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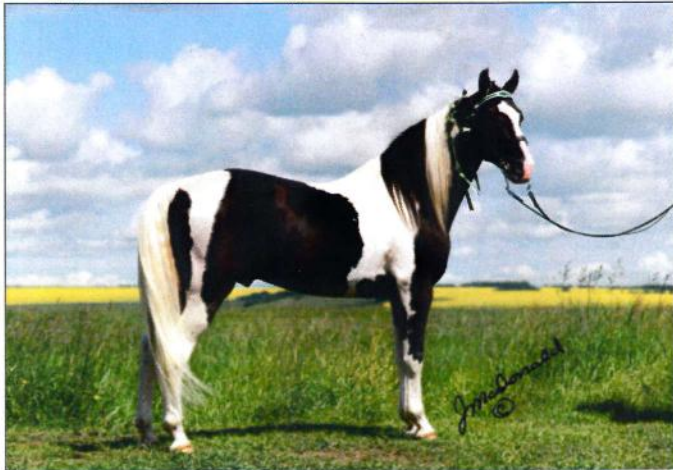
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On Our Cover

Summer Tyme Blonde #183

(Rebel Knight H. x
Bell's Little Nugget)
& her youngest son
plot an escape...

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palominos (or champagnes
through Topaz Merry Go)
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horses' registration papers.

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Dear Subscribers,

How is your summer going? We can't seem to turn off the thunderstorms around here. Instead I have to keep turning off the computer! It takes a lot longer to get the *News* done with all these 'lightning breaks'.

I've heard of a number of Walkers turning up at auctions in Alberta this year. One, a trained gelding, was reported to have sold for \$3500. Another auction was said to have had about 20 TWH consigned and the prices ranged from \$700 for a mature trained mare to between \$100-200 for yearlings and two year olds. At a third, in-foal mares were said to have sold for around \$600.

Hoof trimming and shoeing seem to have 'struck a nerve' with readers. There are choices of various kinds of trimming and shoeing in many places. In other areas, like here, you'll be lucky to find *anyone at all* to trim and shoe if you can't do it yourself. Keeping the horses' feet trimmed and tidy is important for their health and sure-footedness. It is also important for the impression people take away from your place. Broken platter feet do not impress, no matter how good the horses themselves may be!

Looking back at the 1998 *WHN* I see that we had a short tribute to Roy Rogers who died ten years ago on July 6, 1998 at 86 years. Topper's June Bug & Stuart Dyberg won the Champion Hey Day Horse trophy at the Festival of the Gaits, and Grace Larson had placed an ad for the then brand-new Part Walking Horse Registry. Now that registry will continue under the same ownership as the North American Singlefooting Horse Assoc. & the Walkaloosa Horse Assoc. The new address is on their business card on page 26.

Twenty years ago the cover photo of the August 1988 *WHN* pictured Jean Rempel as a 'mountain man' on Chapie's Misty, and Susan Banks on Northfork Patricia portrayed a 'cavewoman' riding her 'zebra'. Those Festival of the Gaits Costume classes were great! And finally, thirty years ago in the *WHN*, I printed the new (July 1, 1978) TWHBEA Fee Schedule. It cost members \$15 to register a foal 6 months & under; after 6 months but within 12 months was \$20.

Enjoy the summer with your horses - and tell *WHN* all about it when you re-subscribe or write! Looking forward to hearing *YOUR* news for next time.

Marjorie

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HISTORY & HERITAGE PROJECT

"CANADIAN TIMES OF THE TWH"

HOW I GOT STARTED WITH WALKERS by Amy Lauzon, Calgary, AB

I am a believer ... I believe that ALL things happen for a reason. Some time in the spring of 1989 my then 5-year-old son and I were visiting the Bakers. Brenda and her little boys were setting out on their daily ride. Brenda gave me a bright smile and with that little glint in her eye, asked if I'd like to ride a Walker. Never one to give up any opportunity to ride, (we were living in town at the time and currently horseless) I agreed to join them, but what could I do with Thane? Brenda's response was, "Oh, he'll ride with you".

My first thought was "Okay Brenda, here we go! I haven't been on a horse in months and you expect me to ride bareback on a horse I've never ridden with my very wiggly 5-year-old behind me?"

"No he'll ride in front and you'll be behind."

Visions were beginning to form...

Anyhow we set out on our ride: me with Thane on Bell's Little Beauty, (owned by Calta Stables but on loan to the Bakers), Brenda with her tiny son on her husband's TWH, Jester's Snappy Lil, and her 4-year-old son proudly taking up the rear on Ginger, a retired Brewster trail horse. Much to my surprise the mare was AWESOME; so much so I never forgot that SMOOTH FLOATING ride. After the boys, including Thane, were tired of riding I got to ride on my own for a while. Brenda says she could see my "Walker grin" at a distance while she referee'd our sons in the barnyard.

I vowed then that if opportunity ever knocked I would buy a Walker.

Fast-forward 9 years. We now own a farm and while talking to my babysitter one day I just happen to mention my dream of some day owning a Walker. She said that she'd noticed on the bulletin board in the High River IGA (of all places), there was an ad for two registered Walker geldings. Maybe I should call and go look. I wasn't really thinking of buying but decided to have a look anyway. I called Brenda and asked if she'd be interested in some "window shopping". We met at the farm where the horses were kept.

Brenda arrived before I did and spoke to the owner while they waited for me to come. It turned out the bay horse was related to her (I mean *Dave's*) mare, Snappy. It was suggested - by a now excited Brenda - that I should buy both horses! However, it worked out that I only bought one of them, a black gelding by the name of Sunday Storm (Chapie's Topper x Sunday Breeze), later to be affectionately known as Norman.

The saddle he wore while I tried him out was a part of the deal. Norman was said to be VERY herd bound. However, we never really seemed to have any problems after our first ride. It took me about 3 minutes to figure out that Norman always deeked left when doing his ROUTINE. Several tight circles and he soon gave up, never to offer to play the herd bound card again. Norman was purchased and delivered, all without my husband knowing, of course.

Soon we began shopping for yet another Walker as my youngest son Troy was in need of a good 4-H mount and once the Bug bites... Again - Brenda to the rescue. I happened to mention to her during a telephone chat that I really liked Norman's mind. Before I knew what was happening I heard Brenda running up the steps in search of a phone number for Norman's full sister, Topper's Candy, that was advertised in the *WHN* at the time. Arrangements were made to go "look", this time with my husband and trailer in tow. Candy hadn't been ridden in 2 years. The lady that owned her was very afraid of that wonderful forward movement. Candy was kept in a box stall at night, fed oats and turned out during the day for the entire 2 years. The owner of the barn offered to "ride her out". I declined the offer thinking I would try her myself, assuming that with 2 years of oats and no riding she'd be too hot for Troy to handle. I jumped on bareback only to discover that this was the most honest horse I had ever ridden. The deal was made. We left the yard with Candy and ALL the tack her previous owner owned. Pulling out of the drive I remember thinking that was the best horse deal I had ever made!

Until...Brenda (notice the pattern here?) called VERY EXCITED about a black 3 year old filly I just HAD to buy. Again phone calls were made, and the deal was done, sight unseen. The horse was Challenge's Moon Song CF, aka "Tess": the seller, Lexie Cole. At the time I had no idea what I was getting. Lexie, (whom I'd never met), told me the mare had been started, but was being sold as a brood mare only, as she didn't do so well with training. I had her bred to Lexie's AWESOME STALLION William's Kodiak as a part of the deal. Tess came to her new home in September, 2000, secretly, without my husband knowing - again. She was unloaded and I thought, "THIS is the best horse deal I have ever made!" I played with Tess that winter and found her to be a very good friend, honest, eager and did I mention BEAUTIFUL?

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HOW I GOT STARTED WITH WALKERS

Page 2 - by Amy Lauzon, Calgary, AB

On July 20, 2001 Tess produced a bay filly "Kodiak's Moonstone" aka Pearl. What an awesome girl she is: smart, good looking; all those things that proud parents say about their children. We were content with our little herd of four TWH and then ... Pearl was bred to Gar Beacom's palomino stallion, "Northfork Patch of Gold". On July 1st 2007 we were blessed yet again, this time with a chestnut filly, "Canada Day Cayley Eh".

Earlier in the spring of 2007 while I was chatting with Brenda, the conversation turned to horses as it always does. I came to learn that Lexie was retiring from horses. (But not entirely -she's still employed as my mentor/ window shopper). Brenda tells me I "need" to have some of Lexie's horses. These are horses she has admired over the years during her visits to Swift Current to visit her family and although she has bought a few, she realizes that she cannot own ALL of them. Phone calls are made, emails are sent, and two horses are discussed at length. There were actually three but one, a big black mare, "Kodiak's Gemini CF", was snapped up right away by someone else. Two mares are purchased, again sight unseen. "Kodiak's Miss Reflect CF" and "Kodiak's Bella CF" are smuggled to Brenda's place to stay for a few days. Soon Bella is brought home here to the farm and Missy goes to Gar Beacom's for a while - until I can figure out how to get her home 'under the radar'. Missy comes home safe in foal to "Gold". Whew! Got her home without much being said; my husband was quiet for a few days. Poor Guy. (That's his name - really!).

Things are going well. I'm at work minding my own business. My cell phone rings; guess who? I know the excitement in that voice! She has just gone to look at a big black mare nearby. Her name? You guessed it, Kodiak's Gemini CF, "Gem". The lady who purchased her had a change of heart and felt that it was in the best interests of the horse to let her go. Here we go again... the mare is delivered, this time to Lexie's son's place (I believe in spreading the love) for a short stay. Gem is brought home without much fan fare. My husband, I think, has just come to accept whatever comes out of the trailer is just that, whatever comes out of the trailer, no questions asked. Finally all these years of training are paying off! (PS: I love you, Honey!)

The horses have all settled in and wintered well. On April 25 Missy blessed us with a palomino filly, "Special Thanks to Lexie Cole", aka Lexie.

It's not hard to promote something you really believe in and I truly believe in these Walking Horses and the friends I've made along the way.

I am still a believer; the addiction continues...

TRAIL TRIALS

My wife Kathy says, "*Whoever in their right mind would put a lot of time and energy into planning something that is weather dependent in Alberta in June.*"

Who indeed! Sadly, we had to cancel both days of Trail Event 2008, co-sponsored by Easy Riders and CRTWH.. There was just too much rain and cold to make it any fun. Also, one condition of our permit was that we had to stay off the trails if they got too wet. I have contacted the leaseholder to see if there is an alternate date that we could use. I have not heard back as of the time of writing. I suspect that if there is an alternate, it will be in the fall after the cattle are removed. Is fall weather any more predictable?

