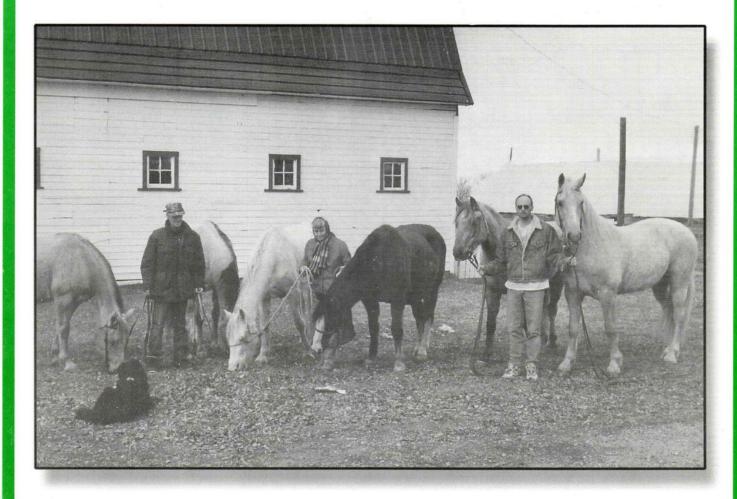
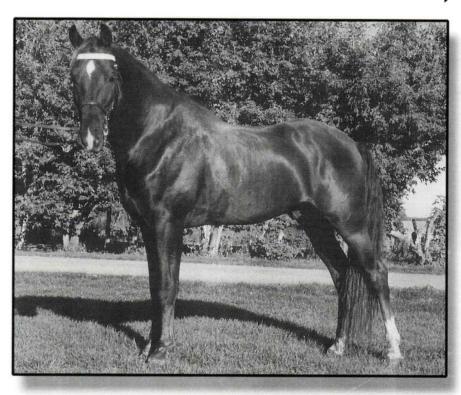
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Dear Subscribers.

Have you ever heard the expression, "If you don't know where you're going, you may end up somewhere else"? I think I've just ended up "somewhere else". When I began this paper nearly 25 years ago, I certainly didn't think I'd be spending every waking moment in front of a computer learning "desk top publishing" in January 2001! However, here I am and here, too, I hope, is the first issue of Walking Horse News for the (real) new millenium.

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Marjorie



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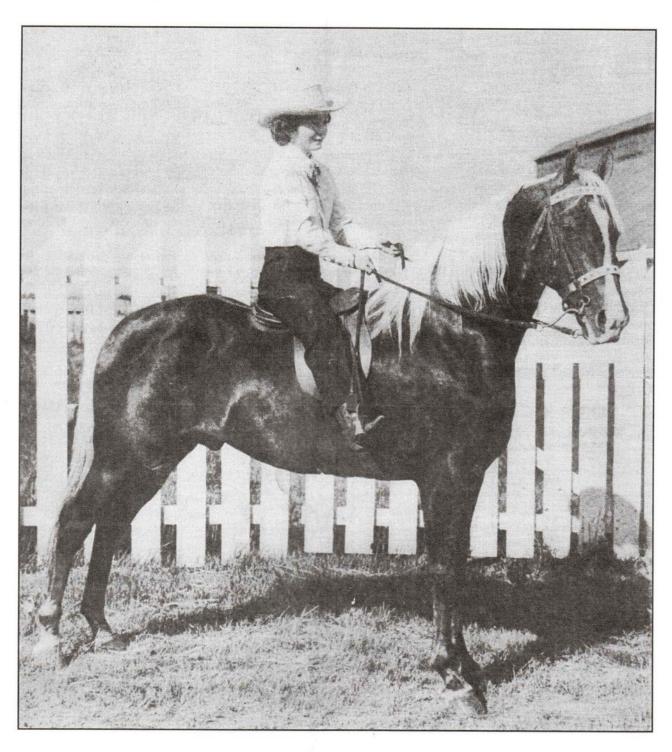
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# A Walk Back in Jime ...



The photo above shows **SPILLER'S GOLD DUST**, registered Tennessee Walking Horse stallion. He is 8 years old and stands 15:2 hh. He is ridden by Jean Ferries of High River. Jean and Gold Dust were featured on the November, 1952 cover of *The Bit and Spur* magazine.

### CANADIAN TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

# **HISTORY & HERITAGE PROJECT 2000**

Another story from "CANADIAN TIMES OF THE TWH"

### A FAMILY AND THEIR HORSES The Davies of Magrath

### **Introduction by Dan Davies**

I read with much interest the history of **Spiller's Gold Dust** (#451748) in the Walking Horse News Sept./Oct. 1996. He is the grandsire of three family heroes, who for the last 20 to almost 30 years have been a source of much enjoyment to our whole family.

We also own five other horses with Spiller's Gold Dust showing on their registration papers.

In 1971 we purchased two fillies from Frank Smith and later, a gelding from Philip Leier, both of Lethbridge, Alberta. All three were born in 1970. Their sire was **Chief O'Chiefs (#481485)** whose sire was **Spiller's Gold Dust.** 

The gelding had a nice smooth running walk and the best rocking chair canter I have ever rode. He, and one of the fillies who carried our handicapped son many, many miles, both died two years ago and are buried on our acreage in deep graves. Many tears were shed. The filly's name was **Chief's Pinky Pearl** (#707217). We called the gelding Chief. He was a pure bred with no papers.

The other filly, **Bell's Alberta Comet** (#707216), is now retired from much use because of rheumatism, as it is hard for her to get around. She was our pride and joy. Everyone loved to ride her because of her smooth gaits and a willing disposition and a real soft mouth.

We rode these horses for many years and spent many enjoyable hours in the mountains near Waterton Lakes Park where a pasture was leased for about 150 head of cattle. We would go up in the summer to check the cows; then ride up into the mountains and trail ride.

### But let's let Bell's Alberta Comet tell her own story:

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March 10, 1999 To Whom It May Concern

### A Short History: Bell's Alberta Comet

I'm an old lady of 29 years now, (about the same as 87 human years), having been born on March 15, 1970, at Lethbridge, Alberta.

As I am very proud of my lineage and as some of my progeny have been inquiring as to their ancestry, I therefore set forth a brief history of my heritage.

My Mother's name was **Big Sky Golden Bell.** She was bred and raised by Mrs. Pearl Tompkins from Montana.

My Father was the great horse Chief O'Chiefs. His father was known as Spiller's Gold Dust and he was one of the well-known personalities in Western Montana in the '50's. My grandfather on Mother's side was Major's Golden Allen.

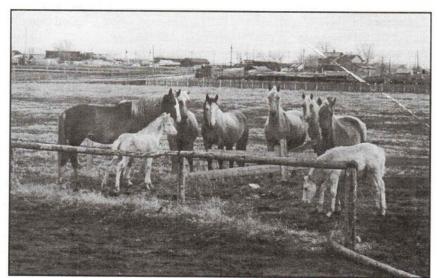
Both my parents came to Canada in 1968-69, settling in Lethbridge, at the stable of Frank and Marie Smith.



Bell's Alberta Comet in front with Dawn up; Dan on Chief "70"

I was born a year later, a lively little filly who liked to jump and buck around the pasture just north of the Smith house, sometimes jumping over a 3 ½ foot high rail used as a gate into the pasture. My half-sister, Chief's Pinky Pearl (#707217), white with one "glass eye" was born a few days later than I was, on March 22, 1970. Pinky's mother was Big Sky Walkin' Merry. My sister Pinky and I were best friends, always together, from the time we were born, until Pinky's passing on August 15, 1994. I miss her!

The Smiths were good to us and taught us many things. In our second year (as yearlings) they sold us to Dan and Alma Davies of Lethbridge. We remained at the Smiths' where Dan and Alma boarded us for some time, until the Smiths moved to an acreage of their own, several miles north; and the Davies, with their five children, took over the operation the Smiths had left in 1972. Kids from the city came along the canal where we pastured, and teased us, unknown to the Davies, until later. This teasing made me develop a somewhat nervous disposition when I was young, especially if I was left by myself without my sister. One day, when I was two years old, the Davies' handicapped boy of 10 years walked behind me quite suddenly and spooked me. I kicked out in reaction and kicked his arm, breaking it. I hadn't known who or what it was behind me. However, it



Chief's Pinky Pearl on left in front of mother, Big Sky Walking Merry; Bell's Alberta Comet on right with mother, Big Sky Golden Bell, along with 4 of Smith's good Walkers

did teach him and his family to be careful of horses' 'hind-ends'. We need to see and know who's back there!

Soon it was time to be 'broke in' as they say. Dan really enjoyed training Pinky and me. And we enjoyed him, too. We could tell he was proud of us as we learned to respond, and we wanted to do our best. We would ride through the pastures and along the canal banks for miles. They were happy times.

When Pinky and I were two years old, Dan and Alma bought a purebred two year old sorrel gelding whose Mother was named Missy. His father was **Chief O'Chiefs**. This half-brother of ours was never registered by his owner.

We called him Chief "70" after our Daddy. When Dan brought Chief home he was kind of scrawny and smaller than Pinky and me. But with a little tender loving care he grew until he was 16.3 hands — a handsome fellow! The lack of papers didn't stop him from having a perfect rocking chair canter and nice smooth running walk, a real pleasure to ride. When the Davies' youngest girl became old enough to ride by herself — about age 6 - they let her ride Chief; he was gentle and good natured and dependable. He became our herd leader and he and I were also friends. I felt a great loss when he died in December 1993.

When I was three, Dan took me to the Smiths' to get acquainted with a handsome young fellow by the name of Big Sky Trouble Boy (#677635). Next spring Comet's Streak (#746808) arrived, a chestnut filly that the family nicknamed 'Suzie Sweet'. She was my first daughter, with so much energy and stamina. Even into her twenties she could still go at the end of a big day as energetically as when she began in the morning! Dan also took Pinky to see Trouble; she had a real nice stud colt they named Pinky's Spark O' Trouble (nick-named 'Sparky"), a light brown and white "pinto'.

We all moved to Magrath (south of Lethbridge) that spring, as Dan got a job checking pens for sick cattle, and doctoring them at a feedyard near Raymond. We lived on a farm owned by the feedyard, 5 miles west of Magrath, so Dan drove to Raymond each morning to work. I would help him drive the sick ones out of the pens to be doctored. Pinky and Chief would spell me off. During the years when we got the mother cows 'in calf' by artificial insemination, Dan used me most of the time to bring the cows in from the field. An individual cow would have to be singled out from the large herd, and brought into the corral from the field. I liked to lay my ears back and dare any old cow to try to get back to the field. Dan would just lay the reins over the horn of the saddle and let me do the work. He had to hang on tight or get left behind!

Several years ago I went to a clinic put on by a Quarter Horse Club from Lethbridge. A well-known horse trainer from California was giving the instructions. He rode me and several other horses around the arena. After riding me a few minutes, he called out, "This is the horse I would ride on Saturday night when I wanted a real special horse on which to court my girlfriend!" This was the best compliment a Walking Horse could ask for.

