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Sheila Rodney, Ponoka, AB
visits with her mare, Shelen
Mystic Rose, & Rosie's first
foal on a warm spring day last
spring. See page 22 for Foal
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novel way of imprinting foals in
Talking to Topaz.

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Dear Subscribers,

Be careful what you wish for - you might get it... That's the situation a lot of us found ourselves in after wishing for enough spring rain to replenish the soil moisture levels. We certainly got the moisture - but most of it came as heavy, wet snow - LOTS of snow, in two separate storms. When we thawed out the rain gauge here at our farm in the foothills, we'd had one batch of 1.75 inches and a second of 2 inches of water. But it will help the dry conditions - and most of it, here anyway, has melted now, so we'll just be grateful and not grumble. The leaves are now popping out on the aspens and the grass is growing as if to make up for lost time.

There are lots of new Walking Horse foals skipping around, and I am sure we have only a small percentage of them reported. Foal Call is a free listing if you'd like to report the new babies on your farm. It feels like something's missing at our place with no new foals.

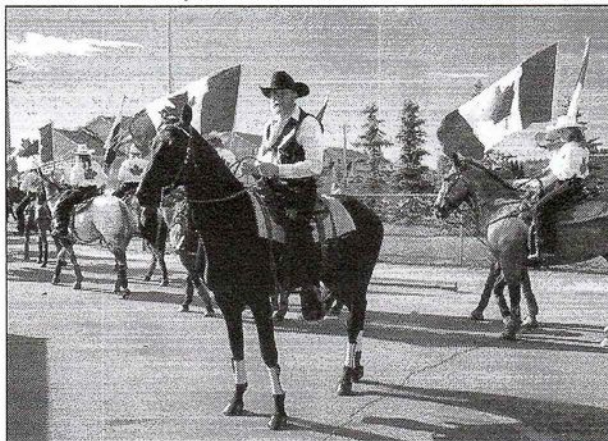
I hope you enjoy the issue. Thank you to all contributors. Will we hear from you for next time?

In the meantime, there's a whole summer ahead. Check out the activities coming up - and don't forget to get out and *enjoy* your horses. It's true what Will Rogers said,

"There is something about riding down the street on a prancing horse that makes you feel like something..."

Marjorie

Keith Oberle rides Skyline's Dark Storm in the Airdrie Parade, July, 2002.





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HISTORY & HERITAGE PROJECT 2000

“CANADIAN TIMES OF THE TWH”

My First Tennessee Walking Horse by Marianne Wray

My love of horses was inspired by my cousin, Val, who is three years my senior. She lived, breathed and adored horses. She was lucky because she was in Pony Club, and had a subscription to the *Western Horseman* magazine, and she even got to take *real riding lessons* from Pratts, in Springbank where I grew up. We were as close as sisters, and she taught me everything she could about horses. We spent practically every weekend together through our childhood.

The next door neighbors knew Red Dutton and borrowed a miserable little Shetland and a retired race track horse for their grandchildren to ride when they came out to visit. Needless to say, the children were no match for those two geldings, and being as horse crazy as we were, Val and I offered to care for them and ride them. We got bucked off lots, but Val gave me riding lessons nearly every weekend, and we rode every mile of Springbank up to Currie Barracks. We had no saddles, and my mom finally made me go to the doctor in an attempt to keep me from riding because I never had any skin on my butt.

I was eleven years old, Val being fourteen. I began babysitting for twenty-five cents an hour until I had enough money to buy my own mare, a three year old Welsh-Arab named Cindy. I also purchased a saddle for thirty-five dollars, because the mare was not trained. I didn't have enough money for a bridle so Art Anderson gave me a bit that fit the mare and I braided a bridle out of binder twine. On my thirteenth birthday, Val gave me Volumes I and II of *Tips For The Western Horseman*. Here I got the pattern, and while my mare patiently waited for me to try the bridle on numerous times, I finally fit it correctly. It worked - until I got caught in a downpour. The original binder twine stretches when it gets wet, and by the time I got home, the bit was hanging out of Cindy's mouth.

I learned a lot from Cindy. I taught her to rear up like The Lone Ranger's Silver, do a collected canter, stand while I took a running jump up on her and stop when I hugged her neck.

My love for gaited horses was also inspired by cousin Val. She had read all about Tennessee Walkers, and always said if she could afford one, that's the breed of horse she would pick. But by this time she had discovered boys, and I didn't see her all that much. I outgrew Cindy and bought several different horses over the years, but there were none that I grew a fond attachment for.

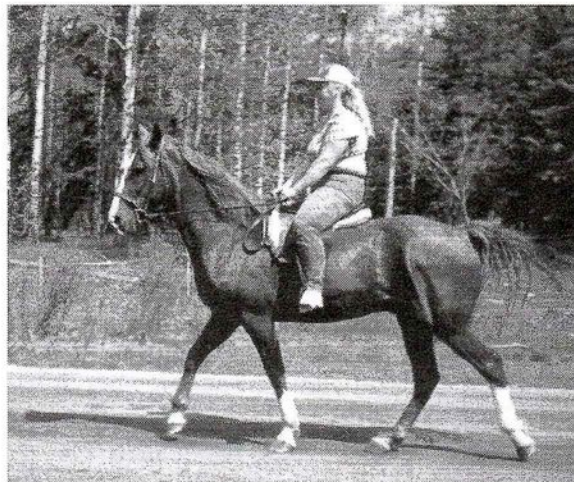
One day while getting my hair cut I had a

very philosophical discussion with the beautician about life's dreams. I told her that I had always wanted a Tennessee Walker, and she asked why didn't I get one? She had planted the seed. There was the fact that I was living in Calgary by now, teaching full time and would have to board it out, but I discussed buying "a horse" with my husband, Ted. We decided I should look for a mare for about \$800, and a place to board her that was near where we lived, at \$50 per month.

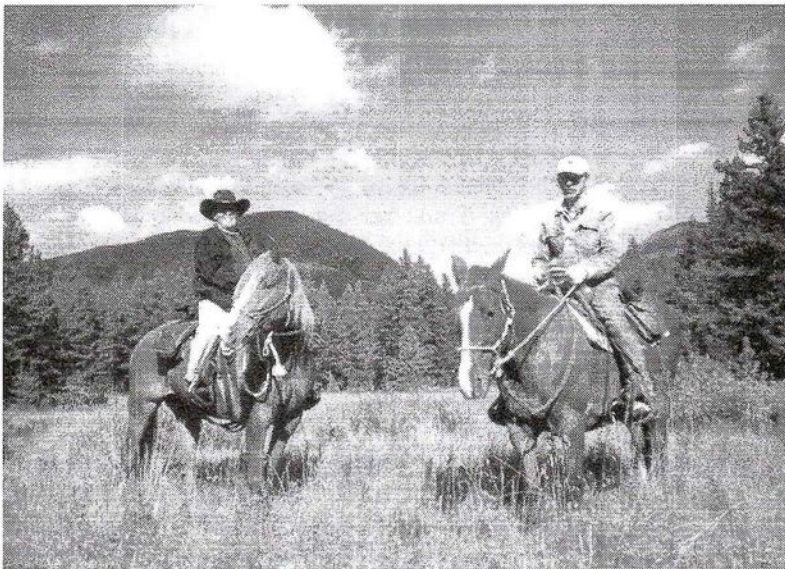
The first newspaper I picked up had a Tennessee Walker gelding advertised for \$1500. I knew I couldn't buy him, but I asked the man if I could just come out to see what a Tennessee Walker was like. He was most accommodating. It turned out that he lived in Springbank, not far from my parents, and I went to see that horse several times. He was an untrained seven year old by He'za Walker. His registered name was Rapid Walker, but I ended up calling him "Robbie". I bought him and he turned out to be an absolutely spectacular horse. Within three months I rode him in the Stampede parade, where we were chosen to carry the banner. He was so bright, smooth, and sweet - and I thought I had the only horse in the world like him - until I asked Hilton Hack if I could board at his stables. I found out that Hilton's geldings were the same, and that ALL Tennessee Walkers were supposed to be like Robbie. *(See photo below.)*

When we bought our ranch out at Sundre we bought Calta Dark Crystal and Calta Tinkerbelle from Hilton. Since then I (we) have been riding, breeding and enjoying Tennessee Walkers for sixteen years out here by the mountains.

Like all Walker people, I say, "I would never own another breed."



TEXAS TOUR by Maureen Hummel



Maureen & Rick riding at home in the 'far north'.

After a long snowy winter, spring break finally arrived and with it my much anticipated trip to Texas. I've been a member of the Sound Horse Organization (SHO) for four years. Two years ago we had a get-together in Utah where we spent the September long weekend riding, eating and in general having a good time. This Texas trip was a sort of reunion. I had met Donna Davis and Vivian Harvey (both from Texas) in Utah two years ago and we've become friends.

I flew in to Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. Man, it's almost the size of a small city!! I saw a bit of Dallas when we arrived - found it to be a bit too 'big city glitzy' for me. Vivian took a week of her precious time and devoted it to driving me and Mari Worley (from Kentucky) over a goodly portion of Texas. We looked at real estate (for Mari) and though I was sorely tempted several times I didn't buy any Texas property. It was, however, a good way to see some of the back roads in Texas.

Vivian and Mari and I went to cowboy church on Sunday. I tell you, it was a different experience. How many church parking lots have a truck and horse trailer (complete with horses hanging their heads out the trailer windows) parked there, the horses patiently waiting for their people to finish the church service. We had a great time.

We toured through the Fort Worth Stock Yards and the Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth. We went through Austin where I got to see the State Capitol building and even got as far south as San

Antonio where I did the cheesy tourist thing and had my picture taken in front of the Alamo. The Alamo is right in the heart of San Antonio and I understand from Vivian that the Alamo was almost knocked down to make room for San Antonio's expansion. A group of concerned citizens stepped in and rallied to save the Alamo. It would have been a shame if they'd levelled it. It is a real big part of Texas history.

I absolutely loved San Antonio. (The fact that it was warm and sunny and full of palm trees might have had something to do with it.) On our way to San Antonio we stopped at San Marcos and visited another Walking Horse aficionado, Cheryl Doane.

We stayed overnight and had a wonderful visit with her. Cheryl then took us to meet a friend of hers who raises Missouri Fox Trotters. Cheryl's friend, Elizabeth, has a gorgeous cremello stallion who is a real ham. He's even been inside their house, in the kitchen and the office, and been a perfect gentlemen. He is a real sweetheart.

At one point in our touring Vivian and I got to visiting so much we missed a turn and ended up taking the scenic route. And I do mean scenic. We ended up going down a "farm" road. It was absolutely gorgeous, winding through green countryside and I even got a glimpse of a Road Runner bird. And yes, they do exist outside of Bugs Bunny cartoons.

Although Donna Davis was working and couldn't get away for the week we did get a chance to visit her. We were able to get away for a night and spend it at the Grassland Bed & Barn. The GB&B is a bed and breakfast located just across the road from the LBJ Grasslands in Decatur, Texas.

Donna brought horses for us all and we rode in the grasslands over some absolutely gorgeous, sandy trails. My Texas buddies got quite a laugh out of me when I got all excited over finally seeing a live armadillo. Believe me, it isn't often I see an armadillo when I'm out riding. Actually, it was amazing that we saw any wildlife on our ride at all. I was sure we'd have scared it out of the vicinity with all our talking and laughing. The only thing better than a ride on a well gaited Walker is a ride on a well gaited Walker with a bunch of good friends. We finished our ride and came back to a barbeque and hot tub. It just doesn't get any better than that!

Throughout our tours I managed to see quite a bit of Texas livestock. A lot of their cattle look quite different from ours, with lots of Brahma and Longhorn influence. I also saw thousands of goats. I almost think Texas has more goats than cattle. Texas is ideal for goat raising.

Most of the Walkers I saw were quite different from our Canadian Walkers too. For the most part our Canadian Walkers have a stockier build. Vivian has been having trouble finding a naturally gaited stallion to breed her mare to. Many of the stallions there are very pacy. I understand that is in great part because of all the World Grand Champion bloodlines that are used. That's not to say there are no good Walking Horse stallions in Texas because there are. It's just a shame that this horrible trend of breeding for a pacy horse that can be doctored up for the Big Lick ring with all the "packages" and soring has had such a detrimental effect on the gene pool.

We in Canada can be proud of our naturally gaited Walkers who come out of the old working bloodlines. It is my not so humble opinion that we would do well to not get caught up in wanting a lot of WGC bloodlines in our stock.

I could go on and on about all the fun I had, but it would take pages. I really want to thank Vivian for all the time she took to tour this crazy Canuck all over the place. We even got a chance to see "The Lord of the Rings - The Two Towers" in a huge theatre complex the night before I flew back home. It really is incredible seeing that movie on the big screen. Thanks to Donna for providing the horses and that incredible barbeque recipe! And thanks to Cheryl for giving us our own duplex to stay in for a night. It was great! (And **no** thanks to Mari for taking the picture of Vivian and me in our bathing suits in the hot tub and then posting it on the 'net. What a brat!)

I flew back from Dallas a couple of days after the war had started. That was a bit tense since the airports had all gone to Orange Alert status. However, other than having to go through tightened security precautions, it wasn't bad. What **WAS** bad was leaving the sun, green grass and palm trees of Texas to arrive back in Grande Prairie in a snow storm. I darned near climbed back on the plane to head back to Texas.

We are now planning the next get-together. Donna and Vivian are hoping to be able to come up to Rose Prairie to see how we live in the "far north". I'd better start some of my youngsters so we'll have lots of horses to ride. (I certainly have enough saddles, as I brought *another* saddle back from Texas!)

ALBERTA NEWS

CONNIE MCKENZIE, STONY PLAIN, writes, "We managed to get through the winter. The cost of hay was very high. Instead of \$40.00 a bale, it was \$140.00! Now we await our foals. We have two on the ground right now, and more soon to come."

"I went in for hip surgery on Sept. 13, and dislocated it in December, but things are on the mend. Hopefully I'll be able to ride this summer. If not, perhaps we can train one of the horses to pull a cart."

"We have several horses for sale this year. Check out our ad. Also we have three 3 year old fillies and a five year old mare for lease. If anyone is interested, call soon so they can be bred by your stud this spring. Now that we no longer have our farm, and only have 40 acres, we will have to cut down on our horse herd."

