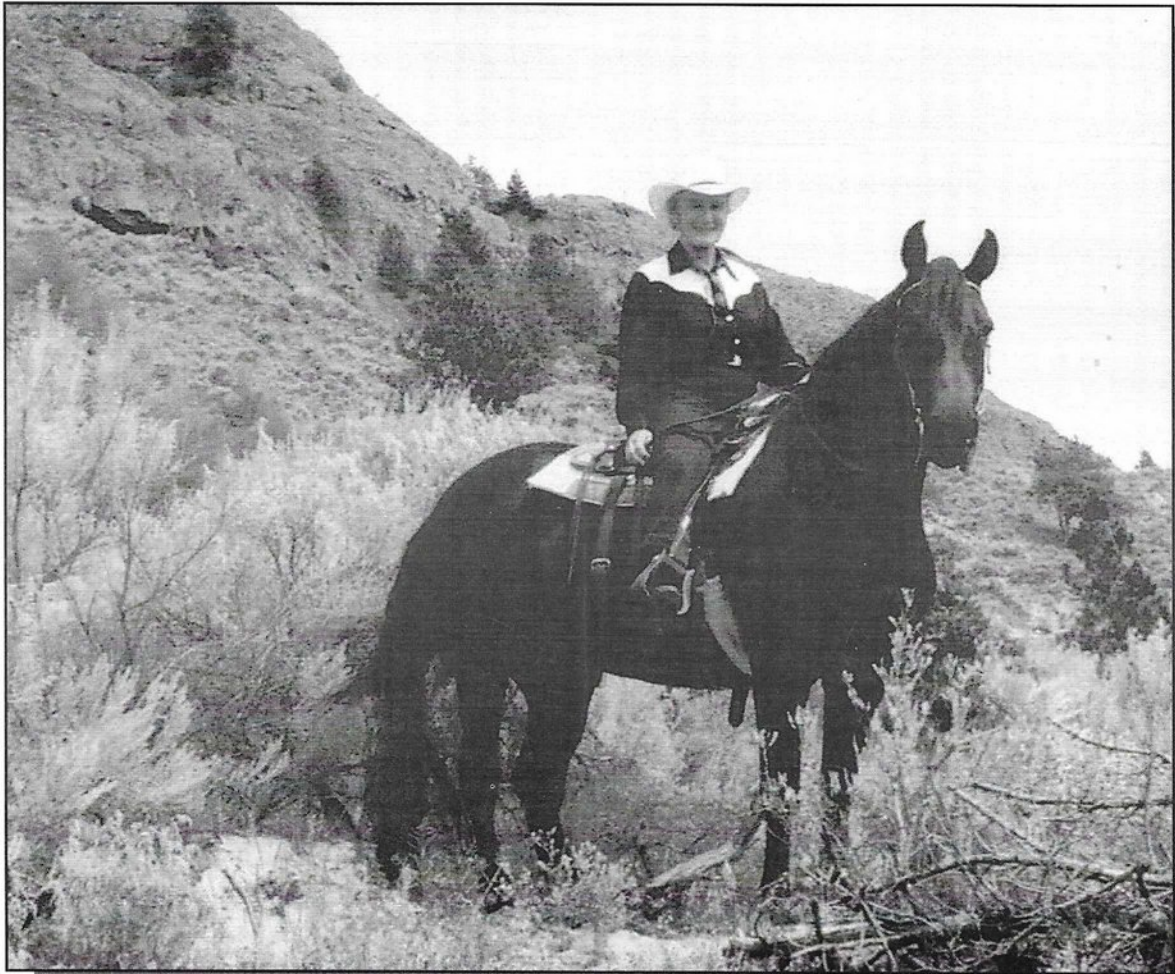


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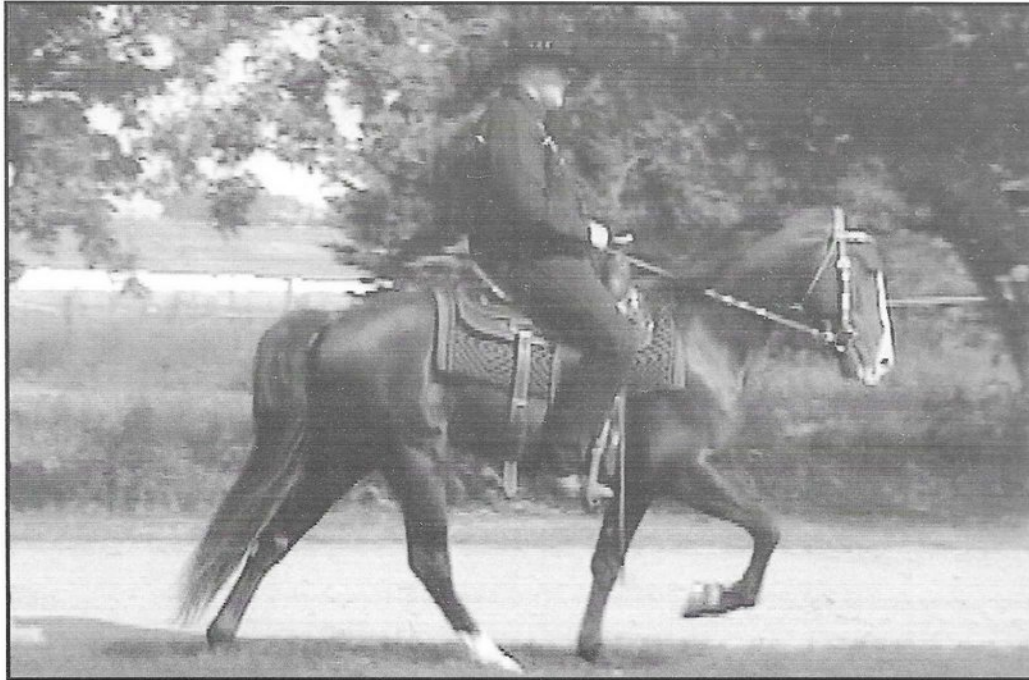
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Dear Subscribers,

Happy New Year! How's your feed holding out?
Has the weather been mild in your area? The good thing
about this time of year is that once we make it through
January, chances are we'll survive the winter.

I hope you enjoy the new ads. We're 'covered'
again, thanks to those who purchased year-long ads for
2004. Thank you all. Also thanks to those whose photos
we chose for the front covers. There are a wide range of
activities pictured, from trail riding to showing to driving.
Keep sending your photos for the Family Album page:
What Do You Do With Your Walkers? as well. Some are
featured in the magazine, some on the website, some on
both. If you haven't visited the website yet, please do. We
have had over 1200 visitors by the end of January, and
it's growing. This is a great chance to advertise your
Walkers internationally - *and in colour* - for a very
reasonable cost. See the special spring offer on page 27.


There have been many complimentary subscriptions
sent in for new Walking Horse owners. I really appreciate
the support of all those of you who have done this. Also
much appreciated are the notes of thanks from so many of
you. It can get lonely here sometimes, with only the
computer for company, so it's nice to know I have a real
live audience out there who like the magazine!

This issue seems to have turned into a Senior Riders
Special Edition, with Gladys Sanders on our cover,
Franne Brandon's 'Foundations' story and, dare I say,
Keith Oberle's mountain adventures? Do you have any
stories to contribute on this theme?

Speaking of stories, I need more for the History &
Heritage section. Should I run the questionnaire, "How I
Got Started with Walkers' again?

Thanks to all contributors. I'll hope to hear from
YOU for next time. (And who will report the first foal of
2004?)

Marjorie



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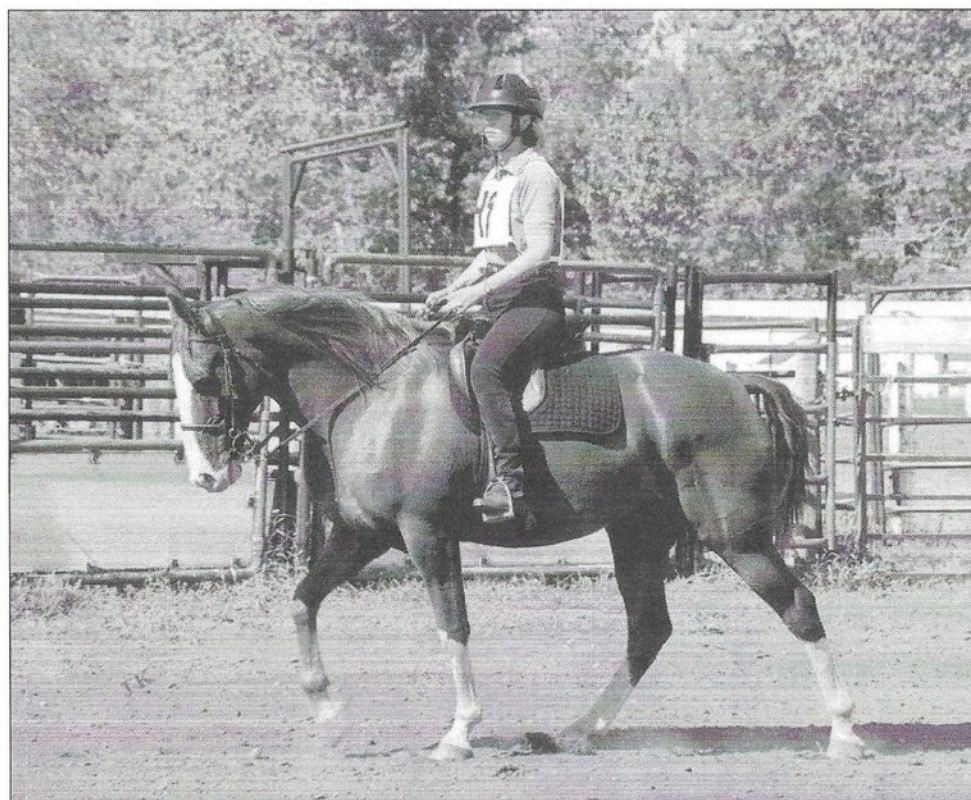
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See pages 17&18
for the AWhA
High Point
Awards.



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BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

From TERRY AND JOE KINCH, "Hello everyone, and Happy New Year to all. We started 2004 with a lot of snow (for Vancouver Island) and not much riding. We had a big freeze before the snow fell and consequently it is pretty dangerous out there. Max and Dusty are slipping around a lot even just walking in their paddocks."

"Joe and I had a great 2003. Our very first grandchild, a girl, arrived in February. And we got the news of the impending birth of our second grandchild in February 2004! My boy Dusty, now 7 years, has realized it is okay to ride with a large group of horses and he doesn't have to get in a frenzy to get to the front of the pack. We rode right through the middle of Qualicum Beach with 32 other riders, and one horse pulling a beautiful two wheeled surrey, with no problems. This was a Toy Ride in early November, sponsored by our Silver Spur Riding Club. The fact that it was mostly all on paved roads was a big achievement for Dusty too, as he usually has trouble negotiating paved roads. He slips a lot, I guess because of his large over-stride, and I am always afraid he is going to do a "Bambi on Ice" routine. Max has had very little experience with road riding and he did very well. We weren't sure how he would take all the traffic, but he handled it like a pro. We were both very proud of him."

"Our other big news is that we had our 1973 Stidham step-up, straight-haul, two-horse trailer completely refurbished. We had had all the underside important mechanical stuff redone when we purchased the trailer in 2000. This year we decided to do some cosmetic work. I have enclosed a photo of what it looks like now. It used to be a burgundy color, which we had sandblasted. We tore out the interior and replaced it with freshly varnished tongue and groove, and light blue upholstered bumper pads (which of course got pooped on the first trip out). We had a spare tire mount welded over the wheels on the passenger side and an aluminum hayrack made and mounted on the roof. Now we can go on longer camping trips into the bush and not have to worry about food for the boys."

"We have had many compliments on the work that was done, but especially on the portraits of the boys on each side under the windows. A good friend of ours is starting a business painting whatever

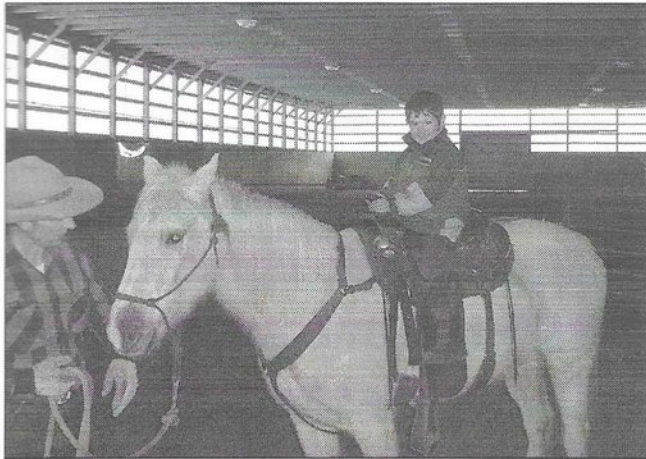
people want on whatever people want. He has done motorcycles, truck tailgates (even a toilet seat lid). The true to life likeness of both Dusty and Max is incredible. We would be happy to give his number and e-mail address to anyone interested."

"We purchased a new 1 Ton dually truck (new to us) in August. Our old half ton couldn't legally manage the load of camper and pulling the trailer with both the boys. We took a trip on Labour Day weekend up to Campbell River with a few other members of Silver Spur to visit the Campbell River Trail Riders' campsite as our inaugural trip with our new unit. Boy, what a facility they have! A huge show ring, (it has to be at least an acre in size) a second large warm-up ring, a round-pen, 10 small holding pens, 40 box stalls with water and lights, all on an 11 acre cleared piece of land surrounded by woods. There are hundreds of miles of trails nearby, approximately 800 meters up a gravel road from the campsite. We took a couple of guided 4 hour rides, stopping halfway at two different lakes for a cooling swim. You don't have to have a guide, but it is always best to have someone along who knows the trails and not spend a lot of time retracing your steps trying to find your way home. We're definitely going back again this year!"

"Before I close off this letter I have to tell everyone about our newest addition to the family. Her name is Talea and she is our Pinto Puppy. She was born in October and when she is old enough, she'll be coming along on our rides. I have also enclosed a photo of her with us all." (See below.)

"I hope everyone has a terrific 2004 and gets out on those trails having fun."





SUSAN AND BILL ROY, GRINDROD, write, "Hope everyone had great holidays. This year we had wonderful holidays. Before Christmas Bill's nephew Clayton and his son came for a visit. When they left, they were the proud new owners of two Walking Horse fillies, Babe and Tara. It was very exciting! Mackenzie, Bill's great nephew, had his first horse ride. (See photo above.) Bill and Clayton had several outings. Clayton found out that the horses Uncle Bill has now are trained a little differently than the ones he rode as a boy. It was great to sell the horses, knowing they were going to a great home, and that Clay was getting horses he knew were trained to an extent that they will be a pleasure to ride and handle and will be as safe as possible. Please send Clay a subscription to *WHN* with our good wishes."

"It has turned cold here the last couple of days and slowed Bill's horse activities down some. He has been working through his Parelli level two. He has been riding Roberta Brebner's stallion, "Tuff". (Tsuniah's Dark Delight.) We will be standing "Tuff" this year, and also training one of Roberta's fillies, while working several other Walkers. Hopefully the freeze won't last too long!"

"Happy New Year, Everyone."

