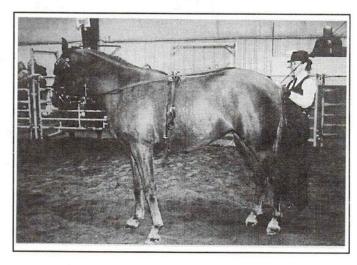
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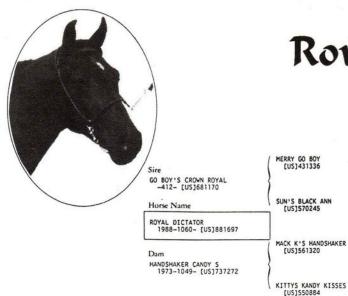
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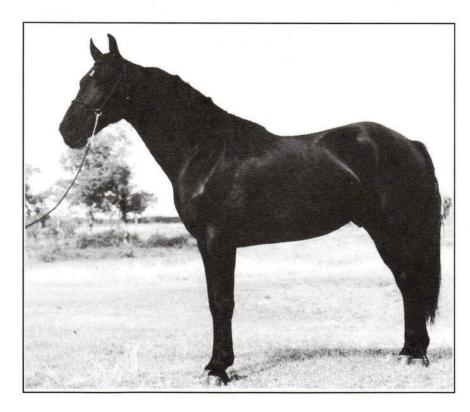
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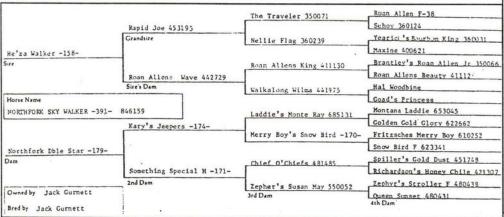


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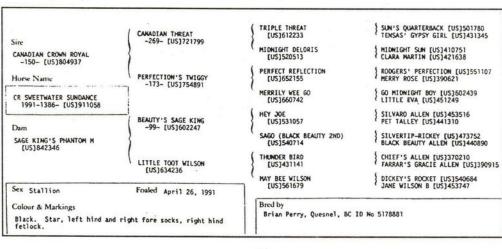
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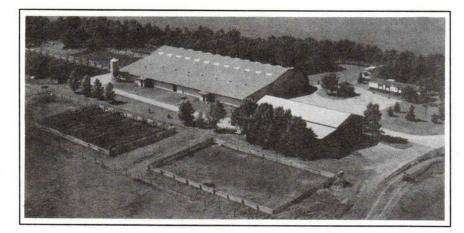
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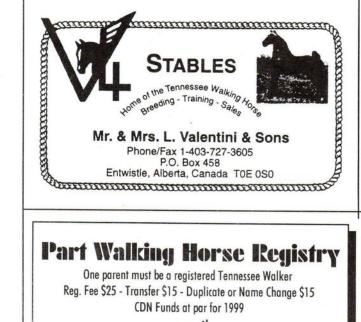
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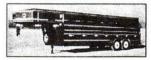
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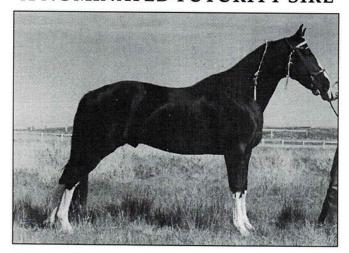
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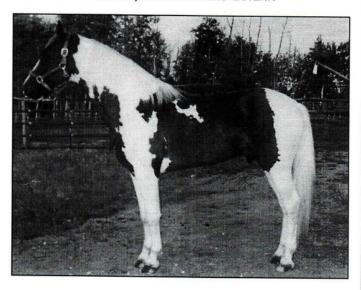
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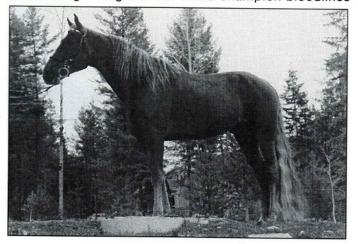


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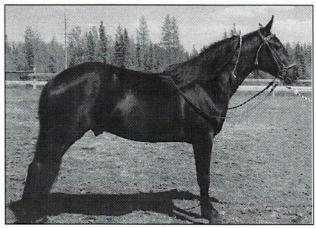
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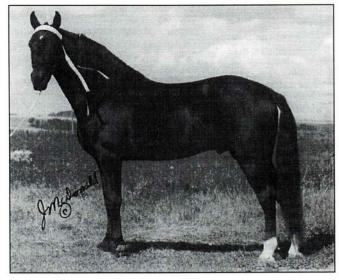
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