"We are still working hard on the house. We hope to get the stucco done this month. We really like our new location at Stony Plain."

"Allen is hoping to go on the trail ride by Nordegg this May long weekend. (Perhaps it won't snow this time.)"

"Please send complimentary copies of *WHN* to Yolanda Phillips of Carvel, and Glenn Hickie of Alberta Beach."

U.S. NEWS

From FRANNE BRANDON, PETERSBURG, TN, "No school today! There were tornado warnings everywhere this morning, prompting first Bedford County, where we live, then about half an hour later, Marshall County, where I work, to close for the day. The storm cells did not break until about ten a.m., but the flooding rains continued. Harry says we have had at least six inches since it began about 6:45 yesterday morning."



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SHARON NEILSON, NEITAK EQUESTRIAN, STONY PLAIN, e-mailed, "I just returned as a chaperone from a band trip with two of our children and while I was away, we lost our first foal (suffocated after birth). However, today is going much better. We had our second foal this morning just after midnight. It is a light chestnut filly from Whinny's Golden Honey by A Cool Million. We are expecting about eleven more foals by A Cool Million."

MARIANNE WRAY, 19 MILE RANCH, SUNDRE, writes, "I promised I would let you know about the two mares that appeared to be open three weeks before their due dates. Well, I hit the **Jackpot!** Angel, bred to Goldwell, had a gorgeous palomino filly ten days late, and Bayou, my bay, had a palomino colt by Tunie. They are beautiful, tall, very gaited foals and I am absolutely on cloud nine! Bayou foaled 13 days late. Well worth the wait, though. I believe the colt is sold at two days old for \$3000, Canadian registered. The filly I would like to keep (of course!) but am putting a price on her so that if she does sell I can be happy either way. That's horse business!"

"It sure does my heart (and health) good to be halter breaking foals again. Coulee is bred to SummerTyme Decision and is due on May 23rd. She is a light chestnut. As long as she doesn't have a bay and as long as she has a safe birth, I will be extremely grateful. She is probably my favorite of all. Ted was terribly worried when two gold babes arrived, but isn't complaining anymore. I think he figures I may even get my price for "Halo". Time will tell. In the meantime, I sure am going to enjoy her."

"Please keep your fingers crossed for us - we are trying to sell our 45 acre ranch and purchase a larger one. *Help!!*"

HELEN PAWLUK, ATHABASCA, sent this e-mail, "I only have one foal on the ground at this time and he is a black tobiano out of Dictators Golden Echo by Pride's Nite Wind. He's a gorgeous colt, four high white stockings, white tip at top of his tail and one white splash on his near side withers. And so friendly! Not sure what I want to do with him yet. But enough of horse owner gushy stuff."

"I have two more mares to foal yet from Champion's Gold so I'll have to wait and see. One mare aborted twins at ten months so that kind of hurt. It was the mare that I took to the All Breeds horse display in Athabasca last summer, so I guess she'll go again this year. And this year I'll have someone taking pictures so that I can send some along. Anyway, hope things go smoothly."

From CHARLENE & ROBERT RUTTAN, OLDS, "Thank-you to Pam and Scott Stewart for their purchase of Walkien Cherub's Star, a 4 year old Canadian Registered mare, trained to drive and ride. Star is leaving for Fairbanks the week of May 7 and Pam says she can't wait for her to arrive. Star's travelling companion on the long trek up there is a 5 year old Walker gelding which the Stewarts have purchased from Indiana. Hopefully by the time they arrive in Fairbanks they will be buddies. Please send a gift subscription to Pam & Scott Stewart, Fairbanks, Alaska. Thanks."

From BUTCH FRIIS, WAINWRIGHT, "Please renew my subscription for another 3 years. Keep up the good work. It is a great magazine."

"I still have a dozen Walkers, young and old."

JO KINGSLAND, ALIX, writes, "Panda (last issue's buckskin cover girl) foaled a filly last night (May 6). Her owner (Rolanda Eadie) was in attendance all night. This foal is imprinted for sure! The filly has light blue eyes, pink skin all over - no spots or mottling - pure white mane & tail, and her body coat is just barely a shade deeper to be able to see a star on her head. Cremello? The Last Rainbow had a sorrel filly last week, also with a diamond on her forehead. Eldon's black mare is still to foal."

"We woke up to another 8 inches of snow this morning so I don't know when I'll get over to see them."

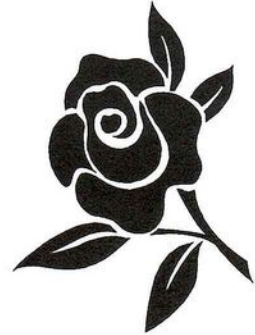
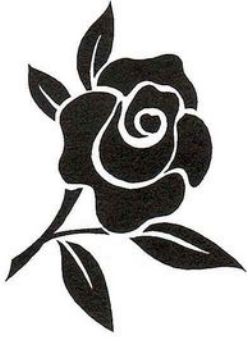
KELLY TEAGUE, ARDROSSAN, writes, "I'd like to congratulate Patricia Dartnell of Yellowknife, NWT on the purchase of her first Walking Horse, 'Future Romance' (aka Summer). Please send her a gift subscription to *WHN* from me. Thanks."

At UPHILL FARM, EDSON, Bill Roy and Darrell Brown arrived during one of our spring blizzards. Then we had a visit from Ullu & Felix Zurbriggen of Mara, B.C., who *just* missed another big spring storm.

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NATALIE SPECKMAIER, VANCOUVER, writes, "Bill Roy tells us Penny (Uphill Penny By Chance) will follow in her mom's footsteps and live in Armstrong for a few months. I'm sure you'll be pleased with the results and Penny will have a whole lot of fun with Bill."

"In the meantime, I think I'll knit myself a clone as Penny's mom, Trigger (Uphill Dusty Gold) is shedding her winter overcoat, and I got enough yesterday with just a quick brushing to start a new horse. The weather is so nuts right now that if you blanket, it's too warm; if you don't, suddenly it gets wet and miserable, and the days when it suddenly pours is when the glaring sunshine in the morning says you don't need a rain sheet. Oh well, they're horses, they can withstand anything the weatherman throws at them without us fretting about it."

"Nicole spoke to Dianne Little last night and we think we have a date for the clinic with her and Bill. It's now slated for the 3rd weekend in June....we hope. Nicole is looking after the arrangements and will be frantically scrambling to get her place ready for the event. In the meantime, I'm working through some Parelli ground work resistance with Trigger and look forward to getting back in the saddle - if it ever stops pouring on the days I can make it to Langley. Today would have been a good day but appointments tend to get in the way and the 2 hour round trip to Langley isn't always possible on such days. Not to worry, Trigger isn't going anywhere, and as long as it isn't a torrential downpour, I can still play with her regularly (provided I can walk on any particular day - bum knee) so she doesn't get bored."

From JO-ANNE McDONALD, McDONALD FARMS, POUCE COUPE on May 3., "Good Morning, Isn't this a fine kettle of fish? Snowing all of May so far. What a country!!!"

"Shadow's Magic Maid had her bay filly on April 15th. She is sired by Dressed For Success. Snip had her foal, a black colt on May 2, 2003. He is sired by Canadian Shaker and out of Monteray Snip."

"We have sold the black and white gelding, Town Link Success (Dressed for Success x Go Boy's Rena) to Stephanie Mills of Vanderhoof, B.C. Please send her a subscription to *WHN* with our compliments. If her mother, Marion Mills, has a subscription just add it on to hers but if they do not please send the subscription to Stephanie. I am sending their website so you can see where TL will be residing. Looks just great. www.tlranchresort.com."

"Sure enjoyed having Maureen Hummel stay with us last weekend. She is getting really professional with her soaps. I was quite impressed with her display at the Dawson Creek Trade Fair."

We had a visit yesterday from Pam and Dave Gunderson (who used to own He'za Walker). They have bought property at Hudson Hope. They will be bringing some stock up this summer and their youngest boy will stay there, I believe."

"They sure liked some of the horses here, and were glad to get Maureen's address as they had a T-Bone horse they just loved."

MAUREEN HUMMEL, ROSE PRAIRIE, writes, "With spring finally arriving (I hope), I *have* to pass my PNH Level 1 - because I'm booked into a Level 2 camp at the end of June. We are expecting a few foals here at Rough Diamond Farm and I'm in charge of the Fall Fair horse show this year, so it looks like it's going to be a "horsey" year..."

"I hope 2003 brings enough moisture to end the drought, and that everybody will have enough feed. I'd hate to see a repeat of last year."

ONTARIO NEWS

KIM PRINGLE, ARDEN, "We had a foal born this morning - Mother's Day. So far this year our stallion TRACKER has had 4 foals born - ALL FILLIES!! Go Tracker boy ha ha! To date he has sired over 80% fillies. We love that - knock on wood. I'll send some pictures."

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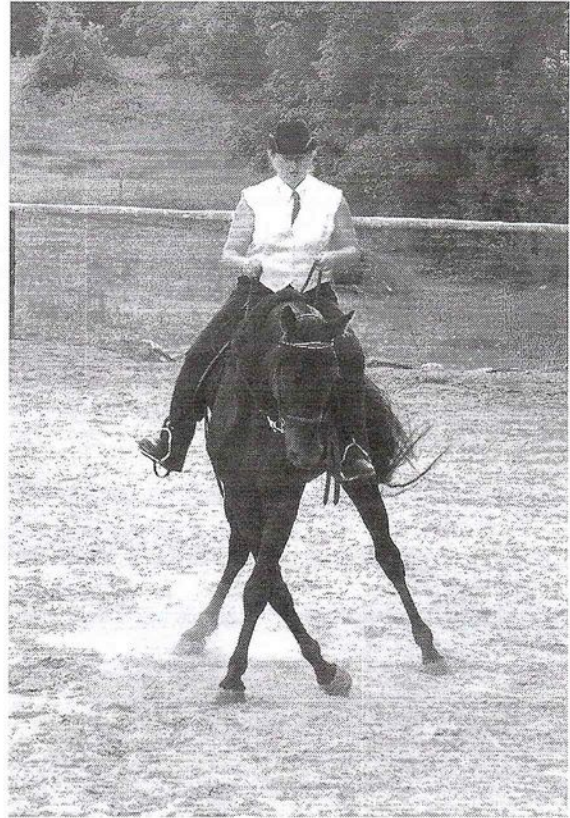
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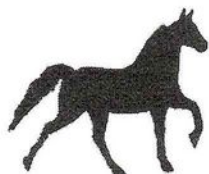
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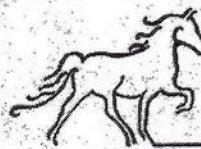
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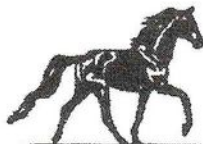
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Cougar!

by Jayne Walker

We were away for a week in the summer of 2002. When I came home, I walked over to my mare, Angel, who was in the lawn "diet pen". When I got near and held out my hand to pet her she ran away like a shot out of a gun. When I finally got close enough with oats, just to pet her, she again fled as soon as my fingers touched her.

This mare is 12 years old, well broke and very gentle, so it was a big mystery to me, as I had never ever had any problem catching her. After a few days of feeding her oats, she let me pet her, but only with a closed hand. When I saw the scratch marks on both hips and another one under her mane, I suddenly realized why she was so timid. They were cougar claw marks! The skin was not broken, but they could be felt as welts. Then I saw a big chunk of mane hair in the alley between the garage and corral.

I worked with Angel for about 2 weeks, just regaining her confidence, but she was still leery if I came towards her face too soon. It was best to approach her and start petting her from the side or back, and work my way to her neck and face. Then one day I saddled her up and she was all right with that. When I got on her she seemed much better than she was with me working with her from the ground. As we started our ride, it was like she totally relaxed, as if I was her security blanket.

After about 2 weeks of riding in the small fields, I decided to head out the driveway. She was very skittish passing the alley entrance where I had found the hair, but with much reassurance and talking we were out the driveway and out on the side of the highway. Also we had done this a good many times before.

She went along good for a while, till we got near where there are bushes along the side. Suddenly she started backing up quickly, as she does when scared. I had no control when she began backing up, so I said, "Whoa". Angel stopped right away, at

which point I wanted to get off and lead her past whatever was scaring her, but when the reins touched her face, she jumped and I tripped and let go.

She ran home to the driveway where she waited for me. I then got on and rode her home, did a little turn in the field and tied her up to unsaddle. That was when I saw the other corralled horse perk his ears forward. When I followed his gaze, there it was, *the cougar*, in the field about 150 feet from me.

My very first thought was how beautiful it was, until I realized this was real, not a TV show! The cougar stayed perfectly still for a long time,

maybe about 7 or 8 minutes, watching me. I did not know what to do. Leave my horses and run? I did stay, maybe a little closer to the arena than usual. Angel seemed fine once it was out of sight.

To this day it is still easier to catch her from the side, since the attack made her extremely head shy. But she does amazingly well once I am on her back.

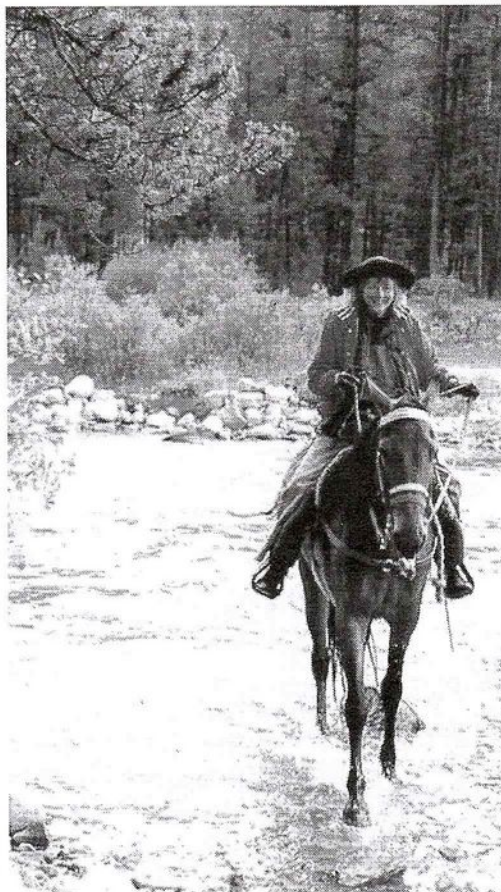
After that day I called the conservation officer but heard nothing back for a long time. When he did call I was away, but he told my helper, "Next time tell her to take a picture". Yeah, right, Buddy, just tell that cougar to stay while I get a camera! I can see him clearly in my mind. He was about 4 feet long and a tail as long. All the while he was around there was not a sign of any deer and no coyotes yapping at night. I never thought that I would appreciate the wild animals this much. At least when I hear them, I

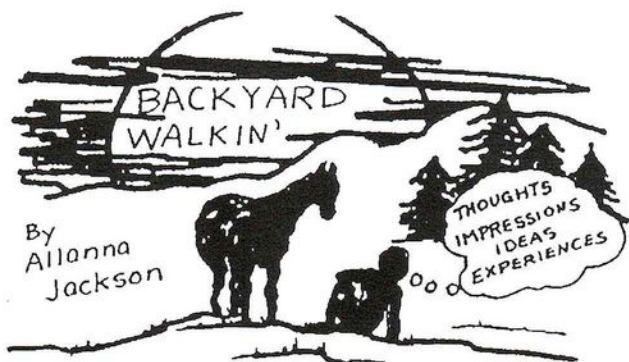
know Mr. Cougar is not nearby.