From FAY ZILKOWSKY, KNUTSFORD (24 kms south-west of Kamloops), "After owning several horses that were so rough I got terrible backaches every time I rode, I broke down and got a Walker. Then I got another, and another... Now I have five, and one Belgian mare I rescued from the SPCA."

"I am doing Parelli Natural Horsemanship with all my horses. I have completed Level 1 and am half way through Level 2. The big stumbling block is lead changes!"

"We are really pleased with the horse that Bill Roy started for us. We even got her out in the mountains last summer."

DEBBIE & DAVE SMITH, MAPLE RIDGE, write, "Happy New Year... We have just survived our biggest winter storm in over 8 years. Boy was it cold - and it did cut into my riding time. Had a couple nice rides in the snow, but then the weather turned clear, cold and windy. The horses all took it in stride though. As long as they had lots of water and hay, they were happy. (Chores sure do take longer when you're packing hot water from the house and pulling hay around in a sled.) The foals loved to run and play in the white stuff."

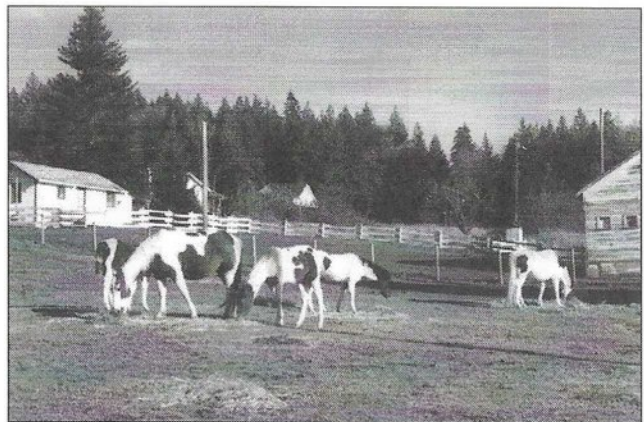
"We hosted 3 or 4 good trail ride/Bar B Qs. in May, June, Aug and Oct. Had great weather for all functions. Had over 40 horses at the Ride BC Day. What a great crowd, and a bunch of gaited horses too."

"Our club held its first Poker Ride and that went very well. It was held the last weekend in Nov. Everyone brought a new unwrapped toy for the Xmas Hamper. We also donated \$450 cash to the Xmas Fund and the winner of the Poker Hand received \$250. All the food was donated and boy! was there a lot of it. We had a good turn out and lots are already asking about next year's ride."

"Another function was our Annual Potluck and Auction. All monies raised go towards trail maintenance and rebuilding. We do have the best trails in the Fraser Valley! Dave was the Auctioneer that evening and all new items are donated. We raised almost \$2200 in one night. That is the best we have ever done."

"We had a lovely visit from some folks from Switzerland. They bred their mare to our stud Victor and wanted to meet him and check out his spotted babies. They sure are excited about the foal due in June.. They are very involved with the European Championship over there and are getting ready to show off their Canadian bred Walkers. They really admire what we do with our Walking horses in this country."

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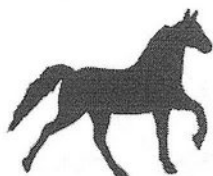
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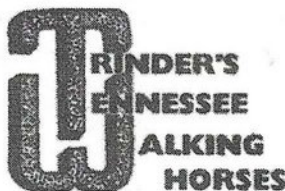


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From NATALIE SPECKMAIER, VANCOUVER, "I know, I know, I promised to tell you all about the Jonathan Field Parelli clinic and the Monty Roberts tour at the PNE, and somehow the time just flew by, and I did neither. Well, here I am to correct that - if only I can remember the details of both events..."

"The Parelli clinic was 'way back in August, which meant we had some lovely weather for the outdoor stuff. Nicole with Diamond, and me with Trigger, were in good company with a large, diverse group of every discipline: experienced riders, novice riders, older riders, and young ones. We went through the 7 Games over the two days, and were marked at the end. As no announcements were made to tell who achieved Level 1, we only knew that we didn't. Some of the things Trigger did very well went unnoticed, and therefore were not marked, and the same was true for Diamond. I don't know if this means we're in what Jonathan calls "Level 1 jail", but since we both audited Level 1 once, and participated with our horses a couple of years ago (the group didn't go beyond ground work, so no marks given), I suspect that to be the case. We can submit a video showing the particular games that were unsuccessful, or not viewed, have a session with Jonathan, and perform the specific tasks, or take Level 1 over again. This will take some thought as to which of the three we will choose. I might add, that during one of the mounted maneuvers, my stirrup brushed the barrel we were passing, and it fell over with a clang after we passed. Trigger shot out from under me, and I landed on my butt in the soft dust. The next day I had a technicolor map of Australia and New Zealand on my chubby cheek."

"On to the Monty Roberts 'From My Hand to Yours' Tour. Nicole and her friend, Bev, and I were generously volunteered by Nicole's friend, Charlene, who didn't join us! I'm sure she had a good reason, and since we had a great time, we didn't mind. It was interesting to observe Monty in action, and to compare his style to that of Pat Parelli, whose 'Success With Horses' Tour Nicole and I had attended in Calgary June 1 & 2. The basics most clinicians employ are those that go back to Tom and Bill Dorrance, Ray Hunt, and other early "horse whisperers", and they are gracious enough to give credit to these great horsemen. The only difference is the style in which the material is presented. Pat Parelli is a great showman, as well as a great horseman, and his wife, Linda, is carving a name for herself in those circles as well. The biggest difference Nicole and I found in the methods used by Pat and Monty was the fact that

most of the demos that Pat did with his horses were at liberty, while Monty tended to use a halter, or a hands-on method of "hooking up". In our view, Pat is the more relaxed of the two, and he and Linda seem to achieve greater fluidity with their horses. To watch Pat ride his stallion at liberty, with another horse at liberty, practically joined at the hip at his side, with both horses doing a beautiful piaff, is truly magical. Both Pat and Monty do the exercise where an unknown, green horse is brought in, gentled, saddled, and ridden, all in the space of about 20 minutes. For non-horse people observing, this generated a lot of jaw dropping, and exclamations. Both did trailer loading, but we gave Pat winning marks as he ends up *riding* into the trailer on that initially "heck-NO-I-won't-load" horse (cautioning, "do not try this at home") and then has the horse going in and out on its own like it had been doing it forever. Also, he uses no side fences to guide the horse in, as Monty does."

"We were certainly fortunate in being able to attend both tours, and to attend the Roberts one for free in return for handing out Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association brochures was certainly worth it. Besides, all the volunteers will get a group picture that was taken with Monty, and in it, Bev is sitting next to him. A great thrill for her, as he is her hero. She left a lovely letter for him letting him know how she admired his gentleness with horses, and with people, and how attending his last tour had helped her gain some insight as she observed him work with a horse named Africa."

"As for My Gal Trigger, she has been living at Dave & Debbie Smith's since the Armand Poirier Memorial ride on October 7th. Nicole rode her in that, and Trigger was the best behaved in a crush of 45 horses (or was it 54?) on the trail. Not saying much for the others! But she did maintain a gorgeous running walk for the entire 1 1/2 hour ride (probably because she wanted to finish first, and get to eat everyone's hay!) The reason she's at Tower Ridge Farm is for various reasons: 1) Nicole put Diamond and Sheera out to pasture at her friend's place. 2) I wasn't comfortable with the prospect of riding there. It's a lovely trail along the dike, with the ocean on one side, a view of the mountains, farms along the way, *but* a multi-use trail with horse-eating bikes, strollers, loose dogs, etc. and Trigger looks for things at which to spook. 2) Nicole needed a break from horse duties, especially at her busiest time of the year in her business. Just in time, as they've been dealing with flood damage in their house, garage, and barn due to two extremely heavy rainstorms, and having to look after horses as well would have been a bit much. 3) With

recent road upgrades at the equestrian entrance to Campbell Valley Park, even Nicole is nervous riding placid Diamond there. 4) Debbie rides Golden Ears Park pretty well every day, and her mission this year was to get me back on the trails. 5) Mission accomplished! We've been out together several times now, and had some great rides. Trigger had a hissy-fit the first time out, snorting and blowing (never done that one before) because the same blond dog that runs to the fence as we ride by, did it again. So rather than get killed, I dismounted and led her through. Once on the trail, she was fine, a regular little Miss Braveheart. *What a bag!*"

"The other rides were without incident, although she loves to find something to scare herself with. I just do a lot of deep breathing, and Debbie and I keep yakking our faces off, which makes for a relaxed ride. 6) Trigger loves the turn-out pasture she gets to share with her new buddies. They're her buddies as long as they don't try and eat HER grass! A few little fights, a lot of ear pinning, and squealing, but they finally got it sorted out, and get along pretty good now. She spent a long time looking for Diamond, and I felt sorry for her not being able to find him. One day Nicole will trailer him over and we'll all go for a ride. I'm sure she'll be happy to see him."

"Speaking of Diamond, Nicole and I were out to see him, and Sheera, today. They sure look good, and fuzzier than I'd ever seen them. Diamond doesn't usually grow a thick coat, but he has quite a nice one now. Does that mean we'll have a severe winter? The mare Nicole sold to her friend, Amin, was in the same paddock with Diamond and Sheera, along with another mare. The paddocks are large, and Amin had shelters built, and will be bringing in sand or road mix to combat the muck problem. Right now the pasture is out of bounds until the holes dug for the geothermal pipes are filled in. They will then, once again, have the run of some 10 acres of pasture, which will keep them happy."

"It is so nice to see the color cover on *WHN*. Great issue, as usual, and what a lovely story that was about Lily with the crooked legs. Just goes to prove the power of love. It's nice to know that there are still people out there who care that much for their animals. Lucky Lily, and isn't she a beauty now? Way to go, Kim & Mike!"

"This is turning into a novel, or at least a short story, so I'll close and wish you all the best in 2004. And the same to all the horse people lucky enough to subscribe to *WHN*! Happy trails to you all"



TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE CLUB IN BC

There is growing talk and interest in the formation of a new Tennessee Walking Horse Club for TWH riders in British Columbia. Many would like to see clinics organized, co-operative advertising put together, and just plain old trail rides with others *whose horses can keep up*. Hopefully, with enough interest, we can organize a club that would benefit all areas of our vast and mountainous province: the coast, the north and the interior. The club would be open to all owners of plain shod TWH regardless of whether or not their horses are registered or to which registry their horses belong.

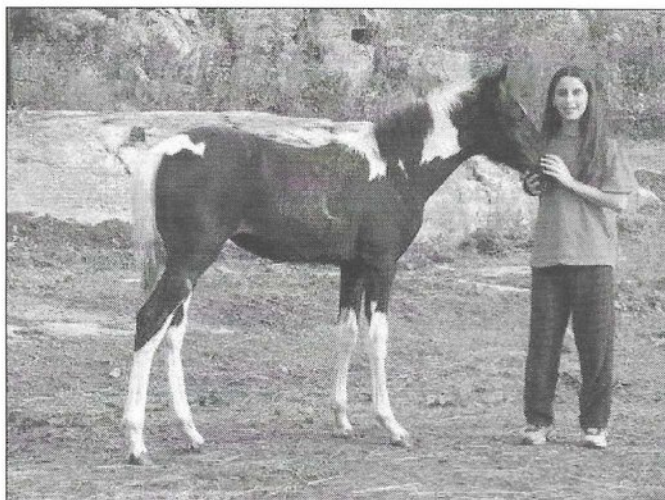
A temporary board of directors will be appointed for the first year until our first Annual General Meeting when all positions will be vacated. We would like to see directors from all three regions and people who have experience in running such a club volunteer for the first board.

If you have any interest in joining such an organization please contact one of the following:

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*Tracker's Kennebec Dream by Tracking On Heir;
Dam: Clemontina's Rhythm. Proudly owned by
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THE STORY OF LILY

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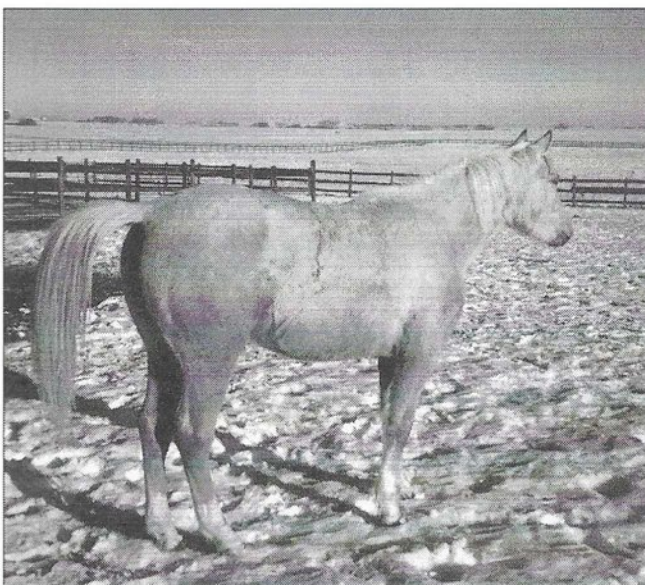
By Bill Salt

Lily left our farm for a few months this spring and summer, so she could be boarded closer to Mike while he both worked, and at the same time, attended university. The daily three hour round trip to Cloudwalker Stables to see the little horse had become too time consuming each day.

Now, Lily is back. Kim and Mike have been able to better schedule their time, and have also been slowly weaning themselves from making daily visits. So, as a result we have Lily back at the stable, along with a young gelding named Dante. As if these two young people didn't have enough responsibility, they decided to rescue another horse.

Each morning at feeding time, I have the privilege of being able to watch these two very active young horses playing in their one acre paddock, and each morning I marvel at the wonder of their being alive and happy. I also marvel at the love, devotion, and determination that got them here.

Lily, at this writing, is 20 months old, is 15:1 hands high, and is a very handsome Palomino filly. (*See below*) She has a slight bend to one front leg, which you wouldn't notice if you were not looking for it. She is well boned and shows no sign of lameness. We have 50 horses on the farm, but none as active as Lily and Dante. While watching the joy they exhibit while playing, one cannot but sense that they know how lucky they are to be alive and well.



We did some work on a septic line and had quite a bit of dirt left over. This excess dirt is piled five feet high at the back of Lily's paddock. Each morning Lily and Dante play King of the Mountain on the dirt pile. Lily climbs to the top of the pile and Dante rushes up to shoulder her off. Then Lily rushes up the slope and shoulders Dante off the pile. This may go on for as much as twenty minutes, then they rush off to play tag, and so goes the day.

Saving Lily and Dante was a great thing to do, but the horses were not the only winners. A lot of the effort expended on Lily has in some ways been of benefit to their owners, Kim and Mike. Certainly not a financial benefit, but it has brought to them an aura of compassion and determination that is a rarity.

In ending the story, I will repeat my Grandfather's observation, "Loving and being responsible for an animal is possibly the greatest developer of human character one can find."

I fully agree.

ALBERTA NEWS

From Brian Newton, Drumheller, "My daughter Mandy has spent most of the fall down at Enchanted Gait Stables training with Craig Swagarty and has just returned home to begin the process of training six horses for us. She's a natural horse person and working with a world class trainer has helped but I can't believe what she's getting out of the young horses that she's working with. You'll all see her efforts in the show ring this summer, and all I can say is, "Watch out!" She's picked and incorporated many new techniques to get the best out of our horses naturally."