For almost 24 years, my offspring (which consist of 4 children and 8 grandchildren) and I have checked for sick cattle, and done other work in the feedyard, which has grown from three thousand to ten and twelve thousand head of cattle. We have worked hard, and had many experiences through all seasons and weather conditions – through sun and rain, sleet, ice and snow, Chinooks and blizzards, - meeting hazardous circumstances at times, (like the time my

oldest daughter Suzie and Dan were charged at and hit hard by a mean-tempered Holstein bull, but that's another story). We have worked free of charge, receiving our room and board as our pay.

Not long ago one of the cowboys who worked with Dan said to him, "Those horses you ride get the cattle out of the pens as good as any of the Quarter Horses or Arabians or other horses used in the feedyard!" I agreed with him even better than most. To think that someone might think a Walking Horse was inferior to anyone in chasing cattle makes me a little upset. (Although I know that we don't run races like racehorses or cut and rope cattle like Quarter Horses – we all have our special place in the Horse world.)

About two years ago, Dan got sick and had to leave work. He had also reached the retirement age of most other humans who work for wages – 65 years. (Remember that I was 84 years, if calculated in human years). He had to leave the feedyard, leaving us without anything to do – out of a job. With so many of us around, I'm afraid that some of us will have to move along. I have 3 offspring of my own and 4 grandkids here at this place. We don't feel to complain, but would like to remain with the Davies' until we find a place where we will be content to do whatever is required of

I personally have become quite thin now and my teeth aren't good; it's hard to chew my food. My knees and body have become so rheumatic that it's hard to carry anyone on my back. My eyesight is poor so I can't see things clearly in front of me. I have done my best for the Davies family. We have had many enjoyable hours together, and I'm still around here in March '99 enjoying my grandkids and good hay and grain each day. There are good memories, too.

I remember when we would go up to a pasture just north of Waterton National Park, where Dan's employer and Dan kept their mother cows and calves on rented pasture in the summertime. It was part of Dan's job to go there (and we helped him, of course) to check the cows and calves, and then go around the fences to make sure that they were in good repair, passing through the brush and deep bogs that were there. At these special times, the whole family would go along: Dan and Alma and their 5 children, and many times some of their friends; and me with my brood, consisting of Comet's Streak (Suzie #746808, son Little Joe (whose father was Queen's Li'l Joe #612465 owned by Ken Hudson of Lethbridge), and daughter Alberta Diamond Rose (3803447). She was given that name because she was born in 1980, Alberta's 75th year as a Province and is a full sister to Little Joe.

There were also daughter Shadow's Flying Comet #845583 (whose father was Go Shadow Go #710371 owned by Helen Williamson of Westridge Farms); my half sister Pinky Pearl, and half brother Chief. After riding the fences and checking the cows, we would 'ride' up into the mountains and have a picnic and just enjoy ourselves. The mountain terrain, so different from the prairies, was an exciting new venture for us, and we adapted well.

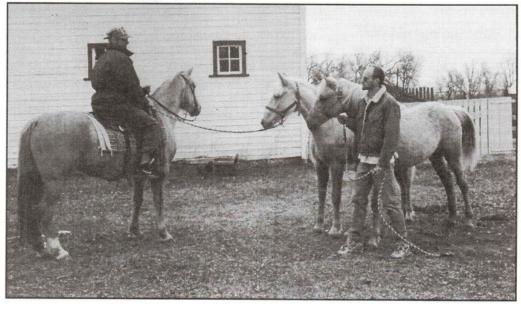
### Photo Right

Dan on Shadow (Shadow's Flying Comet) with Dal's Gold Rose (Pride's Dominator x Alberta Diamond Rose) & Dal's May Lady (Pride's Dominator x Shadow's Flying Comet) at nearly one year old. Son Dan Jr. is by the fillies.

Photo taken April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1999

The Davies' kids grew up and went away to school and work, but always came back to be together with their parents and with us.

One special time, up in the Rocky Mountains, Dan and



Alma's oldest daughter and her friend visiting from Quebec came along on a ride. It rained on us, but Dan had brought enough rain gear to keep all the humans nice and dry. As we went around the high mountain trail, the sun would shine on us a little while, but then dark clouds came with the thunder reverberating around us and rain falling in a fine mist. It was a thrilling experience.

When the Davies' second daughter and oldest son were working with and helping handicapped adults, among whom was their younger brother, they would bring the people out to the farm sometimes, and Pinky and Chief and I would take them for rides.

The last time we went up to the mountains was about 5 years ago. Alma rode me, and I managed the steep trails and sharp turns just fine! Dan rode Rose. Ted Smith and his wife Sharon, John and Christine Kobza, and Sabrina Kinder, were also there, along with two other fellows. We all rode Walkers except for one Quarter horse and one Arabian, who were always behind. (As I said before, we in the Horse world, have different abilities.) The fellow riding the Arabian good-naturedly 'complained' about us walking so fast that his side was aching from his horse having to trot so much. The fellow riding the Quarter horse had brought some deer jerky which Dan enjoyed eating very much, when we stopped for a break at noon!

There have been many great times, but now I am tired and stiff of leg; the spirit is willing, but the body is weak. There is so much more that has happened through my 87 years (29 horse years) but this will suffice for now.

I would be very content to go, and be with my two old friends, Pinky and Chief. Their mortal remains lie together at the end of the Davies' pasture, overlooking the mountains to the west, and the big valley to the east, north, and south – our spirits run-walking and cantering over the plains.

Respectfully, your mother and grandmother,

Bell's Alberta Comet, Reg. No 707216

Note: Comet passed away peacefully on June 7, 1999, and was buried beside Pinky Pearl, and Chief.

About the author:

The above "Introduction," and "History of "Bell's Alberta Comet", were written by my husband, Dan Davies (December 4, 1931 – June 9, 1999).

He started writing Comet's story after reading the History of "Spiller's Gold Dust (#451748) in the Walking Horse News, Sept/Oct, 1996 Issue. He completed it in March 1999.

I am finally sending it to you, and hope it will be of interest. Dan enjoyed writing it and tracing the genealogy, and recalling experiences he had through the years with the horses he enjoyed so much!

Included also are some pictures which Dan wanted to send along with his article to the Walking Horse News. Enclosed, too, are copies of some of our horses' registration papers, which you suggested I send, when I talked with you on the phone in early summer this year.

Alma Davies October 10, 2000

### **OUR READERS WRITE**

#### SPOOK-PROOFING

Just thought my little story might be of interest to some readers. I'm a 67-year-old woman and rode Appys for many years. Still have three that I ride, but always wanted a Walker. I finally got one two years ago, a never-ridden three year old, big, strong, chestnut sabino. He is a real character, like a big dog, a real people-friendly horse. I got him in October so I did a lot of groundwork with him through the winter. I have a large stable so I have lots of room to work.

I took it slow and had lots of time so by spring we were ready, I thought. I put an English saddle on him, thinking it was kinder on a young horse. Got on, no problem. He walked on just great. My aim was to do a lot of suppling work, lots of bends, circles, stops and goes. He was very willing and a quick learner. This guy was also very alert, never missed a thing – that was the problem. He would shy at every leaf that moved! With every noise he would not only jump, he would run off. My riding ring is 150 feet by 90 feet, so he had lots of room. This guy was dangerous. He almost got me off twice. I'm not very big and this horse is BIG, not a good combination.

So I phoned his breeder. She suggested that he could be a little slow at maturing, and to give him a little more time. So I went to work sacking him out. I did everything I could think of. You'd think I'd had a party in the riding ring, with all the beer cans, plastic bottles, plastic jugs with rocks in them, and tarps lying all over the ground. I did some light lunging with a tarp on his back, and as it slipped off, he became not one bit concerned about it, and soon would step on it without any problem. I'd bunch a tarp on the ground and at first he would not go near it, but it wasn't long before he would step right on it. I asked for any ideas I could use with him, and my shoer said to take a plastic bag with cans inside and hang it on the end of a lunge whip and flip the thing all around him and above his head. Now this thing really sent him into orbit, but not for long. By this time, I guess, he figured, "She hasn't hurt me yet, so this must be just another of her tricks. Maybe I'll make her think she has wasted her time."

After that there was nothing I did that bothered him. I must tell you the funniest thing I did. I bought a bag of brightly coloured balloons and blew them up. I tied them to clothespins so I could snap them to anything, and put four on his halter. Well, he didn't care about it, so I led him into the stable. The other horses took one look at him and freaked out! I thought they would go through the other ends of their stalls. The 17 hand Thoroughbred looked like he was going to go out his window so I abandoned this idea quick, but all this time, my big goof was just looking at them as if to say, "What's the matter with you guys? It's just me." Another time I snapped ten balloons to my ring fence, got my .22 and popped those balloons without his paying one bit of attention. He even looked bored. So now we were ready. The

Stuben was put on the shelf and out came the Eamor. I, for one, feel more secure in a Western saddle.

We've never looked back. He is great on the trails, will go anywhere and do anything. He is now very safe to ride. I know there is stuff out there that will startle him but he has learned not to run off. I will now sack out every young horse I have on my place. It's good for them, makes them happier and safer horses. I had lots of fun and laughs doing it and I think he did too. I keep it light and slow, that's what's important.

I hope you enjoyed reading this and maybe you have an idea or two.

FLEURETTE MORRISON, POWELL RIVER, B.C.

#### **SPOOKED**

I've been receiving the Canadian Walking Horse News for a year now, and have enjoyed it. There were many articles about nice, quiet, safe, reliable Walkers.

I just put mine in an auction this summer (sold as too lively for me and needing an experienced rider). She was actually very well trained, did everything well, and was even very lovable. BUT, she was dangerous. She just came totally "unglued" at times, and I mean uncontrollably terrified.

I, and another individual, spent hours with her, did a lot of groundwork, and put in quite a bit of riding, but she was the worst I've ever seen. I've been around horses for many years and I actually gave up on her, which just is not characteristic of me. Anyway, I don't know what was wrong with her or why she was like that. I lost a lot of money on her so I cannot afford another horse for a while.

Somehow in my heart I'd still like to have another Walker but I'm definitely "gun-shy'. Has anyone else had this experience?

Name withheld by request.

Editor's Note: I think we all need to remember that Walking Horses are, first and foremost, HORSES. They are not born gentle, mannerly, or knowing how to be good dependable saddle mounts. Nor do all Walkers have quiet, unflappable dispositions. The quality of their early experiences and education can make or break them as mature horses. It's a big responsibility to raise and train horses.

What do you think, Readers?

DR. HEINRICH FERBER, KAMLOOPS, writes, "Do you have any idea where I can buy a horse harness and a buggy and/or a cutter? I'd appreciate any information about those items."

# TRAINING MYTHUNDERSTANDINGS

### The Daily Training Routine

by Ron Meredith

It takes a long time to develop a full communication system with a horse. When you first begin the training process, the horse's vocabulary of understanding is pretty limited and that limits what you can expect of him. As he learns more, you can expect more. Eventually there will come a time when you have developed full communication with the horse and you know he understands what you are asking. You support every request with a corridor of pressures applied consistently at every stride. Once you and the horse have reached this advanced level, you should expect compliance with every request. You do your part, and you expect the horse to do his.

