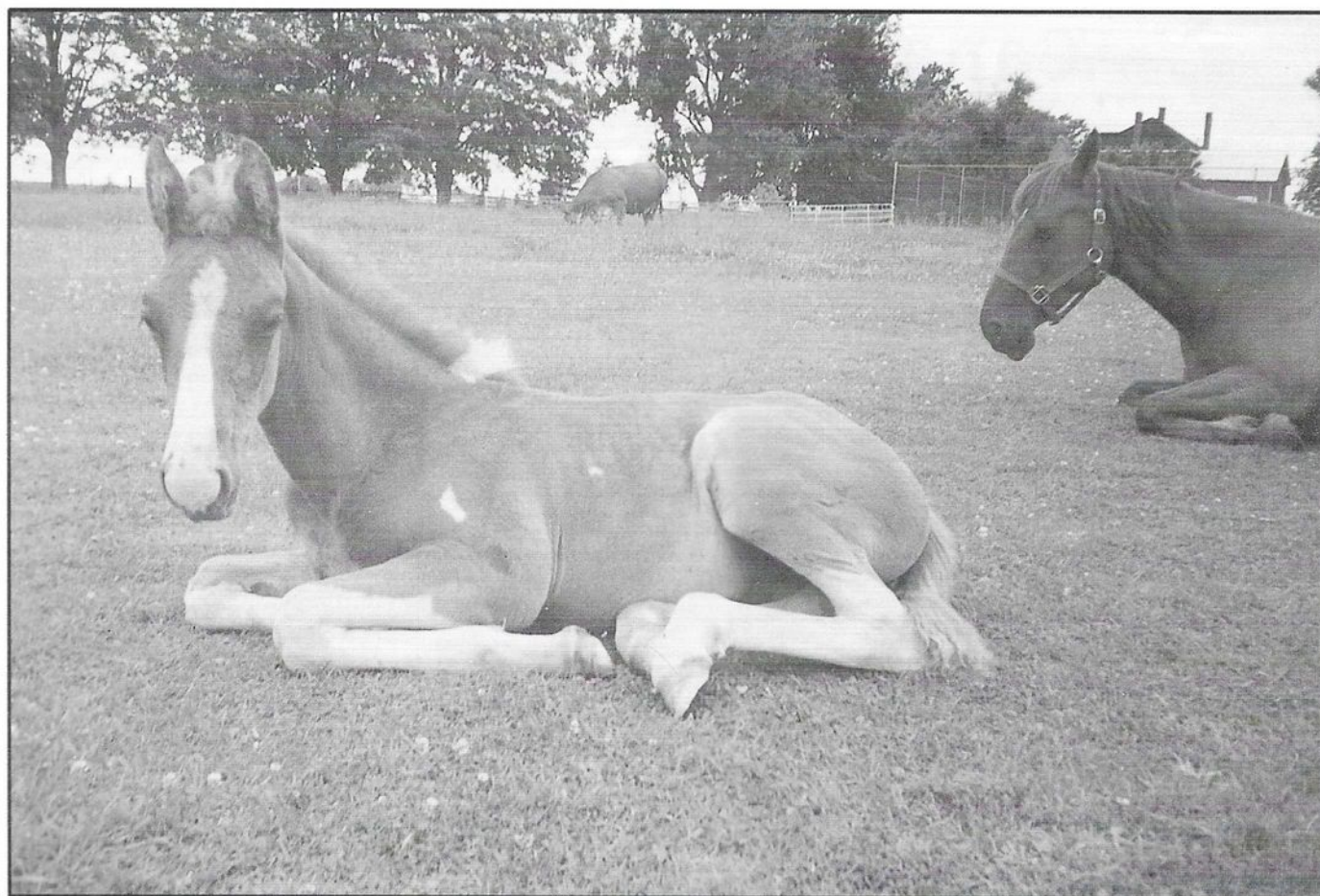


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Dear Subscribers,

Well, here we are in 2002, with a brand new
year ahead of us like a fresh sheet of paper just
waiting to be written on...

And speaking of sheets of paper, I'd like to hear
from you about what you'd like to see in the *Walking
Horse News*. (I know many of you would like to see
more on training for gait. Good articles on that topic
are hard to come by, but I will keep looking.) Other
than that, what would you like to see more of, less of,
or not at all? What do you like best? Least? Write and
let me know how *WHN* can improve.

I'd also appreciate suggestions on the best way
to remind you to renew your subscriptions. We have
been putting a sticker on your second-last issue, and
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we are finding that few people are using these to
renew. Would an envelope addressed to *WHN* be
more convenient? It is expensive for *WHN* to send out
renewal notices so if you have any ideas on improving
our system, please let us know.

How are your feed supplies holding out? The
mild weather up until now has been a real help, but
last night's -32 C was a shock! Horses require so
much extra hay to help them keep warm when the
temperatures plummet like that.

It's only the first issue of the year and already
there are many clinics and shows planned. (See pages
5 & 6). There are lots of horses for sale and stallions
at stud. There is also an unprecedented demand for
well-trained, gentle Walkers. It's a great opportunity.

Let's all work together to make 2002 a banner
year for the Walking Horse in Canada!

Happy New Year. Everyone!

Marjorie



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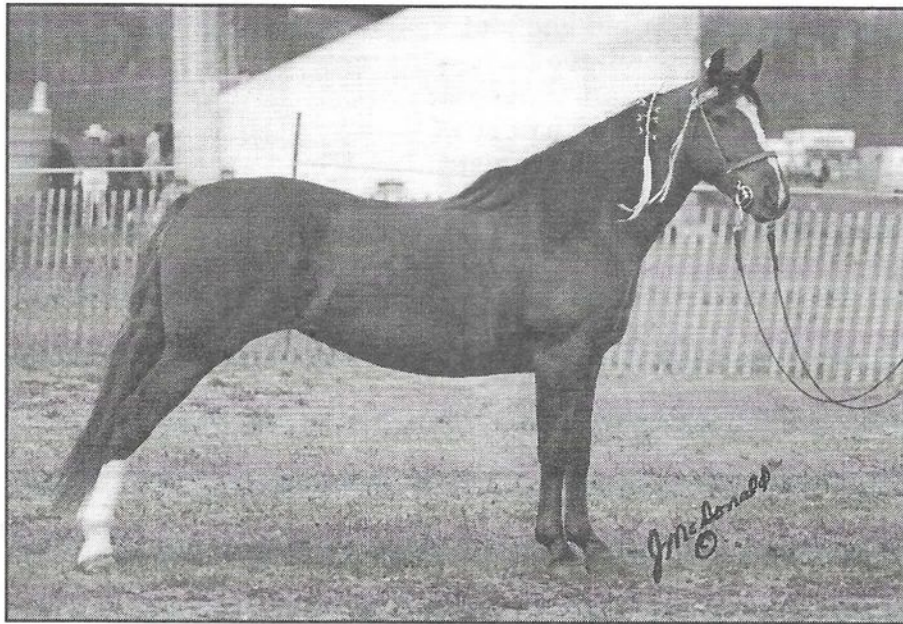
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CANADIAN TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE
HISTORY & HERITAGE PROJECT 2000

Another story from "CANADIAN TIMES OF THE TWH"



A "ONCE IN A LIFETIME" HORSE: SAGE KING'S DIAMOND 1977 - 2001
Reg. #1977-1304 & 770704

This wonderful mare was foaled on the property of D. M. Stanley-Clarke at Gundy, B.C. in the spring of 1977. She was sired by Beauty's Sage King and was out of Little Toot Wilson. McDonald Farms purchased her and a half sister in the fall of that year. Diamond, as she was to be known, had a mind of her own as compared to her half sister. She was very independent and sort of became the barn yard boss, as she was one of the first Walkers we owned.

Diamond was started at 2 1/2 years of age. She took to her training like a pro and did not exhibit any of the headstrong traits she'd displayed as a baby. She seemed to enjoy trying to please. As a three-year-old, she traveled many; many miles. Diamond was shown at horse shows from Bear Lake, B.C. to Camrose, AB to Lloydminster, SK as well as numerous local shows near Dawson Creek. She even took part in a demonstration in conjunction with the RCMP Musical Ride - very famous company indeed! She seemed particularly to enjoy the antebellum sidesaddle classes.

Diamond had many foals for us over the years and was an exceptionally heavy milking mare. Her foals were noticeably larger than foals of the same age from other

mares. After many successful years of raising foals, at 22 years of age Diamond decided that maybe having twins to raise might be her forte. She raised both fillies without a backward glance and was a very protective mother to both foals. But these were to be her last babies They are still on the farm and are not likely to go too far due to the unexpected death of their mother in 2001.

Diamond and I had a bond that will not be broken as long as I am able to remember her and have some of her offspring here on the farm. If you are ever lucky enough to own a son or a daughter of hers, just know that they come from a line of wonderful horses.

I have heard that once in a person's lifetime you will have one really good horse and one really good dog. If this is true, then Sage King's Diamond was my "once in a lifetime" horse.

Diamond, you are missed since you moved on to greener pastures.

Lovingly remembered,

Jo-Anne McDonald

(Sage King's Diamond's pedigree overleaf.)

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Dianne Little wants you to know that she is close to winding up "Picture the Millennium" (aka the "Pics & Peds"), the photo & pedigree section of the Canadian Registry's HISTORY & HERITAGE PROJECT 2000:

Dianne writes,

"Just a reminder that I would like pictures and pedigrees of any Walkers (Canadian or American registered) that you have owned during your history with TWH. I am getting closer to completing this project and have not nearly the number of pictures that I would like. It is not necessary that you send a copy of the pedigree, although it would be nice. All you need is the registered name or the registration number."

There IS still time to have your horses' pictures included in this project—but you will have to act fast! The photos will be put on a CD which will be made available to anyone interested in the breed in Canada. Include your horses as part of the Canadian history of the Tennessee Walking Horse. Send your photos & pedigrees to:

Dianne Little, 619 Lake Linnet Cres. S.E., Calgary, AB T2J 2J3 403-271-7391



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Sire
BEAUTY'S SAGE KING
-99- [US]602247

HEY JOE
[US]531057

Horse Name

SAGE KING'S DIAMOND
1977-1034- [US]770704

SAGO (BLACK BEAUTY 2ND)
[US]540714

Dam
LITTLE TOOT WILSON
[US]634236

THUNDER BIRD
[US]431141

MAY BEE WILSON
[US]561679

Sex Mare

Foaled April 10, 1977

Colour & Markings

Chestnut. Star and connected stripe and snip, both hind stockings.

SILVARO ALLEN
[US]453516

PET TALLEY
[US]441310

SILVERTIP-RICKEY
[US]473752

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AWHA SANCTIONED TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE SHOWS TO WATCH FOR IN 2002

THE EARLY BIRD SHOW, JUNE 1 & 2, CLOUDWALKER STABLES, STRATHMORE, AB

This year look for a two day show. This new format has been requested by many of the participants that travel a long distance. Having two days of showing better justifies that long trailer haul. As in past years, the Early Bird, judged by a licensed judge, is a warm up for the coming show season. The show features traditional classes aimed at preparing horse and rider for the summers shows.

WILD ROSE VERSATILITY SHOW, JUNE 22 & 23, LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

This show features regular classes along with gymkhana and versatility events. We are told that we should look for a number of driving classes this year at the Wild Rose Show.

THE A.W.H.A. ALBERTA CELEBRATION, JULY 20 & 21, OLDS, AB

The Celebration, as always, is the premium A.W.H.A. Walking Horse Show. In 2001 some gymkhana classes were introduced and were so well received that they will be included again in 2002.

DAYS OF OLD, AUGUST 17 & 18, CLOUDWALKER STABLES, STRATHMORE, AB

The Days Of Old Show is designed to be a relaxed enjoyable event. The show is a mixture of traditional and versatility classes with a Bar B Q hosted by Cloudwalker Stables on the Saturday evening. Don't miss this one.

WALKERS GO WESTERN SHOW, SEPT. 28, CLOUDWALKER STABLES, STRATHMORE, AB

Last year was the first time we attempted an all western show with Western dress, western gear, and western hospitality. The show was so successful that it will be repeated in 2002, along with the BarBQ beef & bean supper that was so enjoyable.

All of these Walking Horse Shows are sanctioned by the A.W.H.A. and are judged by licensed judges.

To make sure you are on the prize list mail out, call any A.W.H.A. director and make this request. Bill Salt

Gaited Horse Clinic with Brenda Imus - June 28 to 30

In the clinic you will learn:

- Correct biting, shoeing, and saddling for the gaited horse
- Methods for improving the trotty or pacey horse
- How conformation relates to gait action
- How to develop the gaits in the young horse, and
- How to determine—and improve—your animal's best intermediate gait.

Each clinic experience is unique, since instruction is geared specifically toward the needs of individual participants and their horses.

Date: Friday, June 28 Biting seminar 7 pm - 9 pm
Saturday, June 29 Clinic 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday, June 30 Clinic 9 am - 5 pm

Location: Parkland Riding Centre, Birds Hill Provincial Park
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Cost: \$400 Cdn for participant (horse and rider)
\$35 Cdn to audit for one day; \$50 Cdn to audit biting seminar and clinic

For more information contact: Dr. Lee Kohanek (204) 268-4224 Or Parkland Riding Centre (Ive message) (204) 222-7756
Participant spots are on a first come first serve basis, so it's advisable to book early.