The trails were flagged, the firewood cut, a trailer was ready for the "office" and a 10' x 20' gazebo obtained; maps were drawn, and score sheets for the trail tasks ready, all for naught. We even had trophies for the top three scoring horse/rider teams, and buttons and certificates from Equine Canada for participants, as this was a registered event in their Canada Horse Week 2008.

I would like to express my gratitude to Wynn Chisholm, leaseholder, and to all Easy Riders members who helped me get organized or who volunteered to sit out in the forest and judge the events. I won't name them all as I might forget someone. However, special mention should be made of Bryan Williamson, who rode the trails with me, flagging and cutting away deadfall to make the trails passable, and cutting firewood; Lissa Townshend spent quite a lot of time on emails and the telephone advising registered participants of the latest status report. It was a difficult decision for me, and I changed my mind as often as the weather forecast changed. Lissa rolled with the punches and kept sending out those corrections! Dianne Little was on the phone early assisting with getting the messages out. Bill Salt made his Cloudwalker Stables arena available, but it seems that once folks decided that it was too wet to trail ride, it was too wet to go to an arena, so the alternate plan also was cancelled. Bill has 'been there' for us for so many years. I even hear rumors that Cloudwalker wishes to host a "Gathering" for the CRTWH this fall. Thank you all.

Let's hope that the summer weather is more cooperative for all of our horse activities!

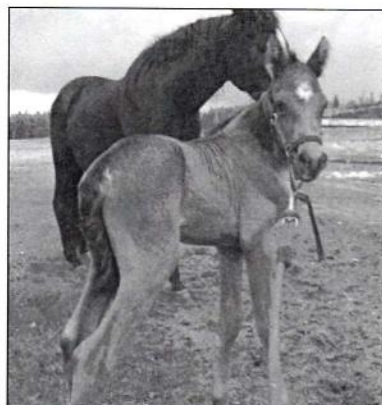
Keith Oberle, Coordinator, Trail Event 2008

FOAL CALL

BLACK COLT (Cherokees Dark Knight x
Karlas Queen Of Diamonds) *right*
BUCKSKIN FILLY (Cherokees Dark Knight
x Thunders Last Stand)
Karla Freeman, Ride Easy Ranch, Bentley, AB



SMOKY BLACK COLT (*Left*)
(Trouble's Gold Sun x Star's Shady Babe)
SMOKY BLACK FILLY (Trouble's Gold Sun x Gens Grand Dott).
Stan Potter, Palobuck Walkers, Rocky Mtn House, AB



CHESTNUT FILLY (Misty Dark Delite x Chapie's Doll O' the Mist)
BLACK COLT (Misty Dark Delite x Northfork Lady in Black)
owned by Yvonne Young, Prince George, BC

BLACK COLT 'Tex' (Tsuniah's Dark Delight x The Noonday Sun)
owned by Shirley Nilsson, Langley, BC (right)

BLACK FILLY "Starlette" (Kit's Royal Pride x Chicklette) (*below left*)
BLACK FILLY (Northfork Patch of Gold x Dee J's Star Fire).
Brenda Baker, Triangle B Tennessee Walkers, Calgary, AB



BLACK COLT
(Uphill Heir Trigger x
The Legend's Secret Juno)
owned by
The Loewens, Kelowna, BC



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SORREL SABINO FILLY (Slush Creeks Jubal S X Lehman's Black Dixie)
BLACK SABINO FILLY (Slush Creeks Jubal S X Millers Princess)
Owned by Mark & Shellie Pacovsky, Slush Creek Walkers, Bainville, Montana

SUMMER FUN AT THE SHOWS



WILD ROSE VERSATILITY SHOW

The 2008 Wild Rose Show at Thorsby on June 14 & 15 had a small but high quality turnout for IJA Judge William B. Coon of Utah to assess. Bill was great, giving us pointers as to why he placed us as he did and suggesting things we need to work on. There were a couple of new competitors, which was great, and it's always good to see everyone at the first show of the season and catch up on the news. It was a fun show! Cash prizes were handed out courtesy of our 2007 Colt Raffle. Special thanks go to Randy & Lorraine Johnson of Jus' Fine TWH for their donation of the colt.

Showing is one way for anyone interested in a Tennessee Walking Horse to see them at their finest and talk to owners from all walks of life. I know there are a lot of people who don't have any interest in showing but I would hate to lose the opportunity of showing our great TWH to folks who would otherwise never be able to experience them. This group never gets out to see us trail ride or travel in the mountains with our Walkers, yet they love to talk horse and watch them glide. Whether you love to watch or love to show or would like to give it a try, we invite you all to get out there next year to enjoy the fun and thrill of the show ring!

Dianne Little shot video at our show to take to Germany to use for training judges. Bill Coon was most impressed by the number of good, natural going horses at this show. We must be doing *some* things right to impress the Past President & Director of Judges of FOSH!

Lorrie Black, Leduc, AB



INTERIOR GAITED HORSE SHOW

11th ANNUAL SHOW, Armstrong B.C June 14-15

The judge this year was Nola Giddings of El Sobrante, California who raises Peruvians and works and promotes all gaited breeds. She really enjoyed herself and found there are some great Gaited Horses 'way up in Canada. A huge vote of thanks to the many behind-the-scenes volunteers who made the show such a success! The variety of gaited breeds included Tennessee Walkers, Peruvian Pasos, Icelandic, Kentucky Mountain Horses, Rocky Mountain Horses and a Gaited Mule!

Lisa Reidler riding her 8 year old Tennessee Walker, Ziggy (Sir Zigmund Floyd), placed in all their classes! *The above picture shows them with all their ribbons.* Brenda Bettles with Shakers Silene and Jessica Chappell on Ginger (Barker's Greater Glory) also rode their Tennessee Walkers to several ribbons. The TWH cheering section included Natalie Speckmaier, Genevieve Amy, Wendy Russell, Debbie Smith, Norman Speckmaier, Harry Reidler, all from the lower mainland, and all from Tower Ridge Farm! It was wonderful to finally meet Ginger Chappel in person after years of speaking on the phone. It was also a pleasure to see Colleen Snelson and the gang from Easy Breeze Acres. The Armstrong Fairgrounds were so very busy with the First Nations having their annual Pow Wow, a Farmers' Market plus the Horse Show going on that there was lots to do if you got tired of horses... but who would? It was great, we all had fun, and that's what the show is all about. Have a great summer and happy showing.

Debbie Smith, Maple Ridge, BC

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

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See you all there!

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ALBERTA NEWS

From BRENDA BAKER, TRIANGLE B TWH, CALGARY, "My friends, Charis Cooper (on Trinkette), and Becky Secord (on She's Got the Rythum Dec aka "Penny"), and I enjoyed a spring ride over Charis and Dick Cooper's beautiful hills northwest of Turner Valley, AB. Becky has purchased Penny as a light duty riding horse for times when she wants to take a friend riding with her and her personal mount, Hot Rod."

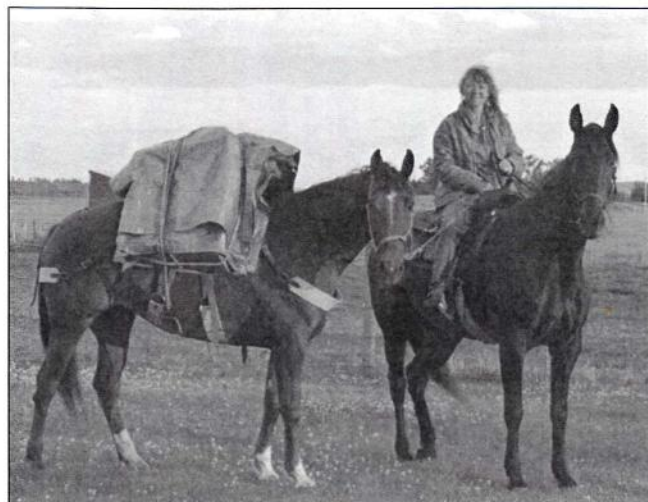
"We've had two black fillies this year, "Starlette" is by Kit's Royal Pride out of Chicklette, born May 6th, only 22 days overdue. She's about the smartest foal we've had since her dam was little! The other is by Gar's 'Gold' and we'd like to congratulate Dale Vare of Cardston, AB on his purchase of her and her dam, Dee J's Star Fire, (aka Reba), a nice black mare. Dale responded to my ad in the *WHN* to find the horses he wanted."

"We have received 12 inches of rain from May 7th to June 17. We had a couple of great weekends of sunshine in June, but sure enough, it's raining again this morning. If we ever get dried out our hay crop will be huge. If not we'll have outstanding winter grazing!"

From MARIANNE WRAY, CAROLINE, "I've been holding on to the horses - particularly Angel - in hopes that I would be much better by now. It's been four years, and although there has been improvement, it's not enough for me to have the energy I need to spend quality time with the horses. I've only managed to get in the odd ride each year, which isn't enough to warrant keeping a horse. I know I will miss them dearly, but I have weighed the pros and cons carefully and keep coming up with the same answer. We have to sell our Walkers. So... I'm hanging up my spurs."

"Sarah Patterson at Crossfield is the new owner of Angel. A Coin's Secret Angel, to give her full name, is a 15.1 hh palomino mare by Coins Double Play x Gold Stars Secret. This 9-year-old is well trained, with lots of mountain experience. She's an absolute dream to ride! I'm very pleased that Angel is going to such a gentle, caring person. I know Sarah will take excellent care of Angel and they will enjoy each other immensely. Please send Sarah a complimentary copy of the *WHN*. She is new to Walkers and very enthusiastic."

"Our remaining two are for sale. See our ads."



KARLA FREEMAN, RIDE EASY RANCH, BENTLEY, writes, "I would like to thank everyone who came over to my Open House in May. It was nice to meet new people, and visit with friends. Congratulations to Karen Rasmussen on the purchase of her two mares and spotted colt; also Adele and David Coward on buying Red Velvet and Red Gem, and Pete Tensen on his big new gelding, Trigger. I trust you are enjoying them, and hope we meet up on the trail."

"Above is a good shot of my trial trail packing; Dream (Bee Boppin Angel's Dream) is packed and I'm riding Ken (Karla's Special Knight). OMG... I had NO IDEA how much a person needs to take (but can't!) on a pack trip. Certainly was a learning curve for me tying the diamond hitches. I am eagerly anticipating this new experience!"

"I trust this finds everyone having fun with their horses and friends. I am sure enjoying the two foals I have here this year, and I wish everyone an excellent summer."

LISA LAMBERT, PRIDE'S NOBLE WALKERS, PERRYVALE, writes, "We had our last foal born May 11th. She had a rough start with being so sick at first but now she is just full of herself. She is solid bay with a star and connecting strip, a gorgeous little filly. Her dam is Mega Threat, and her sire is our main man, Pride's Undertaker."