But with a baby green horse at the beginning of training, we don't expect the horse to understand all of the shapes we want him to take when we apply given pressures. He doesn't understand which physical or psychological pressures we want him to ignore, like the girth or something flapping above eye level. He doesn't understand which pressures are methodically applied directional pressures, such as leg pressure on one side asking him to move his hindquarters in the opposite direction when we're riding, or our primary line opening up for a turn when we're leading him that he can remove by taking the shape we want. We don't expect full compliance in the beginning because the baby horse's vocabulary needs to grow.

So the baby horse has to add these pressures one by one to his vocabulary. You have to break everything you want to teach him down into the smallest number of little tiny pieces that you can. Then teach each of those things one at a time.

There isn't any hard and fast rule about how long an individual training session should last when you are working the horse. I like to think of each lesson in thirds. There's a warm-up third, a training third and a cooling down third.

You spend the first third of the time in a warm up arrangement that mentally and physically gets the horse in rhythm with relaxation. If he's a beginning horse, he may just run around and play,

with you following him around. If he's a little more educated you might longe him or do some gymnastic exercises under saddle. This is the time when you allow him to work slowly, to be pumping the fluids in his legs from his frog and getting his joints working freely and his muscles warmed up.

The middle third of the training session is where you practice things the horse already knows. This is the only time when you introduce anything new, anything beyond what the horse already understands. You never introduce something new out of the clear blue sky. Anything new should be only a tiny baby step away from what the horse already knows and has practiced. You go along really slowly and introduce things in very small increments so the horse stays interested and the rhythm and relaxation keep going. And don't hesitate to just stop in the middle if everything turns into a can of worms because it's always better to stop and reboot.

It's important to recognize the difference between teaching the horse something or the horse just accepting it. For example, a laid back horse might stand there and accept the saddle pad and the saddle and the girth and so on. Because the horse is accepting each new thing as one of those things people just do and staying relaxed about it, it looks like he's trained. If you don't realize you haven't really taught the horse anything yet, there's going to be a wreck when you come to a place where the horse's acceptance and his understanding are in conflict. When you try to tell him to move and do something with all that stuff on him, that's when he's suddenly going to find that he's being attacked from all directions by something that has him restrained and constrained. His excitement level is going to go right through the roof. It's a very tricky thing because a lot of people think that a horse that you've never had to develop any control over is a perfect horse, but actually they just don't have any control over him.

In order for the horse to add a pressure to his vocabulary, at some point he has to resist things a little bit, and you have to calm him a little bit and show him that you're a friend he can trust not to hurt him. That doesn't mean you go around picking fights with him. If you add something new and everything's fantastic, then take it all off today. Do it again the next day and the next day. After three or four days you can start heeding him with all this gear on. When he's heeding really well with all the gear

on, then you longe him with it on. Then someone just sits on him. Then you heed him with someone on his back. Then you longe him with someone one his back. And gradually you add the bridle and bit pressures and you just go along baby step by horselogical baby step.

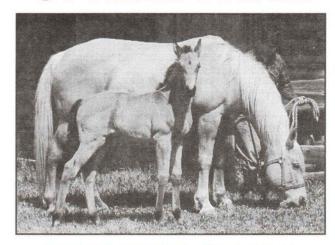
The last third of the training session is the cool down period. This is the horse's time to unwind, physically and mentally, before you put him away. If everything's gone along great, you've practiced the things the horse already knows or have added another little thing to his vocabulary while keeping him rhythmic and relaxed. The time to start cooling him down is while everything is going well, before he gets tired or his attention starts to wander.

Any time you're having a good time and it starts to change, that's the time to cool him down and put him away. Any time that the relationship between you and the horse seems to be going the wrong way - he's not interested in you today or whatever - you let him play a while and then put him away. Any time you're not sure what to do next, that's the time to put him away. Any time you feel you were lucky and got away with something, that's the time to put him away.

The horse's daily training routine should not be based on a set of particular actions <u>you've</u> decided to take to teach him according to any particular schedule. A training routine should be based on the <u>horse's</u> reactions to your actions. A good routine maintains both the horse's comfort level and the horse's attention level.

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### BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

From ROSE PRAIRIE, RICK and MAUREEN HUMMEL write, "We would like to welcome Shane Zukewich of RosePrairie, BC to the wonderful world of Walkers with his purchase of the handsome, well gaited, chestnut colt, "R Diamond Red Baron". We are so pleased to see "Ace" go to such a wonderful home. It was hard to part with him, but knowing that he's gone to live with a friend and neighbour made it easier to let him go. Ace's half sister, "Rose", has also gone to Shane's for the winter to keep Ace company. Shane will have his hands full with two weanlings. Please send Shane a year's subscription to the "News" with our compliments."

"The year 2000 was actually a pretty busy one with horse comings and goings. In February, Threat's April Joy made her way up from warm southern BC to cold northern BC. It was a bit of a shock for the old girl. She has adaptedwell to the climate and is looking very good. We're crossing our fingers that she'll give us a Casey baby come spring.'

"October saw R Diamond Little Wonder heading to her new home in Stettler. In November, Ace went to his new home. In December Rick's Appaloosa mare was sold to Fort Nelson along with a Boer cross meat goat buck and a Great Pyrenees livestock guardian puppy. That made for an interesting trailer load!"

"Being a card carrying member of Horse Hoarders and Tackaholics Anonymous I couldn't let our horse numbers get too low, so in December I bought two geldings from McDonalds - one for me and one for Rick. (The things I get into when he's away working in the oilpatch!)"

"Rick and I are booked to take a one week Parelli camp in August and we'll be using these two geldings to take through the levels program as well as be our main riding horses. We're also looking forward to getting out and doing more riding with Gerald and Gail Peters of Fort St. John and are hoping to get together with Roy Chambers of Chetwynd and do some rides."

"Meg is coming along nicely with her training. Right now she's learning the 7 games of Parelli Natural Horsemanship. She seems to take everything in her stride. Her first saddling went very well except that I did it backwards. I put the saddle on, girthed it up and then decided that maybe I should put her halter on. couldn't have cared less. As long as she was getting attention that was fine with her. I hope to do Meg's first ride in the next couple of days. She's already used to my upper body across her back and seeing me above her so I don't think it will be that big a deal to get completely on her."

"It looks like 2001 will be even busier for horse activities. With 3 young horses to start, Casey needing more miles, clinics and a couple of shows to attend, and hopefully 3 foals on the way, we are going to be hopping. Think

maybe I'll have to clone myself to get it all done. I'm really looking forward to spending a lot of time with the horses."

From JO-ANNE McDONALD, POUCE COUPE, "Congratulations to Maureen Hummel on her purchase of the very pretty four year old flaxen sorrel, Yankee Blaze, and to Rick Hummel on his purchase of Dark Threat Delite, an extremely laid-back black three year old. We wish you all the best with these good young geldings. Please send the Hummels a subscription to WHN with our compliments."

LOUISE HEAGY, TRANQUILITY FARM, BURNS LAKE, writes, "I am enclosing an ad for the next News with much sadness in my heart. Unfortunately, for personal reasons, I find myself having to reduce my horse herd. My best horses, consequently, will be the easiest to sell. As I will not be able to raise, train or sell horses in the near future, I will have to let my broodmares go. I will keep the two babies that Kimber gave me. They will become my riding/driving horses for the next few years. I would like to think that sometime in the future I will again be able to raise walking Horses and if I do, I would like to be as lucky again to have mares like Kimber and Emily in my pasture. They have both raised good looking and very talented babies. I am sure that there are other owners out there who have to place these heart-breaking ads. I know I will never look at an ad in the same light again."

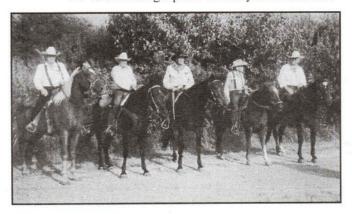
From CANDI DYKSTERHUIS, ROSE PRAIRIE. "Please renew my subscription to Walking Horse News. I love it! I started reading this great magazine a year ago. How informative! I do not own a Walker currently, but I am looking for a well broke mare or gelding about 7 or 8 years old. I had to put my old Walker down because he was going blind. It was a very hard decision but it was the humane thing to do. "

"Just some info concerning my horse's condition that may interest other readers. Before I purchased him he had lung problems so he was given ventolin. Long usage of ventolin on horses may cause poor eyesight followed by blindness. I have no doubt that his previous owners gave him this medication out of love and concern. I don't judge them. But this is valuable information on possible side effects that I thought was worth passing on so that people will know."

### ALBERTA NEWS

JOHN & CHRISTINE KOBZA, PINCHER CREEK, write, "Just a brief note and photo to share. Thanks to everyone who purchased horses from us in 2000: Rev. Jackie Koehnke of Victor, MT who purchased Seraphina's Touch: Roger & Bonnie Bealieu of Bonner's Ferry, USA who purchased Dartagnon, and Mr. Allan Burton of Stirling, AB who purchased Hyacinth's Bay. Also, our thanks to those who bred mares to Toddy's Apollo in 2000: John Whitehead, Ft. MacLeod, AB; Shirley Clarkson,, DeWinton , AB; Clarence Gortmaker, Alaska; and Leon Appleby of Pincher Creek, AB. A big thank-you as well to Keith and Kathy Oberle for the many enjoyable trail rides this past summer."

"We've sent along a photo that may be of interest.



This picture was taken at the Burles Ranch 100 Year Reunion which took place last summer near Pincher Creek. Mounted up are (left to right) Bun, Phil, Bob, Jim and Eb Burles. Mounted on TWH are Bun, on Generator's Helios (far left), and Phil, on Toddy's Aurora (second from left). It goes without saying that all the Burles boys would be considered mature students. (And also that you're never too old to swing up into the saddle!)."

"Although we tended to be more absent than present in Walking Horse circles last year, we will try to be more visible this year. Thanks to everyone with whom we crossed paths this summer. Hope everyone winters well. We are looking forward to seeing you all in the spring. All the best in the New Year!"

From JACK GURNETT, NORTHFORK FARM, BLUFFTON, "Several years ago my brother, Bill, and I went riding northwest of Nordegg for a few days. Not having ridden for about forty years, he was very favourably impressed with the fact that we could ride all day on the Walkers and still sit down and eat supper in comfort. This year he saw our filly foal from Sue's Lady Lue and Kihn's Ace, and decided that he would like to own her. But she needed a name! I remembered that back in the 1940s, Bill's father-in-law drove a snappy little chore team of mares named Trim and Lady, so now Bill is the happy owner of a TWH filly called Northfork Trim Lady. And all that to explain the complimentary subscription I asked you to send to Bill Gurnett!"

CHARIS COOPER, TURNER VALLEY, writes, "We will certainly all miss Jo Kingsland. We've appreciated her hard work on WHN. However, on the plus side, it will be nice for her to have time to work and play with her horses. So have fun, Jo!"

"Happy New Year to you all."