Please note: The clinic fees are non-refundable, and must be paid by **cash** or **money order** payable to:

Dr. Lee Kohanek, Box 66, General Delivery, Seddons Corner, MB Canada R0E 1X0

Brenda Imus is the author of two popular books on the subject of gaited horses: *HEAVENLY GAITS: The Complete Guide to Gaited Riding Horses*, and *GAITS OF GOLD: Selecting, Fitting, and Training the Naturally Gaited Horse*. She also produced *GAITS OF GOLD VIDEO CLINIC*. As well, she is the author of a general equestrian book, *FROM THE GROUND UP: Horsemanship for the Adult Rider*. She is the gaited horse columnist for *TRAIL BLAZER* magazine.

A.W.H.A. PLANS 'BATTLE OF THE BREEDS' TEAM FOR 2002

Usually at this time of year the main A.W.H.A. topics are the depth of snow, is there enough hay put aside, or was Santa good to you?. Not so this year! Everyone is buzzing about forming a Tennessee Walking Horse 'Battle of the Breeds' team for Spruce Meadows. It has been 6 years since the Walking Horse breed last competed at the Masters, a period that has been far too long.

At the 2001 annual meeting the A.W.H.A. gave sanction to form a team to be sponsored by the association. A working committee was formed, and the initial steps have been taken to sort out the talent that will be required. Each A.W.H.A. division will enlist those members of that division who wish to try out for the team. The first round of trials will take place at a local within that division. The second round will bring together all of the top contenders at some central point.

It is widely believed that the Walking Horse breed has lost a lot of promotion by not being represented at the Battle of the Breeds. If all goes well with this project, we will be able to regain some of our breed prestige by showing what the Walking Horse can really do. Perhaps we can dilute the image of the Walking Horse being primarily a show type horse. The Canadian Registry's motto, "A Horse For All Reasons" can come alive at the Masters competition this year if we successfully put a team together. The bottom line will be having 5 horses available (one as a backup) capable of covering the 5 disciplines involved in the Battle. We must also find 5 riders or drivers (one backup) who have the will and the ability to navigate the Battle courses. Personally, I believe we have both riders and horses capable of meeting the challenge. However, we need all interested members to come forward and volunteer for the tryouts. To do so, just get in touch with the president of your A.W.H.A. division and have your

name, along with the discipline you wish to compete in, put on the tryout list.

The disciplines are, Driving, Compulsory Skills, Obstacle Trail, Barrel Racing, and Jumping. I know that we have a number of riders and horses that can do these events, so let's get geared up for it.

In the past, the Walking Horse Team has done very well. Captained by Charis Cooper, in 1995 we placed seventh out of 14 teams entered. This year, I believe we can better that mark. Let's hope that Charis, along with other skilled riders, will rise to the occasion and put the Walking Horse near the top.

Bill Salt, Committee Member

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October 5-6

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Improving Your Confidence (seat, legs, hands)
Call Kim: 1-613-335-3896

October 12

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Arden, Ontario
1-613-335-3896

Ontario Has A Voice

By Kim Pringle: TWHBEA Director for Ontario

Hello everyone in Ontario. I would like to firstly say "Thank You" for electing me as your TWHBEA Director, and secondly say what an exciting time it is for the Tennessee Walking Horse in Ontario. Northern Ontario continues to have a large group of very active TWH people and now the interest in gaited horses in Southern Ontario is taking off.

TWHBEA's records show that the number of memberships sold in Ontario has increased from 35 in year 1999 to 44 in year 2000. The number of new foals increased from 18 in year 1999 to 24 in year 2000. The numbers have not yet been confirmed for 2001. It is difficult to determine how many Walking Horses there actually are in Ontario because a lot of people do not renew their memberships every year.

I have been working with TWHBEA over the last few months in order to get some breed advertising happening in Ontario. (You may have seen the Nov/Dec 2001 ad in *Horse Talk*). I am hopeful that they will continue to help us promote the light shod versatility TWH here in Ontario.

Last month I attended the TWHBEA semi-annual board of directors meeting in Lewisburg, Tennessee. This was the first time in many years that Ontario was represented. I had a really warm welcome, met some old friends and made lots of new ones. Anyone who did not know where Ontario was before sure knows where it is NOW!

Sis Osborne, Pleasure Horse Co-ordinator, has put out a request to everyone for some NEW PICTURES of people using and enjoying their light shod versatility horses! They are in the process of producing a new brochure so send in your pictures!! She would also like to hear from you if you have a new idea of how to promote the TWH.

Also discussed at this meeting was a topic of great importance to trail riders all over North America. Due to the pressure being put up by special interest groups too many trails are being reclassified as 'No Access For Horses'. Trail riders everywhere have to start getting involved at the local level. Find out who is responsible for maintaining the public trails in your area. Go to their meetings or you may find out that someone has reclassified your favourite riding trail as 'bikes &

hiking only'. We are losing too many trails. Get involved.

Laurie Innocent (Alberta Director) and I expressed concern for the price of blood typing kits to Canadians with regards to our exchange rates, and the fact that the Canadian lab, MaXXam, has phased out blood typing services. At this time TWHBEA continues to use blood-typing for parent verification.

If you have never been to Ontario you may be surprised just how big it is! When I moved from British Columbia to Ontario with all my horses I was reminded of just how big and beautiful this province is! It takes two and a half days of driving (25 hours) to go from Kenora to the southern tip of the province. As the Ontario TWHBEA Director I will do my best to act as a provincial resource for everyone and ensure that our voice is heard.

TWHBEA MEMOS

TWHBEA Scholarship Program

The Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' & Exhibitors' Association has announced that \$20,000.00 has been allocated for educational scholarships to provide assistance towards the higher educational goals of selected TWHBEA members. Eight scholarships valued at \$2500.00 each will be awarded based on academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, financial need, and involvement in equine activities.

Each applicant must be a current member of the TWHBEA for two consecutive dues periods or a minimum of 18 months prior to application deadline. (A TWHBEA youth membership is \$10.00 a year and is open to any youth to age 18 interested in the Tennessee Walking Horse.) Applicants cannot apply for the scholarships until their junior year in high school, and cannot be over 24 years old as of January 1, 2002 (except for the graduate scholarships).

Those who have not previously been awarded a scholarship are encouraged to re-apply.

Application forms are available by calling TWHBEA Marketing and Youth Programs at 1-800-359-1574. The application deadline is April 15, 2002. Scholarships are awarded by May 17.

(From TWHBEA News & Information release,
January 9, 2002)

You can phone the TWHBEA offices toll free at
1-800-359-1574

CANADIAN REGISTRY NEWS & NOTES

Your Board of Directors has been meeting approximately once every six weeks to deal with the business of the association. Meetings are held by telephone conference, thus allowing everyone from across the country to take part.

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Elections will be coming up this year. One position for Alberta Director is open as Dianne Little's term is up. Ontario also is eligible for one director. You will be receiving information on elections soon. The annual general meeting of CRTWH is tentatively set for Saturday, April 13, at Lacombe Golf & Country Club.

The CRTWH brochure is being revised and the Board is working on various other ideas for promotion of the breed. If you have suggestions, please contact a Board member with your ideas. The "Picture the Millennium" project will be coming to an end soon. If you haven't sent in photos of your Walkers, do it soon. Think how interesting it will be in the future to be able to look up pedigrees of your horses' ancestors and actually see photos of them. See page 4 for more info.

The Canadian Futurity will be held this year on September 14 & 15, 2002 at the Olds Agriplex in Olds, Alberta. Plans are already well underway. Watch for the Futurity announcement in the March/April *WHN* or contact Dianne Little.

The reject rate on registration applications declined in 2001, which is a very positive sign. A large number of DNA profiles were recorded with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation in 2001, as well as many blood type updates. Please be aware that foals registered this year must be parentage verified using either blood type or DNA. See the information below.

Sellers please note: It is your responsibility to transfer a TWH that you sell to the new owner. Often a new owner does not realize that the horse must be transferred into his name before he can breed or sell the animal as a registered horse. Done within one month of the date of sale, a transfer costs \$20.00 for members; \$40.00 for non-members. Transferring the registration papers within that time will save a lot of problems and money later.

CANADIAN REGISTRY OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE PARENTAGE VERIFICATION PROGRAM

In 2002, foals must be parentage verified before registration papers will be issued.

Both the foal's parents must be either DNA profiled OR blood typed, and the information recorded with Canadian Livestock Records. (You can phone them at 613-731-7110 to check, if you are not sure if sire or dam or both are in their list. There is no deadline on recording this identification on the parents, as long as it is available to CLRC when the registration application for their offspring comes in.)

When you send in the application to register your 2002 foal, be sure that both parents have the same kind of genetic identification: either by BLOOD TYPE or by DNA. You must then send the same kind of sample to the lab for the foal: DNA hair sample to the MaXXam lab in Guelph, Ontario if its parents are DNA profiled; a blood sample to the U.S. if the parents are both blood typed.

If you have questions regarding the CRTWH parentage verification program, please contact:

Jean Rempel, Site 3, RR1, Box 9, Winfield, AB T0C 2X0, 1-780-696-2105, or e-mail jlrempel@telusplanet.net. or

Stu Pritchard 243225 Range Road 31A, Calgary, AB T3Z 3L5, phone 1-403-246-5795 or e-mail chrysl@telusplanet.net

DNA hair kits are available from Jean Rempel, address above



CANADIAN REGISTRY OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

SCHEDULE OF FEES Effective March 1, 2001

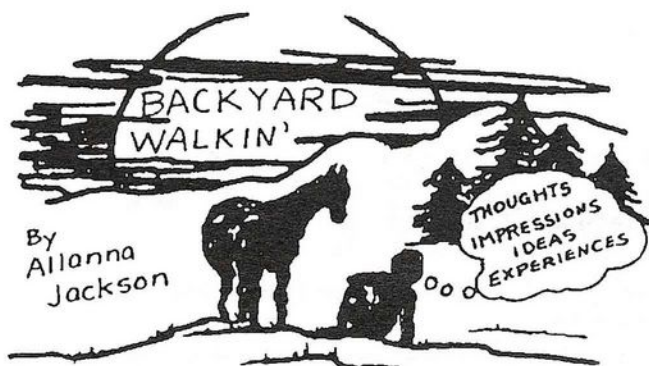
Fees are in Canadian currency. They are based on the postmark of the application and the membership status of the person making the application

1. MEMBERSHIP	Fees	
a. Full Membership (Individual, Family, Corporation, Partnership: All Canadian Resident). Voting, member fee schedule applies		\$25.00/yr
b. Individual Life Membership (Individual). Voting, member fee schedule applies		\$200.00
c. Youth Membership (Individual, under 18 years of age). Non-voting, member fee schedule applies		\$10.00/yr.
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e. Non-Canadian Resident Membership. Non-voting, member fee schedule applies		\$35.00/yr.
2. REGISTRATION OF HORSES NOT ALREADY REGISTERED WITH CRTWH	Member Fees	Non-Member Fees
<i>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.</i>		
a. Within 6 months of foaling	\$30.00	\$60.00
b. After 6 but less than 12 months of foaling	\$40.00	\$80.00
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-Member Fees
<i>Applications must be accompanied by a photocopy of both sides of the TWHBEA or WHOA certificate</i>		
	\$45.00	\$90.00
4. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP	Member Fees	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	\$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 - (<i>certificate will be returned</i>)	\$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-Member Fees
a. Registration of Breeder's Prefix	\$45.00	\$90.00
b. Registration of Lease	\$20.00	\$40.00
c. List of Progeny of Individual Breeding Stock	\$20.00	\$40.00
d. Surcharge on incomplete or incorrect applications	\$20.00	\$40.00
e. Duplicate Certificate: Shall be issued upon application by the registered owner with 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	\$85.00
g. Blood-typing/DNA updated certificate for mature horse.	\$10.00	\$25.00

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.



How I Got Started With Walkers

C Nov. 2001 by Allanna Lea Jackson

My interest in horses burst into life one fall day in 1973 at the Ramona Elementary School library, in Hemet, California. I started with Walter Farley's *The Black Stallion* and was soon reading several horse books a week. After several weeks my mother suggested I read something else. I snapped at her in a tone of voice that deserved a spanking. My Mother just talked to God about it.

I was baptized into the Christian faith on Pentecost Sunday, May 14, 1967. I was 4 years and 2 days old. Later a single young school teacher, Enid, encouraged my parents to teach my brother and me what they were learning about God and the Bible.

In 1970 my parents were introduced to what has been called the Charismatic Renewal Movement. They soon became leaders in an informal, ecumenical Christian fellowship in the Hemet/San Jacinto valley and beyond. Enid and her best friend prayed with me to receive Jesus and be filled with the Holy Spirit in the fall of 1971. Our family attended almost every Christian activity going on anywhere in town. On nights we weren't at church we had family Bible studies.