JOAN PENNER, EVANSBURG, sent a gift subscription to first time TWH owners James and Pam Hunter, also of Evansburg. The Hunters recently purchased a big 2 year old amber champagne gelding. Thank you, Joan, and all the best to the Hunters.



Congratulations to JOHN & CHRISTINE KOBZA, PINCHER CREEK on the birth of their son. Christine writes, "Daniel John Phillip Kobza was born on July 16, 2007. Above, he and big sister Erika run-walk away on their rocking horses!"

From MADELEINE CHAPMAN, STETTLER, "We would like to send congratulations to Rick Kutaj of Okotoks on the purchase of Dark Celtic Chance and to Linda Randall of Rocky Mountain House on the purchase of Chapie's Dark Angel. Would you send complimentary copies of *WHN*? Thank you."

From JACK OSLAND & LAURIE RYALLS, ONOWAY, "We just sold our wonderful 12 year old gelding, Dominator's Delight, aka 'Chipper' to Kris and Jim Haeberle of Spruce Grove. Please send them a subscription to *WHN* with our compliments. We know they will love and enjoy him as much as we have."

MANITOBA NEWS

BARB FENWICK, 4 SEASONS RANCH, CARBERRY, writes, "Spirit has recovered from his founder and is doing so well now that we are starting to take dressage lessons. We are enjoying expanding our "horizons" and this is exactly what he and I both need - to exercise and learn something new together! My MFT are doing well too. I sold my 6-year-old MFT mare, Foxie, to a good friend, Liz Cain in Brandon, so that leaves me with a 3-year-old mare & my yearling filly. Plenty of horses to play with! I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather... finally."

From CLIFF & MARSHA TRINDER, T W RANCH, RUSSELL, "It's been another busy spring here at the ranch. PNH certifications and Heritage Horse certifications are a focus over the next two

months. It turns out we have several 'heritage' horses eligible for certification and several horses ready to be assessed as Level I in the Parelli Natural Horsemanship program. We have sold several horses this year and I'm just delighted. The horses have been well matched with the buyers, I feel, and we've done a good job of assisting people to fulfill their dreams. We have several more horses available for sale."

"The 'girls' riding with me this year are Regina and Andrea from Switzerland and Michaela from Germany. Regina just received her PNH Level I certification and Andrea and Michaela will be doing their PNH Level I assessments next week. I personally attended a Level III clinic at the end of May and what can I say? - it was a blast! Don Halladay was the instructor and as always, was fun and encouraging."

"Foaling is complete for this year and we have 15 of the nicest foals you could ask for. We've been heavy on the filly side of the equation the last couple of years. Hope everyone has an enjoyable summer!"

From DARLENE MOORE, BOISSEVAIN, "I would like to send a public compliment to Karla Freeman of Bentley, AB. If anyone is looking for a competent, skilled horse trainer, this is the lady. She is on a different horse in nearly every issue of *WHN*. And these horses aren't just going around and around in an enclosed arena. Her horses go on REAL rides! Up mountain trails, across rivers and everywhere! She has helped represent the breed at Spruce Meadows where thousands of people see our Tennessee Walking Horses, possibly for the first time."

"On a personal level, I 'take my hat off' to Karla for a recent training accomplishment. If you look at the back cover you'll see Karla's ad for the Walkers of Ride Easy Ranch. The chestnut mare, Dream, that she is riding in that photo was only halter broke when Karla purchased her. 'Dream' is a big strong mare, who was still mentally attached to her dam. Karla must be an extremely accomplished horsewoman to be riding this mare in the wide-open spaces in such a short space of time. She only just 'met' the mare in December of 2006. I am truly very impressed with Karla's abilities with horses. She is indeed a woman of distinction in the world of Walking Horses."

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to KEITH DOLL, DOUGLAS, who underwent a heart operation in late May. Hope you're feeling much better and stronger now, Keith, and will soon be out riding and driving again!

NEWS from OUR U.S. SUBSCRIBERS

SHELLIE & MARK PACOVSKY, SLUSH CREEK WALKERS BAINVILLE, MT, write, "We have all our foals here now, and there are nine this year, eight fillies and one lonely colt. Five are eligible for certification with The Heritage Society. The chestnut sabino filly (Slush Creeks Jubal S x Dakota Gumdrop) is now owned by Wade Miller, Roberts, MT. We have a DNA color test pending on one (Slush Creeks Jubal S x Mist My Chance) to see if she is a black or a smoky black. The filly from Slush Creeks Miss Bliss is the very last foal by our late stallion, The Ultimate Bum."

FRANNE BRANDON, PINEFOLLY FARM, PETERSBURG, TN writes, "I will have the second installment of the Carol Camp article ready for you by the seventh. I have been riding every morning, then babysitting a Papillon puppy that Kaylee acquired and is trying to house train. (Meaning I am also housebreaking her.) What a way to spend the summer!"

"Uphill Heir Trigger (aka Smokey) really is getting around, isn't he? It's like coming full circle. Back at the beginnings of the breed, stallion owners or lessors would often ride the studs from town to town to drum up business. Jab Faulkner told me that Yellow Jacket #360141 came to their farm, only their mare or mares did not catch. Now Smokey is traveling in style, but he is still following the path of his great-great...uncle. Beats the heck out of AI or frozen straws."

"Below is Bucketta, our buckskin, at the trainer's the other day. I did all the legwork and have the bug bites to prove it. I am supposed to go ride her tomorrow morning, which sounds like a formula for rain to me. (I am not complaining, of course, not after last summer's disastrous drought.)"



"I put an ad for Bucketta on Horsetopia, just to see if I could get their system to work. It was a snap! I even put a digital camera video clip on there. If you ever have time to look, it's listing 317569."

BITS AND BYTES

COAT COLOUR TESTING

For all those of you who just can't wait to know your foal's eventual coat colour, you can now have a DNA test done to find out for sure. There are many colour tests available. Here's the URL for the web site with all the info about coat color testing at UC Davis, including prices (US \$ of course).

www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/service/horse/coatcolor.html.

Colour tests may also be requested from TWHBEA at the time you send in the hairs from your foal for parentage verification if you register US. (There are additional charges for these tests.) Currently their lab can test for 7: tobiano, red, agouti (bay pattern), cream, sabino, silver dapple and overo lethal white.



FIRST WALKING HORSE IN MONTANA

STU PRITCHARD sent along this interesting link with a story about the first Walking Horse in Montana. This is reprinted from a book entitled "Starting from Scratch", written by the late Alice Gleason, compiled and edited by Genny Barhaugh & Carol Guthrie of Choteau, Montana, published by Star Route Publishing. Here's a taste of it: "...And all to carry out an experiment of cross-breeding fine, good natured, smooth WESTBROOK'S COLONEL ALLEN 370197 with the lowly "cayuse" of the Indian country. Why? To try to get the ideal trail horse for our dude ranch business." For the rest of the story go to <http://outfitterssupply.blogspot.com/2008/05/gaited-horses-arrive-in-montana.html>



HUMANE HANDLING GUIDELINES FOR HORSES

To reinforce the importance of caring for horses at all stages of their lives, the Alberta Equine Welfare Group has issued standards for the acceptable care and handling of horses to be transported.

The purpose of the new booklet is to provide horse owners and handlers with a decision making tool to ensure only fit horses are transported. It is unacceptable by law for unfit animals – those that are sick, injured, aged, fatigued or would suffer unduly if not handled properly – to be transported. Clear, defined guidelines have been developed by the industry stating what is humanely acceptable to load on a truck and what is not.

Provincial horse organizations across Canada under the banner of the newly formed Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada will have the opportunity to distribute these guidelines to their members.

To obtain copies contact the Alberta Equestrian Federation at 403-253-4411. The booklet is available at: www.afac.ab.ca or www.albertaequestrian.com or www.albertahorseindustry.ca

Walking Horse News



BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

Condolences to Jean Dahle, Clearwater, on the death of her husband Leonard in June. Leonard and Jean bought their first Walking Horses 14 years ago, and raised and trained them themselves. They rode for pleasure, on cattle drives, mountain trails and in parades with their horses, and really enjoyed them. The above photo of them was taken in summer, 2000. Our deepest sympathy to you, Jean, in your loss.

From PETER SYMONS, RAFTERNINES WALKERS, DAWSON CREEK, "We sold a 4 year old gelding, Dolly's Danny Boy (Wainwright's Rainbow x Chappie's Doll O' the Mist), to Cindy Bye and Chris Brown of Fort Nelson. Congratulations to them. Below is a photo of Danny Boy with me riding."



JO-ANNE MCDONALD, MCDONALD FARMS, POUCE COUPE, writes, "Haying is getting underway in the Peace area these days, but it looks like yields will be down due to lack of moisture again. We just returned from taking Uphill Heir Trigger back to Alberta, and certainly found where the moisture has been going. But it seems unable to get into the Peace River area. The crops here are sure showing the stress."

"We had a nice visit with Liz and Norm Levangie the other night. They ran into a serious road detour on their holidays - and we were lucky enough to be on that detour. They had their grandson Gerald, with them and what a nice young man! His affinity for animals was sure obvious. The dam of Levangie's stallion was born here at McDonald Farms so we had plenty to talk about. (See the photo of Sundust Success as a filly here, below.) Had a great time and surely enjoyed the visit. Hope they had a great holiday. And that is it from the Peace for now."



From JOYCE PATTERSON, CAWSTON, "Here I am at last, still looking at the right side of the grass. Our winter was rather mild but the spring has been goofy. Cold, with a lot of north winds."

"I found a very nice retirement home for 'Sierra'. She went last Thursday. Now I've only two horses left. One is a gorgeous three colored pinto filly. She'll be two year old in July and should mature out at 15:1 hh. (She's for sale.) I still have little 'Crickey' that I got from Fran Kerik. She's doing fine and I ride a bit in the spare pasture. I sold Crickey's big black bay half Walker colt in February. He'd already reached 15:2 hh and he wasn't even two years old!"

I recently heard the sad news that Jim Arden, Youbou, had passed away. Jim owned & bred TWH such as Ebony's... Spesal Gal, Miss Arden, Mary Arden & Lord Arden. Our condolences to his family.

A NEW MARE FOR LIBERTY STABLES

by Cathy-Martinoff

Now, I'm not one of these people who spend long hours at the computer looking at horses for sale to build my imaginary dream herd of horses. But back in the year 2000 I did pull a picture of a stallion off the 'net. Society's Lee Allan meshed with my dream that one day I would have a filly of that breeding to cross with my stallion, Chance's Liberty Spirit, a son of Chance's Gold N Yellow. Society's Lee Allan was the only horse I had in my filing cabinet as a "must have one of his get".

As the years passed I did not add to that file, being quite content with the mares that were in my broodmare band. Most came from descendants of Pearl Tompkins breeding program.