From DOROTHY & ED GALLATIN, FORT ASSINIBOINE, "I want to renew my subscription to WHN and tell you how much I enjoy every issue. We started our TWH family in 1997. We have two four year old mares and one two year old filly. We are now in the process of looking at stud prospects. We are going to Tennessee this summer to stay with one of our B. & B. guests and his family. We will take in some TWH shows and look at horses. We can hardly wait!"

"Anyway, all the best in the year 2001 for all Tennessee Walking Horses and their owners. We would like to invite anyone in the TWH family to come ride in our sandhills along the Athabasca River. And if you want to stay in one of our cabins, we will do our best to show you a great time."

BRENDA BAKER, CALGARY, sent along several reports and says, "The wintry weather has let up a bit and I'm able to play with the weanlings and yearlings every day now (instead of throwing some food at them and hurrying back into the house!). The one filly that isn't a TWH makes me glad the others all <u>are</u> TWH. Same goes for the mares."

"I hope the WHN will adjust all right to Jo Kingsland's retirement. Should certainly keep YOU out of trouble, Marjorie!"

GAYE ROTH, RAFTER 4L, DARWELL, writes, "Happy New Year, everyone. It's hard to believe that we are this far into winter and the days are already getting longer. The weather has been beautiful. We have been able to use the team and cutter - until it warmed up and there wasn't enough snow left! Darrel has been able to ride the trails on the many geldings he is training. It was so mild and such bright moonlight the other night that he rode until 11:00 p.m.! The offspring from Knieval are a bunch of friendly, good-looking colts, and I grow fonder of them every day. They make choring a pleasure."

"I would like to thank Jo Kingsland for all her dedication over the years, and wish her all the best. Good luck, Marjorie. Hope you can continue the great job you've been doing."



Christmas Eve at the Rafter 4L with the Roths: Darrel driving Knieval & Eagle on the cutter with passengers Lisa, baby Dylan & Logan. Photo by Gaye Roth.

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### SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

From HAZEL PATON, OXBOW, "My baby, "Smokey", the half Quarter Horse black colt from my TWH mare, Sunday's Party Doll, has gone to live at the home of Steve and Mary Puto of Hafford, SK. I bought Sunday's Party Doll from Steve last year and he owns the black QH stallion that sired Smokey. A friend delivered the colt to a pre-decided meeting place just south of Regina, and Steve picked up Smokey there. He is very pleased with him. Smokey has only two very short white back pasterns. The rest of him is black — not a white hair anywhere. His mother has so much white that she could be registered as a Paint — if she wasn't a Walker!"

"Six years ago Steve purchased Glory's Black Queen from me. She gave him some good foals but this year she had to be put down at age 21 due to some health problem."

"Now, if my troublesome right leg smartens up I should get some riding done in 2001. (Touch wood!). It won't be any distance stuff since there's too much traffic, too many moose and even the odd emu. Of course, the one we saw three weeks ago won't be a problem. It'll be dead by now with the weather turning too cold for it."

"I like the coloured covers. The riders all make me jealous though!"

LEXIE COLE, COLE FARMS, CABRI, writes, "I was sorry to hear of Jo's retirement. I am sure you are going to miss her very much. But I guess there comes a time when all of us think of retiring. I know that I am starting to wind down a bit. I love the horses and hope it will be several years before I am totally done, but I have begun my downsizing. I just don't have time for everything anymore, and with grandchildren, etc. something has to go."

"I had a really bad spring. I lost two mares. It was my worst nightmare. I found our big black mare lying dead one day just about two months before she was due to foal. She must have had a heart attack or aneurysm, as there was no sign of any struggle. Our old palomino mare foaled the chestnut filly I am advertising, then prolapsed and died. I was very lucky to find a nurse mare about 25 miles from me, and this mare raised the filly. BUT, on Labour Day weekend while we were in Calgary, the neighbours phoned to tell me they had found her dead. She had colicked.

She had a history of colic and I'd had the vet out to tend to her a couple of times. But I didn't need to have her die at my place!"

"While I am on the topic, I would like to encourage people to support the nurse mare registry. They gave me a lot of help in my distress. I don't know about other people but I was willing to travel to make a match if I had to. Raising an orphan foal is no fun. I had a couple of leads in Alberta but they were already taken by the time I phoned. I was fortunate that one of my own mares with a three week

old foal was willing to nurse the orphan at night so I didn't have to go out at night, but she didn't have enough milk to raise two foals full time. After three days and a lot of phone calls I found the nurse mare on my doorstep. It does pay to phone everyone you can think of as well as vet clinics, and horse people all over. I phoned around several provinces."

"I did end up with five nice foals however, and I hope my run of bad luck has come to an end. I think I had all 30 years worth of bad luck all at once last year!"

"I hope everyone's winter goes fast and spring is good to you."

### MANITOBA NEWS

From the KASELITZ RANCH, BOGGY CREEK, WANDA writes, "Please send a subscription to Ruth Rob of Dugald, MB. She recently purchased Sunday's Champaign Lady from ,e. This is the mare shown in our ad in the Sept/Oct. WHN. Lady is Ruth's first Walker and it sounds like she is really enjoying this bold-moving mare's walk."

"Winter sure came early this year and looks like it's here to stay. I took advantage of a few nice days to trim the weanlings hooves. Can't get over how quiet they are to handle. Been having lots of fun learning about colour genetics and backgrounds on my horses' pedigrees while writing up my foals' registrations. I've been thrilled to find out a bit about great horses like "Last Chance" whose name came up several times on Benjamin Moore's pedigree. I just bought him 'cause he 'looked neat'. Turns out his bloodlines are pretty good too."

"We're also learning to 'park out' our horses and trying to get some decent pictures of them. So if any turn out, I'll send them in. I am sad to hear that our colour cover is a thing of the past. It has been a real treat to see the true colour of the horses and it sure brightens up the mailbox from the usual bills!"

"Well, once I get to talking about horses I have a hard time to stop. But I will for now 'cause I want to read what everyone else has to say!"

BEA STORM, RIVERS, sent along this photo of herself with her mare, Caribou's Carbon Copy, and Rebel's Y2K Surprise Copy. "Sur" was born June 11, 2000 and he is 5 weeks old in the photo below.



RUTH RENWICK, MELITA, writes, "Another year has passed and with it comes the need to look forward to 2001. I enjoy your magazine, so wish you good luck with future issues. I'd like to place an ad for two lovely Walker mares. Sadly, they are not being used and I feel it is in their best interests to find a new owner who will put their talents to good use. They are full sisters and have never been parted so I would like to sell them together."

"This is really an old-fashioned winter in Manitoba with **lots** of snow, wind and cold! It's a test for man and beast."

"All the best to you and your readers for the New Year."

From BARB FENWICK, FOUR SEASONS RANCH, SIDNEY, "I got a very special, unexpected Christmas present this year. It came wrapped in my TWH mare, Raven, and became "unwrapped" December 23rd. "Seasons Spirit Of Christmas" (Chris) as he was named, came as a complete surprise. Our Spotted Saddle Horse "stud", Seasons Walking Spirit, was gelded Feb 22 of 2000 as a coming two year old. At that time our mares were all pregnancy checked and showed negative, but... As we were to learn, Raven was "just" pregnant at that time, so it would have been impossible to detect. It was February after all."

"We didn't imagine her cycling at that time. Just another lesson learned in the world of horses! She is an easy keeper, so her being a little overweight was not suspect, and the luxuriant winter coat concealed the facts."

"So, when I was picking ice out of her feet in early December and noticed a swollen udder, I thought "mastitis"? After talking to the vet, we thought there was maybe a slim chance she was pregnant, or that she indeed did have mastitis. So out the vet came with the ultrasound, which showed the head of an almost full term foal! I was in shock, yet thrilled to be expecting the one and only foal from my "stud prospect"."

"Chris is from a sabino mother and a tobiano father so we expected spots. Nope! He is dark brown/gray, has 4 matched socks & a snip & star. I can tell you, having a foal in the dead of winter makes for a lot of barn cleaning! But he is doing super, is fiesty and healthy and already is halter trained and leading. What a wonderful Christmas present .I couldn't have asked for more! I was bemoaning the fact that I wouldn't have a Millenium foal. Well, it turns out I do have one and he's probably the last one of the year!"

### NEWS FROM OUR U.S. SUBSCRIBERS

Had a nice colour brochure from TODD & VICKY STENMO of NORTHWOOD, NORTH DAKOTA. They own the Last Chance bred stallion, Black Jax Merry Chance. During this very busy year they have added two new weanling fillies to their herd, Black Gold Knockout and Slush Creek's Ebony Lace. As well they own two yearling fillies, Mist My Chance and Stock's Secret Threat.

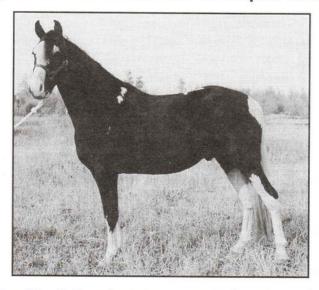
It was sad to hear from DIANE SEPT in PENNSYLVANIA that her old gelding, Shane, had to be put down. Many of you remember Diane and Shane competing in the 1980s Walking Horse shows in Alberta. Pearl Tompkins gave the young gelding to Diane when they were both very young. They've been companions and friends for many years. We are sorry to hear he is gone, Diane.

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### FROM FOUNDATIONS TO THE FUTURE

By Franne Brandon

### OLD FOUNDATIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENIUM

The Tennessee Walking Horse developed from easy-gaited stock, brought by the state's earliest settlers, crossed with the finest blooded horses brought into the area after life became easier. The foundations were laid in the nineteenth century, waiting for master breeders in the early twentieth century to establish the blending of lines that would give rise to a distinct new breed. The vision of these equine pioneers remained sharp, but those who followed them into the second half of the 1900's found that the horse so aptly suited for the simple life of southern farmers had few ready markets in the accelerated world following World War II. The focus of the majority of Tennessee breeders of Walking Horses shifted from utility to the show ring. A few, however, insisted on preserving the remnants of what that breed had once been, and could be again.

Among the few who tried to preserve the past for the future was third generation horseman Leon Oliver. In the mid 1960s, back home after a stint in the U.S. Army, he bucked the current breeding trends to breed the family's registered walking mare to his Uncle Jesse's 28 year old Hunter's Allen grandson, Red Bud Allen. The bay mare, Merry Man's Star, produced two sorrel sons before the old red stallion died. Leon lost the older of the two colts, but kept the younger one to continue his family's tradition that began with the colt's grandsire, Clark's Red Allen, and Oliver's maternal grandfather, Bob Clark.

For the first 20 years of the stallion's life, Red Bud's Rascal was a "hometown" horse unknown to those out of the Olivers' immediate circle. Only one of his sons was kept as a stallion, a horse known as Red Man, and he, too, saw little service. Trends in the use of Tennessee Walkers began to change in the midseventies, however. By the time Bud reached his 20th birthday, breeders in Middle Tennessee and elsewhere had begun to look for the remnants of old bloodlines that had contributed to the fabric of the walker gene pool before the advent of the padded show horse. Noting the extent of these trends, Leon Oliver seriously advertised his old horse for the first time in 1987. As breeders began to raise Bud's offspring and to appreciate them not only for their unique bloodlines but for their intelligence, willingness, and smooth gaits, the horse's court increased with the passing years.