Jesus said that the first and greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength." One evening Mom asked us to select two Psalms to read aloud before going to bed. Psalm 33:17 leapt off the page with a conviction that was almost physically painful: "The war horse is a vain hope for victory and by its great might it cannot save." And Psalm 32:9 says: "Be not like a horse or mule which must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not keep with you." I repented with tears for my idolatry of horses and vowed to God and myself that I would read three non-horse books for every horse book I read.

Over the winter I kept my rule but my diligence increased my obsession! Soon whenever I was not actively concentrating on something else dozens and hundreds of horses were galloping through my mind. On the evening of Easter Sunday, 1974, I couldn't stand it any longer. I asked Dad for help. Dad prayed for me, then took my horse books and toys and ordered me to destroy my own horse drawings. Overnight, the restless herds that haunted my thoughts were gone.

Several months passed. In late summer of 1974 I shared this history at the Methodist Church Body Life service. I was 11. After the service the grandfather of one of my school classmates invited me to come ride their mare. I took him up on it, bicycling to their house. Their horse, Prieta, was a 16 hand dark bay of uncertain ancestry. They had no saddle for her so I began teaching myself to ride bareback. When school started I quit riding Prieta.

About that time I was given a subscription to *Horseman* magazine.

Meanwhile family friends, Jim and Barbara Weurth and their children, acquired some ponies. The Weurths lived too far out for me to bicycle to their house but it was easy to persuade Mom to visit Barbara every couple of months so I could ride. The first Weurth horse I rode was a black Galiceno mare named Smokey. I've since learned that Galicenos are supposed to have a running walk, but if Smokey did we never found it. Smokey had a pleasant temperament. She also had knife blade withers and a bone-jarring trot, miserable to ride bareback, but I was too big for the pony saddles.

Sugar, a dappled chocolate pony mare with flax mane and tail, was smaller and more comfortable than Smokey. My first attempts at horse training involved improving Sugar's behavior. I was successful enough that Sugar became my regular mount. Sugar was not gaited, but one day she did something that was neither walk nor trot when I rode her down a short, very steep hill. I was so intrigued I tried it again. Sugar did it again and almost held it on the flat, but not quite. She wouldn't do it a third time and never did it again that I know of.

About 1976 Barbara discovered American Walking Ponies. One Saturday Barbara took me to a horse show near Corona, California, where she hoped to meet a breeder and see her TWH stallion. We arrived during the model classes. This was the most boring thing I had ever seen anyone do with a horse. I looked around for something interesting and almost got run over by a high stepping horse. I retreated to Barbara's side in time to see one of the horses in the ring stumble over its own boxy front feet on the smooth dirt while plodding forward to the next place in line. Years later I realized that show had been my introduction to the big-lick.

I looked up "Tennessee Walking Horse" in an encyclopedia. The description of the smooth running walk as a replacement for the trot appealed to me. Some weeks later Barbara told us she'd leased a crippled TWH mare named Barbie Doll, planning to breed her to a Welsh pony stallion. Barbie Doll was a 16 hand sorrel with stockings and a blaze. When Mom took me out to see Barbie Doll, Barbara reluctantly let me lead her. We got as far as the front yard where I let Barbie Doll graze before taking her carefully back to her corral. I never saw Barbie Doll again. It was 20 years before I realized Barbie Doll's character was why I chose Walkers. Barbie Doll was not sound enough to breed. Her left shoulder was so badly damaged she could hardly move. She was returned to her owner and probably euthanized.

We moved to Lakeside, Arizona, in 1978. The week after we arrived, the *White Mountain Independent* newspaper ran a story about Bob Ott's Walking Horse Acres in Linden. It was months before I talked the family into finding the place. Bob showed us his stallion, Shadow of Roan Allen 732190, then directed us to a pasture a few miles away to see his mares and foals. Dad chased the horses up a little bit, hoping we could see the gait, but they wouldn't do it.

When I graduated from high school in May 1981, I'd decided I didn't want to go to college, I wanted a horse! We couldn't afford college anyway. Dad was temporarily under-employed and my mother almost died from a complicated pregnancy with my sister Joy. (Both are fine now.) I got a job and began saving money to buy a horse, but five of us had to live on my earnings of \$105 a week for several weeks that summer. Dad got a better job that fall.

I'd decided I wanted a 7-10 year old palomino TWH mare that was gentle, with perfect manners, safe to ride anywhere, able to show or ride in parades, easy to load and haul and good enough to breed. I could pay not more than \$1,500. The color was optional, the rest wasn't.

Bob Ott gave me the phone number for a TWH breeder in Apache Junction, AZ. They had a black, unbroken 2-year-old mare with Midnight Sun on her papers for not less than \$7,000.

In September 1981, I went looking for Bob at the line-up for the Fall Festival Parade in Pinetop to ask about the half blind chestnut mare he'd said he might sell in the fall. She was for sale.

The following week Bob and I went to Concho where his horses ran loose on 600 acres of rocky hills and brush. No horses were in sight when we freed the mare Bob had brought with him. We drove to the top of a hill to look. We found them across a canyon, so far away we could just barely see them. When Bob whistled, one of them looked up. We went back to the truck and drove slowly along the hilltop. A few minutes later the entire herd suddenly appeared right behind the truck! They followed it until the one mare that wasn't his ducked down a side canyon, taking the herd with her.

We spent another hour looking for the horses. This time he put a halter on the mare we wanted, helped me climb onto her bareback, and led her around, commenting on how smooth she was. He tied the mare to the back of the truck and drove off slowly. We'd gone perhaps 10 yards when a juniper branch slapped the front of the truck so hard the mare pulled back, breaking the baling twine lead rope. She moved off only a few feet, then let Bob walk up to her. He put a belly rope on her as well as the baling twine lead, tied her to the truck again and resumed driving slowly down the hill. The rest of the herd followed. The mare never tested the belly rope. When we got to the road, he said "watch her" as he accelerated slightly. She just walked faster. After a drink and a visit with the lady who owned the property, he loaded the mare into the back of his pick-up truck by

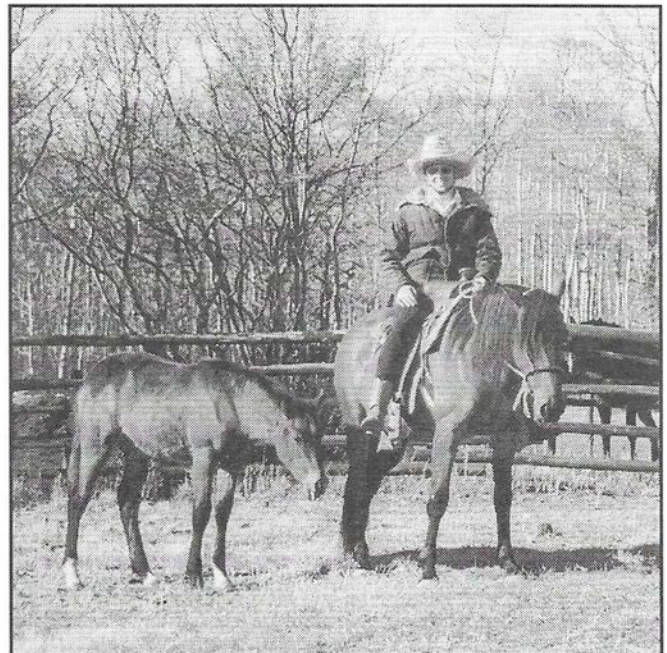
having her climb a cleated wood ramp that doubled as the tail gate for the stock rack. By the time we got to the highway she'd found her trailer legs and rode perfectly.

A few days later I went out to Bob's place in Linden to test ride the chestnut mare. Bob wasn't sure whether she would canter, but after some urging she did. The mare performed three gaits and behaved as well as the Weurth's ponies.

I sat on the chestnut mare and prayed silently "Is this the horse for me?" I got a mental picture of a yellow caution flag. So I prayed "Is there something wrong with her?" Silence. Bob had already told me why her left eye was 90% blind. I prayed again "Is this the horse for me?" The yellow caution flag returned. "Is there some reason I shouldn't buy her?" Silence. This continued for almost an hour while Bob got impatient and a neighbor girl begged to ride the mare. When I couldn't keep them waiting any longer I told God "Okay, I'm going to put a down payment on her and if I'm not supposed to buy her make it plain." Silence.

Oct. 11, 1981, Bob delivered the chestnut mare, Sacia's Pride, to the back yard of our rental house. A month later he found a western saddle that fit both of us perfectly. Bob transferred Sassy's papers when I'd finished paying for her. The folks in Apache Junction were wrong - I **could** get a 7 year old broke-to-ride mare with Midnight Sun on her papers for only \$1,000!

I had to finish Sassy's training myself. God, Sassy and Johnny Berguson's "World's Most Complete Course in Horse Training" were my instructors. I also did a lot of research. I own my own place now and currently have 4 ½ horses. Several TWH have come through my back yard. Two of Sassy's colts were stillborn there. I still have Sacia's Pride. She exceeded all of my original performance specifications and is still the best horse I've owned.



Allanna on Jo Kingsland's mare, Candy's Bay Lady, in Alberta.

BODY CONDITION AFFECTS REPRODUCTIVE PERFORMANCE

By Les Burwash

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Body condition plays a major role in reproductive efficiency in most domestic animals, including the horse. Body condition refers to the amount of stored body fat. This ranges from emaciated to obese. In 1983 a paper published by Henneke et al² established a condition scoring system that defines the amount of body fat a horse has. The system uses a scoring range from a score of 1 – emaciated to 9 – obese. Each score is based on a visual and hands-on assessment of the amount of fat present in the areas of the neck, shoulder, wither, ribs, topline and tailhead. Table 1 describes the criteria of the individual condition scores used in the system. The system was developed using a stock-type horse, so a slight shift in emphasis may be required for some types of horses. Tennessee Walking horses have a similar body shape, thus no adjustments to the emphasis is required.

As most breeders know, the mare is seasonally polyestrus, meaning that she has a number of cycles that are concentrated in the spring and summer months. During the winter months, most mares go through a period where they do not cycle or ovulate. During the time of late winter to early spring, there is a transition period where most mares will change from not cycling to cycling regularly. During this period, mares have very erratic and prolonged estrous periods. The end of this transition period is signaled by the mare ovulating. The study by Texas workers¹ showed that mares coming through the winter period in a body condition score of 5 or higher had a 36 day shorter transition period than the mares that were in a condition score of less than 5. It is therefore recommended that, from a practical standpoint, broodmares come into the spring in a body condition score of 6-7.

In another Texas field study¹, 927 foaling, maiden and barren mares were utilized to determine the influence of body condition on conception rates. The study showed that mares arriving at or being maintained at breeding farms in a body condition score of 3, on average required 3.6 cycles to become pregnant. If that body condition was improved to 4, the average cycles per conception were decreased to just over 2.5. When mares were in a body condition score of 5 or better, the cycles per conception dropped

to 1.5. In this study, all mares with condition scores less than 5 were fed to gain weight. This means that for mare owners not wanting their mares at the breeding farm for a long time, a body condition score of 5 or better would be beneficial.

Dr. Jim Kubiak³ did a study to determine the influences of change in body condition on reproductive performance in pregnant mares. In the study, 32 mares were divided into two groups ninety days prior to foaling. Half were fed to gain weight so that they would be as close to a condition score of 9 as possible at foaling, the other half were fed to be at a condition score of 3. At foaling time, the two groups were divided into half again and fed in a way that half of the obese mares would be maintained at a condition score of 9, and half returned to their original score of 5 to 6. Similarly, for the thin mares, half were fed up to attain their original condition score and half were maintained in a thin state. The results of the study showed that for 3 groups - mares that gained and then returned to their original condition; mares that became obese and remained obese; and mares that lost weight, then came back to their original body condition of 5-6 - almost 100% of these mares got pregnant and maintained pregnancy through 90 days post foaling. For the mares that lost weight and remained in a body condition of less than 5, none maintained pregnancy through 90 days post foaling. There were no differences in the size of the foals, foaling times, or foaling problems based on body condition. **The conclusions drawn are that a mare must be in a body condition score of 5 or better for maximum reproductive efficiency.**

These studies clearly show that body condition plays a significant role in how long and if mares become pregnant and maintain pregnancy.

The take-home message for Tennessee Walking Horse breeders is to feed your brood mares to maintain a body condition score of between a 6 and 7 year round. Also realize that as body condition scores drop below 5, there is a decrease in reproductive performance. The thinner the mare gets, the greater the chance she'll become a problem breeder.