On July 5th, 2005 I tore my left rotator cuff and had to wait until October of 2007 for surgery. After two years of being barely able to lift bales of hay I decided to put pretty much my entire herd up for sale with two exceptions. I would never, ever, sell Romeo (Chance's Liberty Spirit) and Royal Bay Quest, my boss mare (a.k.a. Big Momma). Sales went very well but left me with only one mare for breeding.

Upon realizing we had only one mare for breeding, my husband Michael asked me what my plans were. So I took that query and ran as fast and hard with it as I could. In March I looked at Grace Larson's website www.hiplainswalkers.com and found HER, Echo's Royal Lady. The filly of my dreams. (Okay so she wasn't by Society's Lee Allan, she was by Society's Dan Allan. Close enough!) And she was in Montana. I always wanted to go to Montana and so did Danny, my nephew who lives with us.

Grace quickly put me in touch with Lady's owner, Austin Turley. Austin informed me of Lady's breeding and that she was bred by Billy Taylor of Confederate Hills Farm in Franklin County, Tennessee. Billy Ray Saunders of Moore County, Tennessee bred Chance's Gold N Yellow.

After a few phone calls between Austin and myself the deal was more or less done. It was the logistics of the transition that would be the challenge. I always had a gut feeling that this was meant to be and with faith and a little prayer everything fell into place slowly but surely.

My trailer needed a few repairs so it went into the shop. My truck was not going to make the journey and one of my girlfriends loved the idea of a road trip so off we went in her truck with our kids.

I went to Mapquest to get a travel route and itinerary. Unfortunately Mapquest did not recognize the three mountain passes I had to drive through and it grossly underestimated the travel time. Day One: Rock

Creek, BC to Whitefish, Montana, estimated distance 359.74 miles. Estimated travel time 6 hours and 35 minutes. Actual travel time – approximately 10 hours with 45 minutes for dinner and a stop for fuel.

Oh, and one stop by the Montana Highway Patrol because my trailer tail lights were not working, though brake lights and turn signals were okay. The officer was very nice (and looked so like Sam Elliott that I had to hold my tongue and not ask if I could get a picture with him!). He let me off with a warning, which was awfully kind of him.

Day 2, Whitefish to Laurel, Montana, estimated distance 463.66 miles, estimated travel time 6 hours and 54 minutes. Actual travel time another 10 hours. Fortunately the speed limit in Montana is a very reasonable 75 miles per hour and the I-90 is an excellent freeway to drive on. We stopped for fuel twice and lunch at a Cracker Barrel in Missoula. We don't have a lot of these chain restaurants in Canada so when I'm in the U.S. I like to try as many as possible. Besides I just love biscuits and gravy and can't get the real good stuff here. We arrived in Laurel at 10:00 pm. The kids went swimming in the hotel pool and I soaked in a hot bubble bath to unwind. I was so excited (and caffeinated) I did not fall asleep until after 3:30 in the morning.

We arrived at Austin's around 9:00 the next morning to pick up Lady. I was in seventh heaven seeing all of Austin's wonderful horses. I fell in love with his stallion, Moon; his conformation and temperament remind me of my Romeo. I'd have liked to bring another mare or filly home with me if we could swing a deal but Austin doesn't take MasterCard and we could not have got the health and Coggins done in time.

I could easily have spent a day or longer talking horses with Austin and looking at his fabulous collection, but we were in a hurry to get back on the road with so many miles to travel.

We managed to get to Bozeman for lunch and stopped in Butte for some shopping. The weather had cleared and it was smooth sailing all day. We stopped for gas in the very small community of Rock Creek, Montana, home of the World Famous Testicle Festival. Being sleep deprived I did not want my by-then overactive imagination to go into high gear and try to figure out what the festival was about so we left in a hurry.

A few miles down the highway in Clinton we found The Dreamcatcher Horse Motel. Jack and Deanna who own the place had a nice big turnout for Lady to spend the night in. They had driven from Coeur D'Alene the day before and told us that the on mountain pass it was raining so hard they hydroplaned part way down the mountain. That would be terrifying.

So it looks like we made the right decision to stay in Missoula for the night. More swimming for the kids and another bubble bath for me.

Day Four we were up at 6:00 am (5:00 am Pacific time) and had breakfast at the hotel while everyone else was asleep. I hopped in the truck and drove back to The Dreamcatcher to pick up Lady. She immediately came over to the fence when I arrived. I petted her and scratched her, put the lead rope on and she loaded beautifully. I was very impressed. Don't know too many young horses that would load that easily after spending 8 hours in a straight haul trailer with a person that they have only met for 10 minutes.

Picked up the rest of the gang and off we went. The last day was an easy drive. We made it to the border by 3:00 pm. My husband did all the commercial importation paperwork ahead of time so all I had to do was calculate the taxes based on the daily exchange rate. We were in and done at Canada Customs in 15 minutes. No one even came out to the trailer to see if the horse in the trailer matched the description on the paperwork.

We arrived home by dinnertime. Lady was happy to be out of the trailer and all the other horses on the property greeted her noisily. My husband and his friend were out on the back 120 of the ranch shooting and when they came in for dinner they stopped to see the horse from Montana. Lady came right over and greeted them.

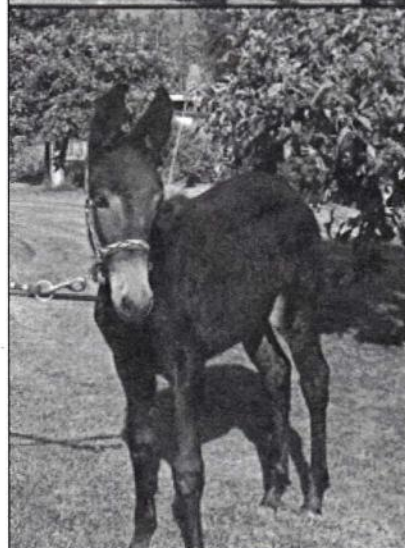
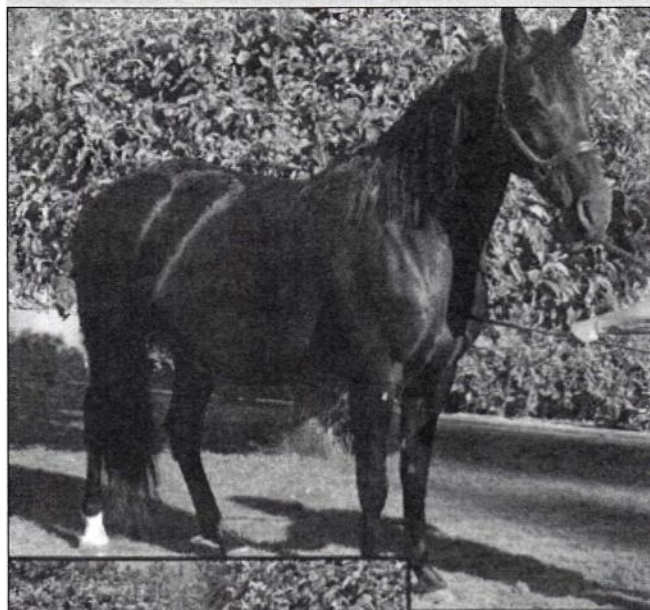
I really feel privileged and very blessed to own Lady. She is incredibly sweet natured (yes, most TWHs are), she has a neat little flippy front end and can really drive from her hind end. I can't wait to get her under saddle later this year. I expect she will be my primary using horse when she is not producing foals.

Thank you, Austin!



Left to right: Cathy and Echo's Royal Lady ready to head north as Austin hands over the lead rope.

Midnights Bart of Peebles Ranch



Boy oh boy, is this guy gaited! He did the running walk at only hours old. We are very proud parents and wanted to share his arrival with your readers. The mule baby's name is Midnights Bart of Peebles Ranch. In this picture he is 7 weeks old.

At the Peebles Ranch

we have been riding Tennessee Walkers for years... and love them. We also raise miniature donkeys and love them as well. Recently we decided to combine our two loves and researched the best mammoth jack breeding, which led us to a son of Black Bart (a very famous jack). The mare is a TWH, a granddaughter of Midnight Sun, and has a number of foundation bloodlines in her breeding. She is a very stable and gentle mare, perfect for a mule mother.

The following are my thoughts on safe breeding regarding the creation of a mule. We chose to collect semen from a son of Black Bart and artificially inseminated our mare. We did this to protect both animals, as Jacks have been known to be violent toward their mates. Mares are instinctively afraid of donkeys. For any breeders interested in creating a mule we *strongly recommend* artificial insemination for the safety of the mare. *Pat Peebles*

THE EVOLUTION OF TRAINING TECHNIQUES IX

by Dr. Bob Womack From Pages 246 to 248, The Echo of Hoofbeats, Second Edition, 1984.

In the final analysis the industry-at-large must shoulder the blame for what happened, for until 1967 no meaningful attempt was made to stop the soring of Walking Horses.

Sored Walking Horses handed the detractors of the breed a convenient club with which they could cause great damage. Also, while laying the groundwork for its destruction from the outside, the sore lick was causing complications from within. Because of the uncontrollable factors involved in the soring process, predicting the consistency of an entry's performance in the show ring became impossible. Horse shows often became comical, and judges found themselves in impossible situations.

Often times a horse would come into the ring doing everything a sored horse should do. The horse would barely touch the ground with its front feet and then with a sudden jerky motion, drive its rear feet far up under its body. Although this motion was usually accompanied by a hump in the animal's back, the overall performance was considered excellent by sore-lick standards.

Most of the time, sored entries could maintain this form at least throughout the first heat of the class. It was always questionable whether such horses could maintain the same form through an additional work-out since, with every round made, the animal was working up an immunity to its discomfort. The judge faced a dilemma during the first line-up. At the same time the sored horse was making its spectacular exhibition, other horses, not so sore or not sored at all, were making less spectacular shows, but experience indicated that the less-sored horse would, in all probability, maintain its level of performance for a greater period of time than his more severely sored rival. Which horse should be chosen for the workout? Actually, the judge had little choice. Since the severely sored entry had beaten the others so badly during the initial heat, it had to be picked even though chances were it could not maintain its level of performance.

When the entries selected for the work-out took the rail, it often became obvious that the severely sored horses had lost their squareness and many reverted to a pace or amble. At this point it was apparent to the judge and spectators alike that some entries not selected for the work-out were superior to some that were. It was too late to make amends. While the obviously superior entry stood on the grass, those in the work-out continued in what was sometimes a rather comical way of going.

The work-out itself often became puzzling. What do you do when an over-sored entry loosens up enough to make one sensational pass just before the class ends, although to that time its performance had been less than adequate? Does such an entry defeat other more consistent performers whose exhibitions were never quite as sensational as the last pass made by their over-sored rival? Or, do you go to the grass and place a horse which obviously exhibited the gaits natural to the Walking Horse while doing nothing spectacular? Which is really the best horse? About the only thing a judge could do was to shut his eyes, tie the class, and wait for the criticism that was sure to come.