Peter Symons across the road said he had problems with his horses as he rode them near bushes,

yet when I saw the cougar he was in an open field. Both Angel and I have recovered but are a bit more cautious perhaps. At least I know what spooked Angel that day and she only backed up and did nothing worse, like rearing.

I have not ridden lately as there is too much snow to get to the horses. Luckily they are still foraging, and staying in good shape. Only the young ones get fed hay & oats. Happy trails to you all.





Sort of Riding Blue

By Allanna Lea Jackson

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During the spring and early summer of 2001 I continued Blue's ground training, taking her for walks on the lead rope some days and lunging her on others. She made steady progress, becoming more relaxed and more obedient more of the time. She learned to cross the creeks, developed some speed control, learned to do various gaits on command, and eventually learned to stand still and relax. I was increasingly optimistic that Blue might indeed work out as a mountain trail horse.

In late May Blue showed interest in Koko, so after some prayer and deliberation, I decided to go ahead and let them breed. But Koko was, quite wisely, afraid of Blue so that project required my help. The vets thought I was wasting my time because Koko was so old - 30 years.

On June 16, 2001, I took Blue for a walk in the woods again. This time she happily waded into the creek and began grazing on the grass growing along the bank. It was irrigation season so the creek was running full. The rocks I walk on to cross the creek were under water. I had three options: Back track the way we'd come, wade across the creek in shoes not designed for wading, or... Did I dare consider riding Blue across?

Just thinking about it made me nervous, but I was not going to let fear rob me of the horseback riding I'd enjoyed for so many years. My decision to forgive Blue meant I was committed to giving her a chance - as long as she did not pose an unreasonable risk to my health and safety. But was merely keeping my feet dry reason enough to risk riding Blue now, bareback, with just a halter, when I did not have my helmet on? I'd been riding her bareback with just a halter when she bolted and broke my arm... I prayed about it.

Blue was standing in the creek several inches

below me so it was easy for me to lean on her back. She raised her head, but did not tense up. I then jumped up and down beside her three times. She didn't seem to mind so I scrambled onto her back. Blue splashed across the creek in two strides and clambered out the far side. As soon as she had all four feet on dry land I said "whoa" and pulled on the lead rope. Blue stopped and I quickly slid off. Safe! Blue and I stood there looking at each other, both of us surprised and a little frightened by what we'd just accomplished. I praised God, praised Blue and led her home, practicing "whoa" and ground tying on the way.

In the meantime I'd re-introduced Blue to a bit, using the smooth mouth full-cheek snaffle. I also put a bareback pad on her. This worried her a little, so I talked to her and just leaned on her until she calmed down. I told her I didn't know which of us was more afraid, me of riding Blue, or Blue of being ridden. She relaxed and stayed calm about my jumping up and down. So after some prayer I climbed on and just sat on her back, talking soothingly. Then I wiggled, did arm exercises, squeezed her a little with my legs, put my knees up on her shoulders and hung my toes on her hips. Blue accepted all this calmly. I quietly picked up the reins. She started to move, but stopped when I said "whoa." Then I asked her to turn her head a little in each direction, just like we'd done from the ground. Then I asked her to take one step in each direction. She did it calmly. We could only go one step because Blue was still tied. We did this several times over the next few weeks. Having Blue tied made me feel more secure but a professional trainer later told me that was NOT safe - what if she'd gotten spooked and blown up? But nothing happened except that Blue learned to accept leg pressure and stand still under a rider.

I continued Blue's walks and lunging lessons and gave her a trailer-loading refresher. On July 2 Blue met me at the gate so I halted her, ground tied her, groomed her, then saddled and bridled her and, with the halter over her bridle, led her for a walk along the road and into the woods. The creek was still running full so when we got to a different crossing I again prayerfully considered whether to ride Blue across and decided to try again. Blue was in the creek grazing again, but this time keeping an eye on me as if expecting me to ride her across. I climbed on her back and this time she continued grazing until I nudged her with my heels. She crossed the creek, then stopped when I told her "whoa" on the other side. I slid off, thanked God, praised Blue and led her home.

Blue needed to learn to ground drive before we could officially re-start her at Gary Gang's Driving Clinic on July 28th and 29th so on July 11 I gave Blue her first driving lesson. We started off lunging as we'd been doing. When Blue was relaxed and working well both directions I attached a second lunge line to the cavesson, after intentionally leaving the lunge whip behind. This was totally new but Blue accepted the second line and moved off in a circle at a walk, just as we'd been doing while lunging. She walked and stopped very nicely, but was a little confused about changing directions of the circle simply by my changing which line I was using. I kept things quiet and calm, using pull and release pressure on the line I wanted her to turn toward, while leaving the other slack. She quickly figured out how to make a figure 8.

I took Blue for a walk a couple of days later. I gave Blue her second ground driving lesson on July 14. At first she wanted to circle me like lunging, or stop when she felt line pressure, but after a few minutes she remembered the figure 8 and was soon doing a casual serpentine and proceeding in a straight line along the fence. I praised her, gave her a treat and we quit for the day.

Two days later I again drove Blue in her corral. She seemed to have figured out her directions so I took her out and drove her around the yard. She got a little anxious at first but did fine and relaxed when I told her to. When she was calm and working well I quit, rewarded her and turned her loose in the corral.

I continued the variety in Blue's lessons, taking her for walks, lunging, sitting on her and ground driving. I added lunging with the western saddle on July 20. Blue was worked only every other day or so, because I was also teaching her yearling filly, Velvet, to lead and trying to take her on walks too - but that's another story.

When Blue understood ground driving with the lunge cavesson and would lunge calmly with the saddle on, I put the snaffle bit on her and introduced ground driving with the bit. We again started in the corral until Blue was relaxed and understood what I wanted. I ran the line through the stirrups, which were tied together under her belly with a piece of baling twine. This helped Blue keep her body in line with her head as we drove. Blue was soon driving nice serpentines in the corral. We were ready to go to the clinic!



WILD ROSE REPORT

by Donna Edwards

On April 12th & 13th, Wild Rose Walking Horse held a Driving Clinic at the farm of Robert & Lorrie Black & family of Leduc. Our Clinician was the well-known trainer and instructor, Terry Francis of Athabasca. The Clinic was well attended and members were given valuable information on Conditioning Your Horse, Safety Rules, and Harness Selection and Care, which could apply to all disciplines of horsemanship. With Terry's excellent horsemanship skills, he had a number of horses hitched to the cart and driven on Sunday.

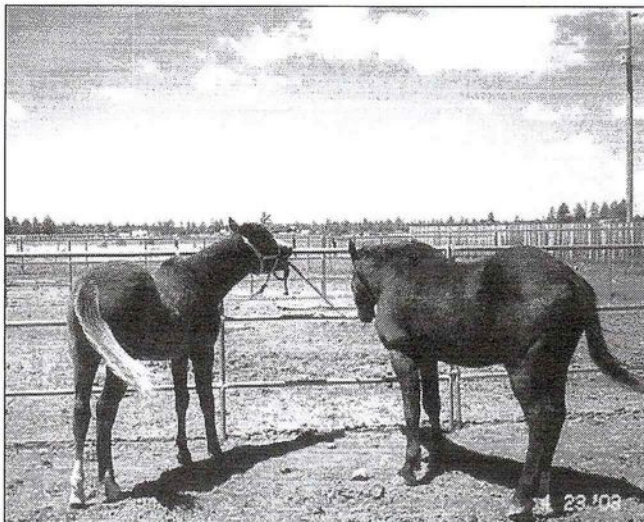
Participants would like to thank the Black family for their marvelous hospitality and the delicious lunch that was served on Saturday and Sunday. Last but not least, I must mention the 'state of the art' stabling that the horses were treated to, which included 24 hour music.

Wild Rose Walking Horse held their Trail Clinic on April 26th at Shamrock Stables. Shamrock Stables has a large arena with excellent footing for all disciplines of horsemanship.

We were fortunate enough to have Sandra Sanche of Sanche Performance Horses, Ardrossan as our Trail Clinician. The weather was not the best but that did not deter the members or Sandra.

Sandra worked with everyone individually, helping each one execute the obstacles. She also worked with the group in regards to the CEF rules regarding the trail obstacles that are legal in competitions.

Wild Rose Walking Horse also plans on hosting more Clinics this fall. Anyone interested can get in touch with the President, Frank Edwards.



Happy Birthday! Lucky's Koko Prince celebrates his 32nd birthday as Cinnamon, his yearling daughter, unties him.

The Western Odyssey

by Ian Luckett

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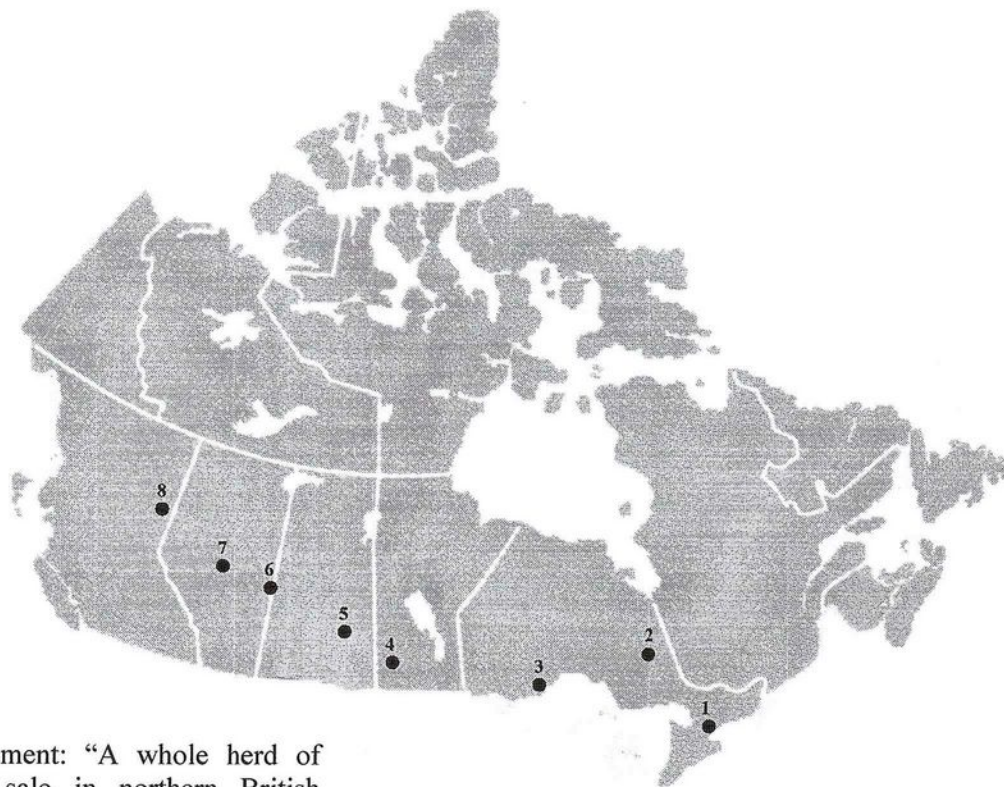
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#6 - Lloydminster, SK

#7 - Edmonton, AB

#8 - Dawson Creek, BC



It was just a comment: "A whole herd of Tennessee Walkers for sale in northern British Columbia". I researched. Who could this possibly be? I made an awkward phone call. I was talking to Peter Symons of Rafter Nines Tennessee Walkers in Dawson Creek, British Columbia. He had five registered mares for sale, four of them in foal to Wainwright's Shadow and due at the end of April. We received many packages of pictures, pedigrees and attributes of the horses. We were interested, but not committed - until we received the video tape.

Now we were *very* interested. The video was super! It had footage of the mares in question and different offspring they'd had. All the mares were under saddle and nicely gaited. The video also had intermissions with excerpts of some of the famous Walkers of movie and TV fame.

The horses had to be moved by the end of March. Well, no problem. There was lots to be done, such as researching commercial haulers, vaccinations, tests... After much consideration, Marianne and I decided that I'd go and get them. At the time, we had a two-horse bumper-pull trailer and an unreliable 1980 Chevrolet pick-up truck. We located and purchased a 1997 model twenty foot gooseneck stock trailer. The trailer could hold six mature horses easily.

The truck, however, was a major project! There were pages and pages of repairs and issues to be completed. The original plan was to have the mares home by March 15th, but...

Everything finally came together. The trailer and truck were hooked up and I left Hillsburgh, Ontario by 4:00 a.m. on March 27th. (Hillsburgh is northwest of Toronto - #1 on the map above.) I traveled 45 minutes to Hwy. 400 and used one tank of gas. That's \$50 gone. Considering my options, I realized that I didn't have any. It was going to cost \$4,500 just to get there. Oh My! My second tank lasted two and half hours; better, but that's still not good. I was soon getting close to four hours per tank.

On my way, I stopped at Espanola, Ontario to meet Todd and Jenny McKenzie of Maple Ridge Walkers, with whom I'd talked many times on the phone. I finally saw their champagne horses in person. Very nice.