TABLE 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE CONDITION SCORE SYSTEM

SCORE	DESCRIPTION
1 Poor	Extremely emaciated. Spinal vertebrae, ribs, tailhead and point of the hip and buttock are prominent. Bone structure of withers, shoulders, and neck easily noticeable. No fat can be felt anywhere.
2 Very Thin	Emaciated. Slight fat covering over base of spinal vertebrae, transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded. Spinal vertebrae, ribs, tailhead, point of hips and buttock are prominent. Withers, shoulders and neck structure faintly evident.
3 Thin	Fat built up halfway on spinal vertebrae, transverse processes cannot be felt. Slight fat cover over ribs. Spinal vertebrae cannot be visually identified. Point of hip appears rounded, but easily seen. Point of buttock evident. Withers, shoulders and neck accentuated.
4 Moderately Thin	Slight ridge along the back. Faint outline of ribs visible. Tailhead prominence depends on conformation, fat can be felt around it. Point of hip not evident. Withers, shoulders, and neck not obviously thin.
5 Moderate	Back level. Ribs cannot be visually distinguished but can be easily felt. Fat around tailhead beginning to feel spongy. Withers appear rounded over spinal vertebrae; shoulders and neck blend smoothly into body.
6 Moderate to Fleshy	May have slight ridge along back. Fat over ribs feels spongy. Fat around tailhead feels soft. Fat beginning to be deposited along the sides of the withers, behind the shoulders, and along the sides of the neck.
7 Fleshy	May have crease down back. Individual ribs can be felt, but noticeable filling between ribs with fat. Fat around tailhead is soft. Fat deposited along withers, behind the shoulders and along the sides of the neck.
8 Fat	Crease down back. Difficult to feel ribs. Fat around tailhead very soft. Area along withers filled with fat. Area behind shoulder filled in flush. Noticeable thickening of neck. Fat deposited along inner buttocks.
9 Extremely Fat	Obvious crease down back. Patchy fat appearing over ribs. Bulging fat around tailhead, along withers, behind shoulders, and along neck. Fat along inner buttocks may rub together. Flank filled in flush.

Adapted from Henneke et al²

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Equine Internal Parasites-Part 1

The next two columns are in response to Debbie Smith's question, "Is deworming your horses with liquid ivermectin (injectable – cattle product), more effective than paste wormers?"

Effective parasite control is one of the keys to successful horse management. There are more than 150 internal parasites posing a threat to the health and vigor of your horse. Parasites compete for nutrients and can cause extensive damage to tissues and organs as they migrate through the horse's body. Often horses are kept in stalls and paddocks or in close confinement with other horses - parasites thrive under these conditions.

What are the signs of parasite infection?

Signs of parasite infection can be extremely variable, ranging from a barely detectable reduction in growth or performance to a severe and painful disease, sometimes resulting in death. Signs including dull hair coat, weight loss, unthriftiness, pot-bellied appearance, lethargy, tail rubbing, colic, diarrhea, and appetite loss are familiar to many horse owners. **However, contrary to popular belief, horses can have a dangerous, damaging parasite burden and appear externally healthy, fat, and shiny.**

How do horses become infected with worms?

Every parasite has a unique life cycle but in general a horse becomes worm-infested by taking either worm eggs or infective larvae into its mouth. This occurs when grazing contaminated pasture, eating contaminated feeds, drinking contaminated milk (foals), or licking a contaminated haircoat. The horses' environment should always be considered contaminated with worm eggs or larvae. The opportunity for infection or re-infection is continuous.

How does the environment become contaminated?

Most horse parasites produce eggs that pass out of the horse in manure. The eggs hatch, releasing larvae into the environment. The larvae develop and are ingested by the horse during grazing. The larvae migrate through the body, eventually maturing and releasing eggs, thus repeating the vicious cycle. Eggs and larvae can survive long periods of cool weather. Heat and dryness can reduce their numbers but in favourable conditions pasture contamination increases over time.

Which parasites cause the most problems?

Of the many parasites able to infect horses there are a few groups that do the most damage.

Large strongyles (bloodworms) damage the arteries that supply blood to the intestine, interfering with the flow of oxygen and nutrients. They also ulcerate the gut wall. Strongyle infestation can result in severe and often fatal colic.

Small strongyles (cyathostomes) are very prolific-one horse may harbour hundreds of thousands of small strongyles. The larval stages form cysts in the intestinal wall causing the wall to become inflamed and thickened. A more severe reaction develops when the encysted larvae emerge and ulcerate the intestinal lining. This can result in severe diarrhea, weight loss, and colic.

The prevalence of **anoplocephala (tapeworm)** infestation varies between regions. One study of southern Ontario found that 14% of horses had tapeworms. It's been suggested that tapeworm infestations are more common in horses grazing in low, swampy areas. Tapeworms colonize parts of the large intestine, causing inflammation.

Ascarids (roundworms) are primarily a problem in young foals aged 2 - 6 months. Migration of roundworm larvae through the lungs and liver is often implicated in foal pneumonia. Horses develop an immunity to ascarids at about 6 months.

Strongyloides (threadworms) cause disease in young foals, with the larvae found in small intestine, skin, and lungs. Foals can ingest larvae by suckling an infected udder. Horses tend to develop immunity at 15 - 23 weeks of age.

The female **oxyuris (pinworm)** lays eggs in the skin around anus of the horse. The horse's anal area becomes itchy and the eggs are rubbed off. The larvae feed on the lining of the cecum, part of the large intestine.

Gasterophilus (bots) eggs are obvious and often concern horse owners. Larvae irritate the tongue and cheeks of horses and the adults live in the stomach but are relatively innocuous.

In the next column we'll look at management practices that are useful in limiting the build-up of pasture populations of infective larvae. We'll also look at the effective use of drugs to eliminate mature and larval forms of these parasites in the horse.

By Anne Dick, DVM, MVetSc, Diplomate American College of Veterinary Surgeons

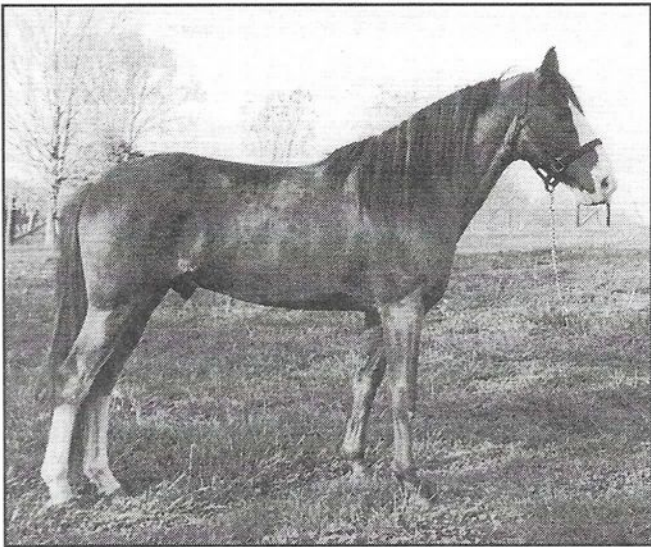
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FROM FOUNDATIONS TO THE FUTURE

FROM MIDDLE TENNESSEE TO THE
MIDWEST (Conclusion) By Franne Brandon

Leaving Red Rock Farm glistening from persistent showers, we drove across Minnesota to western Wisconsin. At Diane's Northern Foundations Farm, I met her current herd of brood stock, including the newly-leased stallion, Echo's Star Gray Wilson. (Photo below.)

Star Gray is a black sabino son of Paige's Echo, grandson of Junior World Champion Society Man. Star Gray's dam was by Star Gray Wilson, the line bred Wilson's Allen horse that once stood on the Elk River Farm of Jimmie Gray.



The next morning, Dawna had invited us to a riding and critiquing session at the barn where she was boarding her two geldings until her own new barn was completed. Both Dawna's and her husband Ray's horses are tobiano Tennessee Walkers. Dawna's mount, Monte, is a 15.3 gentleman that is both intelligent and willing. Ray's pride and joy, Snickers, is a younger horse bred by Diane. After everyone rode, we returned to Dawna's place for lunch, where we watched the video that we had made.

That evening, Diane had to attend a wake, so I went to Nancy's beautiful hill farm. While Diane is primarily a breeder, Nancy is an avid trail rider, and is blessed to live in an area where it is still safe to ride the roads as well as farmers' fields. She graciously offered me my choice of her two trail geldings. Ebony's Royal Salty's back was just a little too far from the ground to suit me, so I chose her silver dapple pony, Rocky. No problem swinging

up on him! I also discovered that this tough little guy is gaited! He kept up with the 16.2 hh gray doing mostly a strong flatwalk and a foxtrot, sometimes switching to a trot. His canter *floated* over the ground. It has been years since the roads in our area have been safe for long, leisurely rides, and I truly enjoyed this one. I tried to figure out a way to take Rocky back on the plane, but decided he was too large to fit in my one carry-on bag.

In April of 2001 we sold our older Red Bud's Rascal gelding to Peter Braun of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He and his wife Dolores had invited us to come visit, so on Thursday morning we headed east to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The Brauns live on a lovely farm once belonging to Dolores's grandfather where she had played as a child. Peter, a retired engineer, had turned a former stock barn into an equine palace to make the Middle Tennessee show horse set green with envy. Thunder, his new gelding, was fat and sassy, although no longer the boss of the pasture as he had been in Tennessee at Pinefolly Farms. He really didn't seem to mind. The Brauns own another, older, steady, walker gelding, and we enjoyed working with both of them the afternoon of our arrival.

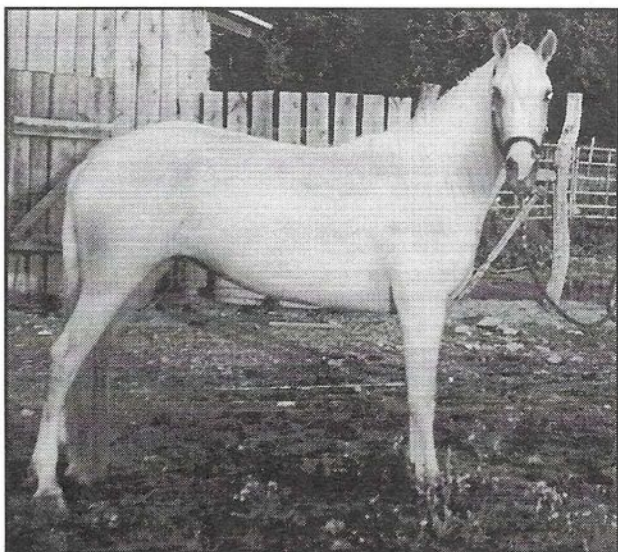
On Friday morning, everyone decided that I needed to visit one of Wisconsin's flatshod show barns. Early that morning, we headed north to Oshgosh, to Mick Salm's Hickory Hills Farm. The day was beautiful, and when we pulled up, two horses were in the training ring, finishing their morning work-outs. After giving us a grand tour of the barn and its occupants, Mr. Salm went to a stall and pulled out a two-year-old gray colt. We had been discussing the wisdom of cantering two-year-olds, and he saddled up this one to demonstrate. Not a homebred, the young stallion was by Pride's John Gray and out of a Midnight Mack K/ Merry Go Boy mare. In keg shoes, this colt showed what natural walking was all about, including demonstrating a balanced, fluid canter. When Salm pulled him to a halt and asked if anyone wanted to try him, he didn't have to repeat the question. This colt was not only strongly-gaited, but well trained and responsive to his rider's aids. When I stopped, it was Nancy's turn to enjoy the colt. Everyone else, however, unaccustomed to cutback show saddles, declined to try.

Saturday morning dawned clear and warmer than Friday. We drove west into Minnesota, to visit Darryl, see his new horse, and celebrate a birthday.

July 28th marked the third birthday of Chase A Copper Bullet. Copper has matured into a lovely young mare with striking resemblance to her aunts by Red Bud's Rascal and great-aunts by Rip. The trainer had not given her any saddle experience at that point, but since Nancy wants a trail mare with plenty of sense and a steady nature, she does not want the training to be rushed or shortcut in any way. Copper, meanwhile, was happy to have all the love and attention accorded her on her special day.

We had saved Sunday afternoon for a from-scratch dinner of red beans and rice with fresh baguettes and a video session of Diane's foals, yearling, and stallion. The weather, which had been so miserably hot on Monday, then had cooled by week's end, had reverted to hot and humid by Sunday. We were attempting to get individual video sessions of Red Bud Princess with her bay filly by Buds Sterling Bullet, Krispy Cream with her gray filly by Bullet, and Bullets Dolly with her palomino filly by Billy Taylor's Chance's Goldust Dictator. Unfortunately, separating the pasture mates resulted in three unhappy mares under saddle and foals dashing wildly rather than shakin' and walkin' for the camera. We did get a clip of Diane's trail mare marching along a line of cornstalks, but the heat had her in a full sweat after very little time under saddle. The red beans and bread turned out much better than the video!

Monday afternoon found me boarding an overbooked Northwest Airlines flight for the two hour return to Nashville. I came home to spend some more time with my own palomino mare (*see photo below*) before classes resumed, and to start plotting and planning with Diane and Nancy about their next trip to Middle Tennessee!



Franne's palomino mare, Tanasi Gold, by Red Bud's Rascal.

OUR READERS WRITE

IN MY OPINION: Ron Ladouceur, Freelon, ON

What has prompted me to write is Keith Oberle's article in the November/December *WHN* entitled "New Breeders Group Formed". What a breath of fresh air! In his article he states, "We are not saying other breeders are not ethical". Neither would I say that in print. What I will say is there are many sellers of horses, Walker people included, that are just plain ignorant of the various levels of knowledge that potential clients have when it comes to what makes a "good fit" between horse and owner.

