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## On Our Cover

Keith Oberle says,  
"What do I do with my  
horses? Mostly I trail ride  
in the mountains. This is a  
photo of us beside the  
Panther River with JI Hill  
in the background."  
See Keith's article  
on pages 3 & 4.

*Photo submitted by  
Keith Oberle*

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Dear Subscribers,

The past few weeks have been really, really busy, and this issue will be going out a bit earlier than usual. Deadlines here aren't usually very strictly enforced, but I will be away the rest of May, so thanks for being on time!

We have reports on activities that took place in April and the first week of May, and there are still many planned for the rest of the summer. Looks like the horse world is quite lively this year despite the economic gloom. Take special note of the Trail Plus Event, and the shows advertised. Details and contacts are on pages 5, 6, and 24.

New foals are arriving almost daily, so check Foal Call to see who's here. While you are about it, don't forget that foals born *last year* may be registered at the lowest rate if their registration applications are sent in to CLRC before they turn one year old. (See page 14.) Get busy! Go out and give those coming yearlings a good brushing to see if you can determine the true colour under the dusty fuzz!

Jean Rempel is issuing an invitation to other Walker owners to come out and ride with a wagon train that's raising money for cancer research. See the note 'Come Ride the Pink Trail' on page 11.

Frane Brandon has another installment in this issue of her series on horses that have changed careers in mid or later life. The stories demonstrate the amazing versatility of these Walkers. I was thinking about this, and it seems to me that many of our horses have great talent in lots of areas. However, too many of us, as their owners and handlers, *don't*. Very often we don't have the patience, or the time, or the riding and training skills, to take our horses to the levels they could reach. 'The fault lies, not in our horses, but in ourselves...'

It's good to see people coming out to clinics and demonstrations, eager to learn more about their horses. Who was it who said, "The gaited horse is one of the easiest horses to sit on - but one of the hardest to ride."?

Enjoy the fine weather with your horses now that it's finally here! Have a great summer,

*Marjorie*

June, 2009

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# HISTORY & HERITAGE PROJECT

"CANADIAN TIMES OF THE TWH"

## WHAT I DO WITH MY HORSES by Keith Oberle

Perhaps "What I Do" is not as interesting as "How I get them to do what I do with them", so I will talk about both! I have been reading, watching videos and experimenting with training my own horses for several years now. I am not a proponent of any of the "training gurus" such as Parelli, Monty Roberts (Horse Whisperer), etc. Or, perhaps I am a proponent of all of them, because in fact, when their methods are analyzed, they are pretty much the same. The video that had the biggest influence on me is "Horse Whispering Demystified" by the Canadian, Chris Irwin. His explanation of the nature of the herd and how his procedures imitate herd dynamics "fit"

with my own understanding of animal psychology garnered from several years of studying psychology at the University of Alberta.

I have seen a film of pigeons playing ping-pong (otherwise known as table tennis)! Through a combination of rewarding tiny changes in behavior, called "shaping" by B.F. Skinner, and infinite patience, Skinner's students taught pigeons to pick up a ping-pong bat and eventually hit the ball back and forth so well that the Chinese Olympians might be challenged. If pigeons can be trained to do that so well, we should be able to get our horses to at least climb in to a horse trailer without fuss.

A little understanding of the horse's genetic make-up will go a long way in assisting us to teach our horses to load, as well as do other tasks. The horse has evolved over perhaps millions of years. It started out as a small animal the size of a dog. Skeletons of these small equines are on display in the Tyrell Museum of Paleontology in Drumheller. These small animals were prey to larger animals.

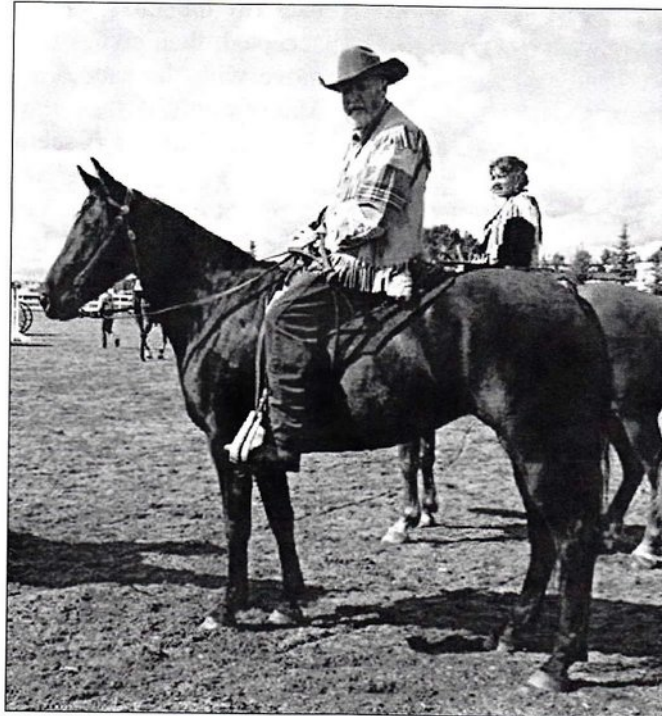
They have survived all these centuries by being extremely fearful and flighty. Man's domestication has attempted to breed out much of this "flee from all strange things and situations" instinct to a greater or lesser degree. Along with this fear of new situations, add in the fear of predators landing on their backs and breaking their necks, and the fact that horses have poor depth perception and a fear of enclosed spaces, and you have an explanation of much of their (to us) undesirable behavior. Furthermore, the way their eyes are placed on their head gives them several blind spots behind and underneath. Your horse cannot tell whether a dark spot on the ground is a deep hole or