From 1992 on, Red Bud's Rascal stood in service along with his grandson, Buds Sterling Bullet, gray Ebony's Senator grandson out of an Old Bud daughter. Well loved and cared for all his life, Old Bud continued in service past his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday in May of 1997. Two months later, in mid- July, the game stallion succumbed to the rigors of old age. The following spring, a foal crop of eleven arrived as a final tribute to the old horse.

The almost fourteen years since Leon Oliver first advertised Red Bud's Rascal with his business card in the <u>PWHAT News</u> have seen a continuation of the trends favoring the flatshod pleasure horse. Almost four years after his death, daughters of Red Bud's Rascal are seldom available for purchase. Smart, sensible, and excellent mothers, they are valued as matrons as well as saddle mounts by their owners, who are sometimes also their breeders. Leon Oliver's current personal saddle mount is a gray Bud daughter out of one of the first mares by Buds Sterling Bullet. He owns two other sorrel sabino daughters whose dam's lineage traces to the famous Bramlett F-9 through the noted Jake Reese line of walkers.

Leon also has a son of Red Bud's Rascal from the posthumous 1998 foal crop. Ostella's Major Bud Allen carries the trademark sorrel coat of the Clark's Red Allen line, but it is accented by the barest hint of sabino from his dam, Eb's Dixie Delight, whose pedigree included Old Glory, Gold Bond, Last Chance, Grey John, and Brantley's Roan Allen Jr. Unlike many Middle Tennessee stallion owners, Leon Oliver does not breed two year olds or long yearlings before they are broken for use. Major has been started slowly in his two year old year, with breeding to wait until the horse is fully broke to ride and responding well to his owner's voice commands, like his sire and grandsire before him.

When horse values plummeted in the early fifties, most Middle Tennessee farmers, who had relied on their foal crops as a source of income, sold out. Bloodlines that had once been the backbone of the working plantation walker were lost forever. A few breeders for whom money was not an issue maintained their broodstock. The Harwell family owned a hundred acre farm in an out-of-the-way hollow in Cornersville.

This tract sustained their herd of registered walkers that simply ran there, neither bred nor broke.

In the mid-fifties, these mares were dispersed to other breeders who could finally afford, after an upswing in the market, to raise horses again.

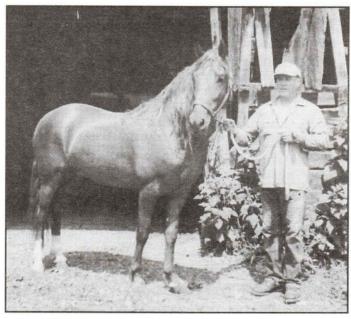
Leon Oliver's father acquired one of these Harwell mares, eventually selling her to his youngest son, Steve. This bay mare was a classy, stylish individual blessed with a strong nodding walk. Yet coupled with her show horse style was an agility and athleticism to rival that of a quarter horse. Maud, as the family called her, served as both a trail mare and working horse while also raising foals. One she produced was a black mare by Steve's linebred Merry Boy stallion, Mark's Crackerjack. Mark's Black Madge's first two foals were by Buds Sterling Bullet. The second, a bay filly named Mark's Rhoda Bell, went to Germany where she has competed successfully for her new owner in both gaited horse rings and in the dressage arena. After Rhoda Bell, Madge visited the court of Red Bud's Rascal until his death in 1997. Her first foal by Old Bud is a bay stallion now owned by Todd Finley of the Yell community of Marshall County. As a six year old, Red Bud's Rambling Slim is still a young stallion, but owner Finley and Leon Oliver have high hopes that he will sire foals with the good sense and strong gait of the Red Bud Rascals and the athletic talent passed from Maud to her other grandchildren.

Joe and Jeannie Grant of the Lexie Crossroads community near Belvidere, Tennessee, raised two sorrel horse colts by Red Bud's Rascal in the spring of 1993. These were out of a Mark's Crackerjack mare and her daughter, so they were more than just half brothers. They ran together as yearlings until the Crackerjack grandson suffered an accident that broke his knee. The Grants' veterinarian recommended that Mark be euthanized, but Jeannie thought too highly of him not to give him a chance. Thanks to her concern and care, the young stallion healed completely, thoroughly enough to be ridden. His first foal arrived in Germany, out of a mare named Miss Emma sired by Jimmie Gray's black stallion. Other foals have been foaled closer to home, in Huntland, Moore County, and Lincoln County. All are yearlings or weanlings, so the time for them to provide willing service under saddle lies in the new millenium.

When Robert Foutch of Watertown began his quest to develop a herd of uniquely bred walkers, he sought out breeders whose living foundation bloodlines had been in their families for several generations. Two of his stallions, and the majority of his mares, came from the breeding programs of Arthur Dement, Billy Ray Sanders, and Mr. Charles Stewart. Since the Dement Horses and many in the Sanders program were closely related, Foutch recognized the need for older lines that offered some genetic diversity. He was pleased to discover in Red Bud's Rascal a pedigree offering unusual lines back to Roan Allen F-38 and Merry Legs F-4, coupled with a disposition and gait that suited his standards. To acquire the Red Bud's Rascal line, he sent one of his premier foundation mares, Black Boy's Dreamer, to the old stallion's court. The result was a sorrel stud colt

which Foutch named "Leon Pierce" after Old Bud's owner and Alton Pierce, the owner of his mare's sire, Paige's Black Boy.

Although Foutch had really wanted a Red Bud's Rascal <u>daughter</u>, he had no intention of parting with the stud colt that Dreamer had foaled. Since he already owned a Dement stallion, a Hall Allen grandson, and a sabino son of the noted Hytone Delight, he had no immediate plans to use the young Leon in service. As it turned out, Leon Pierce had plans of his own, however, in introducing his charms to one of Foutch's Jake Reese mares. The resulting sorrel filly was so nice that Leon Pierce earned his slot as junior stallion at the Hearn Hill Road Farm.



Leon Pierce with owner Bob Foutch. Photo by Will Broyles

His 2000 foal crop consisted of three attractive horse colts that inherited their sire's good looks and natural walk. Foutch looks to Leon Pierce to be his farm's standard bearer of the Red Bud's Rascal line and the relatively rare Society Man line of his dam into the twenty-first century. His dream remains to preserve older, rarer bloodlines to provide genetic outcrosses for the more prevalent and popular bloodlines found in most other breeding establishments. With a small herd of breeding-age, marketable fillies by Leon Pierce, L.B. Super Karat and other stallions, Bob Foutch has begun to see this dream become a reality..

In addition to the Old Bud sons standing in Middle Tennessee, there are others at stud across the country. As time marches on in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, these stallions, and the Old Bud daughters in production, will continue the tradition while offering breeders in their areas an alternative genetic package.

NEXT ISSUE: The Dement Horses, the Goldust palominos, and the Taylor stock walk on into the new millenium.

### SHOW TIME! by Ron Smith

The 2001 show season is almost upon us! As chairman of the AWHA awards committee for the past couple of years, I do have a few suggestions for those considering venturing into the fray.

My first suggestion is **do get involved**. Each event is also a social event. You get to see and interact with your fellow walking horse enthusiasts. Most are very willing to share knowledge. There is no better incentive for you to train and condition your horse than the prospect of comparing your stock at an upcoming show. If you can't participate, then at least be an observer. For most observers, this is the best opportunity to compare breeding and training programs. Advertising claims, yearend awards and even show results often only give part of the story. See for yourself.

Many decline to participate on the basis that they have to compete against the big money owners or trainers. Some are concerned about the cost. Some are not prepared to shoe and train their horses in a manner appropriate for the given class. To these reservations, I say get your horse prepared and go anyway. Have some fun. The important thing is to give you and your horse the experience. I would advise that you enter the appropriate classes. It is not likely that you will be able to win a plantation pleasure class if your horse has not been trained and shod in the appropriate manner. Western classes are more appropriate for horses with lower action and a more extended way of going. Also, do not expect to win the prize money in open or stake classes unless you have paid your dues. The winners of these classes have been at it for several years, are very committed and often have indoor arenas and professional trainers. Many have purchased expensive horses. Beginners should remain in novice or maiden classes if they will be upset about not placing in open classes. On the other hand, it is very satisfying for an amateur to be successful in these classes.

Now a word concerning **preparation**. At one show last year, I visited with a judge who commented, "Why don't these people break their horses before coming to the show?" For this summer's show season, preparation should begin immediately. It is amazing what can be accomplished if a <u>daily</u> one hour training session is held for even three weeks. Have a goal for accomplishment

each session. Eight or ten weeks of proper feed, grooming and conditioning are required to be in show shape. It is also amazing how many competitors seem not to have read the CEF rules for TWH, or are not aware of the scoring methods outlined in awards programs.

Besides regular training, even the best riders require coaching. I once read of a prominent competitor in the working cow horse discipline who endeavoured to break into reining circles, without success. Even after attending several clinics and with daily practice, success eluded him until he went to the horse's mouth. He phoned the champion reiner at the time and booked a week's lessons. Soon after, he won the championship. We in the walking horse industry have much to learn from this experience. It seems we glom onto everyone who has a horse training program and try to apply it to our walking horses. Even in our own circles we buy horses from breeders who have never won a walking horse championship and take clinics and lessons from everyone except people who have been successful in training walking horses. If you want to have a dressage horse, go to a successful dressage rider. If you want to have a successful competitive trail horse, go to someone who has proven success in this area. If you want success and maximum personal enjoyment in three-gait pleasure walkers, go to someone with a record of success in showing three-gait walking horses.

Finally, it is my opinion that if you have good horses, it is your responsibility to the walking horse people of the world to take them to shows so that people can get first hand knowledge of your stock in comparison to other horses. The AWHA year-end awards program recognizes championships in many disciplines such as model, versatility, trail, equitation and two-gait pleasure. The title of Grand Champion has been reserved for light shod three-gait pleasure champions in both plantation and western disciplines. These are the classes which most succinctly show the essence of the Tennessee Walking Horse. The points are calculated using your best three showings from the designated classes at sanctioned shows during the season. (One of the shows must be the Alberta Celebration). This allows the horse to be judged by three different judges. It also allows the owner who can't be at every show during the season to compete for the Supreme Grand championship. The Champion designation is awarded to the horse who wins a Grand Championship in three different years. Ideally, breeders would pay attention to horses who attain these designations.

Good walking and see you at the shows!

### AWHA NEWS EASY RIDER BRANCH REPORT, 1999/ 2000

The Easy Riders had a busy year start ing with the annual potluck and AGM at the Mill Store near Okotoks in October of 1999. Special thanks go to John Dakers for the use of this excellent facility.