"I find it really interesting listening to some of the stories that she came home with. Did you know that most of the trainers in U.S. don't think that we have any horses in Canada that are great horses? Mandy shared some of the pedigrees of some of the home grown horses and the U.S. trainers were impressed and wondered why they hadn't heard of these horse before and why we didn't promote more into the U.S. I think that with proper training many of our horses could do amazingly well in the show ring in the U.S. using natural training methods. Mandy is just starting out but if you have a horse that you'd like finished, I believe that she has the ability to bring the best out of your horse for a reasonable price."

ALBERTA NEWS

FROM JOHN DAKERS & JILL BERTIN, OKOTOKS, "Hi! Would you please send a subscription to *Walking Horse News* to our neighbours, Pat & Virginia Ronald of Okotoks, AB who have become first-time owners of two Tennessee Walker weanling colts. These two sorrels are descendants of Tramp's T-Bone Walker, from the breeding program at the farm of Winston & Donna Curtis in Rimbey. Pat & Virginia were looking to replace their aging Arabs and were convinced to make the move to Walkers after watching our horses on the trails in Kananaskis. Welcome to the world of Walkers, Pat & Virginia."

From ARIANNE BAKER, MEDICINE HAT, "It's been quite a year for us. We paid off our mortgage in June, which gave us the encouragement to look for larger quarters. It only took three months to find something suitable, but when we tried to motivate our agent he had a 'sure sale' for our place – for a third of its worth! We decided that by the time we changed agents and got things back on track, we'd end up moving in December, so decided to wait until spring."

"Unfortunately life has a way of changing agendas without consulting you. Ralph has suffered from really severe migraines for the past four years. The last years have been worse, and since April he's been sick more than he's been well. At the end of September he was finally referred to Calgary, where he had an MRI and within four hours they'd found the cause. The good news is that at least it's something that we can live with; the bad news is that he could lose his hearing at any time, and he loses his balance without warning. As a result, we decided to stay where we are because at least it's paid for. However, I have to cut back seriously on the horse herd so that I can be sure I'll be able to manage on my own at any point. I am enclosing an ad for some of my 'babies' that I need to go to good homes."

"To add insult to injury we got another virus in our computer that actually 'ate' our hard drive. I hope we'll be back on-line by Christmas..."

J. GLENN ROBINSON, CALGARY, writes, "Please send a *WHN* subscription to Don Morse of Millarville with my compliments. Don is a first-time TWH owner after purchasing Panache of Gold from the G2 ranch in November. Good luck to Don with this fine 3 year old gelding. Can you start his subscription with the November/December issue?"

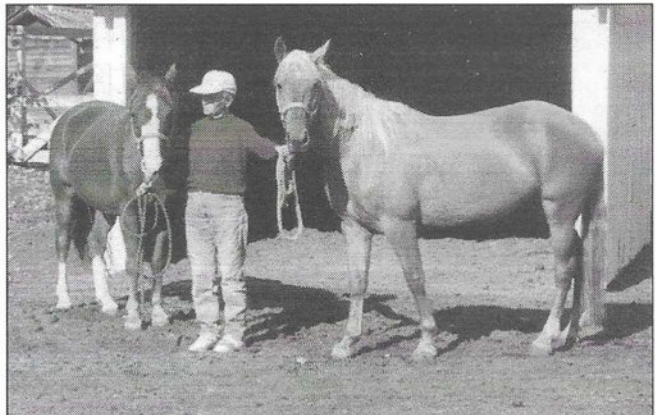
BILL HOWES, STONY PLAIN, writes, "I was interested to see Levangie's bay on the cover of the Sept-Oct. issue of *WHN*. That horse, Jackson's First Prize, was Christa Michailuck's 16th birthday present from Janet & me. I believe it is close to 16 years ago. 'Ace' as he is now known, was out of Ellwood Smith's old mare Zepher's Third Lady S #754254, which we owned prior to selling to Eldon Eadie. His sire was Shadow's Jack Diamond."

From TED BUTLER, AIRDRIE, "Hello to *WHN*. It's been a long time since I have written to the *News* But I, like most, need an event to happen for a reason to sit down and write in. Yes, the Walking Horses – raising, training and breeding are still my hobby, and yes, Myrt is still doing her art work: glass sculpting, this time."

"But I really wanted to let *WHN* know that I have sold Midnight Toddy's Last Son (but that's not his name.) He is Caesar's Midnight Paragon and he has gone to the Charles family in DeWinton, Alberta. I had lots of interest in this magnificent stallion, but I guess that good things really do come to those who wait."

"Caesar's Midnight Paragon is the Charles' family's first Walking Horse and after checking out numerous stables, Blane and Lee Charles chose Caesar. Don't be surprised to see their name some year on the Canadian Futurity Program. Congratulations to Blane and family, and a big thank-you to all who showed interest in Caesar. Please send the Charles family a subscription to the *WHN* with the Butler family's compliments."

From MARJORIE LACY, UPHILL FARM, EDSON, "A big 'Thank-you' to Jean & Leonard Dahle of Clearwater, B.C. who trailered my two horses, Uphill Penny By Chance & Uphill Indian Drum, back home after they had been in training with Bill Roy at Grindrod. Here they are, enroute, with Jean."



NEIL ADAMS, ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, writes, "2003 was a very busy year for us, not leaving much time for riding - but I guess if you don't make time, you miss out."

"We were fortunate enough to be able to acquire an excellent new stallion, "Gen's Terminator" through Pete and Berta Knight. He is a black direct son of Pride's Generator. He is so easy to handle that you could forget he's a stud. He sure is exciting to ride. The only way to describe him is "Elegance in Motion". "

"We also added another good mare to our herd from Chapmans of Stettler."

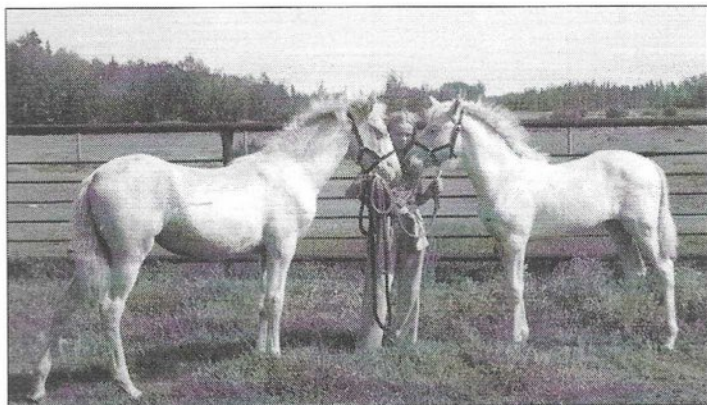
"We sold two weanling fillies and a six year old gelding to Dawn Hanson of Bearberry, and also sold a good yearling filly to Dennis Niedermoser of Rocky Mountain House, to add to his band of fine young mares. Dennis returned in January and purchased "Generator Top To Bottom". 'Topper' is a two year old black stallion with a big stride and a powerful build, line-bred to Pride's Generator. I am sure that Dennis will be very happy with the group of horses that he has put together."

"Our thanks to Dawn and to Dennis for their business. We wish them success with their purchases."

"Keep us in mind if anyone needs a stop-over spot when traveling to or from B.C. or traveling on Highway 22. We are located on these routes and are only a few miles from Rocky."

ARLENE BOLES, THREE HILLS, writes, "I really enjoy reading the *Walking Horse News*. There are lots of good tips. There is so much to learn that it's hard to learn everything at once. I find all the articles interesting. Thanks for a great magazine."

From HELEN PAWLUK, CHAMPION RAINBOW WALKERS, ATHABASCA, "*The filly on the left is from my stallion, Champion's Gold, and the one on the right is a filly from Cathy Martinoff's stallion, Chance's Liberty Spirit. The body types are like comparing Midnight Sun and Merry Go Boy, and yes, both are very well gaited.*"



2004 HORSE BREEDERS & OWNERS CONFERENCE

The organizing committee for the 2004 Horse Breeders & Owners Conference held in Red Deer, Alberta is pleased to announce that the conference was host to over 750 attendees and speakers from across North America.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the Saturday evening program, which was sponsored by Horse Racing Alberta. The program commenced with the presentation of the annual Distinguished Service award to Bruce Roy of Cremona. This award was in recognition of Bruce's significant contributions towards the continued development of the heavy horse industry within Alberta. The Alberta Horse Industry Distinguished Service Award was first presented at the 2000 Horse Industry Conference to Bill Collins. Since then the outstanding recipients have included: 2001 – Marg and Ron Southern; 2002 – Hans Hansma; 2003 – Joe Sellinger.

The 2004 conference benefited from the support of 57 sponsors who represented a broad spectrum of the equestrian industry and came from across Canada. Each sponsor received a booth space during the conference in which to display their products, programs, and expertise. It is through the support of these sponsors that the conference is able to annually bring internationally recognized speakers to Alberta. This year the program included 18 speakers on a variety of topics from the "backcountry to the arena" and from the "farm to the laboratory".

The 2005 conference will be held January 7-9 in Red Deer. Two of the speakers already confirmed for the program include: Dr. Dirk Vandewall from the University of Idaho who was a member of the team involved in the cloning of a mule; Dr. Rhonda Rathgaber an equine practitioner who will be speaking of the use of acupuncture and the equine.

To be included on the mailing list please contact the Horse Industry Association of Alberta at (403) 948-8521 or via e-mail at horseind@spots.ca.

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The award will be provided to the nominee that has had the greatest impact in the growth and development of the horse industry in Alberta in one or more of the following areas: breeding, manufacturing, facilities, organization, education, auction sales, export sales, training people and horses or communication.

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A 'WALK' IN THE PARK

*Being Part I of the Chronicles of an 8-day pack trip through Banff National Park
August, 2003*

By Keith Oberle

Once more my German friend Gerhard (Gerd) talked me into a Rocky Mountain pack trip! I must confess that it did not take a lot of talking. After seeing some of the country he introduced me to the last time he was here (reported in *WHN* in 2001) I was certainly interested to see where else he would take me. Isn't it ironic that Gerd has seen more of certain parts of my country than I have! Due to government red tape I have almost entirely avoided the National Parks in my years of trail riding. I must admit, however, that the most spectacular scenery I have ever seen is to be found inside the Park boundaries. Gerd used to outfit almost exclusively in Banff National Park. It has been a few years for him, and he is always keen to return. So, plans were made for a journey starting at the end of July.

This year's coterie consisted of Patricia and Ulf, a married couple who own several TWH, Uwe, a horse broker who imports horses from South America and Spain into Germany, Gerd, and Mel, my buddy from Strathmore, AB. (I have some pictures of Mel taking an unscheduled swim in the Red Deer River that I could probably extract a ransom for, but more about that later.)

It is difficult for me to condition the large number of horses needed for a trip such as this. Mel brought his own two and I borrowed four pack horses from Steve Sutherland of Cochrane, AB. I had sold them all to Steve in years past and he likes me to use them as it helps keep them in condition for him, too. Steve spent some time working his horses to help out. I also borrowed a saddle horse, Diamond Jim, from my daughter, Elise Harlick. (Diamond Jim now resides in Rhode Island, USA). We were all mounted on Tennessee Walking Horses. Some of the pack horses were Walkers, too. They did not disappoint.

For a warm-up and to introduce everyone to their mounts, we took a short day ride west of the Bar C Cattle Co. into forestry reserve land near the Waiporous river. It was a beautiful day for a ride. Of course, there was no shortage of good riding days this summer (if you don't count smoke in the air). This is a very pretty ride and has a couple of good hills to climb. The horses enjoyed the rest at the end.

Our pack journey began at the Ya Ha Tin Da Ranch camp ground. We drove there in the afternoon and unloaded the horses and equipment, then drove the trucks to the Panther River trail head where we planned to end up in eight days. My wife, Kathy, met Mel and me there and took us back to the campground before returning to Cochrane. She had some interesting times on the way home, with three flat tires all within a few minutes of each other, and late at night - but that is another story. Of course, I did not know about this, nor about the closing of the whole Panther- Red Deer region because of forest fires, until we returned. We camped at the Ya Ha Tin Da campground for the night, planning an early start the next day.

The first day of horse travel carried us across the Ya Ha Tin Da ranch lands to the boundary of Banff National Park, and beyond. At the boundary, there is a guest ranch where we stopped for a visit. Gerd had lost some horses in the park years ago, and Tim Barton, the proprietor of the guest ranch, had helped him locate them. It was a blisteringly hot day, and a cool glass of juice was very welcome. This is a popular stopping place for passers-by. The only access is by horse. The ranch brings out its guests and supplies by mule wagon. Coffee is always free! The horses appreciated the break, I think.

One of the considerations when travelling in the National Parks is the itinerary. The trip must be booked in advance and approved by Parks Canada. Each camping spot for each night is reserved. Travellers are expected to make the designated spot by nightfall or face the wrath of the park wardens. Parks Canada charges fees for park access, more for back country access, for camping, and for grazing, and the fees are now becoming considerable. Total fees for this journey of seven nights, 6 people, 10 horses, were close to \$300. We were the last party to get access at those prices, too. Many of the fees were doubled shortly after I made our reservations. The same trip next year would likely cost close to \$500.

Our chosen camp spot for the first night is known as Scotch Camp. Believe it or not, it rained that night! A short violent thunder storm, just as we

were setting up camp. We received a visit that night from Tim, our host of a few hours previous. He owns Walkers, too, and they needed a workout. Tim rode most of the way in the downpour. He even brought his own coffee! Pasture was quite good, and the horses that were turned out got a reasonable feed. They enjoyed the rest.