Next I headed north to Cochrane, Ontario (#2) on Highways 144 and 655. These roads were, by far, the worst I'd encountered on the whole trip. The truck and trailer took a pounding, hour after hour. The left

trailer fender finally went so I quickly stopped to pull the sharp metal from shredding my brand new trailer tires. The ride was so bad I was bruised from the seat belt. I left in the dark and now it's night time driving again. I started getting flashes of light in my side mirrors. I determined that this light was the headlights of the vehicle following me, shining on the road. The trailer must be in the air! By closer observation, that's exactly what was happening.

Cochrane had two feet of snow on the ground. I stayed at Julie Anderson's house. She had Todd and Jenny's 12 year old stallion, "Doll's Starfire". In the morning, Julie long-lined him on the road in front of the house. I can see why he's still a stallion. He's nice - very nice, gaited and gentle. He's for sale, as well as three other mares. H'mmm...

Finally I'm westward bound on Hwy. 11. The town of Moonbeam has by far the worst potholes I've ever seen. I thread and crawl my way through. I must remember this place. I'll be back through here with the mares on the trailer. It's 4:30 p.m. in Thunder Bay (#3) when I notice a coolant leak. The water pump is on its way out. I release the rad cap - no pressure, no leak - so no problem. A purchased water pump is placed in the back of the truck and I drive well into the night, past Kenora and into Manitoba. I stop south of Winnipeg at the same restaurant where I'd stopped and slept at in June of 1998. I'm so cold sleeping in the truck with no heat that when I awake, I'm not just shivering, I'm vibrating!

On the road again after breakfast and three cups of coffee I find we are battling a strong cross-head wind. I don't have enough power to pull fourth gear. For hours on end I'm in third gear and 3500 RPM's. This is an endurance test.

Finally, Keith Dolls' near Brandon (#4) and Dolls' Walking Horse Farm. Before leaving home, I'd received a comprehensive package on many of his horses. Keith takes me on a quick horse introduction. He doesn't try to sell me any horses, but I know they are available. He doesn't know how tempted I am to load a full trailer here and head back!

We unloaded six bales of hay to pick up on the way back. I'm only half way to Dawson Creek. Into Saskatchewan I stop at the motel at Foam Lake (#5). There's a blizzard ahead. The next morning I get as far as Lanigan. The water pump leak I've been monitoring is worse and the transfer case has started to leak gear oil. I spend the day getting repairs and leave at 5 pm.

When I stop in North Battleford for food and gas, I overhear the RCMP discussing closing the highway. The road has icy patches and the snow

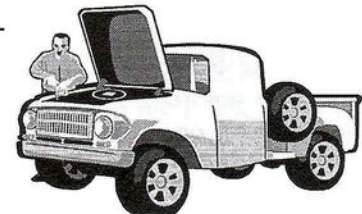
banks are scarred from vehicles. I'm doing 70 km per hour when the truck starts to drift left. The truck is loose, no traction, and it heads for the median ditch. I turn the steering wheel a quarter only, reduce engine power (engine vacuum gauges are wonderful) and on/off the clutch repeatedly. The truck starts to turn, but the push of the trailer is going to jackknife us. This is going to hurt! After an eternity, we catch the left shoulder, gain directional control and traction. I floor it to pull the trailer to stop it from pushing me into the median. The whole road is glare ice from blowing snow and road traffic.

A loaded cement hauler goes by and toots his horn and flashes his lights. It takes some time for me to calm the adrenaline rush. I follow this cement truck wheel for wheel. When he goes on the shoulder, so do I, when he goes left, so do I, all the way to Lloydminster (#6). There I signal to pull off to get gas and he flashes back with his cab lights. I flash my headlights in thanks, and lose my "white knight".

Edmonton finally (#7). It's after midnight and because of the bad weather there's no vacancy anywhere. I sleep in the truck again with no heat. It's minus 22 C. The next day in Edmonton is spent getting two new fenders on the trailer.

The truck gets an oil change and the verdict -

"the engine is tired".



I'd hoped to see Bruce Burke in Nestow and Marjorie Lacy's palominos but I've no time left. My next full stop is Dawson Creek (#8) and I get there around midnight. So far, what a trip!

The next morning Peter takes me out to see the horses. After dealing with temperamental four-wheel drive engagement on snow and ice, we finally get up close to the horses. Wonderful! They were everything I'd hoped for and more. These horses are friendly, solid, with good tone, muscle and build. We loaded the horses without incident and started on our way out. The horses are having a difficult time on the now slippery trailer floor. The horses are off-loaded at the Dawson Creek stock yards and left overnight. The stock yard management and staff are a huge help, even with an auction underway. They feed and water overnight for \$15. Amazing!

The trailer gets a custom fit rubber mat floor, plywood kick panels and hay nets filled and hung. The following morning we say our goodbyes at the stock yard and I start my journey east.

The horses bump and thump and cause the trailer to twitch, but settle quickly. I stop to check them frequently over the next few hours. I train the horses in trailering by slowly double clutching on the downslope with lots of RPM (noise). They realize there will be a subsequent change in applied power, acceleration, and can brace for it. I quietly and slowly feed, water and muck out the trailer with the horses on it, always maintaining a second means of escape. We make it to Edmonton without a problem at all. I get a broken sleep in the cab of the truck from horse movement, and it's cold, -18 C.

We cross the Alberta border at Lloydminster early in the morning. People are very curious as to what I'm up to. It's clear sailing all the way through Saskatchewan with a tailwind and good road. I voluntarily scale the truck: 7920 kg on an 8000 kg registration (17,500 lbs). 177 lbs to spare - that's close - very close! I stop and cat nap frequently at rest stops, feeding and watering and mucking out the trailer with the horses on board. We clear the Saskatchewan border late at night. I was hoping to make it to Keith Doll's place but I am just too tired to go on. I phone him from Minnedosa, 60 km short. Another cold night in the cab of the truck.

Next morning Keith and I load the cached hay. Then we take a longer, better horse tour—or should I say, horse tease. I'm tempted. The trailer will carry six. I've got five. H'mmm. But socializing strange horses in an open trailer is not good horsemanship. I have to drive away. I should have built that partition wall.

We battle another strong Manitoba cross head wind again. Hour upon hour in third gear, 3500 RPMs. When will the engine break? It's snowing at the Manitoba - Ontario border. I come to a truck scale. It's open. I weigh the front axle and am instructed to park on the side. Oh no! Now what?

After a freezing fifteen minute wait, I enter the scale house. I have to report that I feed and water on board. That's all? The hay is visible in the pickup.

The snow is getting worse. The road is treacherous and the terrain alongside of the road rough and rocky. There is a long line of vehicles behind me. A few pass at the passing lane. I recognize two of them later. They had crashed into a guard rail. There is no place to stop. Finally I pull into Kenora and take a motel for the night. The trailer is very quiet.

We leave Kenora later in the morning after the roads are clear and melted off. We by-pass Thunder Bay today, hoping to make Cochrane and Julie Anderson's place, but never make it. After phoning

her, I crash out asleep in the truck.

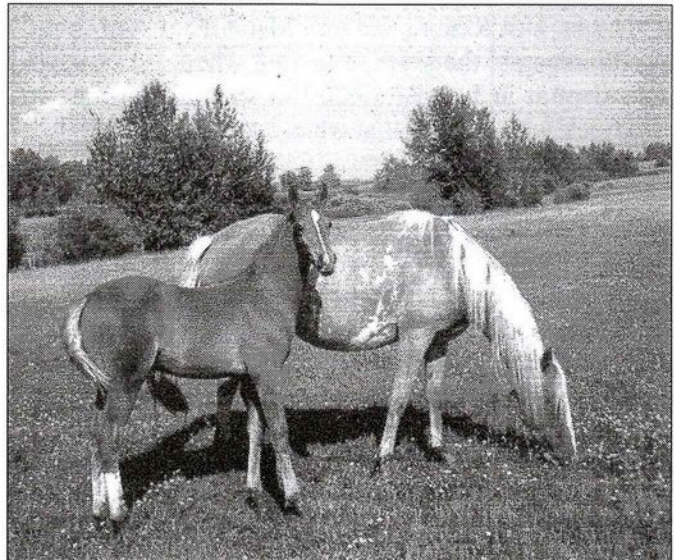
Next morning I meet her at the Tim Hortons at Cochrane. The truck and trailer always garner attention with the trailer nose proudly and boldly lettered "Pearly Gaits Tennessee Walking Horses".

I am hoping to make it home today, Monday, but we don't. I am just too tired. I stop to sleep frequently and finally arrive home at 1:30 am Tuesday morning. I park the truck and trailer with the horses still on board and leave them overnight. Handling nearly strange horses in the dark in a strange environment is foolhardy at best. But we've made it - all the way out there and back home, safely. I can't believe it!

Marianne never had a doubt. And for the ten days I was away 'vacationing', she looked after everything at home, and with the help of Barbara 'Babs' Lohn, looked after the six horses at home as well. I had travelled almost 8600 km alone and brought back five mares, four of them pregnant, single handedly.

The first foal was born 18 days later. All four foals arrived safe and sound, without complications.

They are beautiful.



Missterious Girl WGL and two of her daughters by Darkie's Last Chance, along with 2 full sisters by Calta Copernicus X Hollywood Miss were the TWH that made the Western Odyssey with Ian.

Photo supplied by Peter Symons.

P.S. Would I do it again? You bet! As a matter of fact I have been back West since this story took place and brought back six more fine Tennessee Walkers, with a third trip coming up soon.

TALKING TO TOPAZ

by Franne Brandon

The foals out of the palomino mare were different. At first, I thought it was because Gold Before the Storm had been partially imprinted in the lightning flashes that had preceded the storm that gave her a name. As spring seasons passed, though, and Stormy presented us with foal after foal, I noticed that she was ignoring the foaling charts. She would foal early, then late the following year, but never until she had been curried from winter cream to gold perfection as I crooned to the babies inside her belly.

On soft blue mornings or misty gray ones, she would present us with foals as one offers a gift, herself proud of the endeavor, the foals alert and eager to meet us. We never imprinted these foals in the classic manner, yet they behaved as if we had. Finally, one year I read an article by Dr. Miller in Western Horseman explaining how the Cherokees had imprinted their foals in utero, giving them names and telling them what was expected before they arrived. I knew then what had been happening with Stormy's babies.

I had been imprinting them before birth!

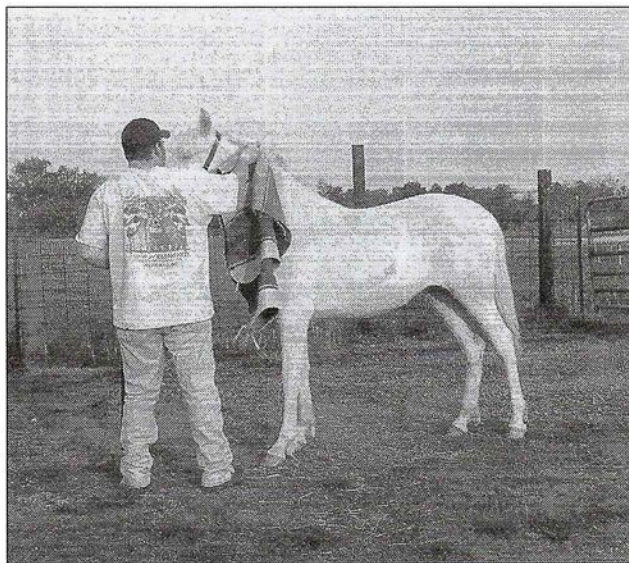
After ten years of patient persistence, our stubbornness was rewarded with the arrival of a palomino filly by Red Bud's Rascal. This blaze-faced gal arrived on a misty gray Sunday morning not long before the alarm for church. I looked out into the foaling paddock to see extra legs under Stormy's body, and rushed out to truly imprint this still-wet golden bundle as daughter Kristi helped with a photo session. Because I suffered a broken left arm in a riding accident just a few weeks later, the new filly received little formal training while she was at her dam's side. She was officially christened Tanasi Gold with TWHBEA, the first part of her name being an English spelling of the Cherokee word for "Tennessee".

Tanasi Gold was started under saddle at 35 months. She proved to be a willing learner, a good trail mare with lots of go, and a favorite of her trainer. Because I wanted a running walk mare and the trainer had mistakenly assumed I wanted her gaiting like the Spotted Saddle Horses in the show ring, I took her home after 60 days and resumed training myself. Although we were great partners on the ground, in the saddle I lacked the courage to ride her well. The gait

work went fine, as she quickly and almost with relief learned that a style rack was not what I wanted. The wreck with the crazy mare three summers before, though, had undermined my skills in some trail situations.

In the spring of Misti's fourth year, husband Harry and I decided to cross the young mare with a cremello grandson of John A's Chance. We had never bred the old Stormy mare to any shade of dilute, not wanting to raise a non-marketable cremello foal. Market trends seemed to have shifted by 2001, however, and I had met Chance's Goldmine as a suckling at his dam's side when doing an updated article on McAllen Finley's breeding program. Misti had not been away from home since the trainer's, but survived the incident better than I did without her, and was confirmed in foal by ultrasound about eighteen days afterward.

When Misti came home from wintering on our broodmare farm, I began a program designed to imprint the foal that she carried. In the Cherokee fashion, I gave it a name. Hoping for a filly, and assuming by grandma's track record that it would be a palomino, I called the unborn foal Topaz. In the evenings after school, I would curry Tanasi Gold, while talking to Topaz inside, massaging the mare's belly and giving her a few pointers. Since it was her first foal, we did not know if we should expect Tanasi Gold to foal early based on the charts, as her half-sister Red Bud Lady Scarlet always did, or foal on a date closer to the one



First lesson in sacking out. Notice how calm and cool the filly is.

the vet had set. Misti did not appear to be bagging, which worried me. As the approximate date approached, the mare did build a small bag and drop off in the croup area. She was pastured with another bred mare, and I finally convinced Harry that we needed an isolation area where she would have grass and water but be alone should the blessed event come before the vet's date. He re-adjusted the round pen to accommodate her, and I put her in for the night.