Our Executive for the year 2000 were: Brenda Baker, President); Angie Frei, (Secretary); Mabel Heinzig, (Treasurer); Bill Salt, (Past President); Roger Frei, (director at large); Lorraine Adams, (Clinics); Elise Harlick, (Newsletter); Albert Heinzig, (Trail Rides); Leslie Hunchuk, (Speakers/Topics); Dianne Little, (Horse Shows); Grethe Sorenson, (Calgary Stampede booth and demos). Although she was very busy with a toddler and could not act as a director, Michelle Bohn was our Parade Specialist.

During the winter and early spring months we met at Spruce Meadows on the 3rd Thursday of each month for a good visit before and after our guest speaker for the evening. Among the topics covered were: Equine Infectious Anemia, (Dr. Green); Coat Color Genetics, (Les Burwash); a video called "The Taming of Buck", featuring Bill Fraess, courtesy of Gar Beacom and Mel Lachance); Laminitis and Founder, (Dr Steve Manning); Nutrition and Feeding Practices, a panel discussion featuring Carol Hall, Pat Pritchard, and Bill Salt.

April found us at the Mill Store for yet another potluck. (We are a hungry bunch!) During this enjoyable meeting we reviewed our plans for the summer.

Easy Riders put on a Canter Clinic with Dianne Little at Wet Creek Stables, a Driving Clinic with Bill Fraess at Gar Beacom's farm, and a Pleasure/Trail Clinic with Rick Hemmett at Cloudwalker Stables.

There were four shows held during 2000: a Schooling/Training Show at Wet Creek Stables, The Early Bird Show at Cloudwalker Stables; Days of Old at Cloudwalker Stables; and The Last Chance Show at Wet Creek Stables.

The Parades at Airdrie, Strathmore, and Turner Valley/Black Diamond all had participants from our club. We won third place in the Calgary Stampede parade with our group of riders.

Some of our avid hunters used their TWH for Horse Packing demonstrations at the Calgary Stampede and at the Sports Day at Turner Valley/Black Diamond.

A hardy collection of riders participated in the Mt. Romulus trail ride in May and later on, in September, a group of us rode the Hogsback .

Both the Calgary Stampede and the Spruce Meadows booth and demos went well with excellent club participation. We even had members from other branches helping out. A big thank-you goes to Lori Dyberg for her efforts at Spruce Meadows with Chapie's Ready Lad.

On Oct. 19, 2000, we met at the Mill Store near Okotoks (to eat again!) and for our branch AGM.

Our 2001 executive are: Brenda Baker, (president); Lorraine Adams; Andrew Madarasz; Shirley Clarkson; Murray McCargar; Lil and Harold Stewart; Rosina and Randy Widmer; Grethe Sorenson; and Elise Harlick. We are looking forward to another busy year.

On Dec. 10 a number of us braved the cold (!) weather to drive out to Cloudwalker Stables for their annual "Christmas at Cloudwalker" celebration. Bill Salt barbecued some hams and under Deloris' supervision the kitchen elf-ettes produced lunch and a fine spread of goodies. (Luckily my ride left just before I foundered). Mel LeChance and his band of merry musicians teamed up with Helmut Penner to supply us with Christmas music. Thank you all of you!

On Dec 14, 2000 we had our Christmas party at Spruce Meadows once again. This was a dessert potluck. Diane Little brought the PIX and PEDS she's received so far for the PICTURES & PEDIGREES PROGRAM. Members enjoyed being able to sit down to look through these valuable sources of information. The pedigrees are great but the pictures are a real bonus. If anyone has any PIX or PEDS to contribute, new or old, Dianne will be pleased to add them to the collection. Eventually we hope to have all the PIX and PEDS compiled on disc for us to own individually as a reference to Canadian TWH.

Our next meeting will be held on January 18, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. at Spruce Meadows. As usual, we'll be having a speaker in for an hour presentation.

The Easy Riders would like to wish everyone a HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

The Spruce Meadows 2000 report in the Nov/Dec WHN contained some errors. I guess it comes from my horrible typing being translated into legibility.

The responsibility of being Demo boss was indeed Charis Cooper's. She did a great job with very little notice. I had most of the demo volunteers lined up but Charis, in about 5 weeks time, pulled it all together. Her past experiences as an AWHA volunteer at Spruce Meadows (11 years worth) was very valuable, let me tell you! Thank-you, Charis!

Meanwhile the organization and management of the booth was my responsibility. Any mistakes were mine. (I'm sure my name was taken in vain more than a few times). Just for the record, there were a couple of spelling errors in names included in the article: the gelding that Carol Hall brought on Sept 7 was SHADOW'S RHUSE-G; and it was SHELLEY RUTLEDGE who helped out in the booth on Sat, Sept 9.

Thank-you again to all the people who donated their time for this very worthwhile event. In particular, the people bringing horses are to be commended for their efforts.

Both reports submitted by Brenda L. Baker

### Back Yard Walkin'

Making a Good Horse c Jan. 2001 Allanna Lea Jackson

By the time Mister Star La Marr was a yearling, it was evident he was among the 90% of male horses that will lead healthier, happier, more useful lives as geldings. I had planned to have Mister gelded in the fall of 1999, when Indian summer freezes the flies and promises the most temperate weather that Arizona's White Mountains offer. The bug-killing freeze was late that year so the plan was thwarted by my Blue wreck. My Dad's assistance with caring for my horses included taking on the year old struggle to teach Mister some manners and respect for authority. Mister continued scoring paints in favor of gelding faster than he learned his lessons.

I do not have the facilities to accommodate two stallions so Mister had to be gelded far enough in advance of Blue's due date that he would not fight with Koko over Blue after her foal was born. There were two major problems about gelding Mister - the unpredictability of winter weather and my broken arm. When I'd consulted our local equine specialist veterinarian, he explained that Mister would need 10 minutes of trotting twice a day for two weeks after gelding to minimize swelling and promote proper healing of the incisions. Since Mister was only a yearling the vet recommended lunging. But how was I going to lunge a rambunctious colt one-handed? Especially one who did not yet know how to lunge? The obvious solution was to find someone else to do it, but who? I'd started training my own horses 18 years ago because there weren't any Walking Horse trainers within 200 miles, (even if I'd been able to pay one, which I couldn't). My income has improved but the availability of competent trainers hasn't. I pondered and prayed about this for several weeks before concluding that I could attempt to free lunge Mister. The only catch was, I don't have a round pen.

The extraordinarily balmy winter weather continued so on February 2, 2000, at 11:45 a.m., Dr. Tom White "made Mister into a good horse," as he put it. Mister got to spend the rest of the day feeling sorry for himself. What he did was eat.

The morning of Feb. 3, I took my lunge whip out to Mister's corral, which is a very irregular

rectangle, to give him the prescribed five minutes of trotting. He was going to have to lunge without benefit of halter or lunge line since I could use only one hand and knew he wouldn't bother moving without the whip. During his halter training Mister had shown an inclination to imitate his mother's balky sluggishness so my prayers for this project included asking God to make Mister responsive to moderate driving aids.

Mister's halter training had started at two months of age with a bizarre session of round pen reasoning, equus, or whatever you want to call it, in which Mister's befuddled instincts had to be rudely jolted back to normal before any learning could take place. Several months of sharing corral space with Sassy, who detested him, and Koko, who played with him, had given Mister a rudimentary comprehension of herding pressure. Now I had to shape that learned behavior into a regulated exercise program.

With my whip as a driving aid I used my position and posture to move Mister into a trot around one end of his corral. As expected, he was sluggish the day after surgery, but he dutifully trotted around me as if he knew what to do.

Mister had seen both Sassy and Koko lunge and must have beenpaying attention to what he was seeing. Mister obeyed the verbal commands "trot," "easy," and "whoa," which he knew from his in-hand halter work. I was astounded and delighted. This was much better than I'd expected considering his habitual stubbornness and the fact that he hadn't been worked at all in three months.

Mister's evening exercise session went even better than the morning session. This time he decided to imitate his sire instead of his dam and volunteered to lope. Still I was right not to rely on a self-exercise program. Mister was in such soft condition five minutes of trotting left him dripping sweat and puffing like a steam engine. Mister's twice daily free lunging exercise sessions continued successfully though it was indeed quite free. His circles were every shape except round. He was loose in a rectangular pen, not a round one. Getting him to trot the prescribed number of minutes was about all my broken arm could stand. And yes, it was a genuine two-beat trot. The running walk he'd had at two months old had gone AWOL sometime before his first birthday. I didn't really want him trotting but that was the least of our problems so I let him trot. When his circles caused him to lapse into a slightly more lateral movement such as a four-beat trot or a foxwalk I praised him.

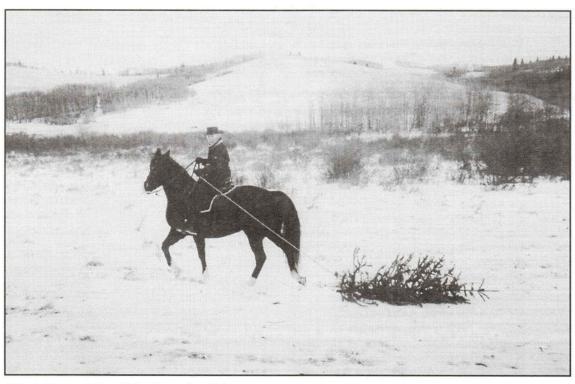
True to his nature, once Mister figured out what I wanted he tried all the wrong things he could think of, not just once, but several times over. He galloped when told to walk. He stopped when told to trot. He walked when told to whoa. He changed direction when told to lope. He bucked, he reared, he considered trotting across me, and he ran off to the other side of the corral. Getting stuck in a corner was Mister's favorite evasion (which is why round pens are recommended for this sort of work). I got fairly adept at chousing him out of corners. It required a fair bit of exertion on my part to keep the little guy trotting around his pen for 10 minutes. This may have contributed to the gradually increasing angulation of my inadequately immobilized broken arm.

My other horses, particularly the mares, were more impressed by the lunge whip outside their fence than Mister was when I snapped him with it. Sassy, who is so responsive that she lunges without a whip, was mildly apprehensive. Blue was so frightened she hid under her carport shelter. Mister tried to stall out near Blue when he was tired and bored with lunging.

Blue took out her anxiety about the whip on Mister by snapping viciously at him every time he came near. This eventually convinced him to take my whip signals more seriously. I thanked Blue for her help, which was genuinely helpful. Blue finally realized the whip was never aimed at her and eventually stood for my stroking her very gently with it.

Mister is of the opinion that anything that threatens him should be eaten, or at least bitten, so at the end of every lunging session he chewed the whip lash. This quickly developed into a game in which I led Mister with the lunge whip. When I petted and praised him at the end of his work out, he would pick the lash off the ground or catch it while I was petting him and begin chewing it. When I walked to the corral gate he'd follow me, still chewing the lash. It looked as if I'd gone fishing and caught a horse! Mister was obviously not intimidated by my use of the whip.

When the prescribed exercise period ended Feb. 16, 2000, Mister went back on vacation. Lunging him was simply too hard on my injured arm to continue any more than was absolutely necessary.



Charis Cooper & Peppi bring home the Christmas tree.