just a dark spot, and unless it turns its head to look, it cannot see the dark spot as it passes over it. Same for water holes and rivers. The step down from the trailer or stream bank looks like a potential deep chasm to the horse. Is it any wonder that they do not want to enter, and once in, refuse to leave? It takes patience on our part. We have to build trust and confidence. Again, some horses develop this trust faster than others and require less patience. Trust is

needed to allow a strange being on their backs.

Horses are social, or herd, animals. Away from the herd they are not happy. They are insecure. They do not have the dominant mare to tell them what to do. On the other hand, in the herd they learn that certain behaviors will gain retribution. They learn herd MANNERS. They know what to do. They have confidence in the leadership of others. (Cont'd on p.4.)

*Above: Keith on Skyline's Bellatrix,  
Spruce Meadows demo, with Karla Freeman in behind.  
(Photo by Pat Freeman).*



Now let's try to put some of this together. The dominant herd animal (the boss mare) uses a combination of reward and consequence for instructions ... just like B.F. Skinner. Actually, Skinner only used rewards and he still got fantastic performance from those pigeons!

What is "rewarding", or reinforcing (Skinner's term) to a horse? Skinner knew that a motivated pigeon would try harder. He made the pigeons hungry, then fed them when he saw the right behavior. Most of us would not do that to our horses. What is reinforcing to a horse? Remember its fears? Removal of fear is rewarding. What is it afraid of? Almost everything, including us. Therefore, the simplest reward is the removal of us, or what I frequently refer to as pressure and release. When I go into the round pen with a strange horse it is afraid of me when I get too close. I can shape its behavior by moving closer (pressure) and moving away (release). The timing of the release is what is critical. We remove the pressure (and therefore reward it) when we see what we want. However, if you wait to see ALL that you want, you will wait a long time! I referred to "shaping" above. Initially we reward the *smallest* start toward our desire. Over time, we wait longer and longer before rewarding. This principle applies whether we are trying to catch an unbroken horse in the round pen, or teach a side pass, or load into a trailer.

We have to spend a little time thinking about what is pressure to our horse and how to remove it at the critical time. We need to build confidence and trust. Whipping a horse to get it to load might work to get the horse to load eventually, but it will mean that a lot more work will be needed later to rebuild the lost trust and confidence in its handler.

More specifically, my training routine begins in the round pen. I move the horse around by moving in closer to it. I have it run away from me until I see a softening in its body language that says that it is beginning to understand that I am not there to eat it. I am driving it from the hindquarter. I carry a driving whip. Once I see some softening, I side-step quickly to a position nearer the head, which puts the pressure on a different place, and drop the whip end, (turning off the whip). The horse tends to stop. I back away several steps quickly and move back toward the hindquarter to again drive the horse forward, eventually again moving to the head to stop and back away. Usually after a few attempts at this, the horse not only stops, but also takes a short step, or at least turns its head, toward me. I again step back to remove the

pressure, thus rewarding the behavior. The horse wants to repeat whatever it was rewarded for. Pretty soon it has to take a full step before I remove the pressure. Eventually it takes several steps and sooner or later even the most shy horse will approach and stand. With a little more work in building confidence in me I can put a halter on it. Then I play some games. I begin to move one way or the other and if the horse follows my movements, great. If not, back to the drive from the hindquarter and try again. Eventually the horse learns to keep facing me, to follow me as I back up, to move from side to side, and never let me get to its hind end. If I can get to its hind end, it is on the chase again.

Astute readers will be asking, "How do you pick up its hind feet if it always has to move away?" After it has accepted my closeness (actually accepting me as the dominant herd mare) it is fairly easy to begin to move around it, touching it everywhere, picking up its feet, etc. without tying it up. Now I approach with a saddle blanket. If it accepts the saddle blanket, great. If not, back to the chase. Try again. Once the blanket is accepted, then comes the saddle. The horse is asked to move with the saddle on. If it bucks, that is normal. Many won't if they have built enough trust, but the occasional one will seem perfectly trusting of you but still bucks the saddle. It usually does not take too long to accept the saddle without bucking. If the horse seems to be one that is difficult to get to accept the saddle, I put on a packsaddle and attach tires (wheels included) and hobble them together underneath the belly. The hobble is not too tight - I *want* the tires to come up some if the horse bucks. The tires then come back down with a bump. On the occasions that I have done this, it has taken about 3 bucks before the horse decides that standing still makes more sense. At this time, I attach a lunge line to the halter and do some lunging, eventually moving myself back towards the hind, sort of driving the horse with one line. After a few times of this on each side, I attach a second lunge line to the halter and I am ground driving. I pass the lines through the stirrups of the saddle, which helps keep the lines down, and continues to get the horse adjusted to having a saddle on it. The stirrups may fly up and cause a little spook. Good. Learning continues. The horse gets used to voice commands, to being controlled from a distance, to stopping on command, etc.