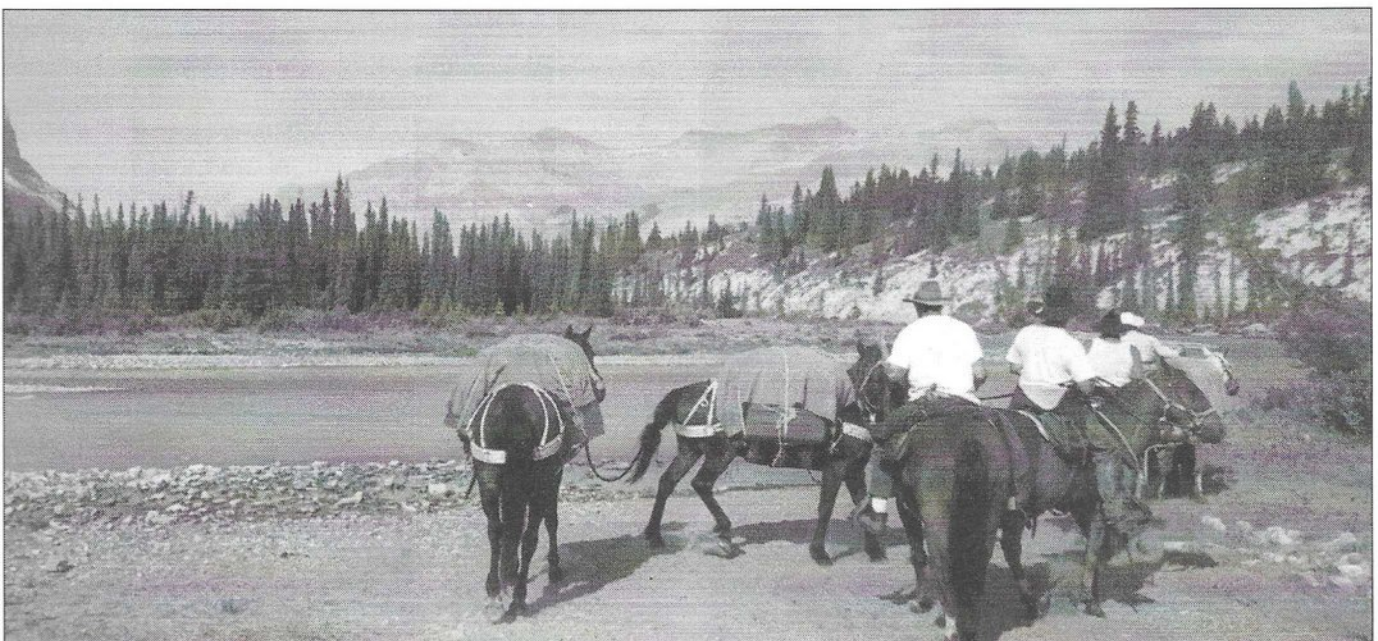
The second day took us near the headwaters of the Red Deer River. It was uneventful until we had to make a crossing of the Red Deer just a few hundred metres short of our destination, Drummond Creek. The Red Deer is glacier-fed. The day had been so hot that the river was swollen and muddy. We could not see where best to cross it. Gerd and Mel volunteered to try. They started across, more or less side-by-side. Gerd made it, barely, but the current caught Mel and took him down stream. In trying to get up the bank, his horse floundered and caught her foot through her lead rope which was tied from the halter up to the saddle horn. This pulled her head down under water. Mel, who does not swim, by this time was in the water, too, and was trying to keep the mare's head up while keeping his own head above water! Fortunately for both, the deep pool was not large and the current carried them to better footing. Just because the day was hot does not mean that the water was! Mel became hypothermic to the point of not being coherent. Mel - unable to talk. That was a first! Mel and Gerd found a way back to join us. That ended our attempts to cross that evening. I was certain that with the cool night, water levels would subside and we would be able to cross without difficulty in the morning. We started a small fire (a total fire ban was put in place the day we left but under the circumstances we chanced it) to get

Mel warmed up and back in the land of the living. I have a picture of Mel wearing not much but my chaps and jacket, as he had gotten out of his own wet ones and I quickly donated some of mine. (I think I should put the picture up on my web site.) Other than a raging headache, Mel suffered no ill effects. He was soon talking non-stop again. Pasture could have been better, but by this point the horses were tired anyway, and enjoyed the rest.

The first two days the trails were *made* for Tennessee Walking Horses! We travelled about 60 km in those two days. No major hills, no rivers to cross until we reached the Red Deer. On day three things got more interesting. As mentioned, I had expected the river to recede overnight. The warm chinook winds that blew all night almost wrecked that notion. However, the river did drop and was clear enough to see a safe route across it. We crossed without difficulty. Shortly after, the hills started. Our destination was Baker Creek equestrian camp, but we wanted to visit Skoki Lodge first, then had to climb Deception Pass.

I mentioned previously that a total fire ban was in effect - several thousand dollars fine for ignoring it. We had packed a propane stove and propane, but had grossly underestimated the rate of consumption - either that, or we had a leaking valve. We ran out of propane that third morning, barely getting breakfast out of the way. No propane, no fires, and five more days to go! Our only hope was to be able to buy propane at Skoki Lodge...

(To be concluded next issue.)



ONTARIO NEWS

From RACHEL HILL, FORT FRANCES, "Hello WHN! 2003 was a good year for me. Once again in August Carol Hall from Calgary came out and held a three day clinic. I think she took a record number of horses this time and certainly gave us a good bang for the buck. Thank you, Carol!"

"We had a great season of good riding weather, limited bugs and hopefully enough hay for the winter. There was a lot of hay to be had this year but farmers are not readily parting with it because of the uncertainty of the dreaded Mad Cow. Gosh, I do hope farmers get a break soon."

"I am excited to report that I have purchased NFF My Echo's Foxy Lady from Diane Sczepanski of Northern Foundation Farms, Whitehall, WI, a beautiful chestnut sabino filly. This fine little filly is by Diane's wonderful stallion Echo's Star Gray and out of a Red Bud Rascal Mare, Rascal's Favourite Lady. I just can't believe how laid back this young thing is. Diane had only recently weaned her and she travelled all the way home just fine. Nothing seems to bother Foxy, and she just loves people. I am sure part of it is due to her great foundation breeding and the wonderful dispositions of both her dam and sire, but I also think a lot of it has to do with the work Diane commits to her weanlings. Part of the reason I settled on Diane's program was the package she offered with her babies. She starts them off with a good ground program getting them halter broke, used to obstacles such as ramps, poles, barrels, and tarps. She has them all used to a pony saddle on their backs, loading in trailers, and having their feet handled. They are led and handled on a daily basis and it shows. But above all, it was obvious Diane poured her heart into the raising of these babies. Walking amongst her many horses in the field I could have brought any one of them home, they were all beautiful. I know I will enjoy having Foxy."

"My other two are doing great as well. My three year old gelding (Dakota Ransom) is turning out to be a great horse. I put quite a few miles on him this summer and he readily accepted the trails. I am eager to get back into showing and have planned to take Ransom in the Early Bird Show in Minnesota. As well I am thinking about a competitive trail ride in June which will be held at Bird's Hill, MB. He is just such a go-getter I think he will like the excitement of both. I see a lot of his dam (Just So Much Pride) in him. She is owned by Denise Ham of Dorion. Denise has done wonders with this mare; she truly is the definition of versatility. I guess I have

some of those expectations with Ransom."

"Midnight's Merry Dan (Ebony) is also doing well. He is a great spare, goes along with just about anyone who rides him, a quality that is invaluable. Last summer I dabbled in some fun shows with him and some of the games were hilarious. His conformation and long stride does not lend well to tight, quick turns but he was like a locomotive coming home. Hard to stop once the momentum began."

"Keep up the good work with WHN. I have only one complaint - that it's not a monthly publication! Any chance of that happening?"

From CATHY and HENRY GRIXTI, GORES LANDING, "We recently moved from the Peterborough area to Gores Landing, just north of Cobourg in Ontario. Our first introduction to TWH was 15 years ago when my mom purchased a registered TWH gelding, whom she still has today. She had given up riding due to neck and back problems. Then we heard how smooth TWH were to ride and we started our search. At that time there were not very many gaited horses in Ontario and back then we didn't have the internet so finding one was much harder to do than it is today. An ad in the Toronto Star caught my husband's attention and that is how we found Beau and the road to gaited horses."

"We have done a little breeding, raising foals and boarding but now we have cut down to three registered Walkers, although I am entertaining the thought of selling one of my mares. I have a black chestnut sabino, Misty, and a black, Mira. My husband has a B&W spotted gelding named Harley. We enjoy trail riding and spend our summer weekends riding at the Ganaraska Forest. We live about a five minute drive to the Northumberland Forest and hope to check out the trails there this coming summer. Who knows - we may find a new favourite place to ride!"

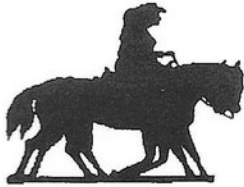
LORI BOLDRICK, writes, "Just a note to say 'Thanks' to Drew Ferguson of Thomasburg, ON for buying Tracker's Kennebec Beauty from me. I would like to send Drew a subscription to *Walking Horse News* with my compliments."

YOU HAVE TO STAY IN SHAPE...

My grandmother started riding her Walker ten miles a day when she retired at 60.

She's 97 now -

and we have *no idea* where she is.



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THE RIDING TREE:

CO-ORDINATION OF THE AIDS

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

As we move up the riding tree, we learn to relax on the horse, stay balanced and follow the horse's motion. As we continue to develop our ability to communicate more clearly with the horse, we learn to apply the pressures of weight (seat), leg, and rein aids to communicate to the horse the shape we would like him to take.

When we first begin using these aids, we are aware of applying them one at a time. Then we mentally group them into "recipes" or "formulas" for particular shapes. We even illustrate these groups of aids as pictograms to help us remember which pressures create which shapes.

When we do these diagrams, however, we start to notice a paradox. We use the same group of aids to ask the horse to do different things. Mechanically speaking, for example, we use the same set of aids to ask the horse to move on a circle, turn in a corner, do a leg yield or do a turn on the forehand.

Communicating to the horse involves much more than just a mechanical application of a specific set of aids. That's the beginning, but if riders want to progress up the riding tree from merely *applying* the aids to *coordinating* them, they have to do more than just use their aids in an "on" or "off" mode. Coordinating the aids means applying the right aids in the right sequence with the right degree of pressure and with the right timing. Developing a feel for this coordination requires some additional skills.

First, riders need to be able to apply the correct aids without having to stop and think about exactly which ones to use in each situation. They have to develop muscle memory of the shape their body assumes which, in turn, creates the aid pressures that shape the horse if he correctly moves in the direction those pressures indicate. Their application of the aids has to go on autopilot.

Second, riders need to have an independent seat. They can't be gripping with their legs or hanging onto the reins to keep their balance. They have to be aware of each of their individual

body parts, each of their joints, and be able to use each one independently of the others. They need to be aware of where their body is in space, whether they are perfectly balanced over their horse or whether they have started leaning left or right or forward or back.

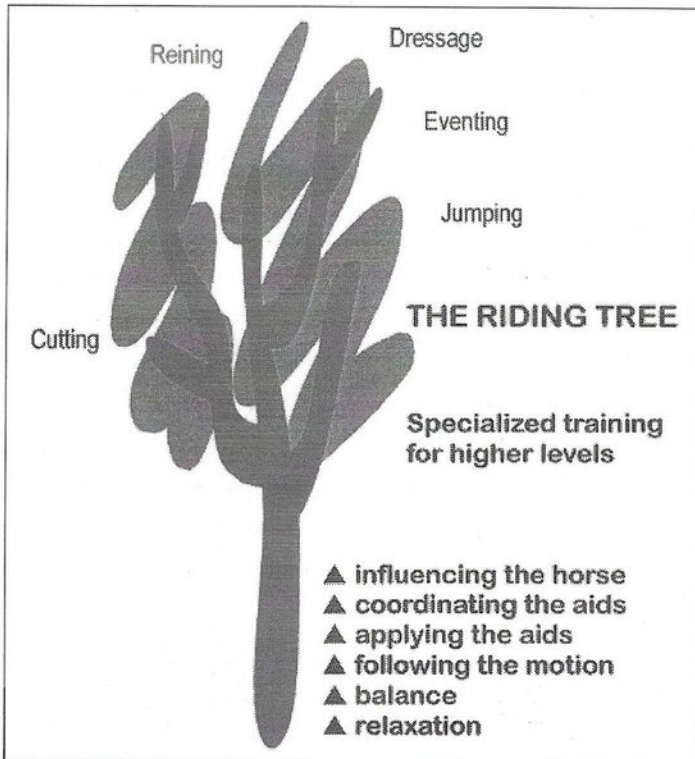
Third, riders must learn to apply the aids with different degrees of pressure. They won't be able to do this if they do not have an independent seat and body awareness. The degree of pressure may vary depending on the horse's understanding of the aids, the horse's willingness to pay attention to the aids at that particular moment in time, and the specific question that the rider is asking at the moment.

Fourth, riders must learn to apply the aids at the correct time in the sequence of footfalls at various gaits to get the result they want. It's easy to see what the horse's front legs are doing but it takes time to develop a feel for what the horse's hind legs are doing underneath you.

In the beginning, the horse is the rider's best teacher because when the rider asks, the horse always answers. The rider interprets the horse's response and judges the effectiveness of his or her aids. For example, if the rider asks for a left lead canter and the horse just trots off faster, the rider needs to figure out what went wrong in the choice of aids, the sequencing of the aids, the degree of pressure or the timing. Then the rider tries once again to coordinate the aids correctly and, once more, interprets the feedback.

Riders need to work on many different types of horses in order to develop the skills they need to coordinate their aids. If a rider doesn't ask with sufficient precision, a forgiving Goldie Oldie may give them a canter in response to aids that would only confuse and fluster a young horse. Horses with different personalities will respond differently to varying degrees of pressure or accuracy. Each horse can teach the rider an important lesson.

Working with someone on the ground who can



describe what the horse's feet are doing until you can accurately feel it with your seat can be helpful in developing a feel for timing. We also videotape our students regularly. Studying their tapes, they can critique the co-ordination of their aids and the results they are getting.

As riders progress, it becomes critical for them to develop feel, interpret results, and judge the effectiveness of their communication with the horse. They have to do this while staying relaxed, in balance, and following the horse's motion. Only then will they be capable of riding a horse in a way that influences and trains it. Just keep riding.

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IN MY OPINION

Attitude Change Needed by Linda Block

In regard to Eldon Eadie's article on the gait (or lack of gait) of the Tennessee Walker, he only need look to the show ring for an answer. For the first time this fall, I not only attended, but also worked at the Futurity in Olds, and I was very disturbed and disgusted by what I heard. The judging of the Walker is ludicrous to say the least.

The judges do not really care what gait is being performed as long as it is "consistent". The horse can stepping pace, fox trot, rack or even mule amble for all they care, "as long as it's consistent." A horse that run walks, no matter how beautifully, if it breaks gait for any reason, will not place. As far as I can see this practice does nothing to encourage breeders to breed for a strong running walk - because they do not need to run walk to place in the show ring, just be "consistent". The only way the gait will become more important, is to change the **attitude of those in the show ring, showing and judging.**

CRTWH NEWS & NOTES

The Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse will hold its annual general meeting on April 24, 2004. For further information: Secretary 780-672-3023 / secretary@crtwh.ca or President at jlrempel@telusplanet.net / 780-696-2105

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**Don't forget:
As of February 1st,
all DNA fees are \$75.**

Thoughts on the
AWHA
HIGH POINT AWARDS

By 'Tennessee Ron' Smith



Happy New Year!

This time of year is great - No shows to get ready for or trail rides to pack up for - and the horses are out for the winter. I can sleep in until seven and the sun is down at five so I am not tempted to ride until eleven at night as happens all summer. I have no points to record and until Marj emailed about year-end results, I wasn't thinking about what to do with each horse for 2004. But that does get me thinking...

I keep the show records for all the horses in the Alberta Walking Horse Association and have a bit of insight into the show business, gait and breeding. Last year there were over fifty horses that competed for prizes. I would like to congratulate all those who took the time to compete. They understand the purpose of the competitions - to identify superior quality horses and to have a little fun along the way. Those who put their reputations on the line are the ones who are really doing their part to further the Tennessee Walking Horse Breed. In this regard I can truly say 'I am from Missouri'. I see so many ads in the publications that would lead one to believe that a particular breeder or trainer or line of horses is Canada's premier. I see many pontificate about training methods. So many people are advertising and breeding horses that are unproven. You may disagree so in 2004 please 'show me'!

What is a proven horse? In my books it is not sufficient to win a halter or model class. We are raising riding horses. In my books, versatility or high point champions are no indicator at all of a good walking horse. All versatility means is that you have a pretty good horse and went to enough shows and entered all the classes you could. We should be marketing the uniqueness of our breed. There are other breeds that are better suited to jumping, reining,

barrels, dressage, driving etc. What we have is the premier pleasure horse on earth. If your equitation does not result in a fine, square, loose flat walk and running walk and rocking-chair canter, then it is not walking seat equitation. It is fine to bring your horse along slowly in two gait if you like, but if your walking horse does not also canter easily and beautifully and throw offspring that do the same, it is no champion and should not be used for breeding. In my books it is not sufficient to win even the three gait at a futurity where there are only a few entries. Proof to me is winning in good competition in front of several judges and over several years. This year we visited the Western States show in Reno, Nevada, where many of the classes had only one competitor and were declared the Western States champion!