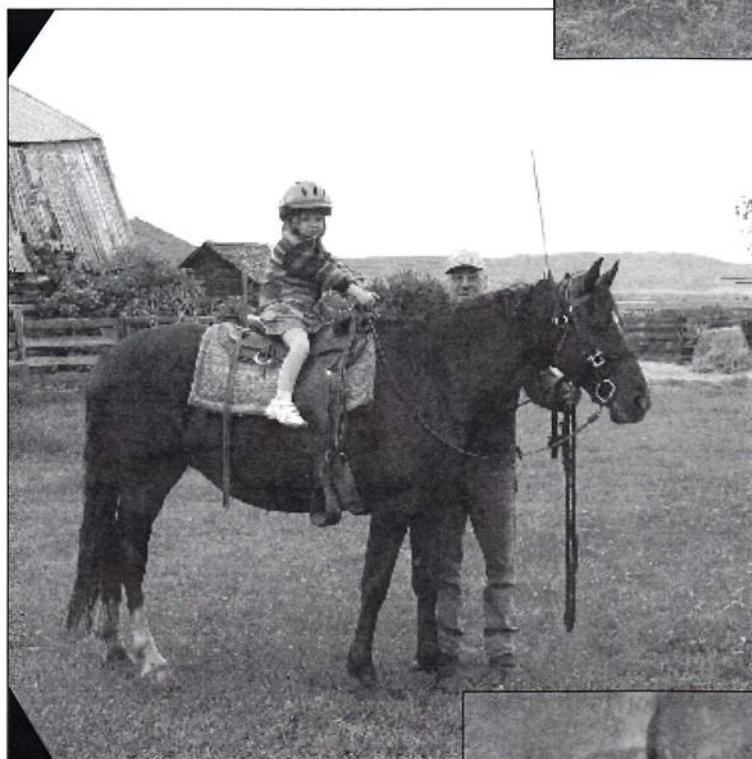
While the Walking Horse industry condoned the soring problem from the inside, a national crusade against the practice was gaining momentum on the outside. In 1956, SPORTS ILLUSTRATED carried an article describing the process of soring and pointed out that little was being done to stop it. Other publications soon joined the chorus of those opposing the practice. The authors of such articles were dismissed by the Walking Horse industry as "do-gooders," and most were subjected to extreme ridicule. The only defense the Walking Horse industry ever found for soring was to attack the person who criticized the practice.

There was no serious effort mounted by the Walking Horse industry to stop soring during the early and mid-sixties. Resolutions against the practice were passed by various groups, including the Breeders' Association, but according to writers of the time the very people who passed the resolutions went out and sored their horses. The Breeders' Association was, in fact, powerless to act, since it lacked authority over horse shows.

By the mid-sixties the practice of soring Walking Horse began attracting widespread national attention. On the morning of Sunday, January 16, 1966, the NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM published an article entitled Torture Still Goads The Walking Horse. In the article it was pointed out that no meaningful steps had been taken to end soring. During the same year, 1966, the soring problem reached the halls of Congress. On May 10, 1966, Senator Joseph Tydings cited an article in LIFE magazine pertaining to the mistreatment of dogs and cats, and then added, "There is another problem of cruelty to animals which has recently come to my attention, which also requires corrective legislation... I refer to the widespread abuse of the beautiful Tennessee Walking Horse for the purpose of affecting its natural gait."

To be concluded in our next issue.

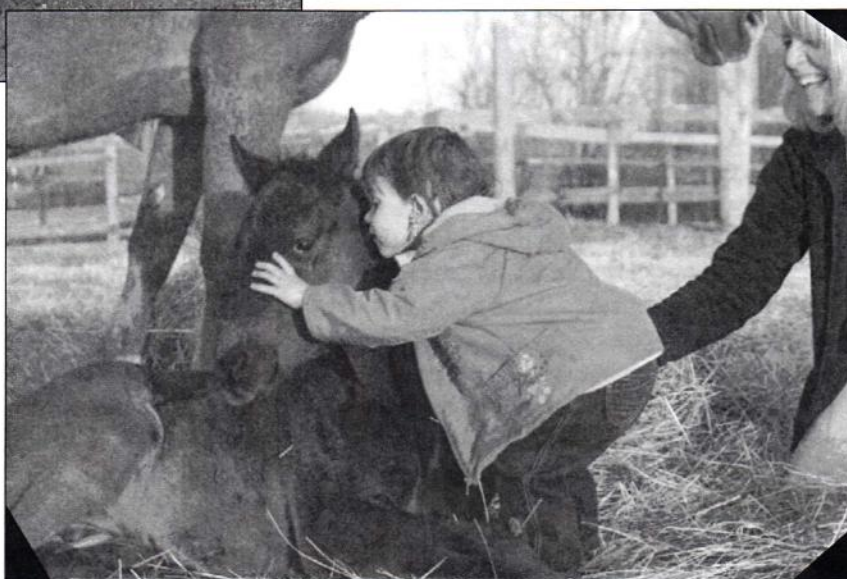
What do YOU do with your Walkers ?



These folks are passing on the love of horses to their grandchildren.

Above: Hannah McDonald, McDonald Farms, Pouce Coupe, BC gives Luna her oats, & Left, Hannah (aged 4) has her very first horseback ride, on Maybee's Memory, supervised by Grandpa Don.

Below: Maureen Germscheid introduces her granddaughter, Mika, to the new foals at Magnolia Meadows, Evansburg, AB.



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GAIT FROM THE GROUND UP with Dianne Little & Bill Roy

The CRTWH Clinic at St. Paul, AB was very well received with eight participants and two auditors taking the opportunity to learn from Clinicians Dianne Little and Bill Roy. They discussed and explained the CRTWH Program For Excellence Tests for conformation and gait, as well as the Training Levels Challenges. Then each individual's particular problem or question about his/her TWH was addressed. The participants had a wonderful opportunity for individualized instruction and guidance from the clinicians, in various aspects of gait and horse management. Bill Roy and his demonstration with Johnny opened many eyes to the subtleties of communication between horse and human. Here's a quote from one clinic participant:

"Just a quick note to say again how great the clinic was. I really enjoyed meeting everyone, and all the expert advice and one-on-one help have really given me a good base to work from. I went riding last night with my sister and she was impressed at my new Johnny-handling "skill"! Dianne, let me practice for a month or so and then I'd like to come see you for a riding lesson. If anyone's talking to Bill, thank him again for me. I hope to get out there to see him next spring, if not before."

A BIG "Thank You" to Dianne and Bill for traveling the miles and putting in the time to share their knowledge and expertise with the participants who took this opportunity to learn more about their Walkers and their conformation and gaits. The more you know, the more you get from your horses. Another big vote of thanks to Fran Kerik for organizing the clinic and making this wonderful opportunity available for the participants.

WWW.WEB NOTES

This is your LAST CALL to renew or correct your listing on the Members' Map List on the website. We need to hear from you before the end of August if you want your listing left up as is, changed, added or deleted. Contact Jean at vice-president@crtwh.ca, 780-696-2105 or write her at Site 3, RR1, Box 9, Winfield, AB TOC 2X0.

Also, we *KNOW* you have beautiful babies out there - so please send in up to 2 of your best shots of your foals for a slide show on the CRTWH website. We'll put your name with each short caption, so that's good exposure too. Send as actual photos (include a SASE if you want them returned) or email as jpgs to Jean.

PEACE CLINIC

Attention all Peace Area Walker owners! We are organizing a 'Gait from the Ground Up' clinic for your area for this fall - either the weekend of September 27-28 or October 4-5. We need YOU to let us know which works best for you, and also, how many would like to participate so we can set up an appropriate venue.

Contact Jo-Anne McDonald at 250-782-7962 or Marjorie Lacy at 780-723-2547 if you would like to take part with your horse or just come and watch. Weekend clinic fees will be \$160 for horse & rider/ \$60 for auditors, with a 25% discount to CRTWH members. Let's hear from you!

GATHERING 2008

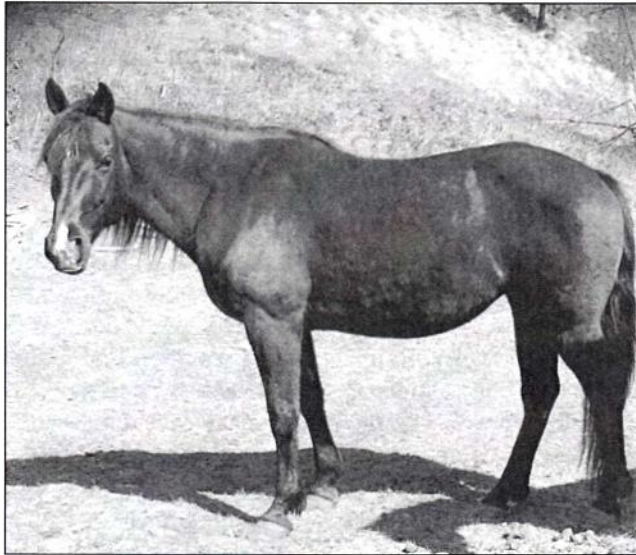
A Gathering will be held at Cloudwalker Stables the weekend of September 20-21 for all those of you who would like to have your horses assessed in the CRTWH Program For Excellence. This is a great opportunity to have your breeding stock evaluated by an IJA Judge trained to look for correct gait and sound conformation.

(You can also enter from home - just look up the criteria on www.crtwh.ca. No hauling required!)

Videoining will be done at the Gathering. A Days of Old Retro Show will also be held that weekend. Contact Dianne Little **after August 10** for more details. Call 403-271-7391 or 403-678-4452.

ORPHANED FOAL: NOW WHAT?