At some point I put on a bridle, with a snaffle bit in the mouth. The bridle can be tied to the halter in such a way that the horse gets a little feel of the bit but not the full contact. Every session, I increase the presence of the bit a little until I am driving with the full bit.

Keith's article will be concluded  
in the August issue of *Walking Horse News*.

# ALBERTA CELEBRATION



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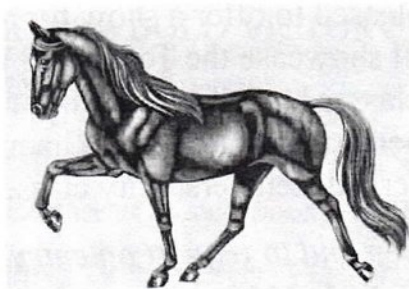
It is intended that all who come may enjoy the event in their own way – short ride, long ride, ride and perform - or just sit and visit. Folks wishing to attend the BBQ/cookout only are most welcome.

**Contact: [keith@skylinewalkers.com](mailto:keith@skylinewalkers.com) or phone 403-932-5501**

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**June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**



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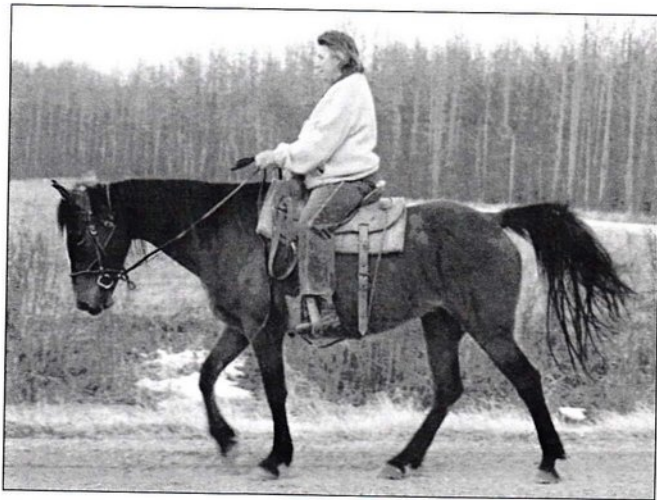
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# NEWS - NEWS - NEWS

## ALBERTA NEWS



From JEAN REMPEL, ROCKY SLOPES WALKERS, WINFIELD, "On Feb. 26/09 I purchased a replacement riding horse from Sheila Holtz of Stettler, AB. Dawn O' The Mornin' (Allen's Midnight Rascal x Top O' The Mornin') is a bay coming 8 year old mare bred by Keriks at Chrystal Star Ranch. She is a granddaughter of my old stallion, Northfork Sky Walker (aka Luke) and she can walk! I have only done a bit of ground work with her so far, and managed one ride, as the weather and ground conditions haven't been good." See photo above.

"I am waiting for Luke's last foal to arrive around May 5 from CoHo's Thistle's Gold Dust. My granddaughter Amanda is getting impatient as this last foal will be hers. Every couple of days she asks me if it could be born *now*, or *how long* will it be?"

BOBBIE TERRY, BASSANO, writes, "Thanks so very much for the extra copies of the *Walking Horse News*. I was shocked at making the cover and didn't really expect the article to be there either!"

"Gemma is a little sore from the last trim (one week ago). My farrier will put a bar shoe on the left front hoof as it is the worst. The white line trimmed was over 1/2" wide. It looks like the new growth will be complete in about 5-6 months. Mel is going to make a fenced area to keep Gemma off pasture, just giving her space to move around and access to water and shade. I have secured two large bales of grass hay to feed her this summer. The ground is getting soft finally, with temps around 18 degrees the past couple of days. I will start Gemma here shortly. I intend to ride through Grant Armstrong's kajillian acres. I have his

permission. Just me and Gemma. I have a GPS hand held so I can find my way home! She is going to be fit if it kills us both! (Just kidding.)"

"I did join the gymkhana club and we start in May. Mel's horse "Count" has gone for training and assessment."

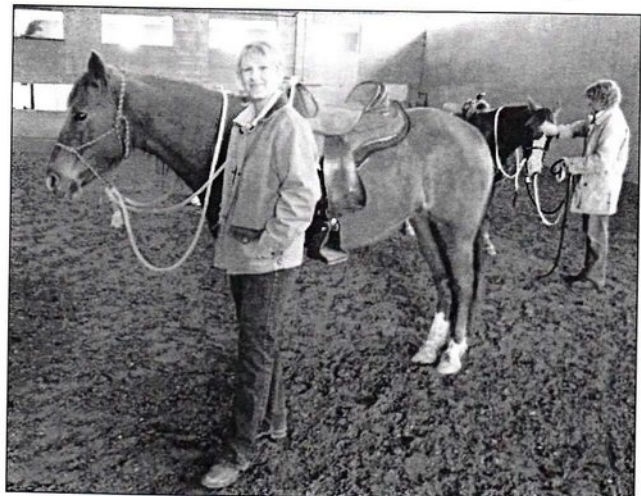
"I've also started a new business. I bought a really big semi-commercial embroidery machine and intend to make custom gift items for people I'm also designing (digitizing they call it) embroidery patterns, specializing in western design. My plate is really full now but I'm loving it."