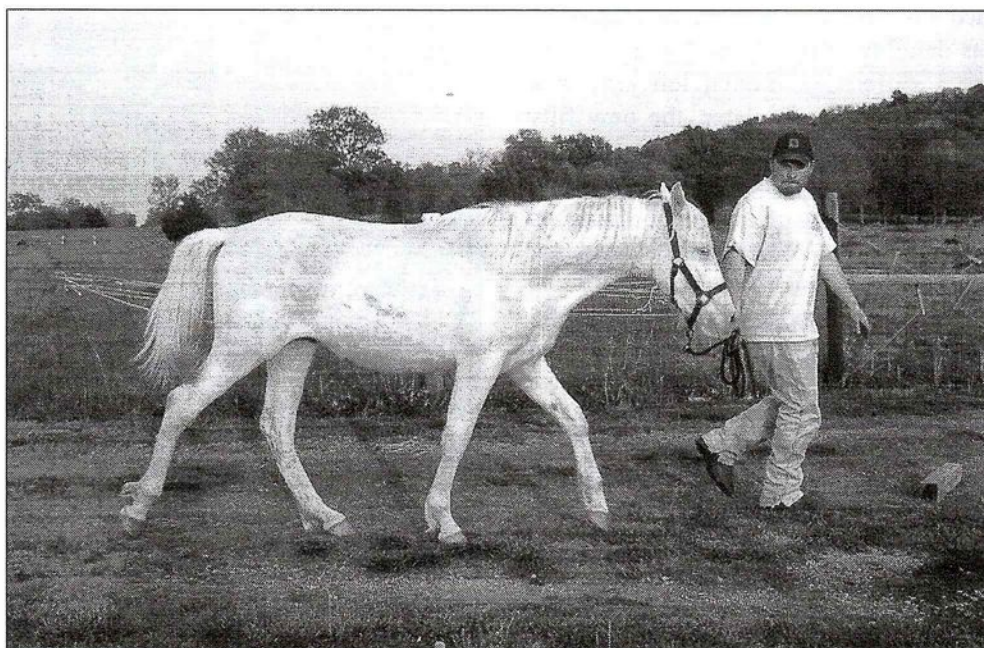
The following morning, I went out early to feed. Misti stared at me expectantly, while on the ground to her right, a funny-looking cream foal, ears alert, looked at me as if to say, "So that's what you look like!" The filly foal had no fear, only alert curiosity. It also had very sky blue eyes and pink skin. When I got home from school to finally touch her, the mane felt like ivory silk.

I have never been a colt trainer. I enjoy handling them and winning their confidence, but the training I have left to others. In the summer of 2002, however, we had three fillies, and I managed to convince the men on our farm that halter training early would be an advantage this time. They did the initial work with all three, then I began to work with each one. I was pleasantly surprised by Topaz's attitude, once she realized that the halter was not going to go away. We had owned Last Chance bred stock before, and while we had admired their gait and stamina, had been rather displeased with the stubborn streak each one had possessed. Topaz, in contrast, showed an eagerness to learn. Not sulling at all, she would move forward freely, and occasionally hit such a strong running walk in hand that I would mentally kick myself for not having the camcorder handy.

Once the fillies were weaned, the black one went to a new home in Wisconsin. That left the two Red Bud's Rascal granddaughters. We maintained the summer's halter training by leading them from their stalls after the morning's feed. This chore fell to me on the weekends. Since Topaz was smaller, she came out first. Just out of curiosity, I began trying to teach her to give to side pressure and to back in-hand each morning when I let her out. After only a few twice-weekly sessions, she was moving freely to right and left, and no longer required a finger poke in the chest to back. Halter pressure and the verbal command "Back!" resulted in a quick and straight reverse. Before long, she also understood the rudiments of the sidepass in hand. She does not sidepass perfectly each time it is attempted, but she is making progress. Topaz seems pleased and proud of her accomplishments, always calm and relaxed before I remove the halter. A few deep scratches on the withers and words of praise seemed to be all the reward she needs.

Now that summer is almost here, I am eagerly anticipating the weeks free from the demands of the classroom. I plan to ride Tanasi Gold quite a bit. (She slipped her foal over the winter.) I also plan to continue the lessons with Tanasi Topaz Goldmine. It appears that talking to Topaz has resulted in a very special filly, and I am eager to learn just how much this intelligent and willing little lady can learn before she wears a saddle.

Below: *"Leading freely and with some speed,
Topaz and Adam, the author's son"*



REDUCING THE RISK OF COLIC

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Colic is a term used to describe abdominal pain in horses and can be the result of many different disorders. It can be as simple as indigestion or as complicated (and life-threatening) as twisted bowel. There are a number of factors that predispose horses to colic, and simple management changes can reduce the risk of colic in your horse.

DIET AND FEEDING

Any changes in diet should be made gradually over a 2 to 3 week period, giving the digestive system time to adapt. Sudden changes in diet are associated with increased risk of colic. Changing the type or amount of hay and grain or pasture access can upset the digestive system of the horse. A wide variety of grains can be fed safely to horses but increased risk of colic should be expected when large amounts of any concentrate are fed. Feeding more than 2 kg (approximately 4 lbs) at one time has significant effects on digestion. Large grain meals can overwhelm the digestive capacity of the stomach and small intestine, resulting in fluid, electrolyte, and pH changes in the hindgut. When larger amounts of concentrates are necessary it is advisable to feed smaller, more frequent concentrate meals rather than an occasional large meal. It is also important to feed by weight rather than volume (scoop, bucket, etc). Oats, for example, weigh 20 to 40 percent less for a given volume than corn.

Feeding alfalfa hay is associated with increased risk of enterolithiasis (intestinal "stones"). Feeding round bales of hay is also associated with colic. The higher fiber content of the hay and exposure to outdoor elements like rain may account for decreased digestibility or quality (moldiness) of round-bale hay. Horses are designed for constant grazing and increased time at pasture is strongly associated with decreased risk of colic. Like any other diet

change, be careful not to turn your horse out suddenly onto lush pasture but gradually increase the amount of time on pasture.

STABLING AND HOUSING

Increased time in a stall increases the risk of impaction of the large colon. Access to fresh water is very important in colic prevention. Decreased access to water increases the risk of colic. Regularly clean and refill water buckets and troughs to provide adequate fresh water. When water consumption is decreased (during cold weather, during transport, or competition in hot weather) providing salt to encourage horses to drink may be beneficial. Salt can be provided as a block or top-dressed on feed.

ACTIVITY

Both increases and decreases in activity levels may be associated with colic and should be done gradually if possible. Generally, intensive exercise has been associated with increased risk of colic. Changes in activity often occur at the same time as changes in stabling and diet. For example, a horse with a lameness problem may have exercise reduced, be restricted to a stall, and have a diet change all at the same time.

HEALTH MANAGEMENT

Deworming regularly decreased the risk of colic. There is evidence that tapeworms are associated with ileal impactions and other forms of colic, so remember to target tapeworms in your worming program. Dental disorders may predispose to colic. Regular dental care may decrease the risk of some types of colic (i.e. obstruction of the esophagus and large colon impaction).

It's important to remember that there are many causes of colic, and the relationship between predisposing factors is complex. None of these factors alone always result in colic. However, each factor may contribute to the development of colic, and modifying management can help reduce the incidence of health problems.



Jennie Jackson Clinic

by Dianne Little

The Alberta Walking Horse Association is pleased to announce that Jennie Jackson of Cookeville, Tennessee (formerly of Copperopolis, California) will visit Western Canada from July 18 to July 28, 2003.

In 1998, during her first and only trip to Canada, Jennie judged 'The Canadian' Futurity. For those fortunate few who had time after 'The Futurity', Jennie conducted an impromptu clinic. The response was so positive that we have been trying to get her back to Canada. We have finally succeeded.

Jennie Jackson has been hired to judge the Alberta Celebration AND to conduct a clinic the following weekend. Between assignments, Jennie will vacation by soaking up spectacular views in the Rocky Mountains.

Jennie has never been one who stands on the sidelines allowing life to pass her by. She is passionate about her beliefs and never hides this passion. Jennie is perhaps best known as the owner and trainer of the big champagne Tennessee Walking Horse stallion, Champagne Watchout. Owning and training in themselves are not unusual, but what Jennie has accomplished with this horse is another matter. Wearing lite shoes, Champagne Watchout competed in the 1999 Celebration against the traditional padded show horses. Most thought it could never be done, but Jennie proved it could happen. In addition, during the same Celebration, Watchout competed in other, plain shod classes.

Jennie is well known as a strong competitor in all aspects of the Tennessee Walking Horse world. She shows the same horse in English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, reining, trail and dressage and wins in each division. She has proven that one horse can do it all. Jennie and her horses exemplify the true meaning of Versatility. Jennie embraces a challenge and is not satisfied showing the same horse every year. Jennie starts a new horse, and her children compete with the seasoned ones.

Jennie's background is extensive. Her enthusiasm is infectious. Her knowledge is transferable. Jennie Jackson is an exceptional woman both in and out of the show ring. Now retired from public training, Jennie continues to add to the collective pool of horse training knowledge by

releasing the first in her series of training videos -

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Jennie has a thorough knowledge of breeding; conformation and standardized foot fall patterns for each breed, and how to get the horse to perform them. Dressage, Centered Balance Riding, and years of experience working with all types of gaited and non-gaited breeds are the foundation for her breeding and training program.

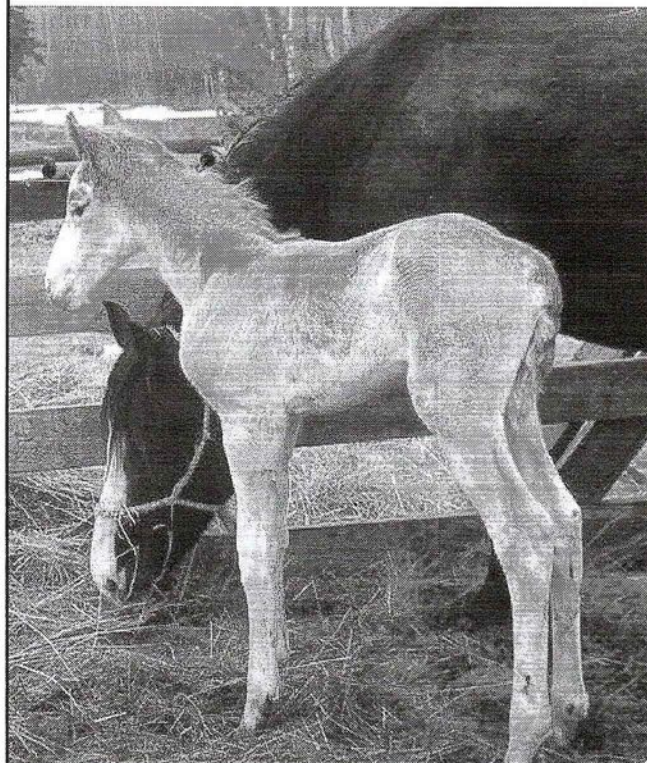
The Jennie Jackson clinic provides a unique opportunity to learn the secrets of success in working with Tennessee Walking Horses. Whether you are a trail rider, a new TWH owner, or a seasoned competitor, Jennie can help you understand and 'get the gait'.

The clinic is to be held July 26 and 27 in the Calgary area. Numbers of horses and riders will be limited. Auditors are most welcome. For further details contact me.

Dianne Little

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2003 FOAL CALL

- BLACK COLT (Allen's Midnight Rascal X Crickie - pony) March 10
BAY COLT (Allen's Midnight Rascal X Mornin's Cupa Koko) March 27 Fran Kerik, Two Hills, AB
SABINO FILLY- PALOMINO? (Troubles Gold Sun x Blazin' Socks) April 13/03
TOBIANO SPOTTED SORREL FILLY (Breese's Monsoon x Sunny Deliteful Art)
SORREL, FLAX MANE / TAIL FILLY (Breese's Monsoon x Sleepy Hollow Hello Dolly)
Lisa Lambert, Perryvale, AB
LIGHT CHESTNUT FILLY (A Cool Million x Whinny's Golden Honey) Neitak Equestrian, Stony Plain, AB
GOLD FILLY (Final's Goldwell x A Coin's Secret Angel)
GOLD COLT (DP's Big Shiny Tunes x N Mile Bayou Baby) Marianne Wray, Sundre, AB
JET BLACK FILLY (turning grey?) (Bud's Sterling Bullet x Red Bud's Lady Scarlett)
Franne & Harry Brandon, Petersburg, TN
BAY FILLY (Dressed For Success x Shadow's Magic Maid) April 15
BLACK COLT (Canadian Shaker x Monteray Snip) May 2/03 McDonald Farms, Pouce Coupe, BC
BLACK TOBIANO COLT (Pride's Nite Wind x Dictators Golden Echo)
CHAMPAGNE TOBIANO FILLY (Champion's Gold X I'm Just An Oreo)
CHAMPAGNE COLT (Champion's Gold X Successful Signature) Helen Pawluk, Athabasca, AB
SORREL FILLY, star (Gold King x The Last Rainbow)
CREMELLO FILLY, star (Gold King x Panda Capri) May 6
BUCKSKIN FILLY (Gold King x Touch The Sky) Rolanda & Donald Eadie, Rimbey, AB
BLACK FILLY (Trackin' On Heir x Merry Fashion Girl) May 4th. Darlene Shantz, Milford, ON
CHESTNUT COLT, star. (Northfork Sky Walker x Jessie Dee) May 9. Jean Rempel, Winfield, AB
GREYISH BROWN FILLY ((Northfork Top Traveller x Northfork Pauline)
SORREL FILLY (Northfork Top Traveller x Sue's Lady Lu) Northfork Farm, Gurnetts, Bluffton, AB
CHESTNUT COLT (Thistledown Celtic Warrior x Walkien Fire Fly)
CHESTNUT FILLY (Thistledown Celtic Warrior x CoHo's Lil Skidaddler) Linda Block, Breton, AB
BLACK FILLY (Trackin' On Heir x Georgia's Merry Mack K.) Gord Harris, Hamilton, ON
BLACK FILLY, white star (Trackin' On Heir x Rock's Flicka) Kim Pringle, Arden, ON
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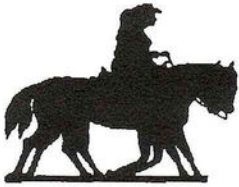
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THE RIDING TREE: BALANCE

Faith Meredith, Director of Riding, Meredith Manor International Equestrian Centre

When a student gets on a horse to take that first riding lesson, his greatest concern is staying there. Everyone is afraid of falling off, particularly in the beginning. Whether you are the student or whether you are the instructor, you need to be aware of this fear and aware that it is very normal.