In memory of Sundown's Shadow (*below*),
a granddaughter of Lucky's Koko Prince
by Diane McCannel



On April 6 this year my beautiful Sundown's Shadow (aka Munchkin), my long time friend, gave birth to her sixth foal, a very large, overdue bay colt. Everything seemed picture perfect. I watched them for 4 hours after birth and then piled into bed. I woke 4 hours later and went to check on them. Munchkin was in obvious distress, sweating, staggering around, falling down, then getting up and repeating. I called two vet clinics repeatedly, getting no response from either. After an hour she passed away. I am fairly sure she died of internal bleeding or had a prolapse and the related shock killed her. I had cleaned the stall before I retired and she had normal manure. When I came back 4 hours later there were 2 normal manure piles and while I was there she went to diarrhea. Now it is unclear as to whether the administration of Bute or Banamine would have saved her or not; that will remain unknown. The clinics in B.C. will not sell you either product without the vet seeing the horse. I live 50 minutes from the nearest vet and when they do not answer their pagers - well, you know where I am going with this. So, after you pick yourself off the ground, in shock yourself as to what has just happened, you look at the beautiful brand new foal and think *what can you do now?*

Zepher Shadow Ridge (aka Zepher) must have a special angel. He received approximately 8 hours of colostrum before his dam passed on. I collected some in a bottle, so he continued to nurse for about 3 hours after she passed. His good fortune continued with his sister adopting him. Whisper, his palomino 5-year-old half sister, Munchkin's daughter, indicated she wanted to take care of him 20 minutes after Munchkin's death. I put a halter on Whisper, who had been weaning her foal

since last November and brought her in to the corral. She guided him to her, and she became his mom. It was the most pitiful and the most amazing thing all in the same moment. Now the question is, does she have any milk? She *had* managed to jump fences twice to get back to her filly from last year. The first time she was out for approximately two hours and the second time was a week before this tragic situation. The corral that she had been in was now being occupied by an overdue Munchkin. Whisper had joined up with her filly by the end of the week, after being weaned for 5 months. So now, she left her own foal to take care of her newborn brother. Interesting.

Within 1 hour of her death, I had some frozen colostrum and some milk replacer, thanks to neighbors. Because of questionable milk production, Whisper had no bag. So I began the painful adventure of bottle-feeding this little one... every two hours for four days, and tapering down the schedule from there. It takes about 45 minutes to make the formula and cool it. I did figure out a quicker method fast since I am by myself. (Good thing I am self-employed and didn't have to go to work.)

Thank you to Bill Roy, Marjorie Lacy, Dianne Little, Allanna Jackson, many neighbors and Dr. Susan Wales. One phone call to Bill started a fan-out for help resulting in a healthy foal and this article being written. On April 8, Allanna Jackson, the last owner of Lucky's Koko Prince, emailed that she had seen an article on the induction of lactation in a non-pregnant mare on the horse.com web site. I followed up and discovered the protocol for this procedure. This in itself was another adventure. It turns out that currently the procedure is licensed only in the U.S. and is in the process of being licensed for Canada. After calling seven vets, I found Dr. Susan Wales of the Panorama Vet Services in Winfield, BC who had heard of this, used it, and had been successful in achieving the desired results. It is important to note that the drug we used is approved for humans for the same thing and other things as well. Dr. Wales took a huge amount of non-compensated time looking up procedures and info for me. Her kindness and expertise is greatly appreciated. This procedure involves three steps to get a non-lactating mare into a state of lactation. It encompasses a series of shots and pills. It is currently very expensive. Dr. Wales felt that because it had now been determined that Whisper still had milk, just nowhere enough, that we could use the last step of the protocol to stimulate more milk. She prescribed a medication called Domperidone. On April 9, Whisper received her first pills that I mixed with grain. Her bag started to develop within a day; she was noticeably drowsy, went into heat, and had loose stools. It is interesting to note that Zepher also had loose stools. I gave them both plain yogurt and pepto bismol

and the diarrhea cleared up immediately. He never scoured. She was on these pills for a week. Dr. Wales had suggested she could be on the pills longer, but I felt that nature would now take over. Thankfully it did. I still had milk replacer that I continued feeding him, gradually getting down to one bottle a day until he was 6 weeks old when he had his last bottle.

Here's hoping *you* never need this information.



Whisper, his palomino half sister, indicated that she wanted to take care of Zepher.

Another thing to note during all of this was the behavior of Zepher. I delivered him, dried him off, and covered him with a foal blanket; it was only one degree the night he was born. I helped him through the transition of mothers, and I fed him. However, it became very clear the very first day that he was angry. He would run at Whisper and me, turn around, and kick at us with both feet. He also head butted. On the third day I had to get tough. I laid him down and had to lie on him to restrain him. We had a little chat about everything that had happened, and I comforted him with positive energy. I let him up after a couple of minutes. He never resisted and or challenged me or his new mother again. I did this with 40 years of horse knowledge and it was done with love. He is now the most well-mannered little guy you could want - respectful and friendly, while being confident, brave, loving, and curious. He is halter, lead and pony broke already. Feet, blankets, and first aid are no problem. If you ever have an orphan, it is important to make sure the baby does not become spoiled and dangerous. I truly believe that this situation had the potential to be an even bigger disaster in the wrong hands.

Even before he was conceived I'd made the decision to sell - if he was a colt. Thus this healthy, beautiful, very-much-handled weanling is available. He has the potential for anything! For more information about dealing with an orphan (or about the colt) please contact me through my ad in this issue.



GOOD HORSE - BAD PEDIGREE?

I (Marjorie Lacy) was musing to Allanna Jackson whether a GOOD horse can have a BAD pedigree. Below are some of Allanna's thoughts on that question:

If the majority of TWH breeders actually selected their stock by the "seat of the pants" the breed would be much better off, though maybe not any better gaited. We've got far too many people breeding pedigrees, not horses. Pedigree research is easier than getting out there and actually working the horse so a lot of people give in to the temptation to substitute pedigree research for honest evaluation and performance testing of the horse itself.

A good horse won't have a totally bad pedigree, but the pedigree of a good horse can have weak links in it. Sassy proved to be a great horse so her pedigree was good, but her production record indicates her pedigree had some weak spots somewhere. How else do we explain her producing foals inferior to herself? The pedigree reveals two possible causes for Pride's difficult temperament - too much linebreeding and/or using Merry Boy as the "outcross" line for horses linebred to Last Chance/Hunter's Allen and the La Marrs, which amounts to the same thing since Merry Boy and Last Chance were 3/4 brothers. At that point the La Marr line becomes the outcross for the Allens, but when you've already linebred the La Marrs close enough to get into trouble... When temperament is getting whacky from too much linebreeding adding another horse that has temperament problems from being too inbred himself won't solve the problem.

It's been demonstrated that crop outs, both good and bad, do occur. The TWH world has relied so heavily on pedigree instead of performance testing - or on completely irrational performance ideals - that there are vanishingly few TWH pedigrees that are truly solid in all lines. In my opinion Merry Boy is a weak link, Merry Boy's F-88 is a weak link, Promenader is a weak link. Are there good horses that have those horses in their ancestry? Of course, but those horses are good in spite of the weak links, not because of them. When you know you've got weak links in a pedigree the responsible breeder should breed away from them by outcrossing to strong lines. You don't get good horses by linebreeding to the weak links in the pedigree!

When we look at the best Sport Horses in the world today we see horses with pedigrees in which every horse in every line of every generation for 5 or more generations has proven itself, by real life testing and/or competition. They have all proven to be better than average in at least one of the Sport Horse disciplines. I cannot think of a single living TWH for which that is true. I *have* noticed that most of the best using Walkers I've seen have pedigrees full of horses that have actually been worked on ranches and/or mountain trails. I've seen only one untested TWH whose actual quality seemed to match what his pedigree promised. That one was Mischievous Secret.

READERS WRITE

Keith Oberle, Skyline @ Horse Creek, Cochrane, AB

On Shoeing and Trimming

After reading some of the submissions to the last *WHN*, I am moved to reply. This ongoing discussion of hoof care - angles, natural trimming, etc., reminds me of an old proverb: "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing".

I have been trimming and shoeing my own horses for over 40 years. I must be a slow learner because I still do not consider myself a farrier. I still hire farriers to do some of my work because a good farrier can keep your horse moving correctly and prevent problems that otherwise might show up several years later.

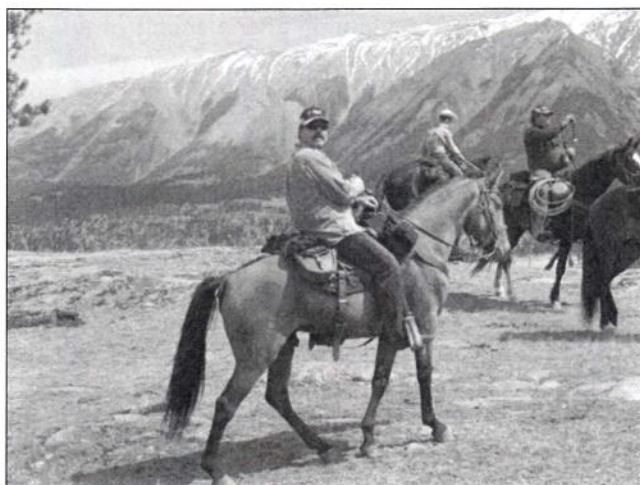
There is more to trimming than an angle of 50 degrees! Where did this notion come from? I know some books say the AVERAGE is from 48 to 53 degrees, or some such range, different for front and hind. First, that is an average. Is your horse average? Second, is your horse standing up correctly in the first place, or does it need corrective trimming before application of the magic number? What is the angle of the shoulder and pastern? What angle of hoof will permit the weight to transfer from horse to ground in a straight line, down through the centre of the frog? These are far more important than some pre-determined hoof angle. If you cannot answer these questions by looking at your horse, hire a competent farrier and throw away the protractor! The money you spend now will save much if you have to replace your horse early due to poor foot care.

My second concern has to do with the current "flavor of the month"- natural trimming. I know little about this, so only have questions, but until I have answers to them, I would not consider having my horses trimmed that way. From what I have read, the proponents are some farriers who have "studied" feral horses in the "wild". Are these farriers educated in research methods that help separate fact from fiction? (In the past in Alberta not even a high school diploma was required to go to farrier school.) The last fad developed by the "students" of feral horses was 4-point trimming. It has largely been abandoned by practitioners now, except in special circumstances such as acute founder/laminitis. There was another attempt a few years ago to avoid shoeing. It had to do with treating the hoof with some chemical and ultra-violet radiation. A friend of mine tried it - and his horse got so sore WITHIN ONE HOUR of trail riding in the mountains that my friend did a lot of walking. Before jumping on this new bandwagon, ask yourself these questions: has the procedure been tried on the kind of

horses you ride, in the kind of terrain where you travel?

That is, are feral horses in the desert, eating what they can find, carrying no weight, doing no work other than finding food, water and sex, and being culled by predators when the "shoeing" didn't work too well, the same as my grain and alfalfa fed, poor footed, fat, out-of-condition animal that is soon to be asked to carry my 240 lb of flesh and gear several hours over rocks and rivers? (I don't really feed grain and alfalfa, and the feet are generally good, but you get the point). Put another way, if the new procedure does not work, what might be the consequences to me? Will my horse get so sore that I will be walking a long way over those same rocks and rivers? I would rather be safe than sorry.