KARLA FREEMAN, Ride Easy Ranch, BENTLEY, writes, "Congratulations to proud new owners, Sheldon, Kim and Abbi, on the purchase of Karlas Foxy Lady and Karlas Fonzi this spring, as well as to Wayne Pidherney on the purchase of Karlas Trooper and Karlas Gold Fusion. Happy trails to you all, and I look forward to seeing you out on the trail! Can you please send a complimentary issue of the *Walking Horse News* to them? Thanks!"

"Wow, what a couple of informative weeks! The April 18-19 clinic, Gait From the Ground Up, was tremendous. WOW! is how I describe it. The learning we did ranged far and wide. We saw fantastic changes of movement in the horses, not only due to saddle fit, but also rider's body position. The horses just don't miss anything, so perhaps they choose to ignore us more often than we know!"

"Doing the Demos at the Mane Event was fun and we certainly had many visitors to the booth. A great turnout, and thanks to all who helped."

*Below: Two participants at the April CRTWH 'Gait from the Ground Up' clinic: Rolanda Eadie & Penny with Gerty Kure & Drummer in the background.*





## BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

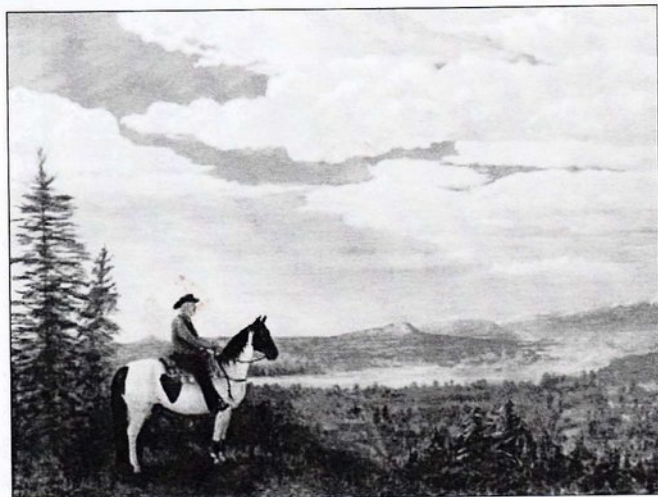
CONNIE CASTLE, PENTICTON, writes, "Hello. We are doing great, but there's not that much to report. We had a beautiful homozygous black & white tobiano stud colt last year. He is very talented and has *everything*. He's growing like a weed, already at 15:2 hh."

"We sold some beautiful horses to the USA, to people who can actually ride and give them a kind home. We get lots of folks who *say* they can ride and then can't... It's just a bit frustrating in my mind. It would be okay to stay humble and say that they are beginner riders."

"We have good contact with Maryann Schlaut and have bred a few of her mares. I love Maryann ... what a nice person she is."

"All our horses are saddle broke and trained western, doing the reining and penning, trail rides and lots of perfecting them. Happy Trails!"

GENEVIEVE AMY, PORT COQUITLAM, writes, "Greetings! It's April 1st, and it is snowing here in the lower mainland. What a winter! March 29 was a rare sunny day, and Deb Smith and I took advantage of it. It was the third time we had been out in one week - Wow! The horses were feeling mellow, and we took my camera. I could make a whole book from the photos we got that day - the light was wonderful, showing our magic green-gold woods. I have been painting obsessively. My friends and their horses have not been safe from my paintbrush, but I have to take a break now and get on with packing the house. *Below* is the latest, and last, for a while. This is Dave Smith on Tina, one of their last farm bred and born horses, at the lookout on Bear Ridge. The new Golden Ears Bridge over the Fraser is hinted at in the mist."



## ONTARIO NEWS

From 'FRED LLOYD-SMITH, VANESSA, "Here are photos from the clinic last year. I like the cantering one best. (*See above.*) We were having fun and doing several challenges of one form or another."

"We are going to a couple of field trials this spring and I plan to take my camera because there don't seem to be many photos of what we actually do, so I will see if I can capture the essence. I sent a few to Jean Rempel for the CD she was putting together."

"Bob brought a cremello TWH back from his trip south this past winter and I have a 3 year old to start this spring plus continuing my Parelli studies. I am also encouraging my daughter gently, and she seems quite content to sit on Her Majesty and let her graze for now, with a few meanders between bites while I am attached to a lead rope. One baby step at a time."

"Looking forward to our next issues of *WHN* of course. Thanks once again for all your efforts."

TED KOSKI, SEARCHMONT, writes, "Really enjoy the *News*. Please send a subscription to Wayne & Tina Horne of Hawkestone, ON. We bought a TWH mare and a SSH gelding from them. We won't be able to get the horses home until the end of April."

"The Hornes are great folks. Their horses come from the Murfreesboro area of TN. I'll send a photo when we get them home."