Show me a stallion or mare that has several offspring that have been very successful in the three gait pleasure classes with lots of competition in front of several judges and over several years and I will say, "Yes, that is a proven breeding animal." This would be a much surer way to improve the breed than picking crosses based on pedigrees or gait characteristics.

We have two or three great horses in Canada who have passed the test of the judges over the years. The "in Canada" is important as we don't see the soring, long feet and heavy shoes that you see in the shows in the States. You will see these same horses here winning in the show ring and leading the pack on the trail. The AWA award program has an excellent program to identify the cream of the crop. In order to claim status of AWA Champion, points from the best three showings in a given year are totaled. One of the shows must be the Alberta Celebration so that all horses are judged together in at least one show. The grand champions are winners of the three gait pleasure categories. A supreme grand championship is granted if a horse wins a grand championship in three different years.

Only one horse in Alberta has gained the status of Supreme Grand Champion. There is only one line of horses in Alberta with two Grand Champions.

AWHA GRAND CHAMPION AWARDS		
	CHAMPION / OWNER	RESERVE CHAMPION / OWNER
GRAND CHAMPION WESTERN PLEASURE	CANADIAN PERFECTION / James (Ted) Smith	
(TIE)	CHAPIES READY LAD / Lori Dyberg	
GRAND CHAMPION PLANTATION PLEASURE	CANADIAN PERFECTION / James (Ted) Smith	CHAPIES READY LAD / Lori Dyberg

AWHA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

	CHAMPION / OWNER	RESERVE CHAMPION / OWNER
JUNIOR HORSE 2 GAIT TRAIL	POWERS NUBIAN BEAUTY / Bill Salt	MELTING POINT / Nicole Hirsekorn
JUNIOR HORSE 2 GAIT PLANTATION PLEASURE	HOT LIGHTNING / James (Ted) Smith	POWERS NUBIAN BEAUTY / Deloris Salt
JUNIOR HORSE 2 GAIT WESTERN PLEASURE	HOT LIGHTNING / James (Ted) Smith	
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ADULT GYMKHANA	POWERS NUBIAN BEAUTY / Bill Salt	POWERS CANADIAN COPY / Bill Salt
MODEL MARE	DOUBLE PLAY'S MAGIC TOUCH / Maryanne Schlaut	GEN'S PEDDLE "N PRIDE" / Rosina Widmer
MODEL GELDING	MELTING POINT / Nicole Hirsekorn	CLOUDWALKER'S POWER SURGE / Bill Salt
MODEL STALLION	MYSTER BOJANGLES / John Kobza	
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EQUITATION AWARDS

YOUTH 3 GAIT WALKING SEAT EQUITATION	Addy Broda	
YOUTH 3 GAIT STOCK SEAT EQUITATION	Addy Broda	
YOUTH 2 GAIT WALKING SEAT EQUITATION	Nicole Hirsekorn	
YOUTH 2 GAIT STOCK SEAT EQUITATION	Nicole Hirsekorn	
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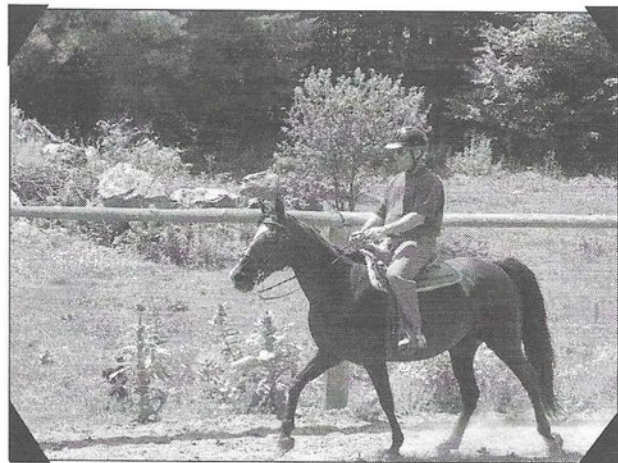
RIDER VERSATILITY AWARDS

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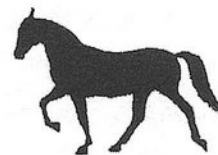
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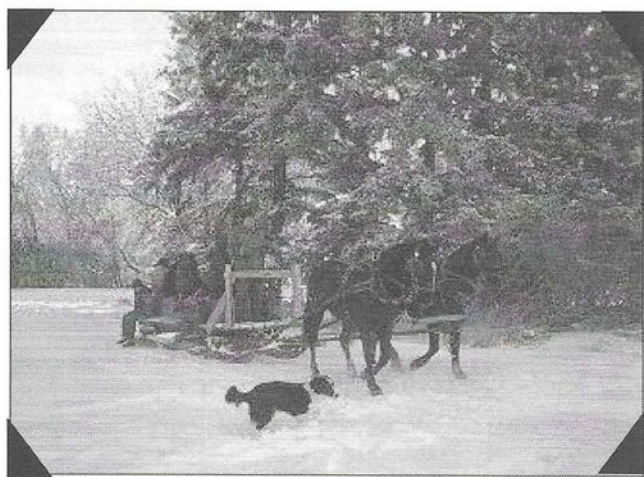
What do YOU do with your Walkers?



Kim Pringle has her mare, Rock's Flicka, give a "TWH Lesson" to introduce a new person to the joy of riding a Smooth Natural Tennessee Walking Horse.

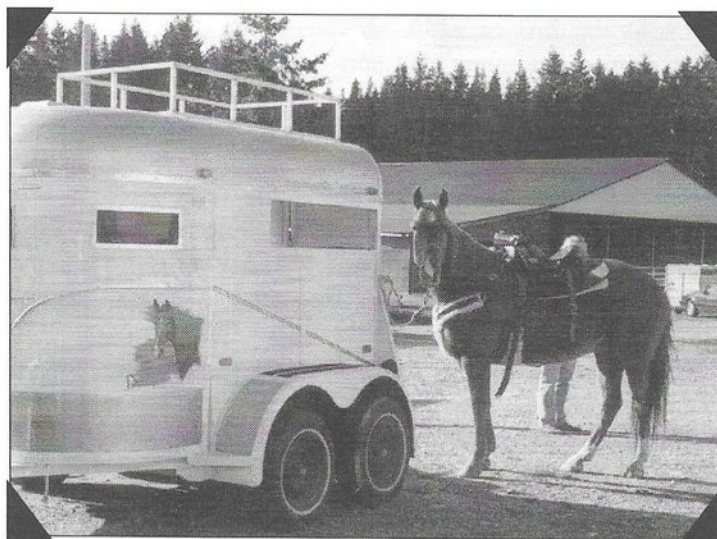


*Everyone loves a sleigh ride at Christmas time!
Dan Shwaluk is driving the team.
The horses' names are Blacky and Pinstripe.*



Terry and Joe Kinch had their Stidham trailer completely refurbished, including a portrait of each of their Walkers painted on the sides. Here is Dusty with his true-to-life likeness.

What do YOU do with your Walkers?
Mail your photos to *WHN*,
Box 7326, Edson, AB T7E 1V5



WALKIN' ON LATER IN LIFE: PART I

Many horsemen who live in the heart of Tennessee Walking Horse country have never ridden anything but gaited horses. Even in the days when the pleasure horse was at its lowest ebb, those who rode still rode gaited. In other areas of the United States, however, the Tennessee Walker, as well as other gaited breeds, is still a novelty. In some areas, the price of a well-gaited and sensible gelding is beyond the budget of the average youthful horse owner. Thanks to his even temperament and smooth moves, though, the walking horse often becomes the breed of choice when older riders decide that they would prefer to change breeds rather than hang up their spurs. For many people approaching retirement age, the walking horse's gaits and disposition represent something else. These are the people who watched cowboys dash across the TV screen in their youth, dreamed of cantering along, but never had the opportunity to own horses during their childhood or young adult lives. These people are discovering in the Tennessee Walking Horse and other gentle gaited breeds the chance to fulfill a childhood dream that would otherwise remain forever thwarted.

Peter and Dolores Braun of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, were high school sweethearts who married right after graduation. Dolores had grown up on a farm, where her first loves were her parents' Belgian work horses. Dolores fondly remembers that "I wouldn't stay out from their stall. I sat in their manger and stroked them while they ate." She also rode them bareback with her brothers or sister. Because her devotion drove her mother crazy, the family sold the horses when she was small. Peter grew up in the old inner city part of Fond Du Lac with no pets whatsoever.

The Brauns raised four children in the city of Fond du Lac where the kids could walk wherever they wanted to go. The family's passion at the time was sailboats, which they used for vacations and with which they competed as well. Once the children left home, though, Peter and Dolores began to look for that dream farm where they could fulfill their own childhood goals. When they found just the place, they renovated the barn, fenced several nice pastures, and cut trails around the ranch suitable for horses, sports cars, or motorcycles. Engineer Pete's planning and preparations complete, they began to search for a horse.

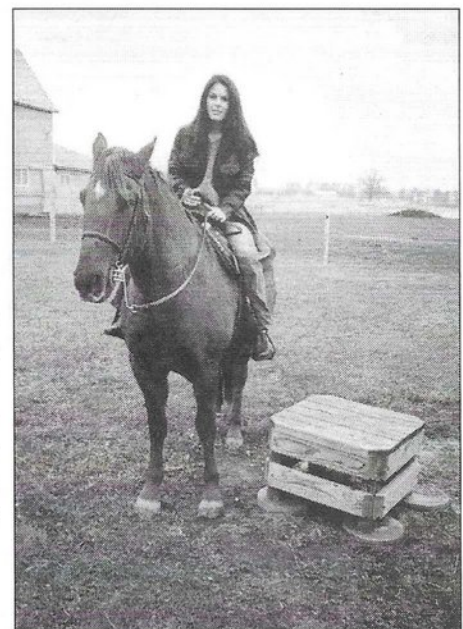
Dolores bought the first horse, a

Thoroughbred/ Quarter horse cross with plenty of speed but too intimidating for a neophyte older rider. This mare sold, Peter selected a Quarter Horse that turned out to have some strange habits and could not be trusted with children. Trying for the third time, Peter climbed aboard a grade Tennessee Walker gelding of indeterminate age and discovered after only several minutes in the saddle that Opie, and the Walker breed in general, "were the way to go."

In early spring of 2001, Peter and Dolores made the long drive to Middle Tennessee to look for another walking gelding. Although he tried several, it was a big red horse named And the Thunder Rolls that seemed to decide that Peter Braun would be his next project. Peter purchased the stout son of Red Bud's Rascal, fixed a stall for him at the Lazy B Ranch, and began the equine experience of a lifetime. Thunder became his mount of choice in all weather and all seasons. By constant work and repetition, Peter taught Thunder what he wanted a horse to be. At age nine, Thunder has mellowed out into a safe mount that even children can ride. His favorite trick, though, involves responding to the vocal command "OFF!" by walking calmly to the mounting block with no hand, leg, or voice commands, and stopping there until Peter carefully dismounts. Thunder will perform this skill for any rider under any circumstance.

Photo Below: *Thunder obeys the command 'OFF' for novice rider, Tammy*

Peter credits his involvement with the horses as his inspiration to retire completely from his engineering position with Mercury Outboards "because I had found some peace right here."



Gary and Linda Clayton found each other, then discovered a mutual love of horses, later in life. Married in 1996, the couple wove the magic of horses into their lifestyle due to Linda's continuing interest in what had begun when she was twenty years old.

Linda's first horse was a Quarter Horse. Since she had never ridden before, this was her beginner's horse. Serious about riding, she took several years of lessons to learn all she could. After experiencing the glide ride of gaited horses, Linda purchased a young Tennessee Walker, which she broke and trained to be her personal trail mount. Linda rode this mare, Nibblers Bay Lady, almost daily until her third child was born.

Gary had never been around horses when the two married. Since both were working, he began to help with the feeding and grooming chores, when he "discovered how much enjoyment they could bring." From there, Gary progressed to rental horses for short afternoon rides, eventually deciding that he needed one of his own. In trying to choose his first mount, Gary asserts that "I knew that real men rode Quarter Horses." In doing his research, he phoned many barns and was informed that Walkers and Quarter Horses do not trail ride well together. This information convinced him that they needed to purchase a pair of Quarter Horses, as Linda's mare had some age on her by this time. In September of 1999, the Claytons purchased the new horses. Gary's main reflection on this investment is that "it was a big mistake - which I am still hearing about."

Linda rode her Quarter Horse for two months, then sold it and after much searching, found a Missouri Fox Trotter which she still rides. Gary rode his Quarter Horse for a year, then sold the mare and bought a gaited Standardbred. About the same time, he purchased a two year old TWH gelding named Generator's Magic Pride. Gary purchased Magic with the idea of retraining him, then reselling.

Linda and Gary became interested in Competitive Trail Riding under the auspices of the North American Trail Riding Conference. Gary did especially well in 2001, competing in Novice and receiving Regional and National Novice Horse of the Year with his Standardbred.

A quirk of events changed Gary's focus for competitive trail. He and Linda decided to take his young walker gelding to Lonnie Kuehn of Pleasure Gait Farm in Lewisburg for some gait evaluation and training. Linda planned to take the Fox Trotter along for her horse, but changed her mind, resulting in Gary taking his Standardbred. After working with both horses, Lonnie told Gary that the horse he should

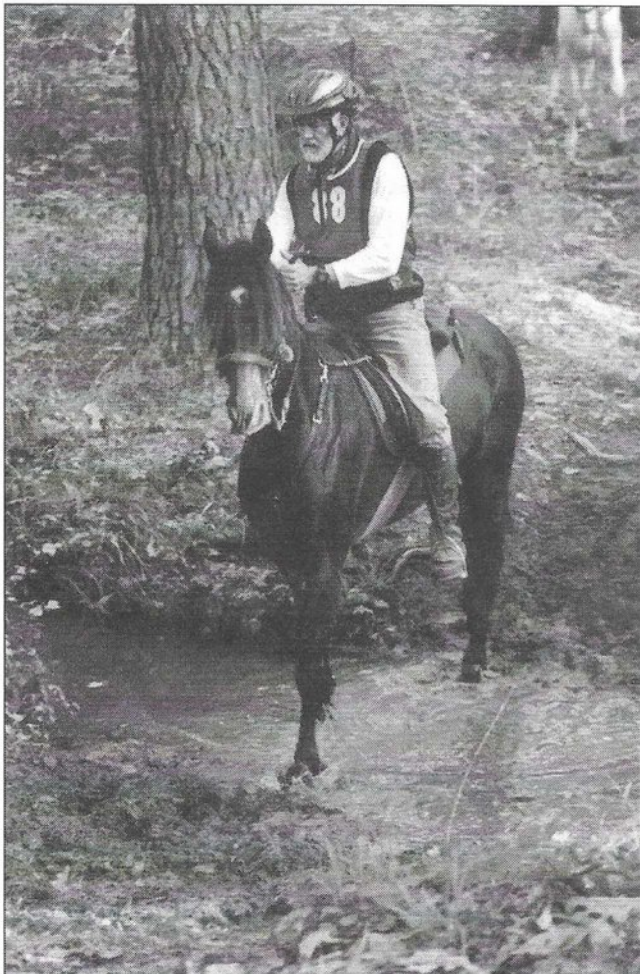
choose if he wanted to advance in the NATRC ranks was the walker, not the Standardbred. Surprised with Lonnie's evaluation, Gary decided to trust her judgment, and in 2002 his novice horse was the bay Magic. The four year old was the minimum age for competition with NATRC. The pair did not win or place the entire year, but Gary persisted, and in 2003, the pair moved up to the open class where both horses and riders are much more experienced, and where Magic began to come into his own as an intelligent and very smooth trail competitor. He finished fourth for conditioning and performance in the region where the Claytons compete. This region includes all states east of the Mississippi River. Magic will also win the breed award for the High Point Tennessee Walking Horse within the region, while simultaneously finishing very high in the breed award category for the entire nation.