# CANADIAN REGISTRY OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE SCHEDULE OF FEES Effective March 1, 2001

1. MEMBERSHIP				
a. Full Membership (Individual, Family, Corporation, Partnership: All	Canadian Resident). V	oting,	\$25.00/yr	
member fee schedule applies			2	
b. Individual Life Membership (Individual). Voting, member fee schedule applies				
c. Youth Membership (Individual, under 18 years of age). Non-voting,	member fee schedule a	applies	\$10.00/yr.	
d. Associate Membership (Individuals, Organizations, Groups, All Can	adian Resident).		\$15.00/yr.	
Non-voting, non-member fee schedule applies				
e. Non-Canadian Resident Membership. Non-voting, member fee sche			\$35.00/yr.	
2. REGISTRATION OF HORSES NOT ALREADY REGISTERED WITH CRTWH	Member Fees	Non-Member Fees		
Registration by TWHBEA is not required if sire and/or dam is not registered with CRTWH. Submit a photocopy of both sides of the TWHBEA certificate for the sire and/or dam with the application to register the unregistered				
foal.				
a. Within 6 months of foaling	\$30.00	\$60.00		
b. After 6 but less than 12 months of foaling	\$40.00	9	00.08	
c. After 12 but less than 24 months of foaling	\$125.00	\$	250.00	
d. After 24 months of foaling: Subject to approval of Board of Directors. Non-refundable fee of \$125.00 if application is rejected.	\$300.00	\$	\$500.00	
3. REGISTRATION OF HORSES Already Registered with TWHBEA or WHOA	Member Fees	Non-M	Non-Member Fees	
Applications must be accompanied by a photocopy of both sides of the TWHBEA or WHOA certificate	\$45.00	\$90.00		
4. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP	Member Fees	Non-M	Non-Member Fees	
a. Within 1 month of date of sale	\$20.00		\$40,00	
b. After 1, but before 3 months of date of sale	\$30.00	9	\$60.00	
c. After 3 months of date of sale	\$50.00	\$100.00		
5. ALTERATION OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED	Member Fees	Non-Member Fees		
a. Change of colour	\$20.00	\$40.00		
b. Change of gender (gelded)	\$15.00	\$15.00		
c. Death of a registered horse -(certificate will be returned)	\$5.00 credit	No charge		
d. Change of Name: Provided animal is no more than five (5) years of age and has no registered offspring. Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Submitted fees are non refundable if application is rejected.	\$50.00		100.00	
6. OTHER SERVICES	Member Fees	Non-M	ember Fees	
a. Registration of Breeder's Prefix	\$45.00		90.00	
b. Registration of Lease	\$20.00	9	340.00	
c. List of Progeny of Individual Breeding Stock	\$20.00	\$40.00		
d. Surcharge on incomplete or incorrect applications	\$20.00	5	\$40.00	
e. Duplicate Certificate: Shall be issued upon application by the registered owner accompanied by satisfactory proof of loss accompanied by a witnessed Statutory Declaration.	\$40.00	\$	80.00	
f. DNA Hair Analysis Profiling per animal: DNA Profiling kits are available from Jean Rempel at (780) 696-2105. Do NOT send fee to CLRC. DNA Hair Analysis Profiling charges will be invoiced by CRTWH to the owner.	\$60.00	\$	100.00	
g. Blood-typing/DNA updated certificate for mature horse.	\$10.00	5	25.00	
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**Fees** are **in Canadian currency and include GST.** Fees are based upon postmark of the application and the membership status of the person making the application.

All remittances (except DNA profiling) are payable to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. The CRTWH accepts Visa. Please submit to: CLRC 2417 Holly Lane, Ottawa, ON K1V 0M6 Telephone 613-731-7110, Fax 613-731-0704.

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The CRTWH accepts either Blood Typing or DNA Hair Analysis Profiling.

### CANADIAN REGISTRY OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE (CRTWH)

# **Parent Verification Program**

submitted by Stu Pritchard

Effective Date January 1, 2001

### **JANUARY 1, 2000**

Before you register a foal you must ensure that the stallion owner has supplied CLRC with a record of EITHER the DNA Hair Analysis or Blood Typing of the SIRE. The Stallion does not have to be registered with CRTWH, although he must be a registered Tennessee Walking Horse

### **JANUARY 1, 2001**

Before you register a foal you must ensure that the mare owner has supplied CLRC with a record of EITHER the DNA Hair Analysis or Blood Typing of the DAM. The Mare does not have to be registered with CRTWH, although she must be a registered Tennessee Walking Horse

### **JANUARY 1, 2002**

Before you register a foal you must have EITHER a DNA Hair Analysis Profile or Blood Typing test done for the foal. The foal must then be parent verified using EITHER the DNA Hair Analysis Profiling or Blood Typing. Before parentage can be verified you must ensure that BOTH the stallion and mare owner have supplied CLRC with a record of either the DNA Hair Analysis Profiling or Blood Typing.

Owners choose whether to use DNA Hair Analysis Profiling or Blood Typing.

DNA HAIR ANALYSIS PROFILING AND BLOOD TYPING ARE NOT COMPATIBLE
Sire, Dam, and Foal must all use DNA Hair Analysis Profiling to Verify Parentage
OR ... Sire, Dam, and Foal must all use Blood Typing to Verify Parentage
It is not necessary that sire or dam be registered with CRTWH for the foal to be registered with CRTWH;

DNA Hair Analysis Profiling is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3.

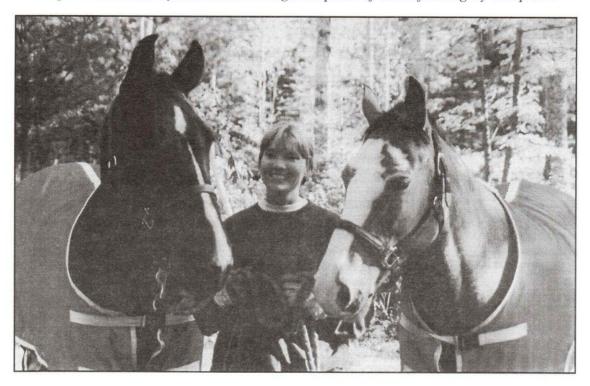
If you have a horse that needs to be DNA Profiled, here's how easy it is ...

- 1. Contact Jean Rempel for a DNA kit at: RR1 Box 9, Winfield, Alberta TOC 2XO, Canada Ph.780-696-2105 / Fx.780-696-2205 or e-mail <u>"ilrempel@telusplanet.net"</u>
- 2. Pull a sample of at least 50 hairs from the mane and place it in the kit. Be sure to <u>pull</u> the hair, do not cut it. To do the DNA Profile the lab needs the hair roots where the live cells are. No veterinarian is required. No blood samples are required and no courier charges involved for blood transport are needed. This is a major cost saving in comparison to Blood Typing.
- 3. Send the envelope with proper postage to Maxxam Equitest Inc.,

335 Laird Road, Unit 4, Guelph, Ontario N1H 6J3, Canada (Tel: 519-836-2400, Fax: 519-836-5782) The Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC) will receive the results and a copy will be sent to the CRTWH. Upon receipt of the results, the CRTWH will bill you \$60.00 CDN if you are a member, or \$85.00 CDN if you are not a member. You will make your payment payable in CANADIAN FUNDS to the CRTWH,

not CLRC or Maxxam Equitest.

It has been quite a while since I last wrote to WHN and so much has happened in that time. The following are the joys and woes I experienced in the 4 years it took me to get the peace of mind of having my own place.



### The Dilemmas of Boarding by Rachel Hill

I cried the day my husband, Mark, and I were told we were losing our jobs. We were part of that massive group affected during Ontario's government downsizing. I knew we were leaving Dorion, the little community I had grown to love. I had made stronger ties to my horse friends there than I had in any community I had ever lived, friends who shared my interest in horses and passion for Tennessee Walkers. Denise Ham ran the stable I boarded at in Dorion. At the time I didn't realize just what care and heart she provided but now I do.

Losing my job was also devastating. I had worked hard to become a Fish and Wildlife Technician. I had moved all over the province and made sacrifices I now would never make for a job. I was not about to put my marriage through what I had so many times before, so instead of splitting up as we had done in the past, I followed Mark to Red Lake. Red Lake is an 'end of the road' remote community at the northwest corner of the province. But things weren't as bad as they could be - because I still had my horse.

Red Lake is a scenic community surrounded by boreal forest and pretty lakes. But it is not the easiest place to keep a horse. There are no vets or farriers, and feed has to be brought in from over 200 km away. But much to my surprise there was a small stable just out of town. I was excited to share my Walker with new people and make new friends.

Bonnie ran the stable and insisted that any horse that came there had to be fed dairy ration, even with my offer to provide my own grain for Eb. A little miffed at being told what my horse had to eat, I decided it wasn't going to kill him and I could live with it until I got my own place.

Even though the horses at the stable were all in good shape and well looked after, there were some major problems with the facility. There were 26 horses on 3 acres of bush and rocks. I could tell Eb was miserable. He would get up on a dry knoll to keep out of the mud and stay there all day with his head hung low. I rode him pretty much every day but there was nowhere really to ride other than the highway, which wore thin after a while. At night Bonnie brought him into a standing stall which was

okay, but with the limited mucky space outside, it seemed he never had a chance to lie down. I had to move him to a better place. This was a difficult decision for me, as at this point in my life, this horse was all that was keeping me going. But I couldn't bear to see him so unhappy. So in October, just before a snowstorm, I moved Eb to Vermilion Bay, 170 km down the road.

### This was Arista's place.

She had a beautiful farm and I appreciated her knowledge of horses and of Walkers! Arista was originally from Kentucky and had grown up on a walker farm. She was glad that a walker had finally found her place and Eb had a happy winter there. I remember one of her comments, "I've never seen a horse roll as much as this horse". But even though Eb was happier, I was getting more and more depressed in Red Lake. My rides were reduced to once per week because of the distance and the weather. At one of my low points I decided I had to shake this depression. That's when I enrolled at a farrier school in Minneapolis. Since the course was 10 weeks long I took Eb with me so I could attend a spring walker show while I was down there. I arranged a place to board through the school.

### This was Karen's place.

Karen bred Paint horses and had a nice little farm that worked out well. I learned about Paints and she learned about Walkers. We are now good friends and get together every year. She usually attends my walker shows when they are held down in her neck of the woods.

At the end of my course, news from home made its way to me. It was music to my ears! Mark had landed a job in Fort Frances. I never did go back to Red Lake so I arranged a place for Eb in Fort Frances through the Federal Vet.

### This was Keith's place.

Keith ran a quality quarter horse facility and had I only known I was going to end up moving as many times as I did, I would never have left there. I had told Keith it was temporary, just till we found a place of our own. Being that Mark and I had waited this long for that perfect property, we weren't going to settle for something we really didn't want. But as spring slowly turned into fall, I knew I would likely be boarding for another winter. Keith showed his horses competitively so he had a heated barn. I was concerned that Eb wouldn't winter well in a heated

barn, so I answered the only ad in the paper looking for boarders.