## CENTERED RIDING

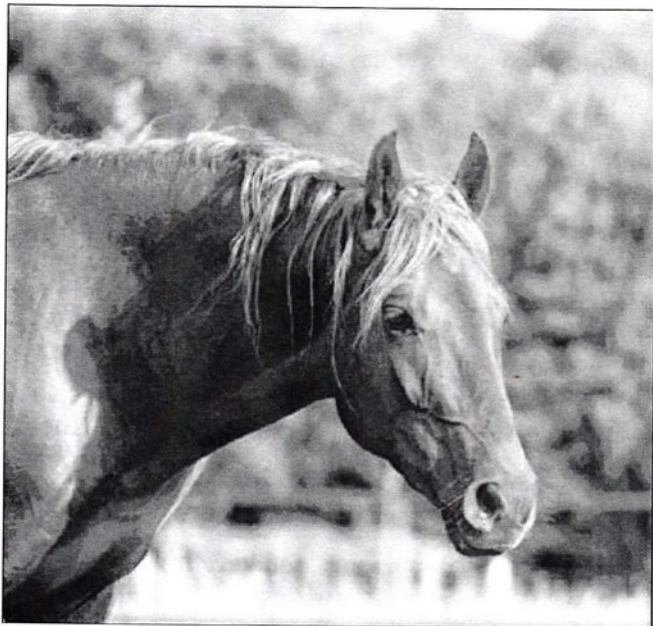
Sally Swift has died. She was an inspiration to all of us who rode with her as well as all of those who knew her only through her books. The world is a darker place without her.

*Diane Sept*

## MANITOBA NEWS

From WENDY KRAHN, ST. ANDREWS, "I have just purchased my first TWH, a 17 yr old black mare named Crown's Sable Walker SL - but I call her Onyx. I also have Quarter Horses and am looking forward to experiencing the smoother gaits of the TWH. It will be interesting to see if my husband and his Quarter Horse can keep up to us on trail rides! If not, we may just have to get him a TWH as well. I look forward to learning more about the breed from your contributors. The cheque is in the mail for my subscription."

## EUROPEAN NEWS



Welcome to new subscriber, SANDRA VAN DEN HOF, HECHTEL, BELGIUM, who writes, "The stallion, Tsuniah's H.B. resides in Switzerland now. He has been at stud at our farm twice and we had three very nice foals by him. One is in Denmark now and the two others are here in Belgium. I still have pictures of his time at our place on our website: <http://www.pleasuregaits.com/ChinookENG.htm>"

"Ravi (*above*), our young stallion by H.B. out of a Red Bud's Rascal mare, will turn 4 this year and is his sire and more. We will start him this year under saddle."

Editor's note: Tsuniah's H.B. was bred by Hans Burch of The TeePee Heart Ranch, Williams Lake, BC. He was by Roberta Brebner's Tsuniah's Triple Reward out of My Duchess Delight. H.B. was orphaned very young, and had to be bottle raised. He too has had quite a change of career - from interior BC to Europe!

## NEWS NOTES

### SOUND HORSE CONFERENCE

The Friends of Sound Horses (FOSH) held the very informative but sobering Second Annual Sound Horse Conference March 20-21, 2009 at the U. of Florida Veterinary College, Gainesville, Florida. Soring has not gone away, despite the Horse Protection Act of 1970.

After the conference there was a Parelli Exhibition and Presentation, and Natural Gaited Horse Exhibition. Then 'Gaiting From Heredity Thru History', organized by Dianne Little, displayed sound and natural gaited horses performing in an entertaining, educational show.

See and hear it for yourself at <http://soundhorseconference.com/> or read the report in the [twhheritagesociety.com](http://twhheritagesociety.com) April Highlights.

### THE SCAMMERS ARE BACK!

Once again, a warning should be issued about a scam that is back. I will forward one I just received.

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Hello With many regards to your company am smith jackson with smith and Sons Co Ltd , Well am sending to your company regards to purchase some horse walkers from your company so pleasure kindly get back to me with the types you have available in stock now with their prices also i will like to know the type of payment you do accept.... hear from you soon..

There are probably variants on the theme, but they go something like this: "I would like to buy your horse. How much money, where do I send it?"

When the cheque arrives, giving you enough time to deposit it but before you find out that it is no good, the horse seller receives a phone call advising of a terrible incident causing the buyer to need to cancel the deal and get his money back right away. (Usually something like "my daughter has just been taken to hospital in another country and we need to have money to go and see to her care", or things like that).

A second variant on the theme is to send more money than asked for and then - "oops - would you send me a cheque for the balance?" And again, the cheque they sent bounces and you're left holding the empty bag.

Frequently in these scams, the English is not very good, suggesting that they are from a country that is well known for internet or telephone scams.

NEVER give a refund until any cheque, bank draft or money order has had time to clear the bank! The cheques received often look very authentic, made by machine, perhaps certified by some bank, etc.

These 'offers' come to those of us who have web sites with horses for sale. *Keith Oberle*

## READERS WRITE

From LISA LAMBERT, PRIDE'S NOBLE WALKERS, PERRYVALE, "I thought I would share with you that, without looking at papers, I know I have two mares that descend from Marie McBroom Poloson's hard work and dedication to the Walking Horse breed. They are Prides Sky Dancer and Prides Walking Legend. Dancer is now 9 and is expecting her first foal this April/May. It seems that all my horses are going over; One more week and my blue roan mare will be at a full year My bay mare also always goes 4 days over but she still looks a ways away and is already at 10 days over. I guess they have decided they'd best hold on for warmer weather."