The Claytons now have a Standardbred, a McCurdy Plantation Horse, the Missouri Foxtrotter, and the Tennessee Walker in their stable. Linda only rides the Foxtrotter, while Gary's favorite is his Walker gelding. At 67 years old, Gary is retired and assumes most of the daily horse chores. He is able to ride about three times during the work week and once or twice on the weekends with Linda. Linda owns a millwork business and as a busy manager, must restrict most of her riding activities to the weekends.

The Claytons are not show people. They enjoy trail riding and competitive trail competition, and will travel at least 500 miles in competition, plus that much or more in a given year, training and conditioning for the contests. They also enjoy schooling their horses on the types of obstacles which they encounter on the competitive trail rides. Gary plans to ride and compete with Magic for many years in the future. Linda loves riding her Foxtrotter as her first choice, but they both love all four of the gaited horses under their care.

Tennessee Walking Horses came later in life to Gary Clayton, who did not start riding until age 63, while they have been part of Linda's life for many years. Both husband and wife find the beauty of horses something that they can continue to enjoy for years, thanks to the intelligence, willingness, and smooth gaits of the Tennessee Walking Horse.



Gary Clayton on a Competitive Ride with Magic

U.S. NEWS

Welcome to new subscribers from WASHINGTON State, Cliff and Cathy Kinnaman and Guy Anderson of Rochester. Also welcome to ALASKA subscribers: John Briggs, Anchorage; Laura Moy, Anchorage; Janet Hook, Wasilla; Diane Holt, Wasilla; and a renewal from Debra Moore, Palmer. What are the news and views in your parts of the world? We'd love to hear from you.

GRACE & LYLE LARSON, FORSYTH, MONTANA, write, "The horses are fat and ready

for winter here. But so far we have had very little cold weather and only about six inches of snow – which has melted. We sure do need lots of snow because of the drought this year. We had a lot of grass but the very hot weather ruined the nutritional content of it so hay has to be supplemented anyway."

"We have two geldings; one under saddle and the other going in the spring. Then three coming two year olds. We don't start them until they are close to three years. We will have two or three foals in 2004. That is enough with the market as it is. Color and training are selling but the prices are lower than they were a couple of years ago."

"With the Euro up in value, I have been trying to promote more sales abroad. So far we have sold one to Israel but have advertising through internet friends abroad. So we will see how that goes in 2004."

"More people are becoming aware of Walking Horses and how versatile they are. I let people know every chance I get that walkers will jump, cut cattle, run barrels, AND give that smooth ride. A Florida Walking Horse gelding was the top barrel horse a few years ago."

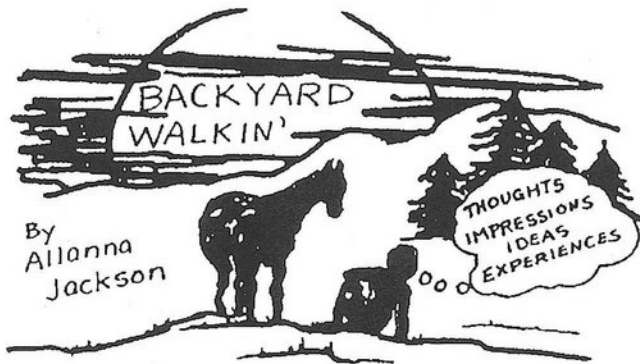
"I hope all of you have a very healthy 2004."

From CROUTER'S BOX HANGING THREE RANCH, DUBOIS, WYOMING, newsletter: Spring and summer 2003 saw 18 young walkers leave the ranch. These youngsters have new homes in states from Arizona to California, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Montana, North Dakota, North Carolina, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

I am sorry to tell you that the sound horse paper, *Steppin' Out* published its last issue in December of 2003. The reason I heard for its demise was the apathy of advertisers and subscribers. It is very hard to keep a paper going if people begin to take it for granted and don't bother to support it. (Don't let this happen to *Walking Horse News*!) Money makes the world go 'round...

By publishing the lists of those convicted of soring Walking Horses and making the lists available to the public, *Steppin' Out* did a great service for the TWH community who believe in sound horses and fair shows, and who want to know that the trainers and judges they employ are humane and ethical.

A big 'Thank you' to those who did support the paper and to editor, Angela Langdon-Neilson for all her hard work.



RIDING BLUE

By Allanna Lea Jackson © January, 2004

On May 13, 2002, Sam's Blue Blaze produced the last foal by Luckys Koko Prince, a sturdy light brown filly with a wide blaze, white rear feet and mixed tail. It was immediately evident the filly had inherited her sire's mellow boldness and enthusiasm for going places. Blue became quite agitated when Koko filly toddled off to explore the far side of the corral by herself - at only 8 hours old. Blue's previous foals were Pride-bred. Perhaps Koko filly was more precocious than Blue expected. I found Koko filly's behavior reassuringly normal. I named the filly Cinnamon. She exuded such a relaxed, trusting attitude that I wondered if her quieter temperament somehow contributed to Blue's new calm.

Blue is an excellent mother. She coped with the evacuation from the Rodeo-Chediski fire by concentrating on her maternal duties, staying calm and perfectly obedient throughout. After the fire things settled back to normal. Cinnamon had learned to stand tied and lead during the evacuation. She quickly got bored with the home corral. I led both of them on walks away from home at least once a week.

Blue was so mellow about all this I decided to review her lunging in the corral. Two-month-old Cinnamon created some amusing difficulties as she tried to lunge with Blue on the inside of the circle. When she started charging and kicking up her heels at us I swatted her once with the lunge whip. She scurried off to Blue's favorite spot under the carport and thereafter stayed out of the way.

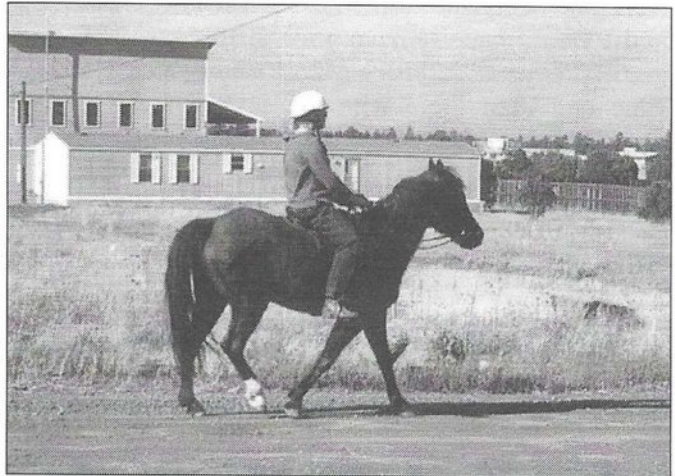
Ground driving proved equally entertaining when Cinnamon discovered she could make Blue stop or turn by grabbing one of the lines in her teeth. She also tasted the new saddle. I gave Cinnamon practice at standing tied under the carport while working Blue. Blue was comfortable enough with this arrangement to concentrate on her lessons.

In mid-July I resumed riding Blue in the

corral for 30 minutes about once a week while Cinnamon practiced standing tied. We worked on speed control and directional control with lots of serpentine, figure 8's and spirals. We began working on turns on the forehand, moving sideways and backing. Blue usually fussed and pulled at the bit about these. Often her fuss was because I was pulling too much. Sometimes she just didn't want to do those things. Blue became more accepting of the bit as she learned cues that were not all in her mouth. Blue began developing distinctions between plod walk, flat walk and slow running walk. The corral was too small for running walk or rack. Blue needed to practice the slower gaits.

By October 2002 Blue was working so well in the corral I decided to ride her outside the corral. Cinnamon had to come along since it was she, not Blue, who wanted to go places. Cinnamon was 5 months old and too independent to run loose so I first had to teach both horses to pony.

I let Cinnamon follow while I rode Blue in the corral, but she quickly got bored and wandered off. Then I haltered Cinnamon and led her while riding Blue. This was similar to the way I'd been leading them from the ground so Cinnamon only wrapped the rope around Blue's tail once. Blue tolerated this without protest. I think ponying was new to Blue too, but this was her baby so she refused to get excited about it. Cinnamon learned quickly and was ready to venture out into the yard on the third lesson.



That was so successful that the next time we went down the road, Blue tensed and snorted a little, but her maternal instincts kept a firm check on her nerves and speed while Cinnamon cheerfully bounced along beside her. It seemed odd that Blue was more relaxed about ponying her foal than about being ridden alone, but I seized the opportunity to give her some positive riding experience while nurturing Cinnamon's enthusiasm for going places.

The afternoon of Oct 19, 2002, was a beautiful day for a trail ride. I saddled Blue and rode her in the corral for a few minutes to settle her, then ponied Cinnamon. Both horses were relaxed and obedient so we headed out the dead-end of Parkinson Road and through the new development at the new dead end of Flag Hollow Road to a new gate into the National Forest. Blue tensed a little and snorted softly every few steps but stayed under control. Blue spooked at a large rock in front of the gate. Cinnamon wondered why.

Blue stood ground tied while I opened the gate and led them through, then ground tied again while I closed it. Some hikers who were coming along the trail just then stopped to admire Cinnamon and watch while I re-adjusted the saddle. They went on their way as I got Cinnamon organized and mounted Blue. Cinnamon bumped and pulled on Blue, who tolerated it. Blue balked at the descent to Porter Creek, then reconsidered and descended carefully. Cinnamon had the good sense to drop back and follow Blue through the narrowest part, then bounced ahead the last few feet down the hill. Blue paused momentarily to consider the creek crossing before continuing through it in orderly fashion, setting an excellent example for Cinnamon.

Cinnamon discovered it was easier to follow Blue than walk beside her on the narrow uphill trail on the other side so I had to give her enough rope to do that. We went only 100 yards along the trail to the next gate, where we turned toward home. Cinnamon and I would happily have gone further but Blue was getting nervous despite her best efforts to stay calm. Blue had been there with me several times before without incident so I don't know why she found it unsettling.

Blue also ground tied nicely at this gate and relaxed when we were headed toward home. Blue's sense of responsibility for Cinnamon curbed her desire to rush. Blue offered only mild objection when we went past Parkinson road and took the alternate Hi-Jo road easement route.

My neighbor Sherry, at the corner of Flag Hollow and Hi-Jo was home and doing things with her horses so we stopped for a brief visit. Blue tolerated this delay after I dismounted. Cinnamon was as curious about Sherry's horses as they were about her. When they snuffed she curled her tail over her back and pranced. Sherry was impressed that I was brave enough to ride Blue in an English saddle and pony Cinnamon.

I mounted Blue again and we continued down Hi-Jo road toward home. Cinnamon spooked at the

dogs that hit the fence barking. She bounced, bucked, reared, then tried to bolt, but stopped when she hit the end of the rope at the same moment I told her, "Quit!" Blue kept her cool through it all. Cinnamon ponied nicely the rest of the way home. I gave Blue a thorough grooming and a treat as a reward to let her know how pleased I was. I silently rejoiced, Wow God!! Thank you!!

There were some drawbacks to using a dressage saddle while ponying, but it's the only saddle I have that fits Blue. On Oct. 31 we strolled down Parkinson road and back. Cinnamon almost pulled me off Blue when they both spooked at a dog and jumped different directions. I managed to stay on Blue and hang onto Cinnamon. Blue stopped promptly when I said "whoa." Cinnamon stopped when she hit the end of the lead rope. We re-grouped and resumed with no further incident.

I rode Blue in the corral several more times. Then on Nov. 16 I rode Blue around the outside of the corral while Cinnamon stayed in the corral. I asked Blue to running walk, but we'd been working on going slow for so long she was hesitant to do it. When she did speed up she lapsed into stepping pace. She did stay calm and under control despite the distraction of both of her fillies dashing wildly around their corrals whinnying. After I'd finished working Blue I rode Sassy for a few minutes. Blue nickered as if she wanted me to ride her more instead! It was the first time Blue had given any indication she might like being ridden. Cinnamon was weaned at 7 months old, by mutual consent with Blue. They both simply lost interest so I separated them.

Maybe, with some more practice and mileage, Blue *could* become my trail horse after all. The trouble was, I had five horses, three of them in training, who all needed time and attention. I was doing well if I managed to work any one of them twice a week.

From LISA LAMBERT, PERRYVALE, AB:

I thought you might like to put this in *WHN*, courtesy of Joyce from 'Walkinghorse yahoo' group:

Who showed a 3-year-old mare at the Tennessee State Fair in Nashville and was offered \$950 for her after she won every class in which she was entered?

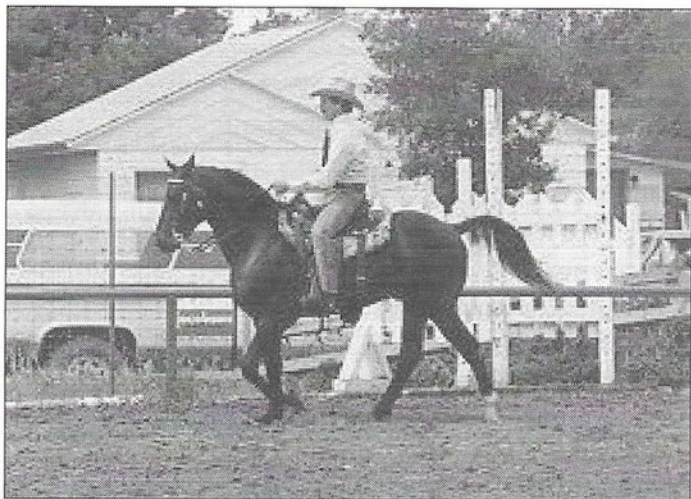
What mare was this and what was the year?

Answer:

The mare was Nell Dement F-3... shown by Albert Dement... The year was 1905...

'Bon Voyage' LUCKY'S KOKO PRINCE

By Bill Howes



*Lucky's Koko Prince & Bill at Lloydminster Fair, 1980.
Photo courtesy of Jo-Anne McDonald*

LUCKY'S KOKO PRINCE # 713971, spent 11 years of his life at Walking Horse Junction, formerly at Ardrossan, AB. I would like to add an additional 'Bon Voyage' to this fine old horse.

My thanks go out to Allanna Jackson for her obvious love of this horse and the care she provided him in his final years. Koko did have a few years of bouncing around from one bed to another, but I'm sure it only added to his enduring love of life. He was a character!