Fear of falling creates both mental and physical tension. That's why relaxation is at the base of the riding tree, the set of skills a rider needs to master in order to develop an independent seat. In order to relax, you have to become aware of every part of your body - every muscle, every joint - and find any places where you are holding tension. When you can let go of all of this involuntary tension, you can move to the second level of the riding tree. When you can stay relaxed over the horse's center of gravity, you are in balance. When you are in balance, you can stay on the horse.

Essentially, the horse's center of gravity is right where you sit. If you are gripping with your calves or gripping with your thighs or hanging on the reins in order to stay there, you are not balanced. Good balance requires both being relaxed and being centered. You need both vertical balance and side-to-side balance.

The vertical balance refers to the position of your upper body. When you are vertically balanced you are not tipping too far forward and you are not leaning too far back. Side-to-side balance means that you have even pressure on both seat bones. You are not leaning or falling off to the left side or to the right side.

You need to use your muscles correctly in order to maintain this centered alignment over the horse's center of gravity. Using your muscles correctly means tensing the right muscle groups to help keep your body stabilized over the horse's center of gravity but this is an "athletic" muscle tension rather than the nervous muscle tension that destroys relaxation. The primary muscle groups that you use to maintain alignment or balance are your upper and

lower abdominal muscles.

Remember that balance is an issue for the horse, too. Depending on where the horse is in his progressive training the horse may be learning how to carry himself and the weight of the rider while staying balanced. When you balance quietly over the horse's center of gravity, you help him stay balanced. If you lose your balance, you will throw the horse off balance, too.

Becoming aware of how your body is aligned will help you develop better balance. Riding instructors preach to beginning students about lining up the elbow, the hip, and the ankle so that everything drops straight down. If your feet are stuck straight out in front of you, your upper body is going to come back behind the motion of the horse. If your legs are too far behind you, your upper body is going to go in front of the motion of the horse. When the horse feels this, he wants to correct it.

If you fall behind the motion, horses will do one of two things. They will either run forward or they will slow down, perhaps even stop, as they try to position you back over their center of gravity where it feels comfortable for them to carry your weight.

As your body stays relaxed and centered over the horse's center of gravity, its *alignment* may change depending on the horse's direction, speed, and gait.

This is particularly true when you finally reach the higher levels of any riding sport. As her horse leaves the ground in front of a jump, for example, the jumper rider's upper body folds forward because she must realign her body to stay over the horse's center of gravity. In the same way, a cutting horse rider may sit heavier on one seat bone as his horse changes direction or a reining horse rider may put burdening weight on both seat bones as his horse does a sliding stop. They are realigning their bodies to stay over the horse's center of gravity and remain in balance as the horses shift their own balance in order to perform at higher levels.

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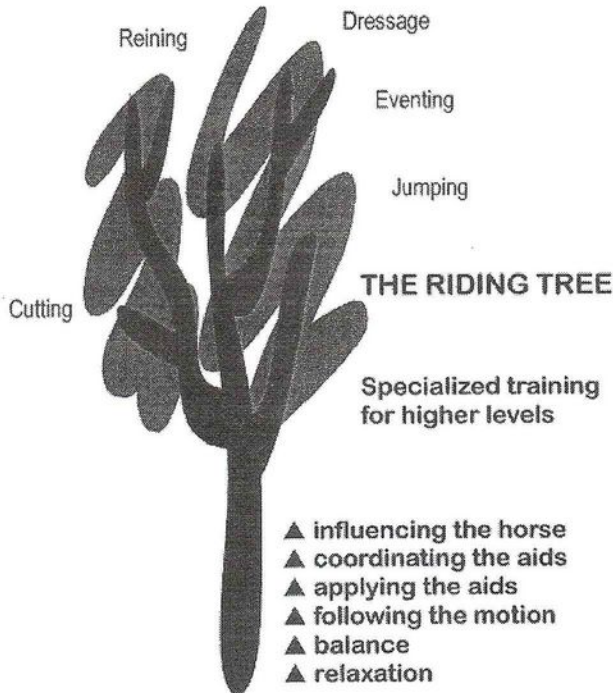
Understanding the riding tree helps you build a solid foundation, an independent seat that will take you into the higher levels of whatever riding discipline you choose to pursue. When you are relaxed and balanced, you can begin to work on following the horse's motion at the walk, trot and canter. Your communication with your horse moves to a new level. Then you can begin to apply the aids in ways that ask the horse for specific shapes.

As your communication with the horse improves, you will begin paying attention to rhythm and timing, coordinating the aids for greater precision. Finally, instead of just asking for what the horse already knows, you will be able to start influencing the horse, teaching him new shapes and new games. In the beginning, it may seem like an impossible goal.

Just keep riding

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READERS WRITE

"I read with interest that *WHN* might be going on the web. I think it is a great idea to have ads posted on our own Canadian web site. I also think that you should include on your site a links page to Canadian breeders' and trainers' home pages. You could charge from 20 to 30 dollars per year per site for this. I really enjoy reading and having the *WHN* magazine though, so I hope this is just an addition to, and not a substitute for, the magazine."

"Color inside page ads would really look classy, and I for one would like to see them. Maybe in time have one of my own. Have you thought of having a full color stallion issue for Walking Horse stallions in Canada as a supplement to *WHN* in the spring?"

"I know I should be advertising more, but as the saying goes -"next year"."

Helen Pawluk, Champion Rainbow Walkers, Athabasca, AB

"You were wondering if anyone is interested in ads in the *News* being on-line for a website. *YES!*"

"Also, is it possible to get info on how to trim your own Walkers either in a clinic form or an article on basics for 'in-between' farrier work?"

Rolanda Eadie, Valley Vista Ranch, Rimbey, AB

HORSEMAN'S DIGEST

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READERS WRITE

I just got my *WHN* so haven't had a chance to read it yet, just skim a few things. But I did notice the notes about soring. I'd like to point out that merely boycotting the particular people who got caught will not solve the problem. When someone buys a horse with World Grand Champion lineage just because it has WGC lineage, they are rewarding the people who torture TWH. Every time someone breeds a mare to a stallion from big-lick lineage they are rewarding soring. When people brag about how many big-lick WGC ancestors their horse has, they're promoting an abusive ideal. Every time someone says their big-lick bred horses are better than horses from non-big-lick lineage they're supporting abuse. When people want a 6 miles per hour flat walk and a 10 miles per hour running walk, they're promoting a lie. When people define extreme performance as the average standard for the breed, they're seeking an ideal that is abnormal. There is no humane way to get abnormal.

Too many people have this delusion that if we just take away the soring and action devices, everything will be fine. I wish it were that simple. It's not. The abuse continues because that is what today's performance standards for the breed are based on. That includes the flat-shod horses. We cannot have a sound sore lick, yet that is the ideal of far too many people.

If we truly oppose soring we'll embrace the ideal that produced horses like the Hals, the Brooks, the Grey Johns, the La Marrs, Strolling Jim, Haynes' Peacock and all the other All-Purpose Walking Saddle horses. Too often it is the people who scream the loudest against soring who are most contemptuous of the horses with no WGC names in their pedigrees.

People insist that greed is the motive for the abuse. Whatever the motive, these people are getting something they want by torturing the horses, so anything we do or say that favors their bloodlines and

ideals over other more truly natural horses is rewarding the people who torture their horses. We buy into their ideals, brag about their bloodlines, scream about the abuse, and then wonder why they treat us like fools and laugh about our hypocrisy all the way to the bank.

Soring started about 1953. Go Boy's Shadow, the '55 & '56 WGC, was the first big-lick horse. Was he sore? Have there been any sound WGC's since 1950? Have there been any sound big-lick WGC? The answer to all these questions is a big "maybe". The answer depends on being able to prove the moral integrity of the individual people handling the particular horse. The fact is that every WGC crowned since 1944 won doing a man-made gait. Yes, that includes Midnight Sun and Merry Go Boy.

Here in the USA we've had numerous studies over the last 20 years that show the horse industry is financed by the back yard owners who never compete with their horses. These non-competitive pleasure horse owners own 80% of the horses in the country. We're the ones who keep the horse world going - the veterinarian, farrier, saddlery, grooming products, clothing, feed, trailer and barn manufacturing industries, etcetera. The world of horse competitions fancies itself important, but such competitions do not generate enough business to keep the horse industry going. The horse industry does not need competitions to stay alive. The horse competitions would go bankrupt without the non-competitive pleasure horse industry. Those statistics are for all breeds and types of horses in the USA, not just TWH.

Yes, there are good horses from big-lick lines, but are they good because of the big-lick selection criteria, or in spite of it? Yes, there are still a few good horses from non-big-lick bloodlines, but they're rapidly dying out because the people who oppose soring are killing them off - by the choices they make!

It's been said that if you're not part of the solution you're part of the problem. That means your choices of the kind of horses you buy, breed and promote, not your politically correct chatter to government officials who have no power to change what you voted for with your wallet.

What kind of Walking Horse are you spending your money on? Why?

Allanna Jackson, Lakeside, AZ



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a. Within 12 months of foaling	\$40.00	\$80.00
b. After 12 but less than 18 months of foaling	\$60.00	\$120.00
c. After 18 but less than 24 months of foaling	\$125.00	\$250.00
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3. REGISTRATION OF HORSES Already Registered with TWHBEA or WHOA	Member Fees	Non-Member Fees
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d. Registration of Breeder's Prefix	\$45.00	\$90.00
e. Registration of Lease	\$20.00	\$40.00
f. List of Progeny of Individual Breeding Stock	\$20.00	\$40.00
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TWHBEA MEMOS

TWHBEA APRIL EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

"Nancy Lynn Beech, vice president of the breeders' division, recommended the withdrawal of a motion that was tabled at last month's meeting. The tabled motion recommended instituting a cap of \$750.00 for registrations exceeding 48 months."

"In its place, she recommended the creation of a six-month amnesty period beginning July 1, 2003 and ending December 31, 2003. During that window, members would be allowed to record transfers exceeding 120 days for a flat fee of \$100.00. In addition, registrations beyond 24 months would cost members a flat rate of \$200.00 (\$90 of which is non-refundable if the horse does not parentage verify - \$50 for the blood-typing kit and \$40 for the base fee). Her new motion, which applies only to current members, was unanimously approved."

TWHBEA News & Information, April 30/03

"Mr. Hulsey recommended a new membership drive that will target former members of the Association. Those individuals whose memberships have expired within the last two years will be sent a letter and a membership application that will allow them to rejoin the Association and receive a free gift - either an informational video or a t-shirt." TWHBEA News & Information, February 26, 2003

CANADIAN REGISTRY AGM

The CRTWH Annual General Meeting on April 5 at Lacombe, AB was well attended. After a short business meeting, lunch was served, after which guest speaker, Laura Taylor, DVM spoke on the use of chiropractic and acupuncture techniques in horses, as well as the use of herbs.

Your Board of Directors has been busy with various projects and business. Ian Luckett was appointed as Director for Ontario. In Alberta, Marjorie Lacy was elected by acclamation for a three year term.

The new registration application forms have been approved and are available to you from CLRC, any Director, or on the CRTWH web site. Please use the new ones and destroy any old registration applications you have on hand.

The Promotion & Publicity Committee has been working on setting up a comprehensive advertising campaign to make Tennessee Walkers and the Canadian Registry better known. Watch for their ads.

Dianne Little unveiled the History & Heritage 2000 'Pics & Peds' - three CDs with nearly 1400 photos and pedigrees of TWH owned in Canada. This tremendous resource for all Canadian breeders will soon be available on CD. A great vote of thanks goes to Dianne for all her hours of work on this massive project.

Last year CRTWH approved the establishment of the Helen B. Williamson Memorial Horsemanship Series. Marjorie Lacy introduced the first brochure, Bits & Biting, written by Dianne Little, at the AGM. It will be printed and made available later this year.

Can-Am Equine Sport Celebrity Dinner

by Kim Pringle

On Saturday, March 15, 2003 the Equine Research Center held its Sports Celebrity Dinner to honor and recognize Equine Sports & Competition in Canada as well as those who Compete, Coach or Train internationally.

It is a unique opportunity to bring all types of Canada's Equine Industry people together for one night. All aspects of the equine sport industry were represented, such as Horse Racing, Training, Coaching, Jumping, Dressage, Polo, Reining and 3 Day Evening, just to name a few.

It was a chance to meet and greet sport celebrities from all disciplines. The sports celebrities from each sport or breed were chosen based on their contribution to sport, training, breeding or coaching, both here at home and internationally.

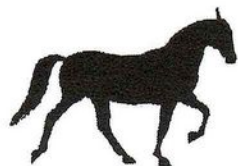
This year the TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE was recognized as a valued part of Canada's Sport Equine Industry. I was chosen as the Tennessee Walking Horse Sport Celebrity and represented our breed at this dinner. This was a huge opportunity to have our breed recognized at this level, and be seen as a breed that is competing successfully in many events. It was an honor to be chosen as our breed's representative. I was thrilled to be there.

This event was an opportunity to recognize equine sport celebrities and hear discussion addressing important issues for the horse industry. Some of the other special guests who attended were Ontario Minister Ernie Hardeman, Chris Irwin, GaWaNi Pony boy, and Clinton Anderson.

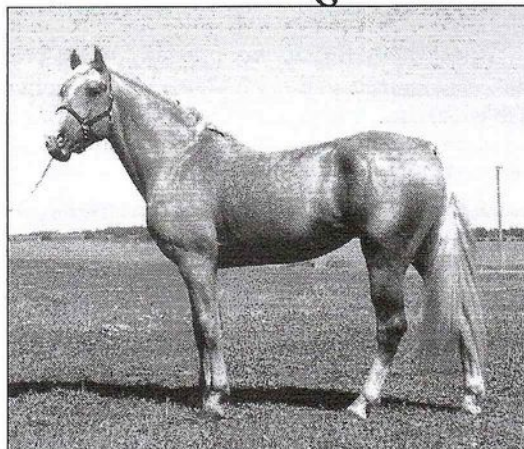
Canada's own Chris Irwin was this year's guest speaker. He chose the topic of "Co-Operation". Chris told the crowd, "Look Around. When do we get to see so many people from different sports & breeds sitting together?" Chris said, "We need to work together more in the equine industry. There is too much rivalry between breeds or sports AND within each breed or sport. We are working against ourselves. We need to co-operate more and work together to promote the bigger picture".