"I am also about to bring a mare up over the border so will reply on what all was done in order to make this happen in regards to CEM and the new laws. So far I have learned that all that is needed is a signed document stating that the farm has been cleared of CEM by a vet. No testing is necessary, just a note."

As for your article on color, this happened to me. I bred Pride, my black stallion, to Faith, a chestnut. Her first foal was a bay, and as I was drying him off, I wondered, "What the heck?" I first thought it was because he was wet, but the black soon got very black and he is now a gorgeous bay stallion. Since then she has given me a red colt and a bay filly."

"I see a lot of folks confusing buckskin and dun. A dun has to have a dorsal stripe, leg barring, etc. Something else I've come across is folks selling a red horse, and saying it can pass on either the cream or champagne gene because one of its parents was one of those colors. It can't be carrying those genes if it's red."

### STRANGLES

I just wanted to comment on your article on strangles in the last issue. I had several horses get this last fall. None of them went off feed, and none of them were coughing, and the one mare that brought it into the herd never did have a swollen gland, and it never did burst. In fact for some time after her snotty nose she acted fine, which is why I assumed it was a cold from the weather. She wasn't lethargic or anything. It wasn't until after Silver had gotten purpura that I even had a horse go off feed, which is what she did once the purpura attacked her tummy. Of my 11 or so horses that got strangles, only two of them even looked depressed from it.

My mini stallion had the gland under his jaw and down in his neck that swelled. He looked like he eaten rocks or something, he was so swollen.

Also, I was informed by my vet that the only way to transmit this is by contact of the boogers, so from the bottom of your boot, sharing a water bowl, sole of another horse, etc. It's not an airborne bacteria, it has to have a carrier, so if I was petting one horse and got a booger on my back and didn't know and went to another pen or bam, they just got infected. All horses will touch your back with their nose.

Also it can stay in the ground for years, not months, but years, and horses can also shed the bacteria for up to two years, as was documented in one case. The only way to know if your horse is still shedding the virus is to have them scoped.

The death rate is 2%, and the chance of your horse getting a secondary infection is also very low. I don't know the exact percentage of this; I never asked.

I was told that the reason they don't want you to vaccinate is because this stops the original strangles but leaves your horses open for the secondary infections such as purpura. The injectable vaccine has been taken off the market, or at least this is what I was told at the seminar we went to in Feb. So the only one is the live bacteria nasal shot. They have found with the injectable that horses were getting huge abscesses and other side effects from it.

The best prevention is vaccinating BEFORE horses leave your farm. Once you have it your farm is quarantined for several months. The cold winter months will not kill these bacteria; in fact does the opposite, as they can lie dormant.

When you take any horse anywhere it should be quarantined for at least 3 weeks to ensure it doesn't have any effects from its venture, as strangles takes 10-14 days to show side effects.

I hope this helps someone.

Lisa Lambert, Pride's Noble Walkers, Perryvale, AB

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## READERS WRITE



**SHIRLEY KOSKI, TOMAHAWK**, writes, "Here's a picture of our bay filly, Becky. We had a very interesting experience with her when she was only a few weeks old. She began to roll her right ankle forward with every step. We had a vet come out. He said she might have been kicked, and prescribed a drug for her. It didn't help so we took her to another vet who also does corrective farrier work."

"He thought he could correct her problem with shoes. He also gave her pain killers and medicine to protect her stomach, which we gave her twice a day. Six weeks later the shoes came off – but no improvement. (\$2500.00 later!) The vet said we'd have to put her down."

"By this time we were very attached to this lovely little gal. She even gave me kisses on the cheek. We had to find something to help."

"A few years earlier I had fallen and broken my wrist. The doctor I went to didn't send me to a specialist and didn't set it either, so I ended up with a barely moveable and very painful wrist. However, I got lucky. I found out about a massage cream from Australia, and lo and behold, it improved my problem immensely."

"The vet had shown me how the cord up Becky's leg was as hard as a rock. So we thought we'd try this cream. We warmed up the cream and applied it to the cord on Becky's leg, wrapped it and kept her in the barn for the day. She WALKED out perfectly that evening! We treated her for a couple of weeks, and she has been perfect to this day! Becky is now two years old and has not had any problems with her leg. We are so happy we didn't put her down."

"The cream is 'Grace' brand aloe massage lotion. It has ten ingredients and works wonderfully for painful muscles and all kinds of injuries. It is available in Calgary. (Ernie has a painful knee we've been using it on, and it helps!)"



## COME RIDE THE PINK TRAIL

Wild Pink Yonder is a wagon train that is raising funds for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. It will start in Fort Macleod and end in Josephburg, just east of Edmonton this summer. Come ride (or drive) your Walkers. Let's show the whole province just how great our Tennessee Walking Horses are! Could we put together groups of Walkers and represent the breed from Fort MacLeod all the way to Edmonton? There will be a lot of media coverage. We could get the breed a lot of publicity! (And besides, it is going to be a fun!)