Koko did not enjoy being idle. Jim Arden, formerly of Devon, (and now lounging on the 'Island'), once said of Koko, who was unable to stand still at a stop on a Kootenay Plains trail, "Bill, he's just counting all his 'girls' to make sure they're all still with us". But, he was devious...

My former wife, Janet, and I first met Koko at Ponoka in about 1974, when we took a part-bred TWH mare* to him to be bred. In about 1976 we were lucky enough to purchase him as a five-year-old and bring him home to Walking Horse Junction. He was, to the best of our knowledge, the first TWH stallion in the Edmonton area.

Koko was a regular Houdini with gate latches, feed bin slides and just general mischief. At breeding time he learned to be the most careful of lovers. He checked every turd in the pen, always with a wary eye on the waiting 'girl'. 10 to 15 minutes later he would get the job done, assuming every one was agreeable.

In 1981 when I returned to the Libyan Desert to work, Janet, a very competent nurse, was in charge of the spring breeding operation. Her lack of hands-on experience and general disinterest in horsy activities had me very concerned for her welfare, knowing the dangers involved.

Upon arrival back in Canada at WHJ, I was very curious as to how Janet and Koko had got the job done, considering that Janet had to leave for work prior to 6:30 AM. I inquired as to how she'd managed to get him to 'get on with it'. "He didn't fool around and I wouldn't let him", Janet said. Obviously, this girl wouldn't stand for any foreplay when time was of the essence!

Dixie Ball (then Verstraete) managed to cross Koko with mares that produced good quality gaited horses for her. I credit her with proving the quality of Koko's get. Dixie, Elizabeth King of Kavanaugh and later, Mary Henderson of Tees, produced a good number of American Walking ponies with Koko. Frank and Donna Edwards of Carnwood still to this day consistently place high in local shows with Shadow's Koko Boy, a foal bred at WHJ from our fine old Go Boys Shadow mare, SHADOW OF RIVERVIEW # 774494 (who died in 1991).

Allanna Jackson was instrumental in giving Koko (32 years, 3 months!) a place in Walking Horse history. Her research and genuine interest has given credence to the quality of Montana bred Tennessee Walking Horses that formed the strong background of his pedigree and a major portion of Canadian bred Tennessee Walking Horses.

HE WILL BE MISSED!



Notes:

(*) Sharinah, the part-bred mare that we bred to Koko back in '73 or '74, was by Kaimr # 10740, an Arabian owned by the former Paul & Helen Guthrie of Winterburn, AB. Her dam was the TWH mare, Lady Lyndon # 521036 by BLUE NAMRON # 431226 out of Lady Gayle # 440308. Sharinah was bought from Pat Dawson (whom I never met!) in 1965 at Donsdale Stables. Marjorie Lacy was instrumental in finding a California breeding advertisement for me on BLUE NAMRON back in those early years.

Does anyone know how Lady Lyndon # 521036, this FINE bred mare, came to be in the Edmonton area? Please share any info you have through the *Walking Horse News*.



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Lovely job you have done. Keep up the good work. Lots of changes since the photocopied newsletter from many years back!!!
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What a great-looking website! Well done. I'm curious about the dates showing in the emails though. I'm sending this note on January 6, 2004 - the other notes showed 2000 but that's probably a computer glitch, right? Keep up the great work!
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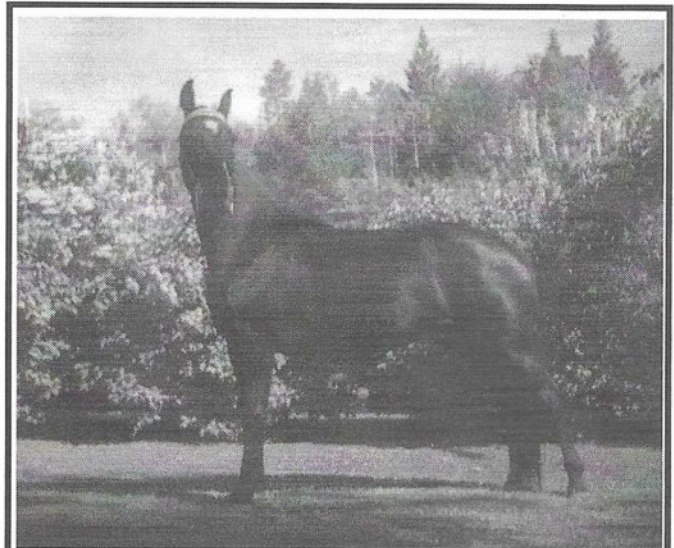
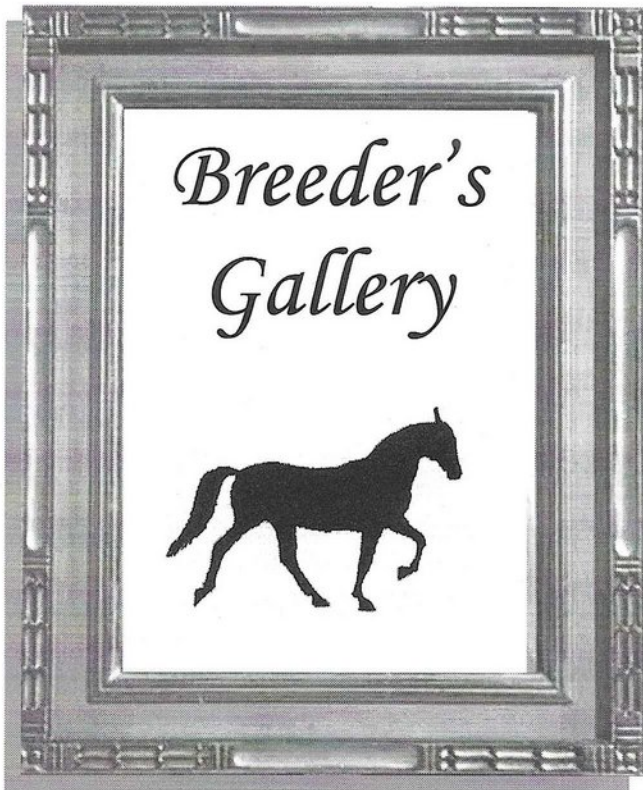
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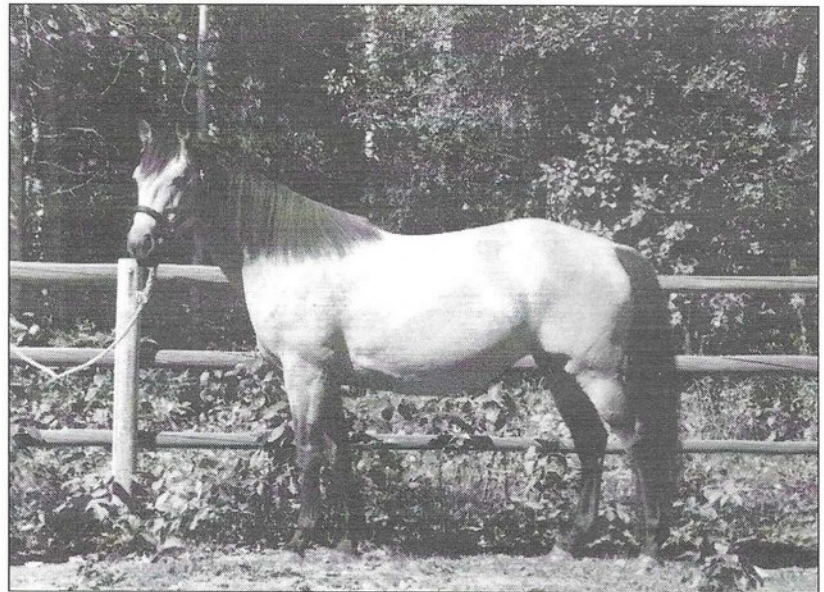
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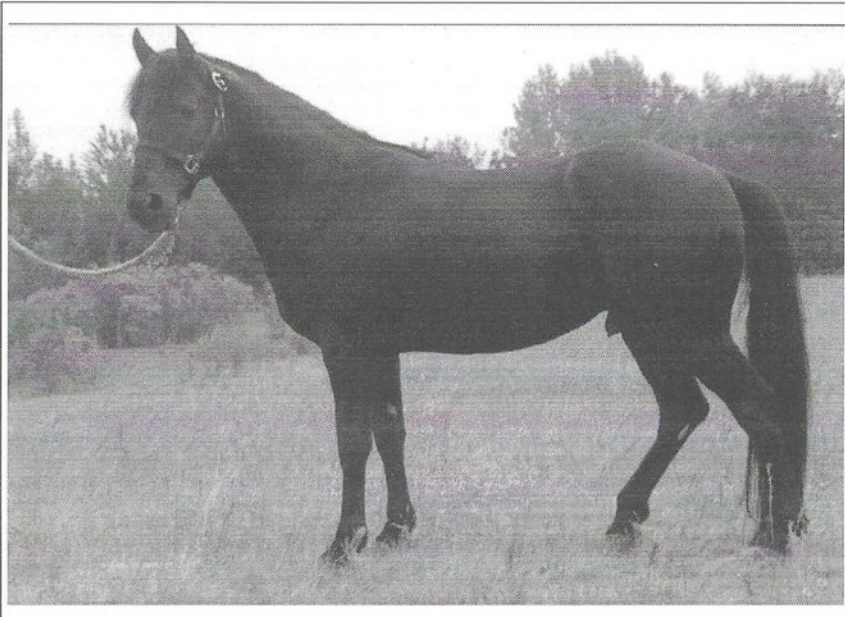
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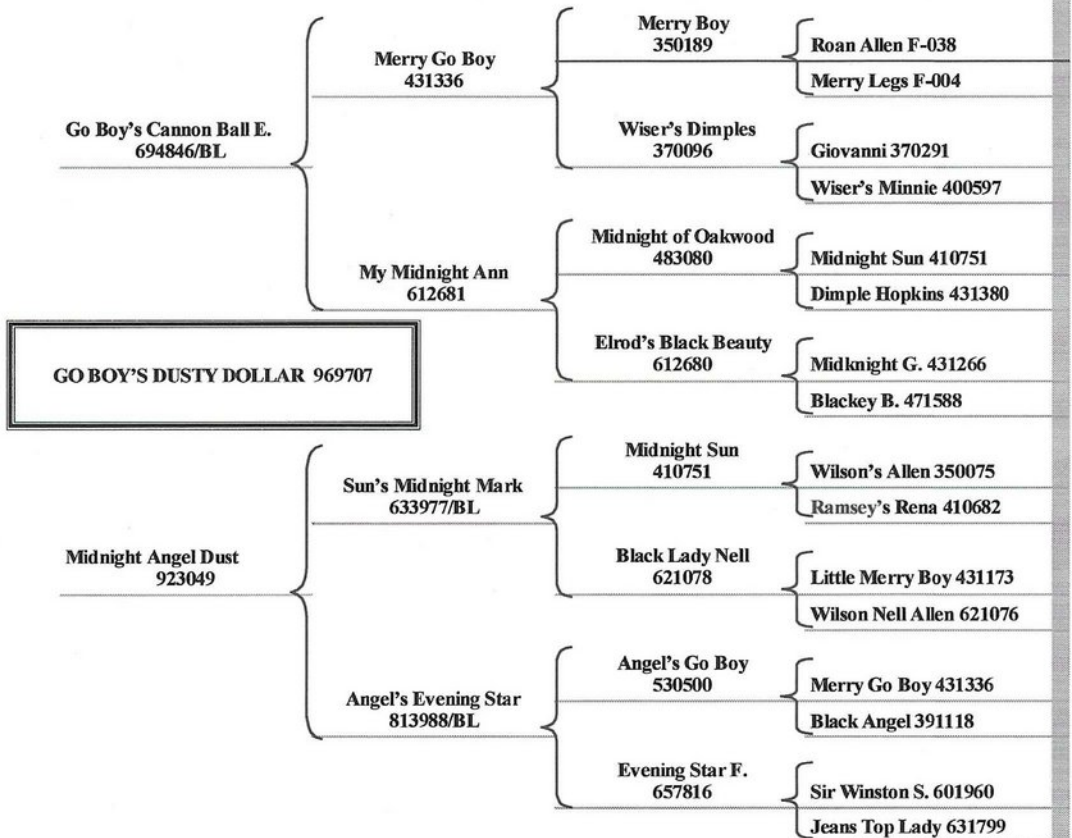
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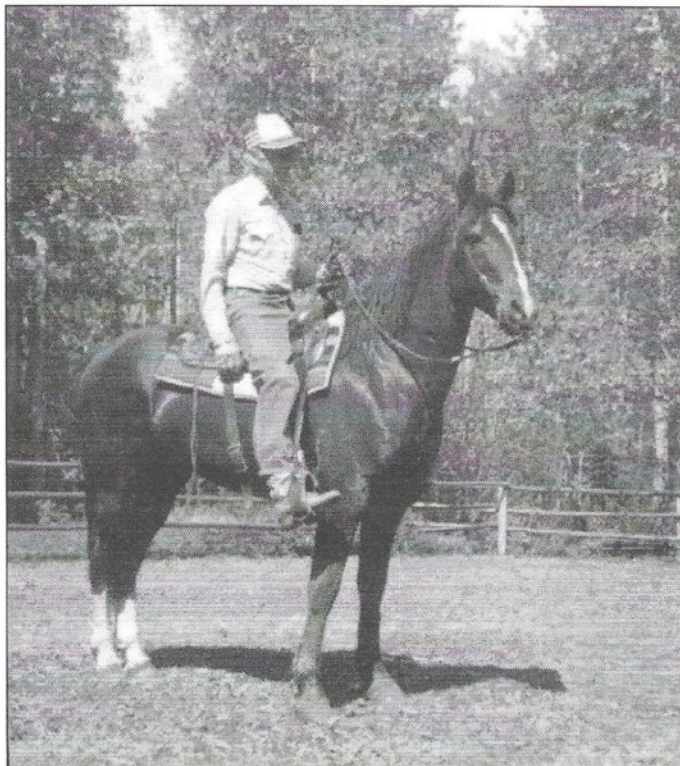
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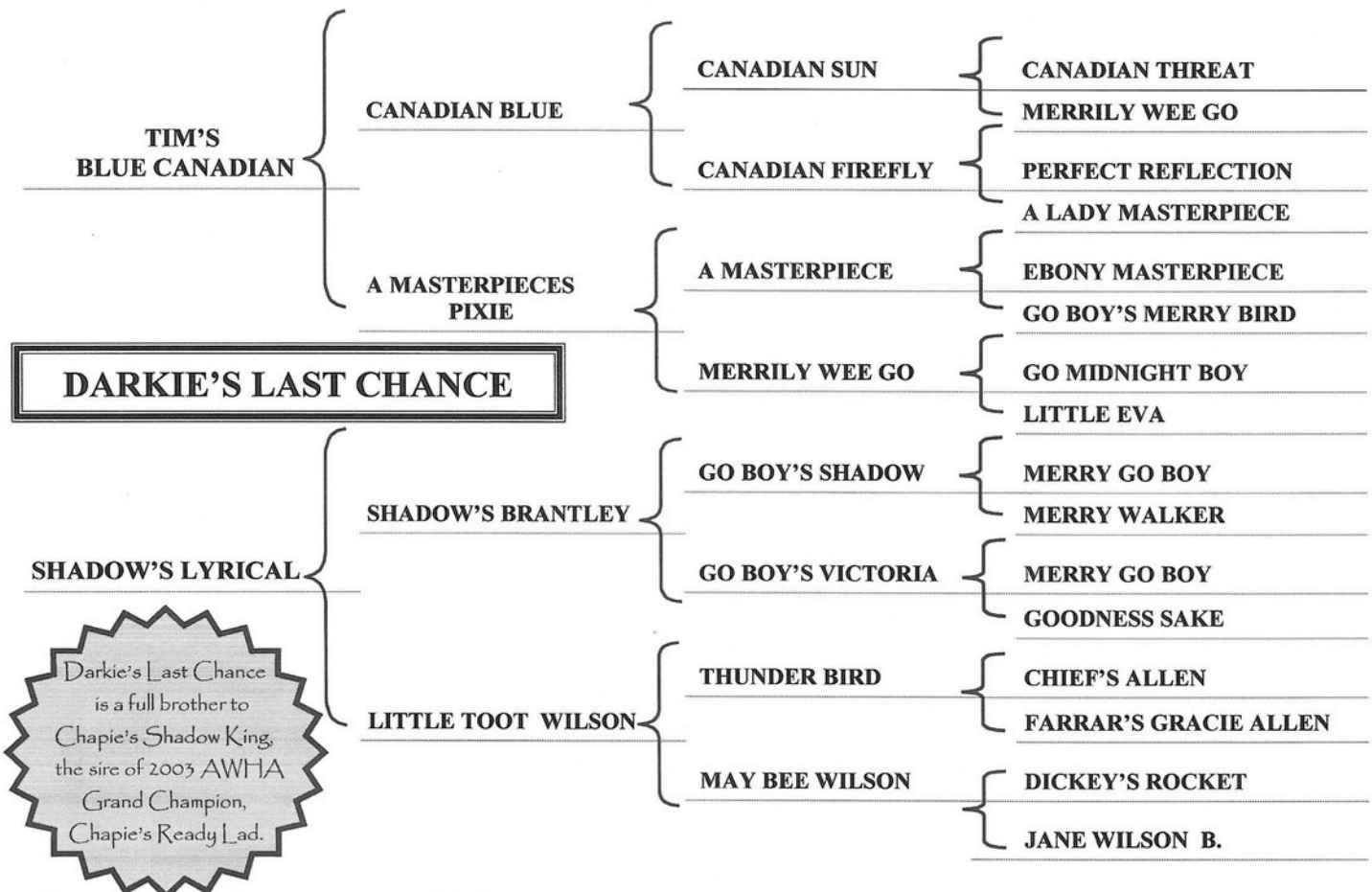
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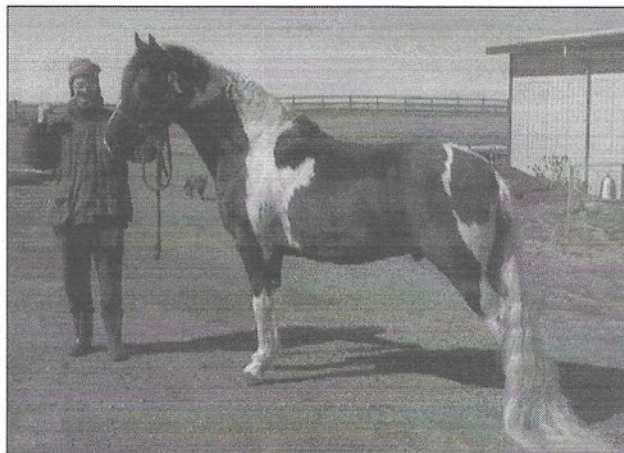
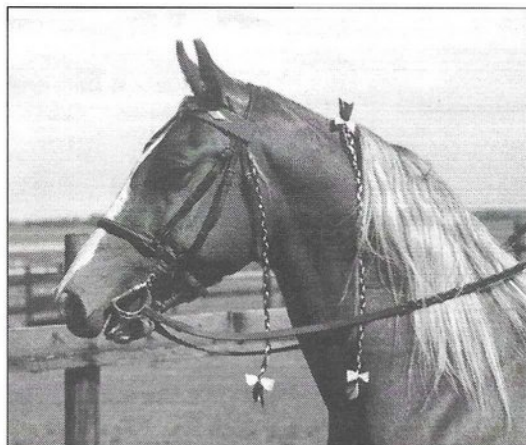
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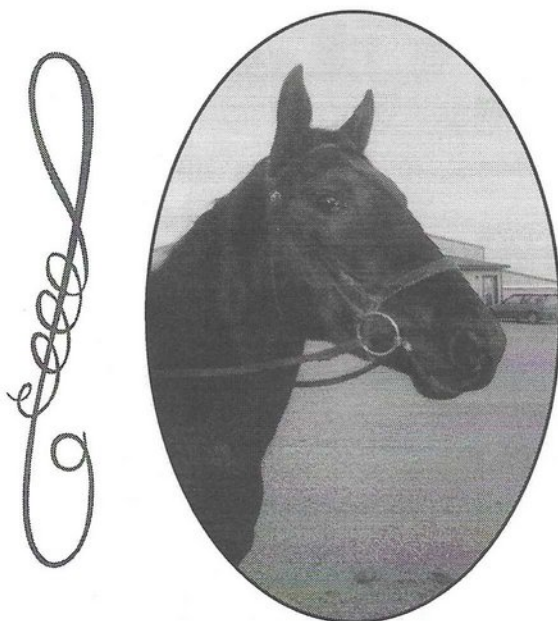
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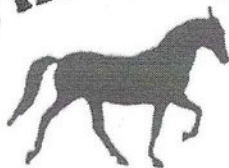
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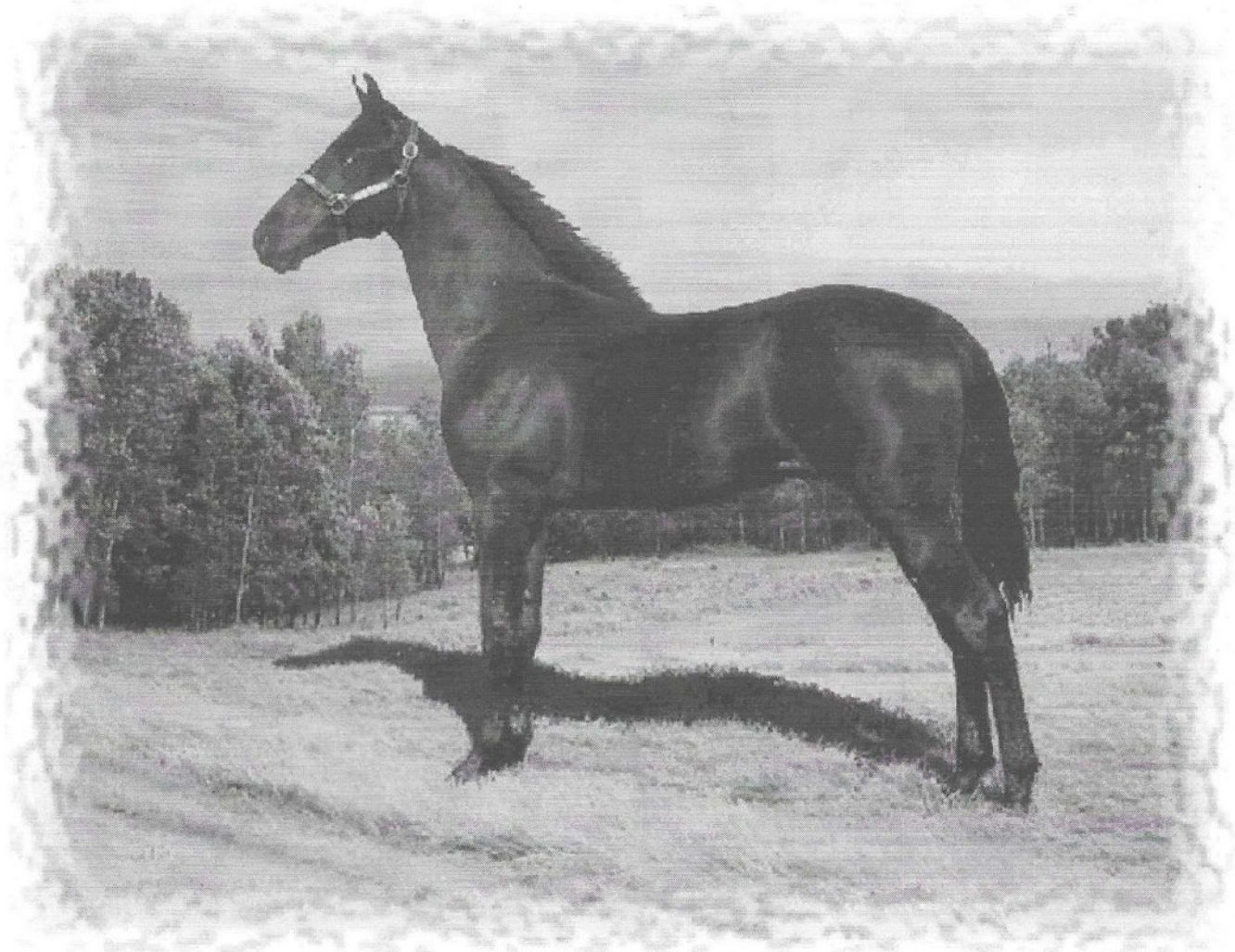
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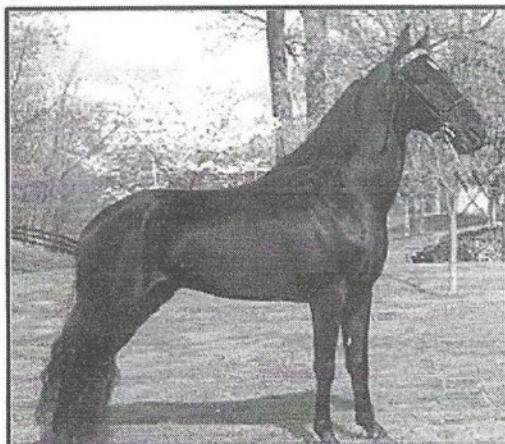
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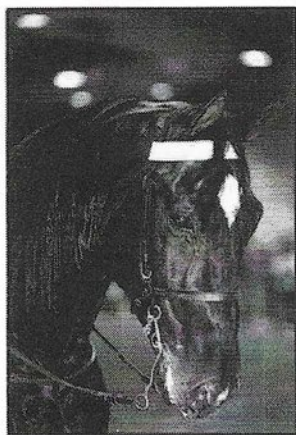
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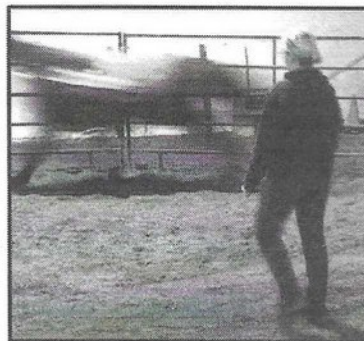
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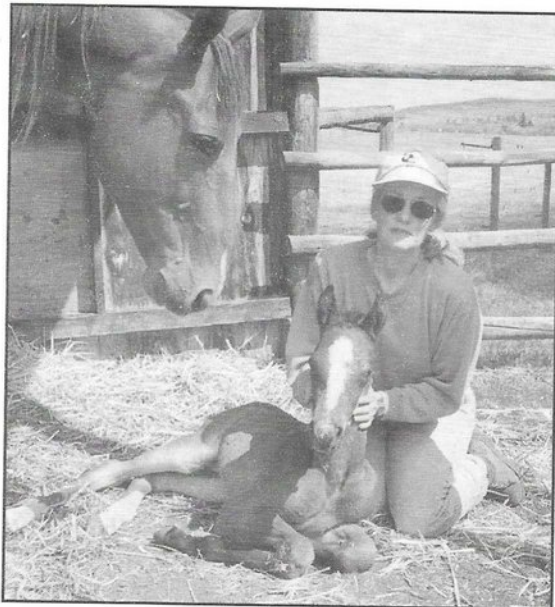