Proceeds from this event went to the Equine Research Center. The Equine Research Center strives to improve the knowledge base within the horse industry. In partnership with the University of Guelph and the various funding agencies, the ERC initiates and manages industry-funded research & proprietary research that are relevant to the needs of the equine industry.

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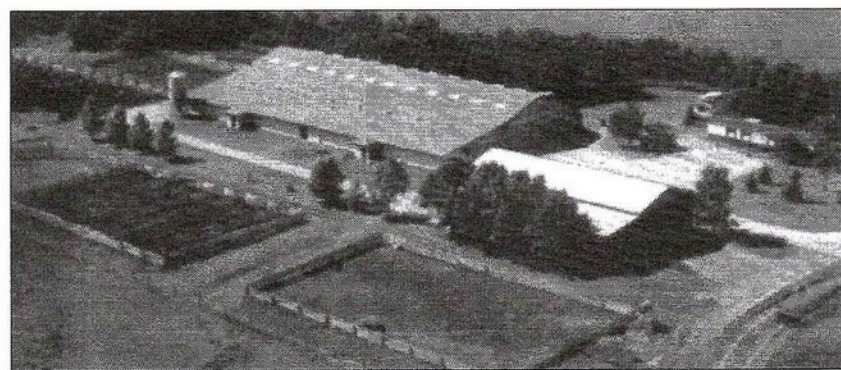
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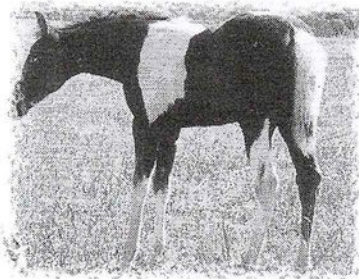
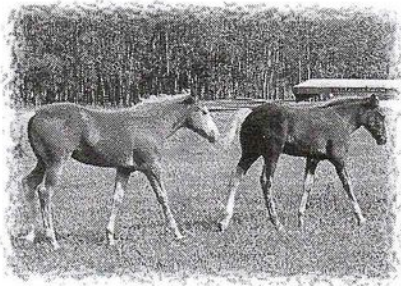
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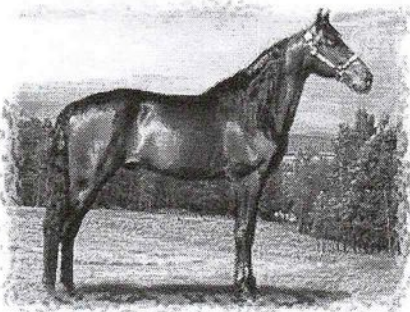
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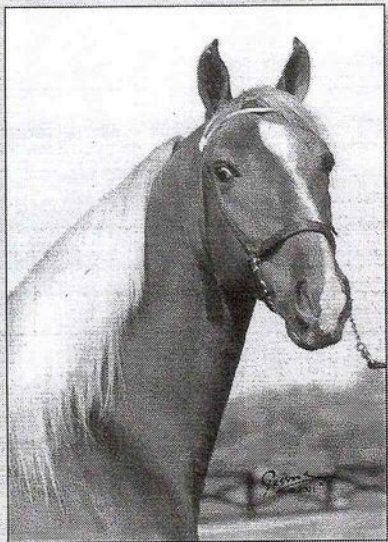
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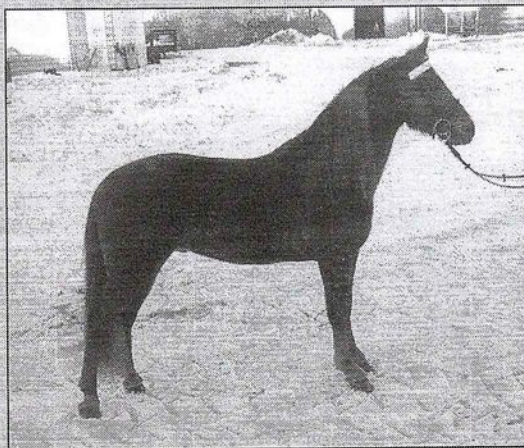
Pride's Final Edition x Delight's Hand Lady

Final's Goldwell was formerly owned by Joe & Libby Christmas, Oakwood Farms, Shelbyville Tennessee. Goldwell was considered one of the most promising colts ever sired by Final Edition. Unfortunately, he was injured as a two year old before his show career could begin. Goldwell is not ridden today; however, in the pasture he exhibits a loose and long-striding walk and a deep headshake. Goldwell is known for his quiet and gentle disposition and his impeccable manners. He is a proven sire of quality horses, many of which are chestnut with white manes and tails. A number of his get are in the show ring today. His stud fee is \$600.00