Wild Pink Yonder is an 1874 re-enactment, replicating the trails set out by the NWMP when they first came to Alberta to run off the notorious whiskey traders and wolfers who called Fort Whoop Up (Lethbridge) their home. Once the outlaws were banished, the NWMP moved north to Calgary, then Fort Normandeau (Red Deer) and finally to Fort Saskatchewan (near Edmonton). That is the trail Wild Pink Yonder will follow.

We will ride every day, camp at night, and there's even going to be entertainment every evening!

You don't have to go for the entire thing. I will join the wagon train in Lacombe and get off at Winfield, a trip of about 80 miles, on my new mare, Dawn (though I wish I could do the whole route)! Won't you join me ... or take some of your Walker friends and acquaintances and represent the breed when Wild Pink Yonder's in your neck of the woods?

For information on the ride, visit [www.WildPinkYonder.com](http://www.WildPinkYonder.com), or e-mail [info@WildPinkYonder.com](mailto:info@WildPinkYonder.com), or phone Jane Hurl at (780) 363-0003.

But don't wait! Get your application in now because I expect this is going to fill up fast.

Hope to see you on the trail, or hear you were on another part of the ride.

*Jean Rempel, Winfield, AB*

## GAITED HORSE TRAINING

There is a new book out, entitled Training the Gaited Horse From the Trail to the Rail by Gary Lane. It includes easy to understand techniques and ideas that are not based on gadgets and gimmicks.

To learn more about this new book, here is the link to his website: <http://www.windsweptstables.net/>



# What do YOU do with your Walkers?

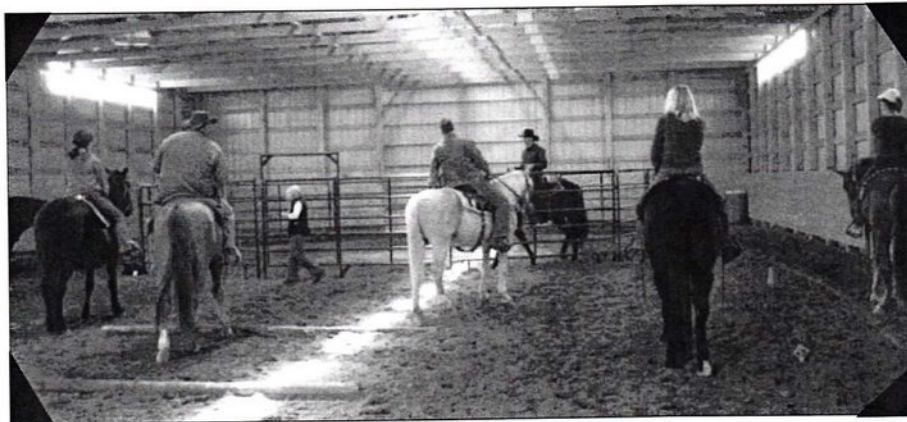
These folks,  
from youngest to oldest,  
decided to learn more about their  
Walkers. They spent a weekend  
learning from Dianne Little  
how to achieve  
the best co-operation and gait  
from their horses.



## The CRTWH Clinic with Dianne Little

held on May 2 and 3rd at Magnolia Meadows was a great success. We had a full complement of riders and several auditors. Dianne did a great job of making the beginners feel comfortable and also made sure the more experienced riders had some food for thought. One participant - at his first clinic - told me to let him know when the next one was, as he was bringing all four of his girls. All of the riders agreed that they went home with a great deal of new information. The weather was fantastic and we were able to use the outdoor arena on Sunday and soak up the sun while we were learning.

*Photos and report courtesy Maureen Germscheid*



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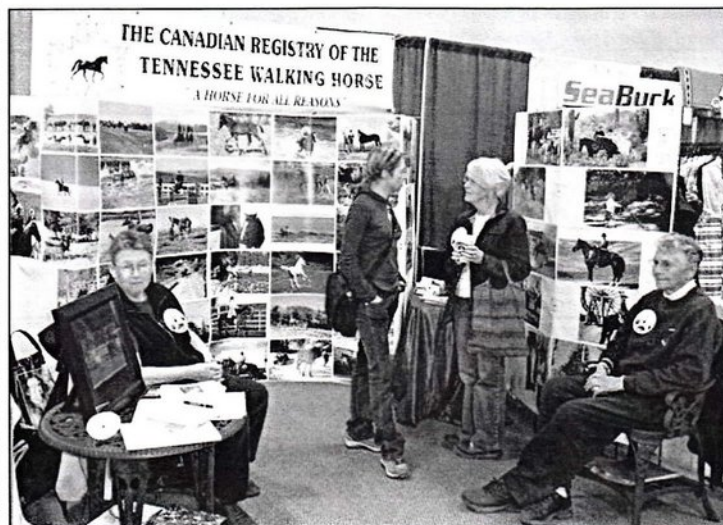
## MANE EVENT- April 24 - 26



Photos courtesy Karla Freeman

A very big "Thank you" to all the members of the demo team at Mane Event in Red Deer, AB!  
L-R: Karla Freeman & Ken; Lori Dyberg & Romeo; Bill Roy & Trooper;  
Fran Kerik & Mira and Keith Oberle & Bellatrix.

You all did a great job of demonstrating the quality of Canadian bred Walkers. Thank you so much for taking the time and making the effort to show people how good these horses can be!