### This was Angie's place.

Angie ran a small Arab farm. Her farm was a 40-minute drive from where we rented a house. Angie had a big farm with lots of room to ride and a nice barn. But many times on bad weather days I would see Eb outside and her horses inside. Her pastures were nice but there was no shelter or wind breaks at all and it was quite exposed in the winter. I believe this was one of the coldest winters Eb ever had. That year he didn't shed out until well into June.

One day as I arrived at the barn Angie came out and casually mentioned that her husband had been riding Eb, as he liked the smooth gait. My look of surprise must have been obvious as she said, "Hope that was o.k."

Shortly after that I landed a new job but it was in the town of Atikokan (140 km east of Fort Frances). This reduced my days of riding and visiting with Eb considerably and I desperately wanted to move him closer to where I lived. A new stable was being built that winter just outside of town. It was ready to take boarders by March.

### This was Ted's place.

Ted had a small indoor riding arena and had set up temporary box stalls. Ted was a western guy, into quarter horses at one time, did some showing and was a local judge for the small shows in the area. He owned one horse, Chester, a 9-year-old gelding.

It was at this time that I acquired my mare, a little horse that was given to me by Nancy Kahmann. Nancy was a great person who owned 2 Walkers and was part of the 'Dorion gang'. During the winter of 97', she was diagnosed with lung cancer for the second time. Nancy worried about her horses so she lined up people to care for them when the time came that she no longer could. I was honored when Nancy asked me to take Shadow, a bay sabino mare by a full brother to Eb. I made a promise to Nancy that Shadow would always be well taken care of. Nancy passed away shortly after she gave me Shadow. It was a sad time for all of us who knew her. I got the mare registered and named her Nancy's Canadian Rainbow in memory of her.

A few things alerted me that Ted wasn't up on good horse management. Firstly, Chester appeared to be wormy (all ribs on the top but big belly). I hinted to Ted that it was a good idea to worm the horses all at the same time. He agreed, and then made some comment about sometimes only giving half a dose as a full one wasn't needed. From the beginning I offered to buy my own grain, as the grain he had was full of weed seeds and other foreign matter.

Ted always bought his hay in small amounts by the pickup truck. Toward the fall I noticed the hay was not looking good. I broke open a bale and it was not only dusty but also black and rotten. I left a note to Ted telling him not to feed this hay to my horses and went out and got 20 bales of good hay to last until he could line up another supplier. He used my hay for Eb and Shadow but to my horror, he still fed the rotten stuff to Chester! As my 20 bales dwindled down to 3, I wondered when the new hay was coming and what lay ahead for the winter. When I questioned him on the matter he blew up and told me I was being unrealistic, there was nothing wrong with the hay.

Now I knew that I was a picky horse owner and there were lots of things about boarding that I did not prefer, but I could always live with them. I just added them to the list of things I would change when I had my own place. But this was too serious a matter to ignore and my horses' health was at stake. So when Ted challenged me on it, a side of me came out I didn't know I had. After some further verbal exchange a few hours later, I loaded up the horses and headed down the road. A few months after I left Ted's place, Chester died of colic.

I pulled in to **Susan's place** with horses in tow. I had never met her before but her horses always looked good from the road, well fed with shiny coats. Also, she had good fencing. I got out of the truck, introduced myself and asked her if she had ever considered boarding horses. She said no but that she'd try it. Susan had a good place. Here I learned the importance of trees in the pasture. Even though the board cost was the same as at Ted's, my horses were out on pasture 90% of the time. But there was a dense wood lot at the back of the large field where they spent the majority of the their day. This shelter proved to be just as good as any barn or lean-to.

My only complaint here was that Susan was not a morning person. The horses only got grained once a day and sometimes it was at 10:00, sometimes it was at 2:00 and sometimes it was never, as weekends were Susan's days off. Susan got more boarders after I moved in and I learned to laugh at her approach to life. The horses didn't have a routine but they always walked around with big content bellies. During this time I managed to get a job in Fort Frances so I didn't have to commute any longer. It was that fall when we purchased the 17 acres that would be the site of our new house and barn - it would be home!

### This was OUR place.

I couldn't believe it. It had been so long in coming. The 17 acres was no perfect farm by any means. It had to be cleared, fenced, and a house and barn had to be built. But we did it all in a year. It was a blur. I always knew how much work it was to look after horses but I had no idea how much work it was getting set up for them. I moved the horses there a year after we purchased the land. It was a moment I will never forget.

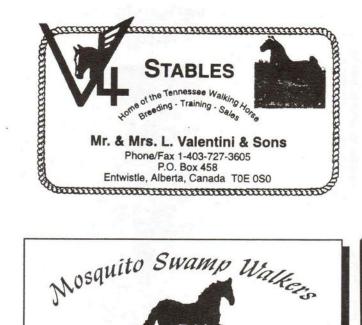
Having the horses here was everything I thought it would be and more. I get great satisfaction watching them from my window, being around them, knowing that they are fed, watered, dry and comfortable. I like knowing what they are eating and how much they are drinking. One of the greatest parts of it is how Mark has become involved. Even though he doesn't like to ride he took pride in building the barn and gets almost as much satisfaction looking out the window as I do.

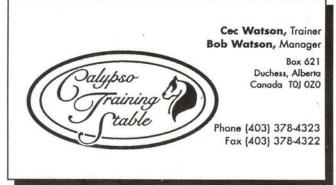
One good thing I can say about my experiences of boarding is the knowledge I gained. I learned a lot of things that I put to good use in building my own place, and I met some great people along the way. I made friendships that will last a lifetime because no matter what the breed, what the discipline, what the interest, age or gender; a horse person is always a horse person. In fact, I stopped by to see Ted the other day to check out some Clydesdale fillies he has boarded there. We carried on about horses for a good hour as if nothing had come between us.

So I'll sum up this story with a quote from Winston Churchill – one I believe to be so true:

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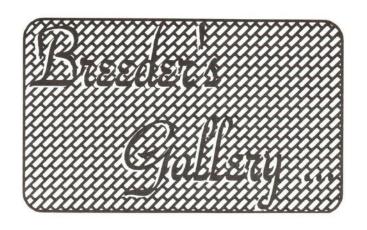


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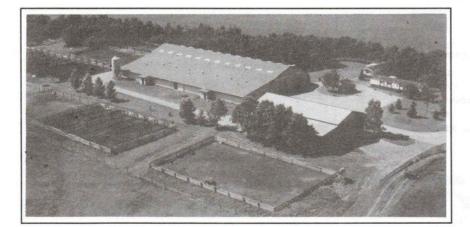
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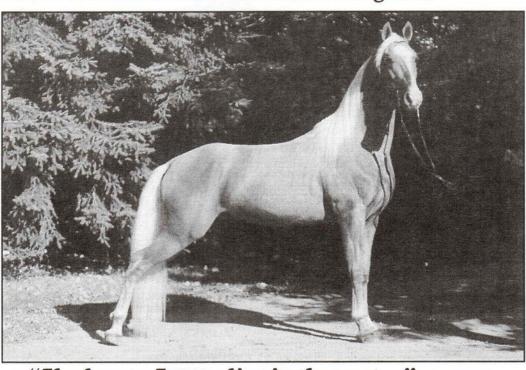
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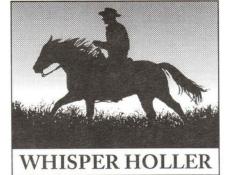
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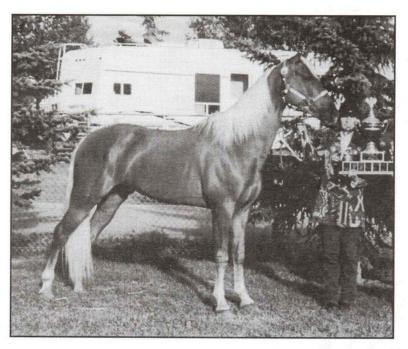
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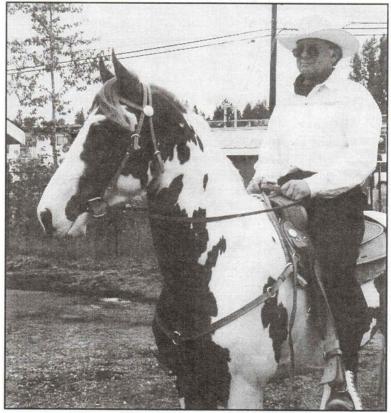
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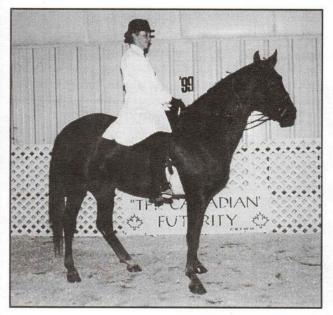
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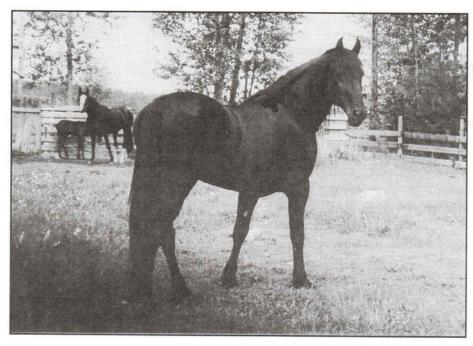
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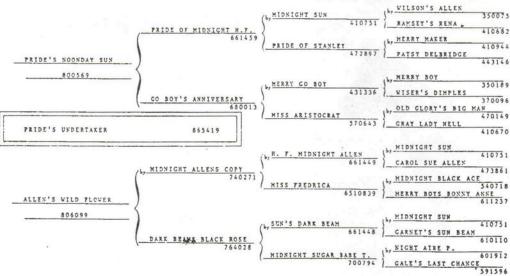
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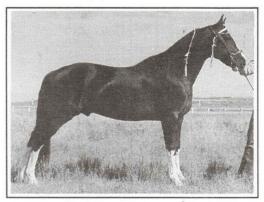
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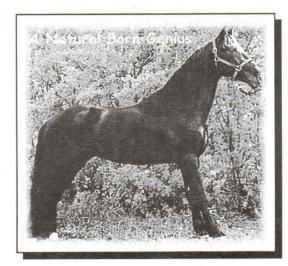
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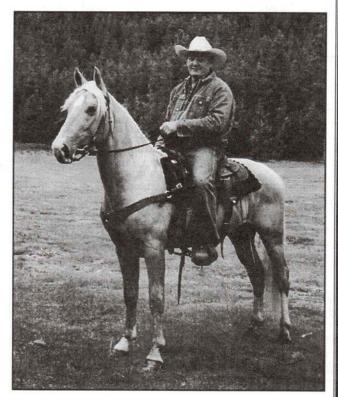
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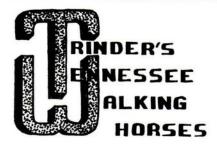
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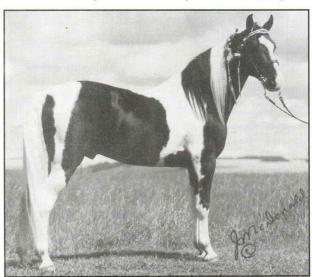
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