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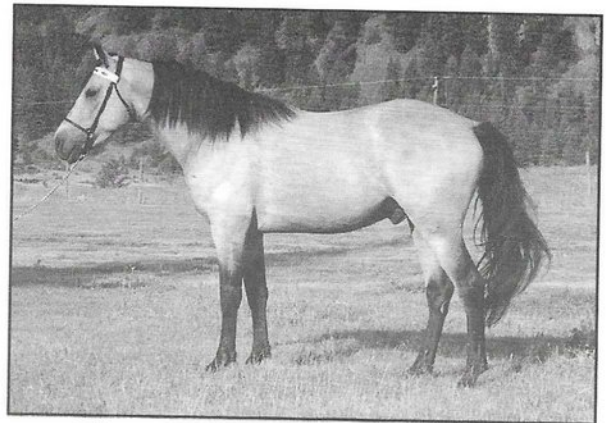
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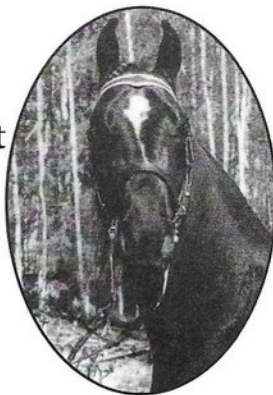
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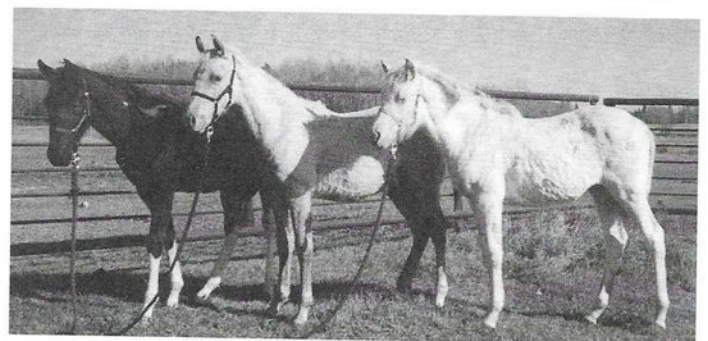
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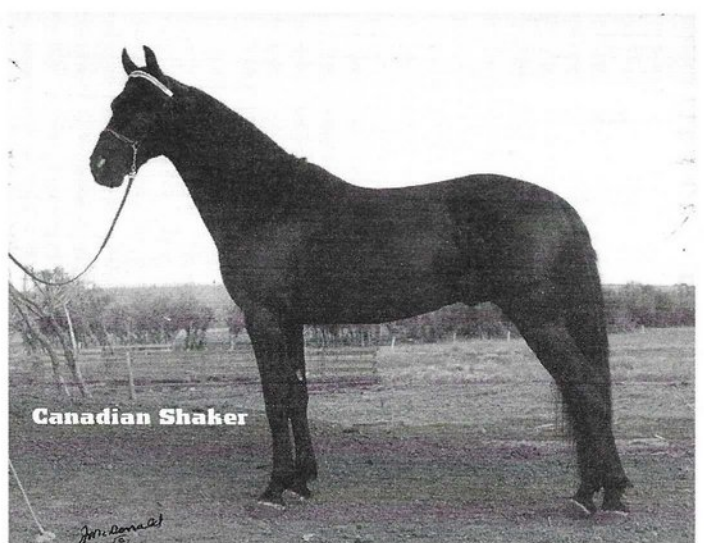
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