This is a very tempting situation for a borderline unethical seller to be in. In my opinion, I feel it is a crime for those just getting into horses, not to mention breeding and training, to portray themselves as experts and transmit this "pseudo knowledge" to an unsuspecting client.

In addition, it is my opinion that ethics along with knowledge are very important when dealing with Walkers. Due to the varied breeding practices past and present, good natural Walkers are still hard to come by.

On several occasions I, for one, have lost sales because the aptitude of the rider did not go with the aptitude of the horse, and I told the person he should not buy that particular animal. It can only be called irresponsible and greedy not to divulge everything one knows about the character and ability of the horse being sold.

I don't know if Mistrs Oberle, Gurnett, Hack and Eadie would accept another person into this group, but I would be very interested in joining if they would have me. I believe I have the same ethics and I could add another 30 years experience to their combined 80 years!

HORSEMEN: TETANUS ALERT

Brenda Baker, Calgary, Alberta writes:

A neighbor of mine phoned yesterday to tell me that he is recovering from a case of **tetanus**. It had been over 10 years since he'd had his last tetanus shot. In fact he thinks it may have been when he was in high school. (*Much longer than 10 years ago*).

It all started with a scrape on his elbow that appeared to be healing well. Then he started to get flu-like symptoms, including achy legs. Eventually he started to get painful back spasms. That same day he was admitted to the hospital for a duration of one and a half weeks. All the muscles from the waist down were in spasm. The MDs said that he would have died had he waited 3 more days.

He is home now but wants me to pass on the message that if you haven't had your tetanus shot in the last 8 years, DO IT. The doctors told him that people who work around animals, or even in the garden, should have these shots closer together than the standard 10 years apart.

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RON SMITH, LETHBRIDGE, writes, "Along with my renewal I have a few tidbits of info that I would like to pass along. On the plus side, this past summer was definitely "the summer of the horse". I am living in downtown Lethbridge now but finally found a good place to board just across the river. I find I have more time than ever to ride when I don't have to fence and hay and do all those other things that come with an acreage."

"In the spring, Charity Shaver and I worked two horses for Barry Snowden. Dr. Russel had us work one horse for him (but it ended up working me - with two fractured ribs!) The rest of the summer went better. First I worked one of Dominator's colts for Grant Nelson from Kelowna. We showed the colt at the Days of Old show and did quite well. At the same time I had a three year old from Henry Matechuk for a month. What a mover that filly was!"

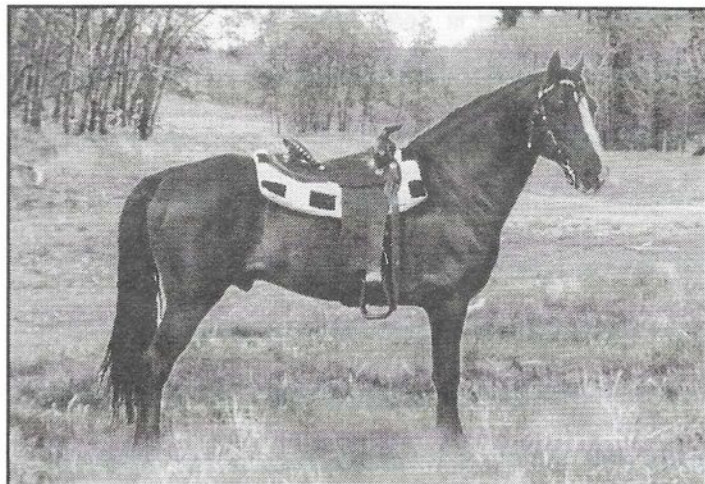
"I also worked one horse for my brother, Ted. Groovy is one of Dominator's three year olds and is listed in the classifieds. We took this horse on a wild trip up to the high lakes near Cat Creek in the Kananaskis where goats shouldn't go, and on a trip to the Cypress Hills. We also took him on the Ride for the Americas at the end of September. That was Groovy and Charro on that ride in the picture in the N/D issue. Sharon, Ted's wife, is on Charro, aka Dominator's Doll. Charro won the AWhA two gait western pleasure at the Celebration and the Western Canadian Championship. Groovy is a full brother."

"I think our best ride was our fall ride in Waterton Lakes National Park. Ted was riding Canadian Perfection, Sharon was on Charro, Alan Burton's dad rode Canadian Simba, (Olympic Generator x President for Keeps) (third place two gait in Reno) and Keith Orr rode a big black Toddy horse. What a thrill to just dangle down the trail in perfect gait with such a band of champion horses. The best show horses also make the best trail horses - no doubt."

"Alma Davies has moved out to T'wassen with her son, Danny Jr., and only taken some of her horses. I have been working on the three year old fillies (both Dominator's daughters). Unfortunately she is having to disperse several of her horses. They are listed in the classifieds as well."

"On a sadder note, Pride's Dominator, 1992 and 1993 Alberta Grand Champion and sire of Canadian Perfection, Alberta's only Supreme Grand Champion., died recently of a ruptured stomach. To make things worse, Red Hot Ice, perennial model and two gait champion, was seriously injured in a pasture collision and will see no more competition."

"Well, keep up the good work with the *Walking Horse News*. Hope to see "you all" on the trail or at the shows next summer."



1992 & 1993 Alberta Grand Champion and sire of champions, owned by Ted Smith of Magrath, AB

From RACHEL ROSE, GRANDE CACHE, "Well, it is that time again to renew my subscription and I would also like to send a subscription to friends of mine here in Grande Cache, Larry and Ardyth Moore. They are the only other people in Grande Cache that own Walkers. They are a really nice couple and I know they will enjoy the *Walking Horse News* as much as we do. Sorry to hear about Honey Boy's Rebel. I'm sure he will be greatly missed."

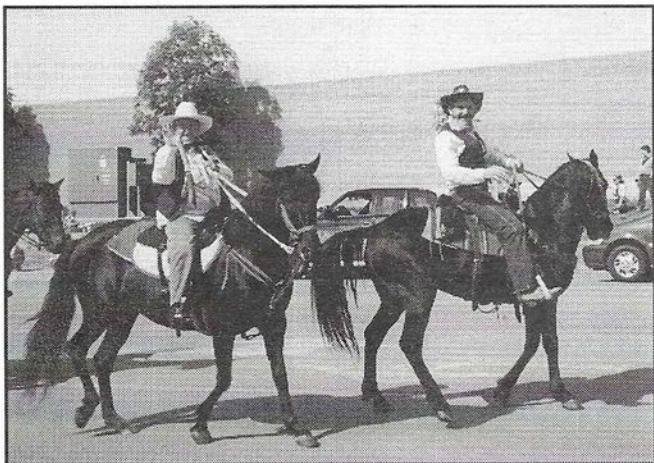
"2001 is almost over and I can't say that I'm sorry to see it go. It has been a hard year. My husband and I have been having our share of bad luck. On November 21st we had to rush Dan Dee Gill (Go Boy's Crown Royal x Miss Patience SC) to Grande Prairie (a 2 hour drive) to the vet because he had colic. Thank God we got him there in time and he is all right now. On November 25th we had to put our 15 year old toy poodle down and than on December 5th we had to put our 11 year old Alaskan Malamute down. Talk about bad luck. So I am hoping that 2002 has something better in store for us. (I don't think it can get much worse!)"

"On a brighter note all our boys are doing fine. I can't believe that Dan Dee will be 14 next year and that in July it will be 8 years since he came to live with us. Where does the time go? Sage (Dressed for Success x Sage King's Black Beauty) is really coming along, doing his running walk more and more. He is very smart and does whatever we ask of him. We are really happy with him. Bear (Cals Black Shadow x Summer Tyme Blonde) is also doing good, but my husband doesn't have time to ride him AND Sage so we are thinking of putting him up for sale in the spring."

"I'd like to wish everyone all the best in the New Year and HAPPY TRAILS!"

KEITH OBERLE, SKYLINE RANCH, COCHRANE, e-mailed, "I was surprised and pleased to see my picture on my young stallion, Skyline's Dark Storm (Stormy), in your last issue. As mentioned, the photo was taken at Spruce Meadows. I thought that a little more information about the horse might be of interest. This colt had only 15 days under saddle (mostly in June) prior to the demo, and he acted almost like a pro. Some of the demos were held under extremely windy conditions, and as most of your readers know, this can cause some horses to be spooky. Add to this the fact that the show ring had about 100 flags from around the world snapping and flapping, and a lot of strange horses crowding around, and you have a "recipe for disaster". Instead, Stormy took it on like he belonged. He gaited quite well, including a beautiful rolling "rocking chair" canter. Even more surprising to me was the way he reacted to the whole situation the day he was in the display booth. He had been used to breed some mares in the spring, so he knows what he is about, but even with three mares in stalls all around him in the Spruce Meadows Hall, he behaved himself. After a LONG day (9 to 9), I began to ready him to return home when the celebratory fireworks started. I thought that this might be the event that would undo him, but after walking him across the paved area, I climbed on his back and rode him directly towards the fireworks to get to the parking area - without incident. This is the same horse that has been shown at the Canadian Futurity since he was a foal, placing in the top 5 every year and winning the in-hand trail class as a yearling."

"Daughter Elise entered Stormy in the Walkers Go Western show held at Cloudwalker Stables last October. I was away so did not see his performance, but Elise came home with ribbons in every gymkhana event she entered. Stormy had never seen any of that stuff before - flags, barrels, etc. She said that nobody even knew that he was a stallion, he behaved so well. And he is a stallion - we have some mares pregnant by him, due soon. Truly a once-in-a-lifetime animal."



Ed & Mary Lauer at the Drayton Valley Rodeo parade in June. Mary is riding her black Peruvian & Ed is on Uphill Tonquin. Photo submitted by Ernie Jensen.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

From DEBBIE AND DAVE SMITH, TOWER RIDGE FARM, MAPLE RIDGE, "Happy New Year to everybody. It's the Year of the Horse in the Chinese New Year. Hope 2002 brings good luck to all us horsey folks."

"Please send a gift subscription to the Freeman Family. They have purchased 3 very fine, very special and talented trail geldings from us. Riding out from their ranch in Princeton, they will now be able to cover many miles of gorgeous, scenic trails as a family. Have Fun! We wish them all the best in 2002. May all their trails be "HAPPY".

JANA JACOBSEN, JRJ WALKERS, CRANBROOK, writes, "We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and many happy trails in 2002. We are expecting three foals this spring by our stallion, April's Artic Storm. I'm sure we will be very busy as the first two are due within a few days of each other. We hope it will be a "colourful" spring as two of the bred mares are tobianos. We are thrilled to see the colt we sold to Dave & Debbie Smith doing well, and we look forward to seeing his first foal in 2003."

"We have had a nice winter in the East Kootenays this year, which has made the hay last a little longer than expected. A nice surprise, as the price of hay was up quite a bit with the dry summer we had last year."

"Must run now, as our Angus heifer is ready to calve any day and I must prepare the calving shed for our new arrival."

GEORGINA CONNELLY, LANGLEY, sent this note, "I was just reading through the *Equine Trader* when I came upon your ad. Could you send me a copy of your *Walking Horse News*?"

I have always been interested in the Walking Horse ever since my husband and I owned two half-Walkers. Recently I was able to purchase a registered seven-year-old TWH mare. I am mainly interested in trail riding. I went on the Great Cariboo Ride this year, a nine day ride, and the mare was everything I wished for. I also went on the Ride BC Day and I go riding with friends. I've joined the Back Country Horsemen and have participated in their activities."

PETER SYMONS, RAFTER NINES, DAWSON CREEK, writes, "Here is my ad for my herd reduction. It has been pretty warm here. The horses are all fat and perky. New foals should start coming after the middle of April. The weanlings and yearlings are looking great."

From JOYCE PATTERSON, CAWSTON, "I've had a few good rides in October & November. I've only one horse left now, Blue Bell. Boy! She is already eight years old. How time flies. Wish I could find a short (13:3 hh would be fine), quiet colt to breed her to. Or I'd buy him if necessary. It's hard to find a TWH colt that is short - and will stay short!"

U.S. NEWS

LEONARD DAHLE writes, "Hello from CLEARWATER again. We had a good summer; a little dry at times but there was a lot of good hay made around here. We got some really good grass hay and it keeps these easy keepers nice and trim."

"Didn't do a lot of riding after I was at the Gang Ranch. Jean and I did some small rides around home, and in August I headed for Manning Park with Prince and Casey. I had a place to stay overnight in Princeton, and all seemingly went well until I went to check on them before bed time. Prince had a deep cut about five inches long in front of his left ear. Not a chance to get it sewed up around there, so I had to load up and head back to Kamloops. Got there about midnight and had it sewed up. Left the horses at the clinic overnight and I went to sleep in the camper. We were all back home by nine thirty the next morning. Sure doesn't take me long to go on a ten day pack trip!"

"Jean and I also hosted a Back Country Horsemen of BC ride in July."