Lest anyone think that I am a Luddite, THERE IS A COMPROMISE! There are several styles and brands of polyurethane (a type of plastic) horse shoes on the market. I have been using them almost exclusively for 4 years. I use them on saddle horses and packhorses. I ride and pack on average 800 km a year. They protect the hoof better than steel AND allow the hoof to flex almost normally, like it would barefoot. They are shock absorbing and are lighter than steel, stressing the joints less and tiring the horse less. They last about the same amount of time as steel but cost a little more. A few extra dollars now will save a lot in the long run if my horse is sound an extra year or three. A neighbor put a set on his horse 3 times over a summer. I have never gotten 3 sets from steel! I have tried 3 brands, each a different construction. I have a preference for one brand for summer and a different one for winter. Call me if you want to talk plastic shoes. (See my cover ad for contact info).



Sheldon Schroeder & his 3 year old gelding, 'Buckskin Billy' (Uphill Chasing Gold) at the Kootenay Plains, May 2008 long weekend.

TWH SHOPPING by Nya Bates

Some of you might think that it is an easy task to find a Tennessee Walking Horse that has a nice mind, a natural running walk and is broke to ride.

NOT SO in today's market!

I have been in the business of breeding and training flatshod Tennessee Walking Horses since 1974 and, like many TWH enthusiasts, am familiar with the history, training methods, problems and current popular trends of this breed. I laud the TWH Heritage Society, the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse with its Program for Excellence, FOSH, and the many breeders of the natural TWH in their individual endeavors towards the preservation of this breed.

Naturally, since we do a lot of starting of young horses, trail training, gait repair, riding lessons and breeding, we get numerous requests from riders searching for suitable Tennessee Walking Horses for hunting, field trials, pleasure and trail use.

The criteria for most pleasure riders are: 1) A natural running walk (without creative shoeing specialized training of rider or equipment)

2) A disposition conducive to performing tasks asked of a riding mount

3) Well trained enough for an intermediate and/or experienced rider

Sounds as if that would be relatively easy to find? It is *alarmingly difficult* to find those three qualities in one horse!

A request from a lady looking for a well gaited Tennessee Walking mare, aged 5-12, 15-16 hh, trained and trail safe, sent me on a long and disappointing quest. This gal was not picky regarding color, pedigree or riding discipline nor was she impatient or unrealistic in the expected cost of such an animal. She had done her homework and was well informed of the breed characteristics as well as current standards of the industry training. Her dream was to find a nice riding mare that would be of sufficient quality to breed.

Knowing that we had plenty of time in which to search, we both began looking for suitable horses in the summer of 2007. We perused ads, looked at pedigrees and photos, viewed numerous videos and I called upon everyone that I have known in the flatshod TWH industry as well as all referrals provided. We had literally hundreds of candidates that dwindled to a select 60 or so by the time we began our trip to see and ride these horses in the spring of 2008.

As most of us are well aware, many breeders have been breeding to what is popular in today's show arenas. The World Grand Champions are big lick horses and travel much differently than do our pleasure horses. The current trend in the Plantation and Lite-shod divisions tend to reward animation, which also will dictate breeding programs. This gal wanted a trail mount, so animation, deep head shake and long overstride were not as important as correct form and gait.

Since we were seeking a mare to be bred, pedigree became an important factor. We ran across some nicely bred mares (unfortunately, most had not been ridden in years or never started) but, overall, there was extreme line breeding and in some cases, inbreeding. Many of the pedigrees did not color verify, but that was not important as, as I stated, she was not really color specific. Some were TWHBEA, CRTWH, IPWHA, some did not have proper transfers available and others had never been registered.

In regards to disposition, well that, like gait and training was something that we would have to see for ourselves. Everyone that we spoke to *said* that their horse was exactly what we were looking for, had the perfect running walk and was the sweetest horse ever.

So now we were ready to actually make some appointments to go and see the horses that we had placed on the 'short list'. We headed out on a 6 day and almost 2000 mile trip.

Personally I found the state of the gait was the most disappointing aspect of this journey. There were few horses that actually performed a running walk without creative shoeing, long toes, radical angles or rider manipulation. The horses step-paced, did a swing gait, racked, but most of them simply paced. True, several of the horses were ridden at a speed faster than a running walk, but were still more lateral that we would have preferred. The few that did a true running walk did not possess the other requirements.

Many of the horses had been trained 'standard of the TWH industry' or, more aptly said, 'Tennessee trained', which meant that they had little of the basic education such as standing while being mounted, backing, leg yields and simply walking calmly. These are all necessary to a pleasure, trail or working mount so would require more training in addition to the purchase price for the animal. There were quite a few that, although they had been advertised as 'trail horses' had had minimal time actually spent on the trails and were not educated in simple exercises such as water crossing or navigating obstacles which one would encounter on a trail. There were quite a few that had been trained by fear of the handler so they were not open to listening to the rider long enough to learn what was being asked of them. The training barns were the most depressing. By this time the buyer was mortified at the training techniques and quality of horses. They were beautiful and animated but, again, did not possess the three pre-requisites of gait, disposition and training.

Incidentally, we have sold many trail horses to clients and, sadly, many were MFTs, KMSHA, SSH & RMHSA rather than all TWHs. Needless to say, we are still being asked to find well gaited, sensible and trained Tennessee Walking Horses. I beg of the breeders of natural gaited TWHs - *get those youngsters broke and educated so we can supply the need for Walking Horses that were bred for mind and gait.* As Walking Horse breeders, we have found that we are unable to replace our stock regardless of the cost so we'll only be selling finished stock that is no longer used for our breeding program. (And I never thought that I would say that!)

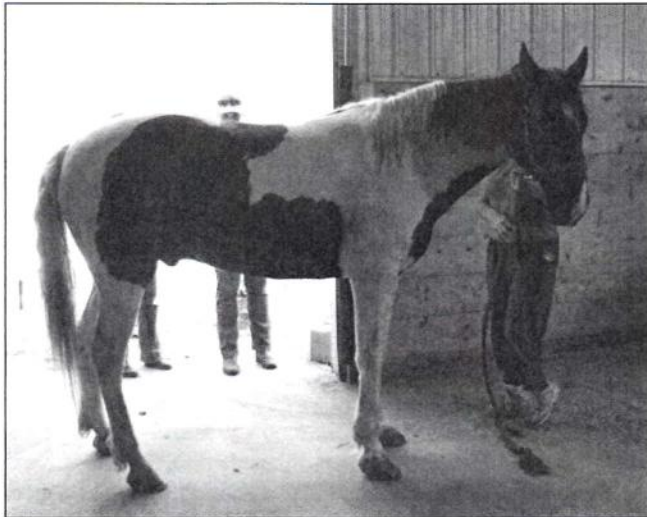


FOUNDER

A LIFE OR DEATH MATTER Part II

by Barb Fenwick

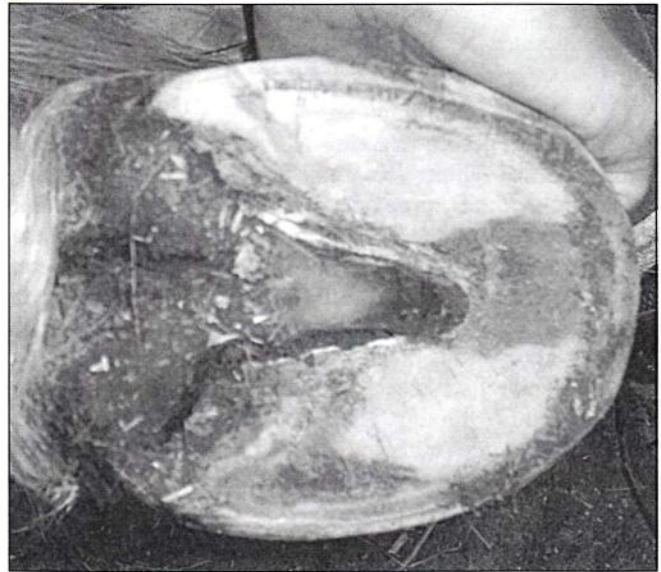
This is the progression of Spirit's feet from the time James trimmed him during the 2007 June clinic. I trimmed him thereafter using James's guidelines and consulting. He was trimmed every 2 weeks to a month. At first it was every 2 weeks because of the importance of keeping the hooves very consistent to initiate healing from the founder. Then after a couple of months I went to every 3 weeks, & now we occasionally can go as long as every 4 weeks for a trim. He has gone from lame on both fronts to sound in this process. By late August, I was riding him 15 miles with his Easy Boots on with no recurring lameness.



The above picture is Spirit before his trim by James. At the time of the clinic Spirit was just coming out of the bout of founder and his front feet were very sore. As you can see his toes are quite long. My problem was that I didn't know how much toe I could safely remove considering his coffin bones in both front feet were rotated (proven by x-rays). James showed us just how short they could be taken back to provide the situation where he would be more comfortable and healing would start to take place. *Below is a picture of a front foot (one of the laminitis affected feet) after James's trim.* There was extreme seedy toe, poor frog growth, he was slipper footed and old abscesses showed up on both feet at the toes and coming out from the soles.



Here is one of Spirit's feet now, 9 months after James's initial corrective trim in June, 2007



Spirit is still in transition, even after 9 months. What is very evident is that his frogs have grown and spread out, his heel bulbs have widened as well as his quarters. His quarters are all 1/4 inch wider now! His soles are looking great, good concavity and very little seedy toe left on his fronts. He really hated to have his front feet trimmed after foundering for obvious reasons... he was really sore! Now, you can hold them up relaxed for any length of time; he is very comfortable. He is sound again!

I am so happy to have met James & Yvonne and I credit James with literally helping me save Spirit's life. We all need to be concerned with hoof health, not just for those with hoof problems but ultimately to *prevent* any problems in young and older horses and offer them a life with sound, strong and natural feet. As a result of all I have learned, all my horses now have better feet, move better, and in the "rough going" I simply put hoof boots on them to protect their feet over extreme rough terrain; no metal shoes nailed into their feet are ever needed!

Of course, in Spirit's case there are some other factors that have helped in his recovery, such as diet, using Paddock Paradise (a paddock & pasture management system) for his turnout, and certainly herbal supplements and a probiotic to generally help his overall digestion and health. He is his old 'spirited' and wonderful self again. It's been a long haul to learn and get the help I needed to bring him back to health, but without learning about the healthy hoof and barefoot trimming techniques it would have been a very short road for Spirit.

Thanks, James and Yvonne, from Spirit!



From Foundations to the Future

A CAMP IN CANAAN AND BEYOND by Franne Brandon

By January of 1986, Carol Camp had established herself as a professional trainer of flat shod Tennessee Walking Horses in the breed's heartland. At this time, pleasure classes were few at Middle Tennessee horse shows. Most shows had a show pleasure class for horses with padded shoes but natural tails. A few had begun to add plantation pleasure classes. In the early-to-mid eighties, horses shown in plantation pleasure rings were not expected to perform as mini big lick show horses. They were instead expected to move much more like the horses of the thirties and forties, walking in a relaxed manner, with a cadenced head nod, and also performing an acceptable canter on both leads. Judging of these plantation classes was not the best when a show did offer this venue for pleasure competition. Many shows continued to offer the show bills they had presented for quite a few years, with no room for the flat shod pleasure horse to compete.