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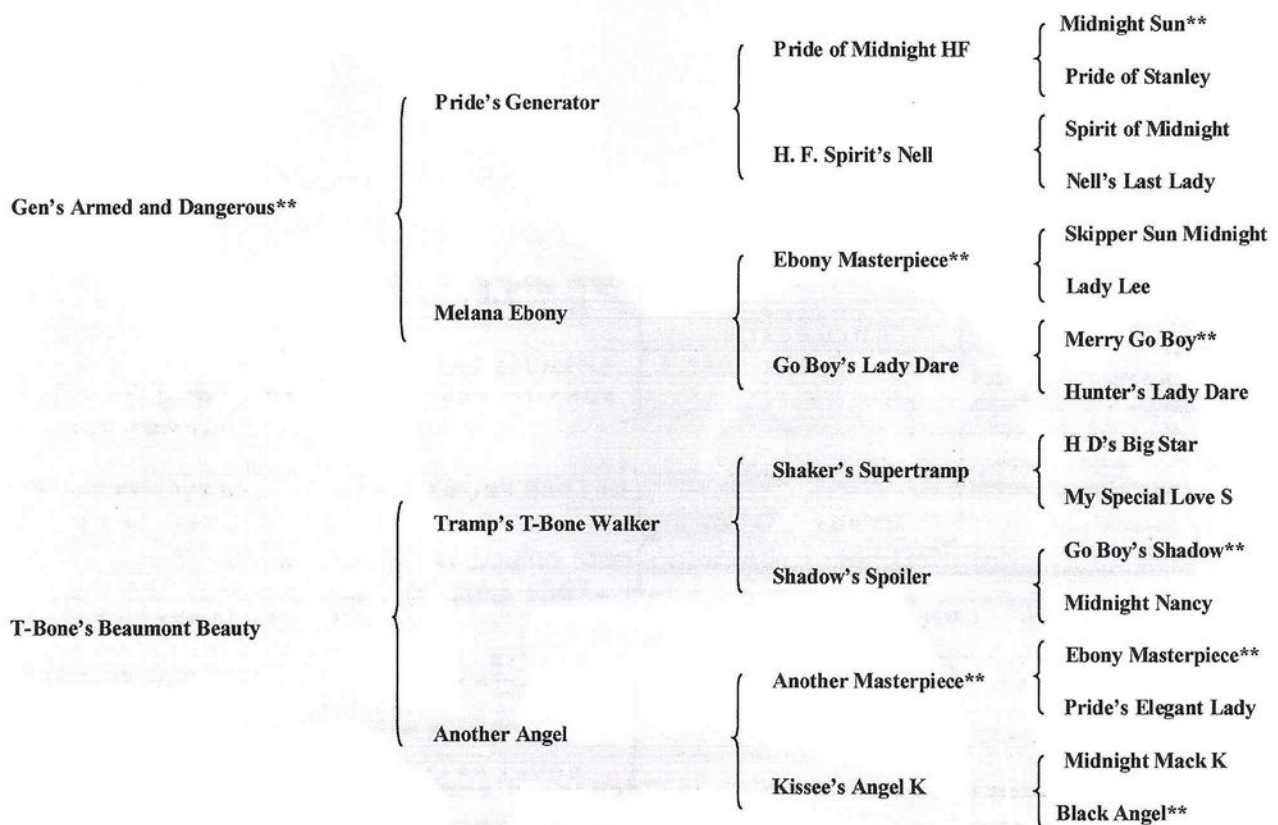
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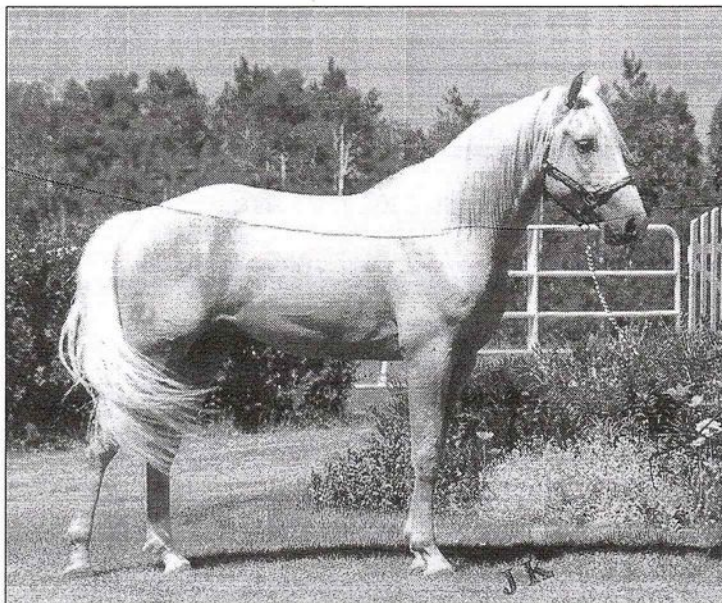
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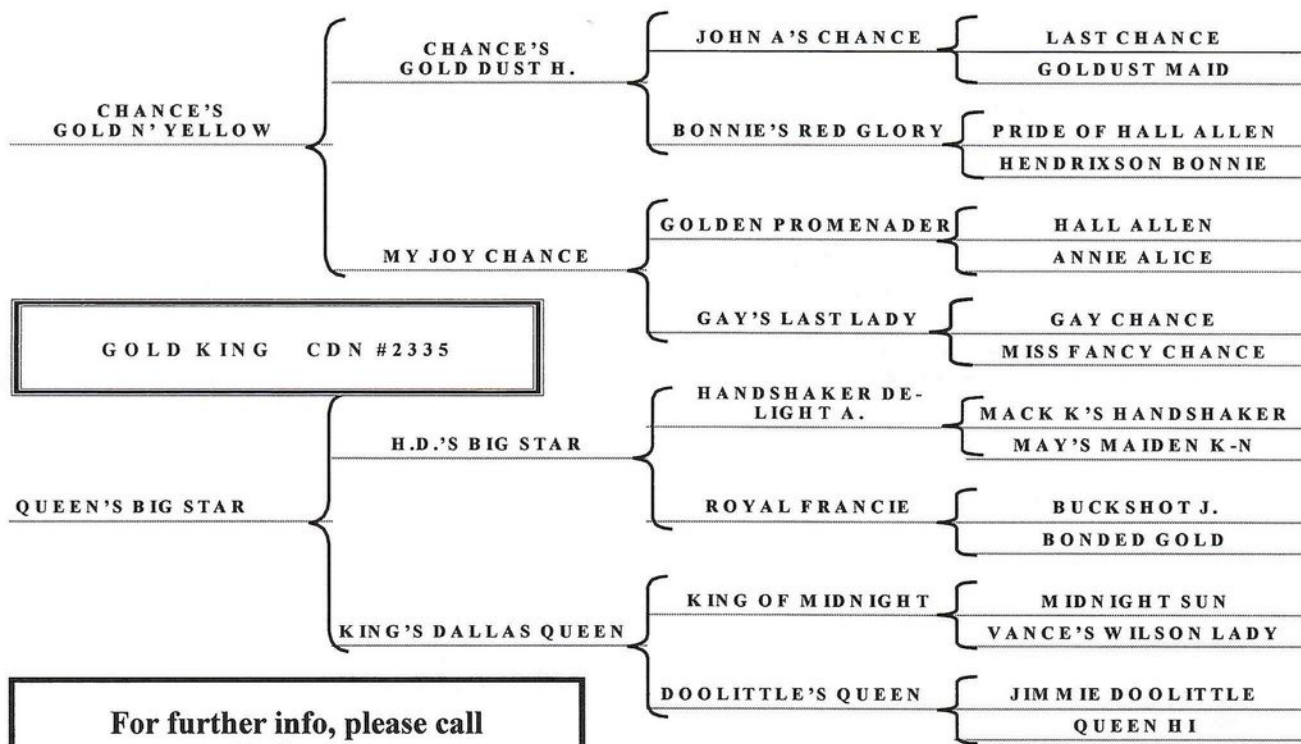
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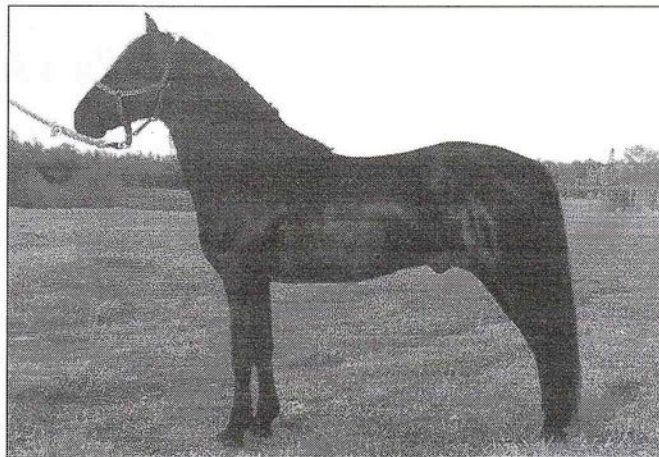
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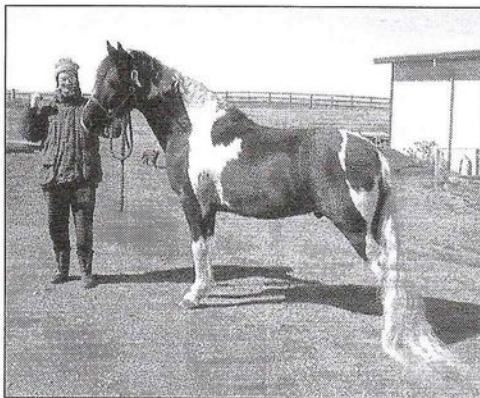
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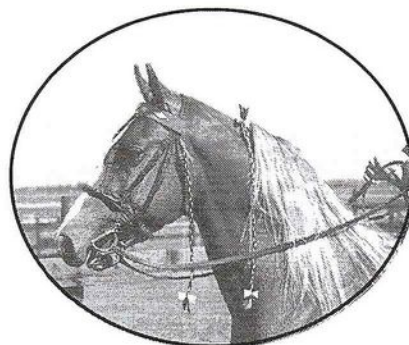
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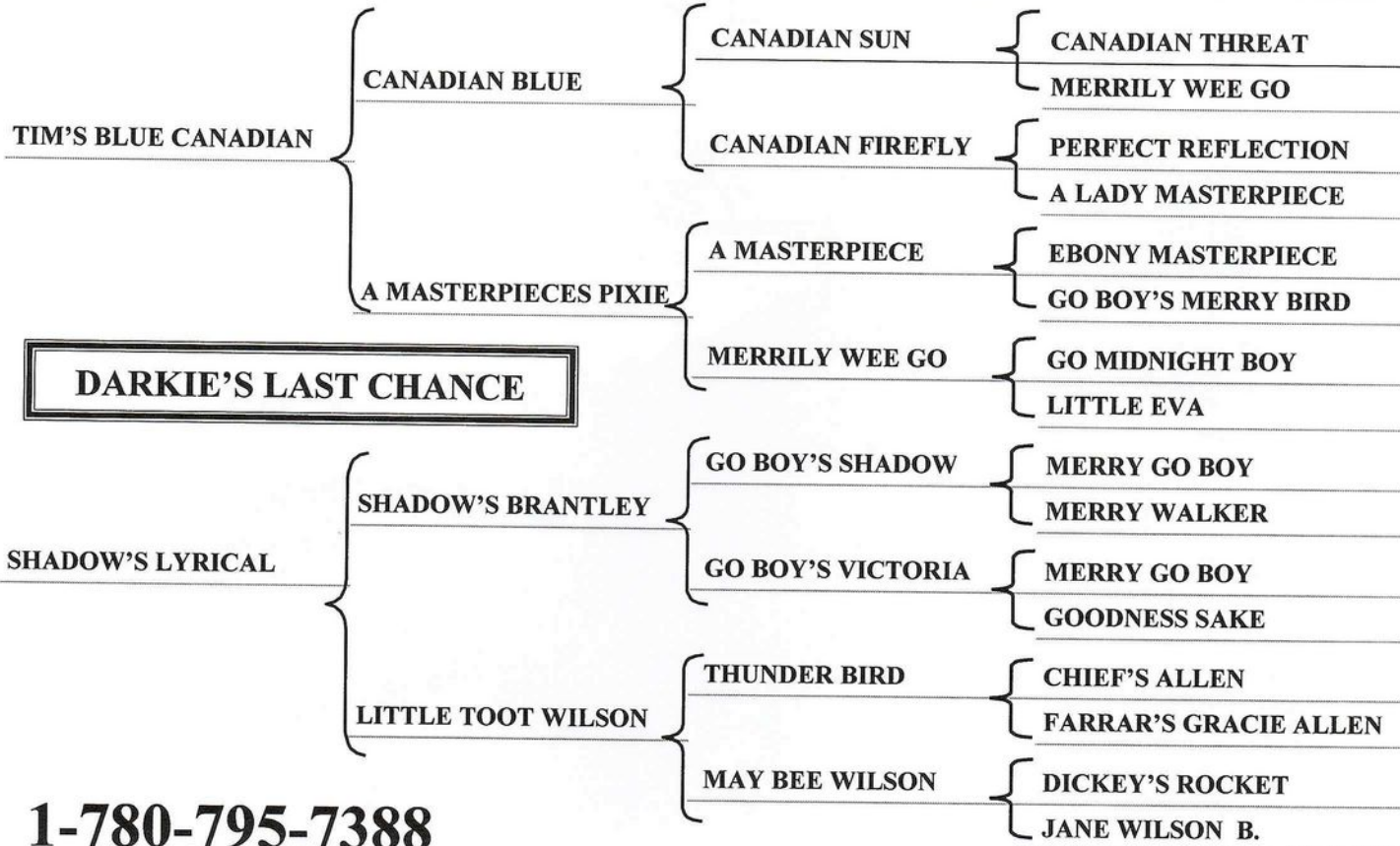
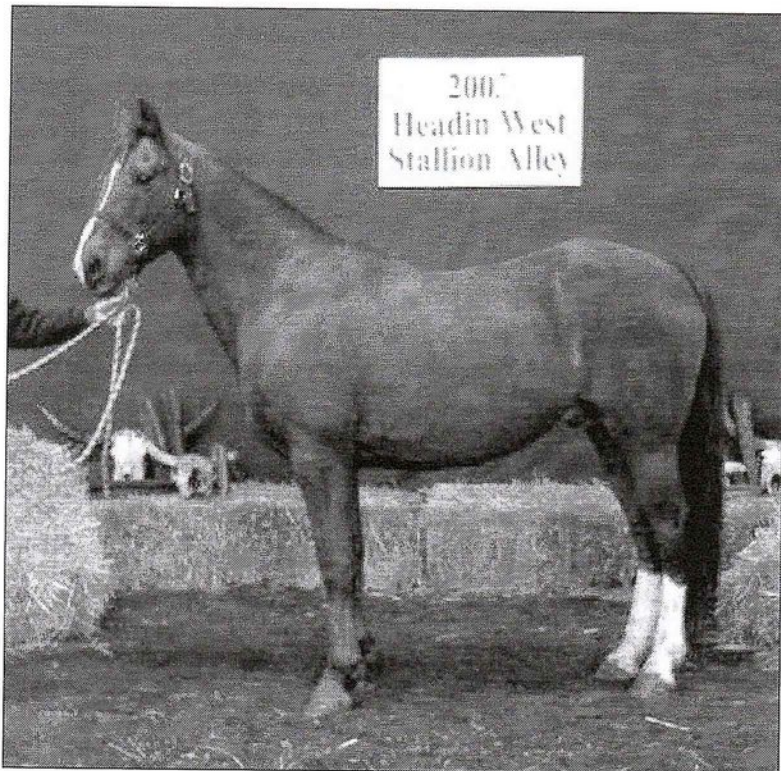
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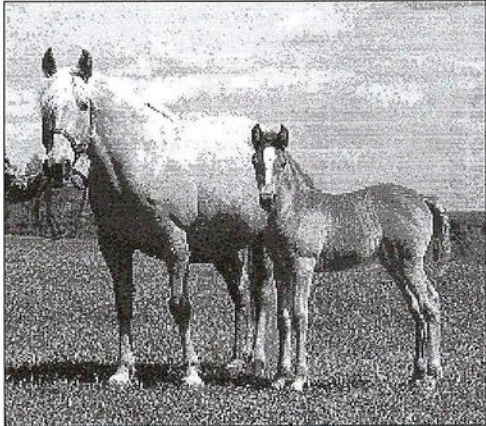
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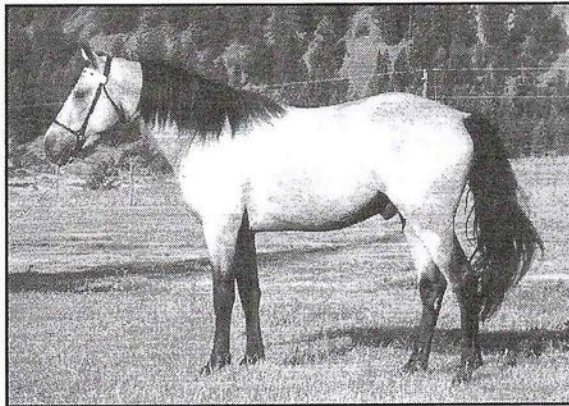
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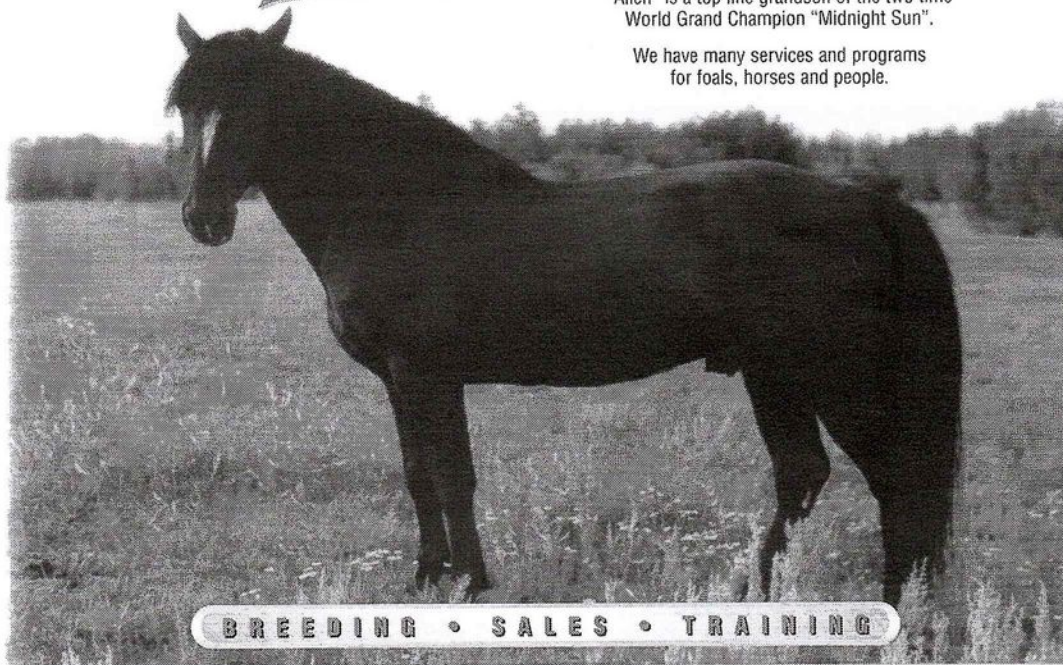
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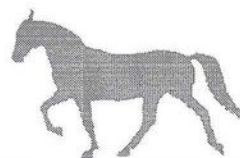
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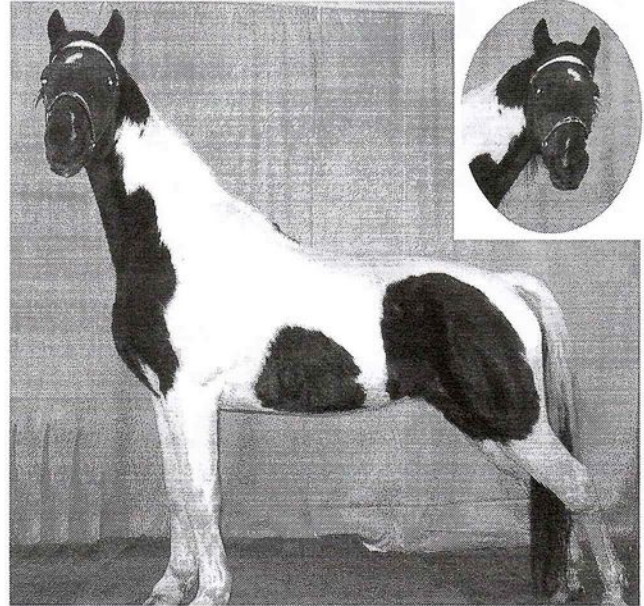
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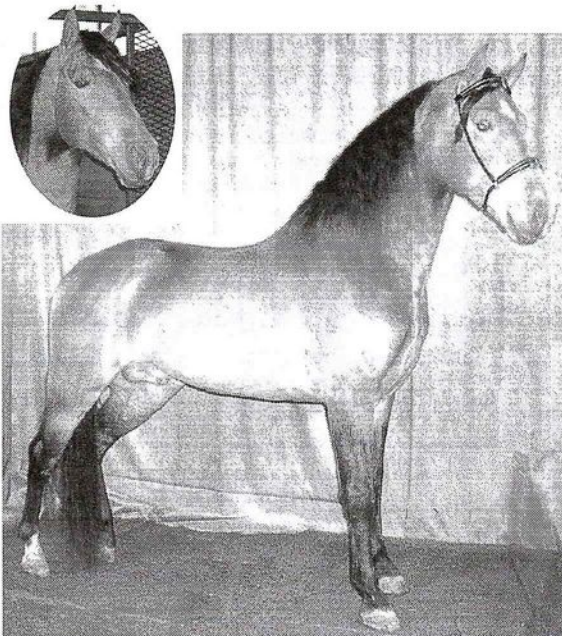
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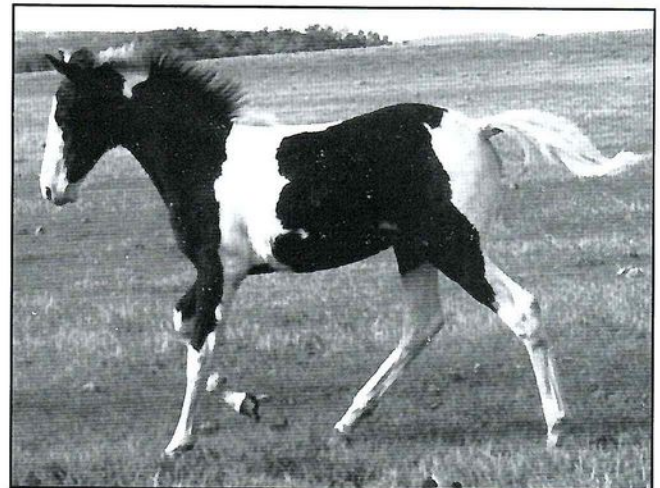
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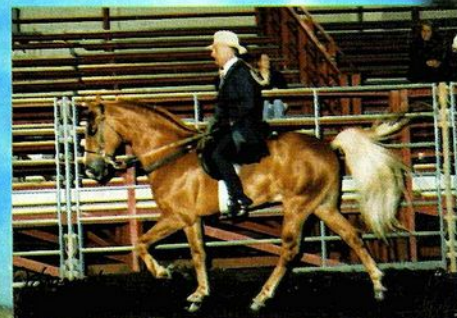
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