"We have been driving Prince and Casey for some time now and they go good. Pulled the two of us on a flat-bottomed stone boat from the first. We have a wagon ready to go in the spring!"

"I am enclosing a cheque for another year's subscription. Can't do without the *News*. Keep up the good work!"

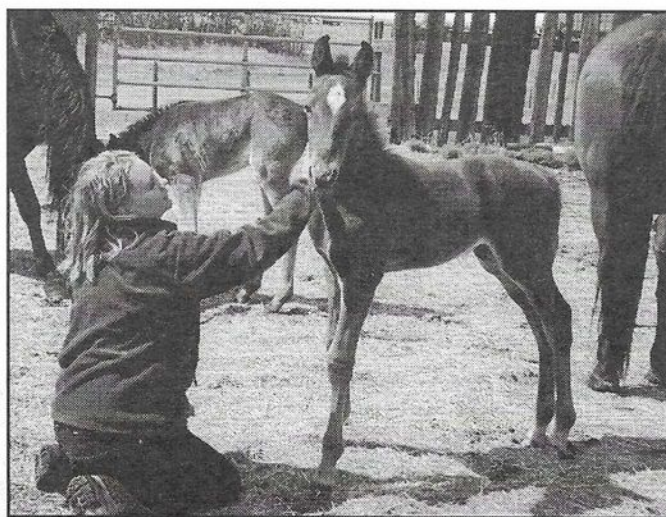
NATALIE SPECKMAIER, VANCOUVER, sent this note, "Nicole's mare, De'ja Vu has been sold. She was lucky enough to go to a huge acreage with a nice man to appreciate her. He has a TWH gelding as well. Nicole wants to spend more time on ground-work with Diamond. That guy is such a sap, always begging for attention. He will be Nicole's riding horse once he gets some Bill Roy training in the spring. In the meantime, Sassy is still there for riding, but with the monsoons upon us, and the trails turned to mush, we haven't been out for weeks."

"This is a call for help from TERRY KINCH on VANCOUVER ISLAND. This is my problem: the similarities and differences between me and my TWH. He is young, I am not. He likes to lead the pack and I am more comfortable in the middle (or at least 2nd in line.) He likes to go fast down the hills and I don't."

"Some things we do have in common are a lack of professional training - and we're both headstrong. I won't give up on our learning to become partners and he won't give up pushing my limits if he doesn't like what we're doing. I'm looking for someone to train him to maintain his running walk (which is very smooth when he does it) and then teach me how to ride him so we're both comfortable. If anyone knows a trainer who would be willing to take us on, preferably on the Island, but I'm willing to take him to mainland BC for schooling if need be. Please e-mail me at kinch@bcsupernet.com with information that can get me started in the right direction.

GRACE LARSON, HI PLAINS WALKERS, FORSYTH, MONTANA, writes, "Some news from our part of the country. So far we have not had any snow or rain so it looks like another dry year, and hay prices seem to be reflecting that already. One advantage to this is we have 6 head still out on pasture. Last year we had them all home in early November. We gelded our spotted stallion after a long tough decision-making process. His offspring are so nice, but being a stallion he just never was able to be out with company. He and our palomino try to herd the mares away, which is natural. (If we had just one stallion this wouldn't happen). Our older stallion runs with a few mares all winter. So on December 12th Chance was gelded. We observed him over 3 weeks or so and he seemed to become less irritated by Goldust, and was nice to the weanlings that are alongside him in their own runs. So on the 8th of January we decided to take him out on a lead along with all of the weanlings. He loved it and was so gentle with them that we turned him loose. Now he is the babysitter! It is always risky to geld at an older age (he will be 6 on May 31st). The vet said that usually 70% keep their stallion behaviors. Well, Chance is in the 30% because he is a big 'Teddy Bear' now. The other day as we put him out, he went to Goldust and stretched out as he used to, then just couldn't seem to recall why he should be upset and turned and walked out into the pasture! Chance will be Lyle's saddle horse come spring. He has always been a horse that could go for months and always be the same when ridden. I would certainly wish for these results for anyone who decides to geld an older stallion."

"We are looking forward to spring with the new foals. I am enjoying Lyle's retirement as much as he is, I think. It is nice to have him home every day. He had his knee replaced last January and that has finally healed. It isn't like having his own healthy knee but it sure is better than it was. So this winter he has been doing the chores!"



A 2001 foal (Ridgewalker's Golden Comet x Caliente) with friend, Danielle McKay, at Norm & Liz Levangies' farm, Mirror, AB.

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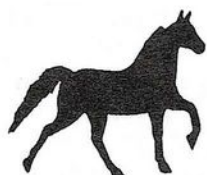
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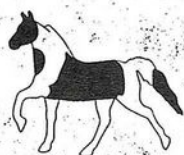
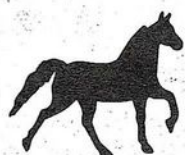
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SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

From JEAN RITCHEY, UNITY, "I'm sorry to be late with the subscription renewal. I was having trouble knowing just what to write. We had to say "Good-bye" to poor old Duchess. It was a pretty sad time at our house. Princess is going to Winnipeg to Stan's niece, Donna Sutherland. We'd like to send her a year's subscription to *WHN*."

"We've been doing a lot of travelling - Costa Rica, the Panama Canal, the Caribbean, plus quite a few Canadian destinations too! We flew to Abbotsford, and then drove out to Victoria last summer. Also have been to Kelowna a couple of times and will be going for Christmas. On Sept. 23 we flew to Toronto and took a bus tour to the Maritimes and Newfoundland. It was a very interesting trip. The fall colours are not to be believed. Finally saw Niagara Falls - took us 52 years to get there. Guess you'd have to say the honeymoon was sure delayed!"

BILL GRAHAM, BIGGAR, writes, "Another year has passed and it is time again to renew my subscription. I decided to reduce my number of horses this past year as I found I had too many to work with and could not ride them all. I sold a four-year-old gelding last spring, and then two mares this fall, Caddy's Classic Belle and Angel's Shadow Dancer, to Reg and Shelly Griffin of Dundurn, Sask. Both these mares are bred for 2002 to Les and Judy Young's stallion, Goldust's Gold 'N Silver. As Reg and Shelly are new to the Walking Horse breed, would you please send them a subscription to *Walking Horse News* with our compliments and best wishes."

MANITOBA NEWS

BARB FENWICK, FOUR SEASONS RANCH, SIDNEY, e-mailed, "I sold my pony Walker cross gelding, Cash, to a good friend, Crystal Neudorf, Edwin, MB. Would you please send her a complimentary subscription to *WHN* from me? I have been sharing mine with her SO she will be happy to have her own! Cash is growing up to be a handsome fellow and will make a lovely "small horse" for Crystal. I met her at one of my PNH clinics. She will have lots of fun playing the 7 games with Cash! I bought him as a yearling from Gail Allan, of Stoughton, SK. He was by her Coin stallion and a pony mare. I think he will be nicely gaited. I am hoping so, because Crystal loved to come and ride Phantom and got addicted to the "glide ride". She also has a Quarter Horse that she adores, but his trot can rattle your bones!"

"I finally got myself a horse trailer, so hope to be one the road with my SSH Spirit next summer for a couple of camping holidays away from my campground!"

HEAVES

The term that describes a horse owner's condition after unloading a truck load of hay bales.

Submitted by Joyce Patterson

ONTARIO NEWS

From DARLENE SHANTZ, MILFORD, "I guess after years of having horses come my way that are in need of a home, I'm getting to the point of becoming more specific in what I want. It is funny but once I got a TWH there is no other breed for me now. I'm not the least bit interested in trotting horses anymore and only mildly interested in the other gaited breeds. The TWH is it for me! I just love how sweet and willing the temperament is, and the gaits I can hardly wait for (since I just have a 2-year-old). Every time I trot down the road on our little Morab mare (who is wonderful) I dream of the glide ride I'll soon be enjoying. The only problem I can see is that nobody else will be able to keep up with me and won't have much fun eating my dust! Hence the need for more of them here in Ontario...."

"I would like a palomino mare for myself and for breeding. However I understand how complicated it can be to produce one. I don't really mind what colour the foals I raise turn out to be but I want to have an excellent representative of the breed so I can show other horse people what they are missing out on. Over the next year or two I would like to find some shows to attend to promote the breed and I'm going to have to start a list soon of the requests I've gotten for a test ride on my mare when she is trained. Kim is getting some gaited horse clinics going in the area so I expect that will generate some interest too. Anyway I'm starting to ramble so I'd best be going. Thanks so much for your information and I wanted to say that *WHN* is what I look forward to the most in my mailbox!"

KIM PRINGLE, PRINGLE FARMS, ARDEN, writes, "Things here are quite busy. The weather conditions are so bad in the USA these days I'm really glad to be back in Southern Ontario where it is warm!"

"My dad is re-doing the kitchen for my mom. The things you find in the walls of a 100+ year old farm house! Last night we all got to read an October 3, 1904 Toronto newspaper. We also have a nice box of 'Scott's Emulsion'. The box claims that it is "4 times easier to digest than plain cod liver oil". (I'll take their word for it). And we also found a nice old pair of lady's leather boots (slightly used)."

"I would like to welcome Star Mack Emily, Tracker's Reflection, & KoKo's Smokin' Surprise to Ontario! They made the trip from the Interior of BC to southern Ontario in October. I know that it was not easy for Louise Heagy to part with these horses but we are very pleased with their new homes."

"Star Mack Emily was purchased by Fred Newton of Rockwood, Ont. This relationship was "love at first sight". Fred had been looking for a gaited horse for a few years and the wait was worth it. Many of you may remember 'Emily' from The Alberta Celebration and other shows. She is the type of horse you dream about. Extremely talented, a rock solid show record, good blood lines, proven brood mare, and she is a pleasure to ride or

drive. I wish Fred and Emily years of good trail riding & foal raising!"

"Tracker's Reflection was purchased by Lorrie Boldrick of Tweed, Ont. 'Flec' lives with his little sister, 'Tracker's Kennebec Beauty. Lorri is collecting quite a team of Black Beauties! I promised her husband, Jeff, that I would not sell Lorri any more TWHs (but - you never know...) It won't be long before you see Lorri & Jeff driving & riding her Beauties all over Hastings County."

"KoKo's Smokin Surprise was purchased by Marilyn Hughes. Marilyn lives in France but will be moving back to Picton, Ont. this fall. She purchased KoKo while she was still in France. Marilyn told me that she has always dreamed about bonding with a special horse and how she grew up watching Roy Rogers & "Trigger" movies. So, KoKo is a dream come true. Marilyn and her daughter, Heather, are new to the Walking Horse breed and are they hooked! Heather has purchased a 2002 foal for herself."

"Well, take care everyone & Happy New Year."

From RACHEL HILL, FORT FRANCES, "I am sending in a subscription for friends of mine, Tony and Lynn Elders, who have taken a keen interest in gaited horses."

"I was thrilled to see another Walker owner move to our area. Lisa Gregory purchased Barb Fenwick's mare, Season's Rave N Beauty. She looks like a fine mare and complements Lisa nicely."

"Another friend of mine has just bought a Rocky Mtn mare, so people ARE getting the bug."

"I have a few people looking for trail quality Walking Horses so I hope everyone gets their ads in to WHN. (Especially for Ontario and Manitoba where ads seem few and far between!)"

WEB WALKING...

Stu Pritchard writes,
"There seem to be some interesting articles here."

Equusite.com - The Ultimate Horse Resource - horse information and articles on all topics.url"

Keith Oberle sent along this address:

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If you know of some interesting and informative web addresses, share them with fellow Walker owners.

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OUR READERS WRITE

TWH HANDBOOK OF TWH IN CANADA

LORRAINE ADAMS, CALGARY, AB sent me a copy of the new edition of this very interesting book, and also a massive listing of Walking Horses in Canada that details over 3500 TWH! What an amazing increase there has been in the breed over the past few years.

Lorraine says she was disappointed that relatively few people in AB updated their listings for 2001. However, it is still a fascinating record of many of the TWH in the country. Are YOUR horses there?

A big thank-you to Lorraine for taking the time and putting in the effort to compile this handbook and list. It represents countless hours of work!

Both of these books are "must have" references for any serious TWH aficionado in Canada. If you have not ordered your copy, you can do so by sending \$8.00 per book to:

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CHARLENE RUTTAN e-mailed, "I have been trying, unsuccessfully, to find the book *Echo of Hoof Beats* by Bob Womack. Do you have any information about where a person may order this? It is not available through Chapters. Thanks."

You can order a copy through World Champion Horse Equipment, 730 Madison St., Shelbyville, TN 37160 or phone 1-800-251-3490 (or 1-931-684-04960). In the 2000 catalogue, the book cost \$24.95 U.S. plus shipping. You might be able to borrow a copy thru AWhA (Easy Riders, Calgary.) MCL.

STILL SORING

LINDA BLOCK, BRETON, sent along a very disturbing ad from *Equus* magazine concerning the continuing disgrace of soring show Tennessee Walking Horses to "enhance" their gaits. The ad was put in by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The ASPCA is calling on all those who care about the humane treatment of horses, and Tennessee Walking Horses in particular, to help in the campaign to eradicate this blight on our breed. If you want to add your voice to theirs, you can write to ASPCA TWH Petition, 424 East 92 St., NY, NY 10128 or call 212-876-7700 & dial H-O-P-E.