Carol and two friends from the Franklin area, Becky Melton and Connie Taylor, saw a need and decided to do something about it. Because they "never dreamed that TWHBEA had any interest in pleasure horses whatsoever", they envisioned an organization designed to promote the natural, pleasure walking horse on the rail and along the trails. Working together, they formed the Pleasure Walking Horse Association of Tennessee, a name quickly abbreviated to the acronym PWHAT. As Carol remembers "We never would have gotten PWHAT off the ground if it hadn't been for Dr. Dave Whitaker. He knew how to run an organization. He should have been the first PWHAT president, but he would not take it." That job fell to Carol herself, and she guided the helm of the infant club as it gained members and became a decisive force in working to draw attention to the pleasure walker in the show ring by sponsoring classes at regular one-night horse shows and eventually offering the midstate's first all flat-shod horse shows since the late forties. The PWHAT Sale, the fundraiser devised to support the club's activities, became well known throughout the country as a place where buyers and consignors could meet, with both groups leaving pleased with the outcome.

With Carol's professional, fulltime training career off and running in January of 1986, she also found time to develop another interest which had attracted her along with the desire to train. As Carol explains, "I actually had an interest in judging right from the beginning. At seventeen, I was one of the youngest apprentice judges for the National Horse Show Commission. At that time, there was really no such

thing as the sound horse "industry" or pleasure shows." Those were to follow in the nineties, spurred at first by the efforts of the International Plantation Walking Horse Association, which was followed into the fray by Friends of the Sound Horse (FOSH), and at about the same time, the National Walking Horse Association (NWhA). Seeing the need, Carol obtained licenses to judge with the Walking Horse Owners Association (WHOA), FOSH, and the NWhA. Because many of the sound pleasure Tennessee Walking Horse groups also offer classes for Mountain Pleasure Horses, Carol also obtained judging licenses with The Rocky Mountain Horse Association and the United Mountain Horse Association.

As a quick summary of what she looks for when judging horses under saddle, she feels that "To me, the Plantation and Lite shod horses are the same type horse with different shoes on. I like to see a distinctly more animated horse for lite shod than for trail pleasure. The trail pleasure horse should move efficiently and be able to go all day. All this said, I am taking for granted that the correct 4 beat walking gait is displayed."

When asked about her training techniques that she uses in the daily programs of each of her horses, Carol said "Ah, now we get down to talking about the good stuff." Within her own breeding program, Carol imprints the foals. As these foals are now going under saddle, Carol is seeing the results of the procedure. She says "I love foal imprinting. I am now riding foals that I have imprinted, and it makes a world of difference." With any unstarted horse, whether her own or a customer's, she puts as much emphasis as is permitted on ground work. Carol insists that "I am a fanatic on ground work, but if I am fortunate enough to have the opportunity, I will do all the ground work before the colt is old enough to ride."

The Parelli method is Carol's favored for working the stock that she trains. She says, "I use the Parelli 7 Games system, and once riding begins, I will ride them in a rope hackamore for about six months until they get some balance. If a colt comes to me at two years of age with no previous ground work, it is not unusual for me to spend three months (30 hours) or more on ground work. The hardest part of this is getting the owners to be patient. Once I get on them, the horses already have a clue how to be guided, how to disengage the hindquarters, and lateral flexion. They rarely cause any trouble when they know what to do and respect my leadership. I feel as safe on a young horse as I do on an older one."

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While most horses that Carol trains are younger ones, she does restart older horses. She finds that “re-starting an older, difficult horse can take up to a year, and the owner must be very dedicated to that horse.”

In addition to the Tennessee Walkers, Carol has Andalusians in her barn from time to time. She explains that her first cousin, Lloyd York, himself a serious Andalusian breeder, has introduced her to friends within his chosen breed, and that they do send her young stock. She also admits that “Occasionally, I’ll take a project involving horses of other breeds, but I like to stick to the Walkers as much as possible. They’re my first love. They are the only breed I compete with on a regular basis.”

With skyrocketing fuel prices translating into increased costs of everything from feed to hay to show travel, the horse market varies across the United States, throughout North America, and elsewhere. Carol states that “I think we’ve got a wide open market in other parts of the world: Europe, Mexico, South America, the possibilities are endless. I hear there’s some controversy in Europe about promotion of the more artificial horse, but you can’t market something that people don’t want. I don’t think that Europe will go for a gimmicked horse.”

As a Tennessee Walking Horse breeder and owner, a trainer, and a licensed judge, Carol Camp has built her life around the horse that she loves. At home on Canaan Farms, competing on the rail, or standing in center ring appraising a class, Carol finds a life of satisfaction knowing that she is fulfilling her heart’s desire.

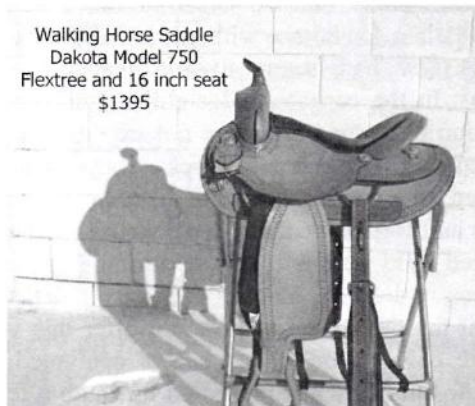
Carol is one of the judges announced in June for this year’s NWH National Show. She also judged ‘The Canadian’ Futurity in 2000. Below, she is shown center, holding the first place ribbon awarded to Canadian Simba, highest score 2 year old filly, owned by Allan Burton, at halter; bred by Sharon & Ted Smith.



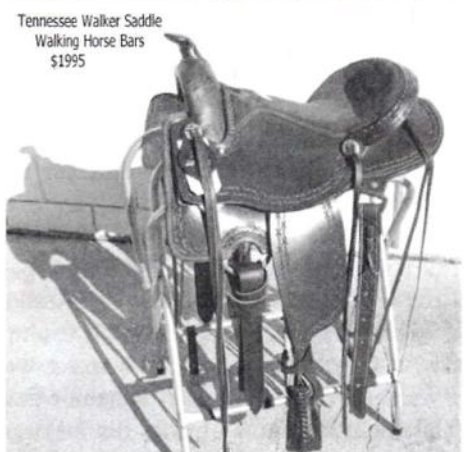
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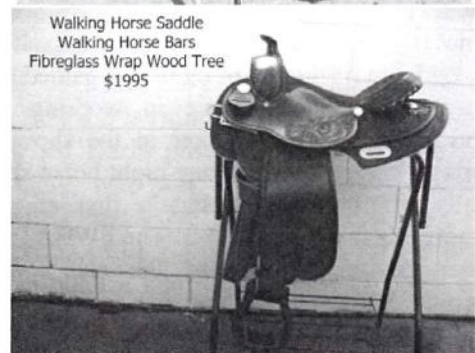
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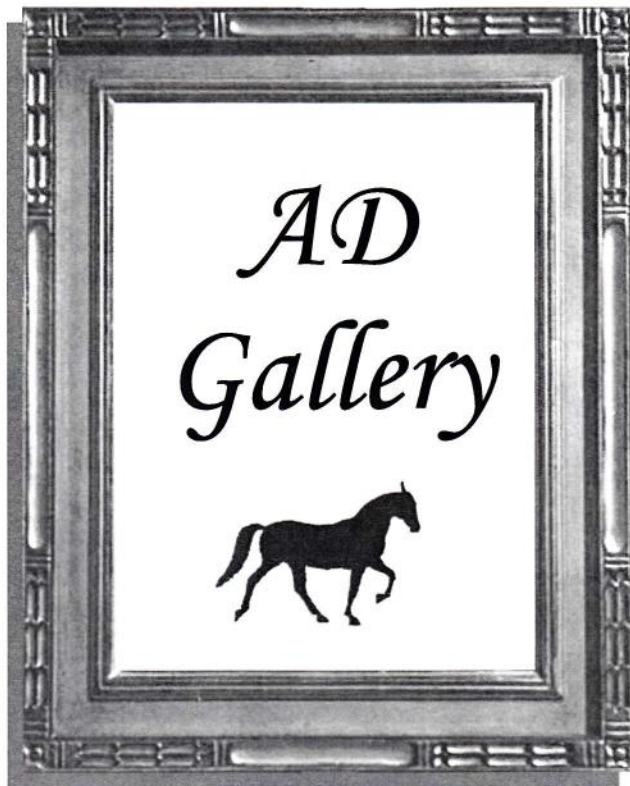
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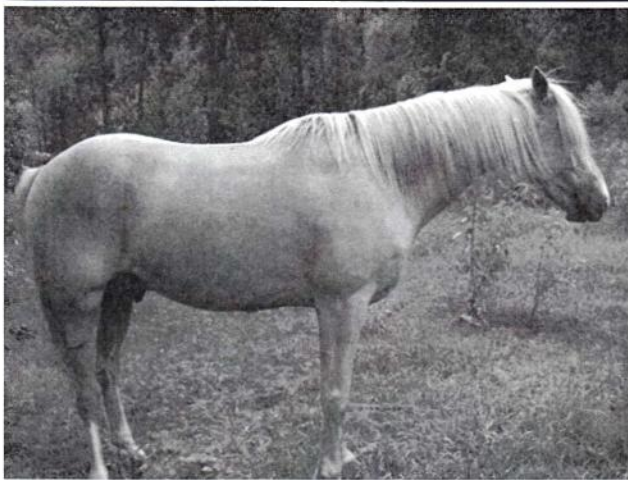
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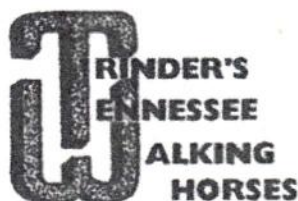
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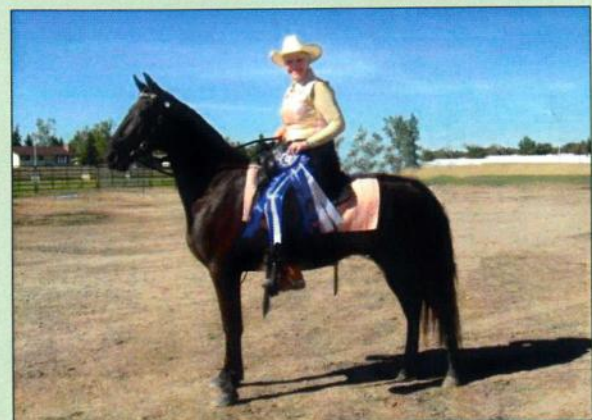
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