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LEARNING FROM HORSES: Plute by Ron Meredith

Everything I've learned about communicating with horses I've learned from horses. Sometimes it took awhile for the lessons they were teaching me to sink in. But the wisdom they shared with me gradually accumulated and became the system we now teach at Meredith Manor. Particular horses stand out in my memory.

Those who are honest with themselves and who have been in the horse business for very long can look back and count quite a few mistakes. It's the old "if I knew then what I know now" thing. Honest mistakes are okay. Everybody makes them, so don't beat yourself up too much about the things you do wrong. The important thing is to learn from your mistakes.

Plute was a very smart horse. He was a short, muscular mahogany bay with a dished face, chipmunk cheeks, tiny ears and a big, wise eye. He'd been trained by Dale Wilkinson and had gone on to become a winning cutting horse. Then his owner sort of semi-retired Plute and turned him over to his kids to ride.

One day after a clinic I'd done for the Eirie Hunt and Saddle Club, Plute's owner approached me and commented that he liked my way with horses. He told me he had a good cutting horse that had gotten spoiled by his kids so he wouldn't canter anymore. The horse was a Poco Bueno son, he said, whose sister was winning lots, so he wanted me to get the horse loping good for a sale that was coming up. What he didn't tell me was the reason the kids weren't cantering him anymore was that Plute wanted to buck into the canter. If you didn't let him buck, he wouldn't canter.

I told Plute's owner that I didn't know anything about cutting horses but he said that was no problem. He'd arrange for me to take Plute to Dale's so I could learn all about cutting horses. So I hauled Plute to Dale's place, feeling pretty good about myself. Plute's owner said I was good, I was holding an Arabian judge's card and I figured I had a bigger business than Dale's. In my mind at the time, all that made me a big dog.

Dale, on the other hand, saw a kid who needed a lesson and figured Plute was the one to give it to him. He sent me into a herd of cattle on the horse and when I asked Plute to canter, all I can say is that I survived. Old Plute sent me up in the air and when I came back down, I was behind the saddle. He bucked again and I wound up in front. Somehow I managed to stay on board but it wasn't a pretty ride.

While I was there, Dale asked me what my program was. It took me awhile to figure out what he meant. At that point in my career I was pretty much doing things as they came up. I hadn't defined a series of training steps that would get me to a particular goal.

If I had a program at all at that point, I guess you could have called it "spang" training. That means you surprise the horse and the horse reacts and 'spangs' back or sidewise or wherever. Then you know the horse is paying attention to you. And I thought if you knew how to punish a horse when it didn't behave the way you wanted, you were a good trainer.

Now if Plute had been a horse that was flighty, or tried to fight me, or sulked, or tried to get even or had any other kind of dramatic reaction, I probably wouldn't have learned as much from him as I did. Plute refused to 'spang'. He'd just quit, put his head up in the air, roll that big eye and wait 'til I was done fussing. Gradually he taught me that a whole lot of fuss doesn't really mean much unless you know how to shape it. And then he taught me that a whole lot of fuss wasn't really very respectful of the horse. And it finally dawned on me that 'respectful' got you a whole lot farther than 'spang'.

I came to respect Plute as I might respect an older man as a mentor. I guess you could say we did some male bonding, and became real buddies. He got me started on the program we now call heeding here at Meredith Manor. Heeding is about constantly reading the horse's emotions and controlling or responding to those emotions in a way that changes and shapes what the horse feels. Respect and compassion for horses is necessary to train them but it's not enough to train them. Heeding can take you from compassion to connection. Then you have to use that connection to create shapes that the horse can feel. Create the feel in the horse of any number of shapes you want him to take and now you have a trained horse.

We can all look back with regret at things we did when we first started working with horses. But if the horses can forgive us, we should be able to forgive ourselves, too, and move on. Just pay attention to what works, learn from your mistakes, count your horses as teachers and keep improving your program.

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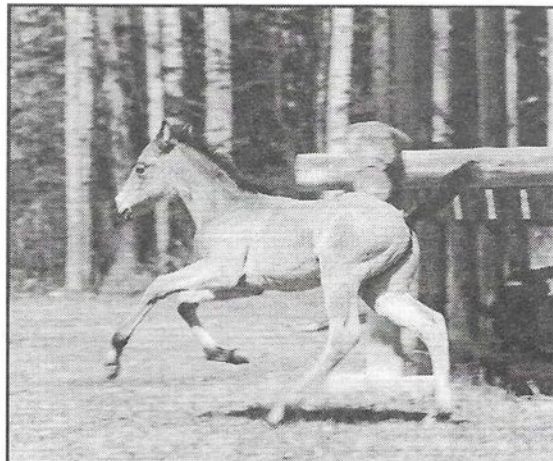
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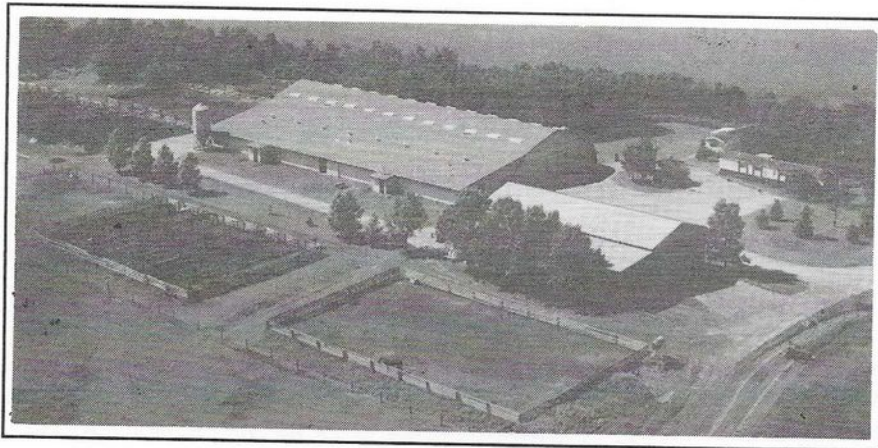
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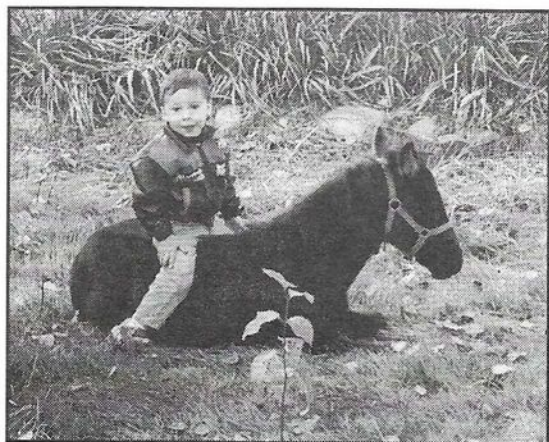
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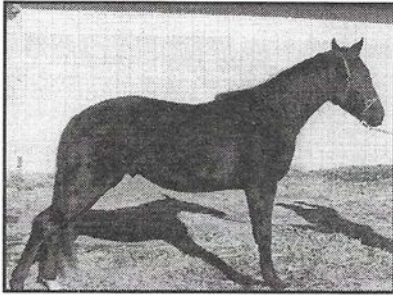
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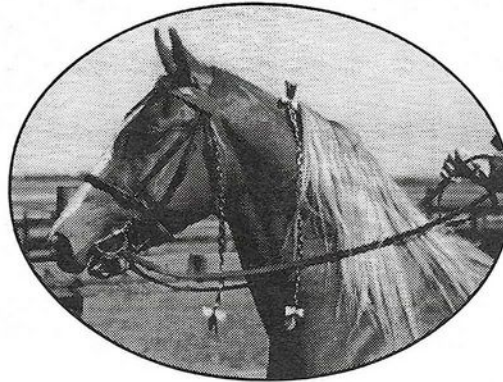
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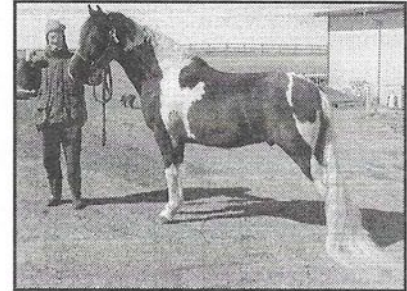
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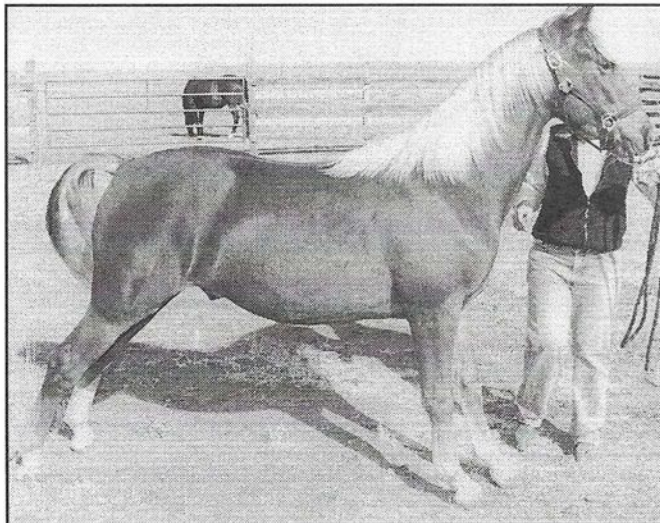
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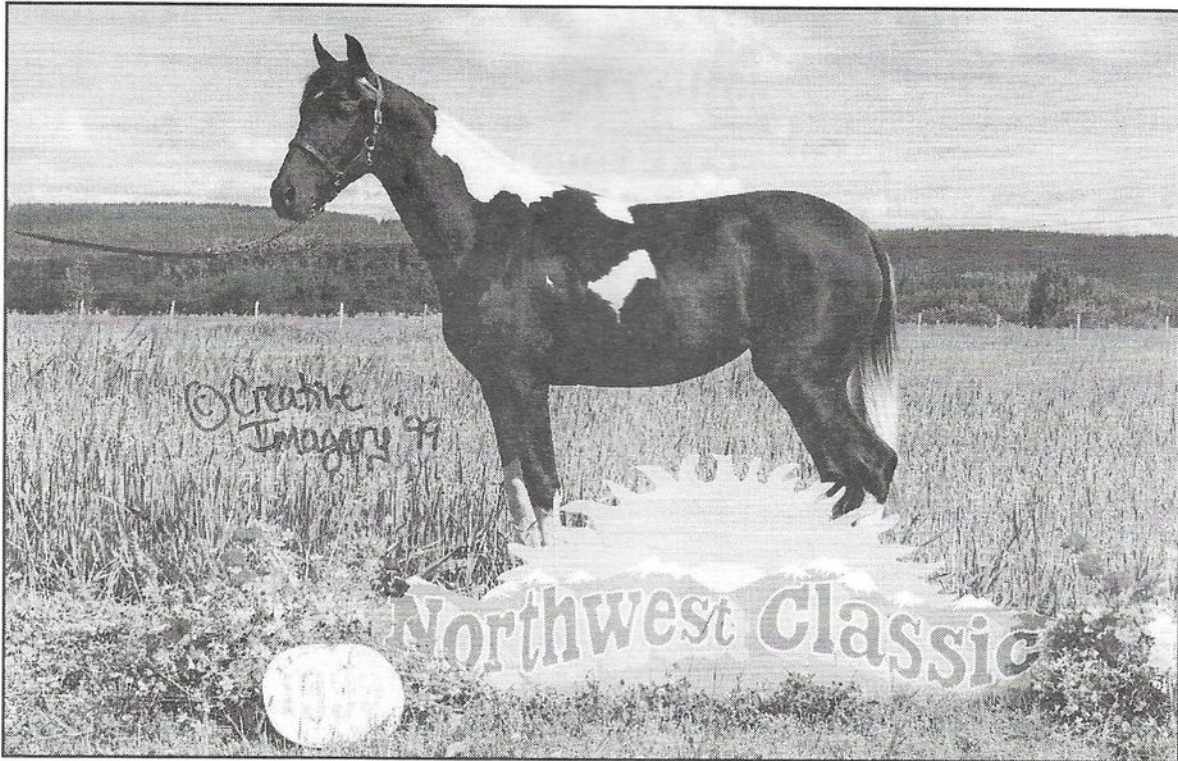
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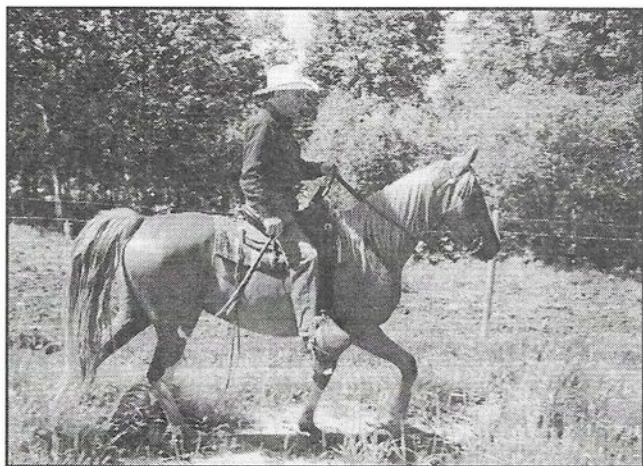
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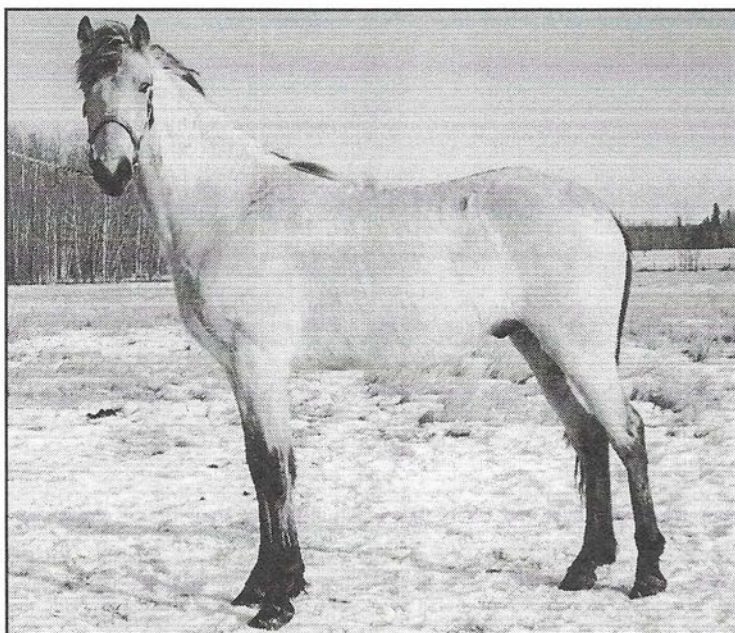
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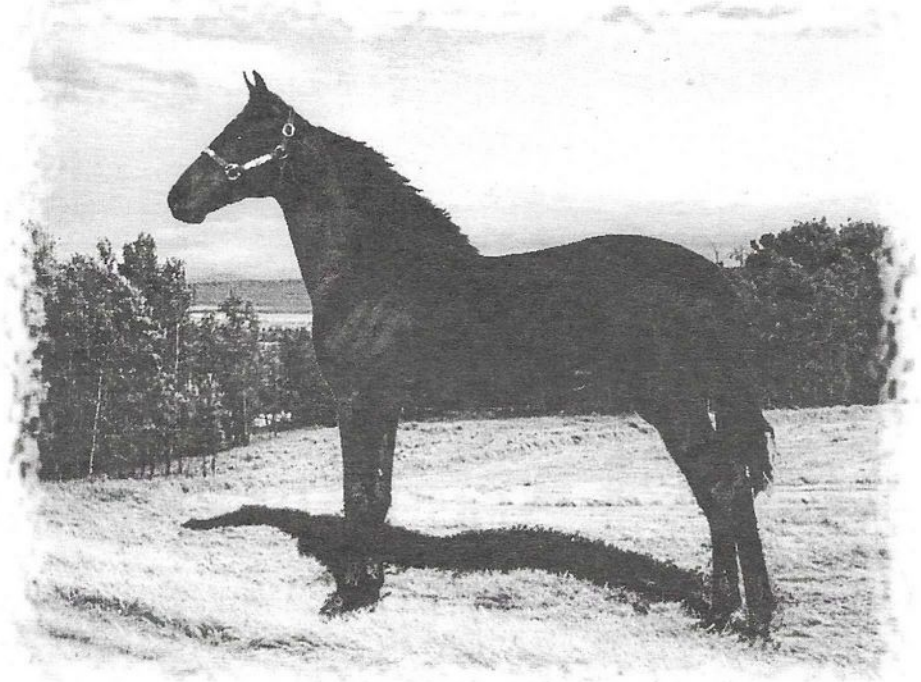
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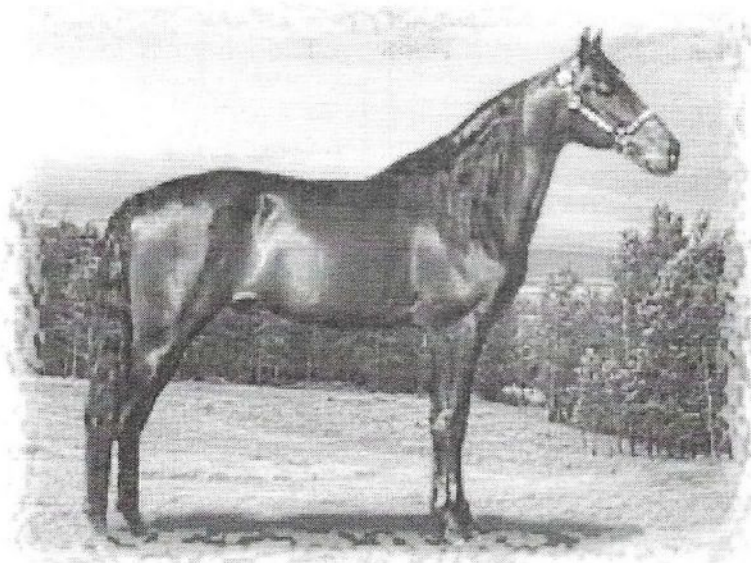
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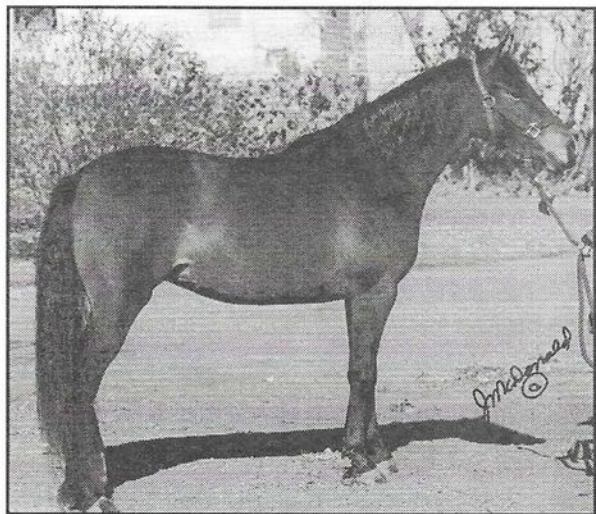
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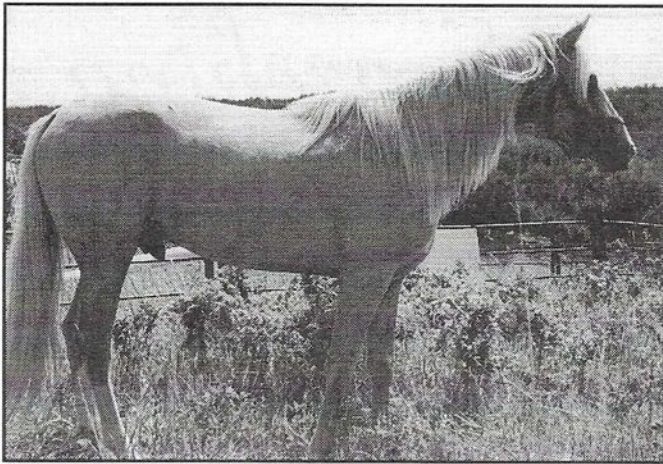
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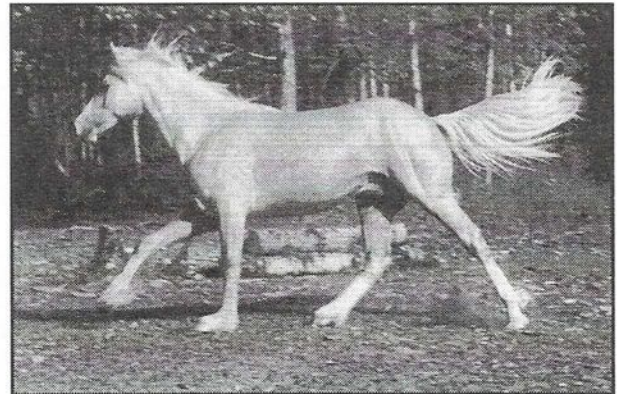
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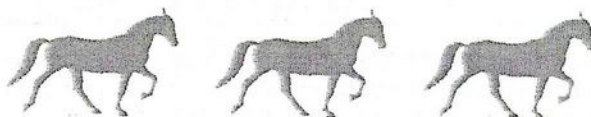
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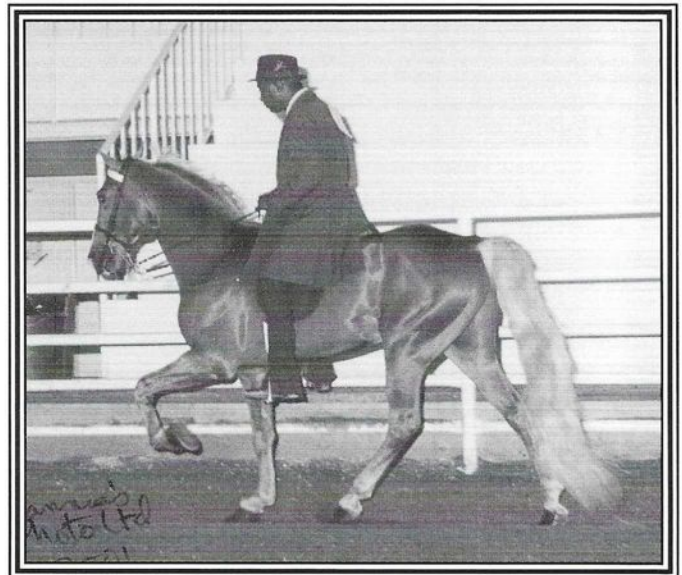
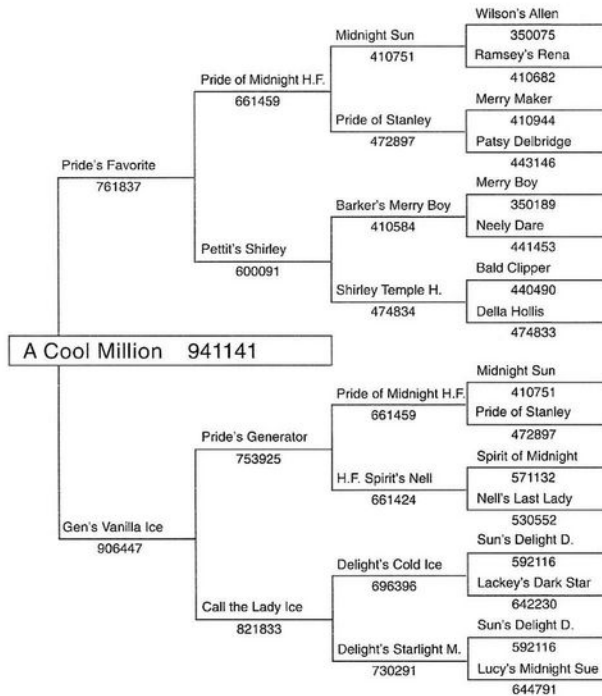
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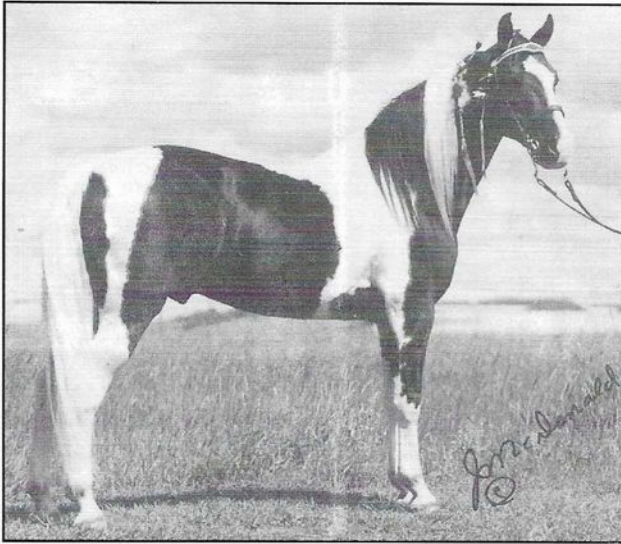
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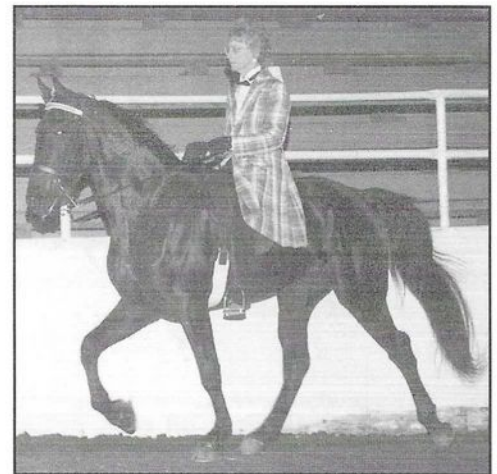
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