Thank you also to those who spent hours and hours planning, creating and setting up (and taking down!) the CRTWH booth.

As you can see from the photo, it was an eye-catching display. To all the people who came and 'manned' the booth, thank you as well. That's tiring and there are a *lot* of hours from Friday morning to Sunday night! Shown here left to right are Vice-President Jean Rempel, a visitor talking to Treasurer Dianne Little, and past president, Jo Kingsland.

**THE AGM**, held April 18 during lunch at the first 2009 CRTWH Gait From the Ground Up Clinic with Bill Roy & Dianne Little, was well attended, with SK Director Ernie Wall and BC Director Bill Roy traveling farthest to attend. AGM info will be on the website. Thanks, Everyone!

The clinic had about a half dozen participants, from nearby to as far away as North Battleford, SK. All seemed pleased with what they'd learned about and with their horses. The saddle fitting demo was a real eye-opener when we saw the difference in the horse's movement.



## CANADIAN REGISTRY OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

### SCHEDULE OF FEES 2009

1. MEMBERSHIP	Fees	
a. Full Membership (Individual, Family, Corporation, Partnership - Canadian residents.) Voting, member fees apply	\$25.00/yr	
b. Individual Life Membership (Individual). Voting, member fee schedule applies	\$200.00	
c. Youth Membership (Individual, under 18 years of age). Non-voting, member fee schedule applies	\$10.00/yr.	
d. Associate Membership (Individuals, organization, groups - Canadian Residents). Non-voting, non-member fees	\$15.00/yr.	
e. Non-Canadian Resident Membership. Non-voting, member fee schedule applies	\$35.00/yr.	
f. Non-Canadian Resident Lifetime Membership. Non-voting, member fee schedule applies	\$250.00	
2. REGISTRATION OF FOALS or HORSES NOT ALREADY REGISTERED	Member Fees	Non-Member Fees
a. Within 12 months of foaling ( <b>PLUS</b> add DNA fee - see 6a below)	\$40.00	\$80.00
b. After 12 but less than 18 months of foaling ( <b>PLUS</b> add DNA fee - see 6a below)	\$60.00	\$120.00
c. After 18 but less than 24 months of foaling ( <b>PLUS</b> add DNA fee - see 6a below)	\$125.00	\$250.00
d. After 24 months of foaling: ( <b>PLUS</b> add DNA fee - see 6a below) <i>Non-refundable fee of \$125.00 if application is rejected.</i>	\$300.00	\$500.00
If the sire and/or dam of the unregistered foal (or horse) is not registered with CRTWH, submit a photocopy of both sides of the parent's U.S. registration certificate along with the foal's registration application.		
3. REGISTRATION OF HORSES ALREADY REGISTERED in U.S.	Member Fees	Non-Member Fees
<i>Applications must be accompanied by a photocopy of both sides of the U.S. certificate</i>	\$45.00	\$90.00
4. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP	Member Fees	Non-Member Fees
a. Within 1 month of date of sale	\$20.00	\$40.00
b. After 1, but before 3 months of date of sale	\$30.00	\$60.00
c. After 3 months of date of sale	\$50.00	\$100.00
5. ALTERATION OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED	Member Fees	Non-Member Fees
a. Change of colour	\$20.00	\$40.00
b. Change of gender (gelded)	\$15.00	\$15.00
c. Death of a registered horse ( <i>certificate will be returned</i> )	\$5.00 credit	No charge
d. Change of Name: <i>Provided animal is no more than five (5) years of age and has no registered offspring. Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Submitted fees are non refundable if application is rejected.</i>	\$50.00	\$100.00
6. OTHER SERVICES	Member Fees	Non-Member Fees
a. DNA Hair Analysis Profiling for an unregistered foal. DNA kits are available from CLRC. Pay CLRC for DNA kit when registration application is submitted.	\$75.00	\$100.00
b. DNA Hair Analysis Profiling for a Registered animal: CLRC Request form for DNA kit is required. Pay CLRC when application for DNA kit is submitted to CLRC.	\$75.00	\$100.00
c. DNA Profiling for a Registered animal from blood stored at Maxxam Analytics. Submit fee with a letter of request stating the name & number of the animal to be DNAed, & the Blood Case # (where known).	\$57.00	\$57.00
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f. Registration of Lease	\$20.00	\$40.00
g. List of Progeny of Individual Breeding Stock	\$20.00	\$40.00
h. Surcharge on incomplete or incorrect applications	\$20.00	\$40.00
i. Duplicate Certificate: <i>Shall be issued upon application by the registered owner accompanied by satisfactory proof of loss accompanied by a witnessed Statutory Declaration.</i>	\$40.00	\$80.00
j. Rush Fee	\$15.00	\$30.00

*Fees are in Canadian currency, based upon postmark of the application and membership status of the applicant.*

ALL REMITTANCES ARE PAYABLE TO CANADIAN LIVESTOCK RECORDS CORPORATION. (Visa & Master Card accepted.)

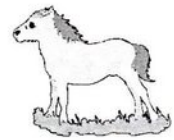
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The CRTWH accepts either Blood Typing or DNA Hair Analysis Profiling for parentage verification.

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# FOAL CALL



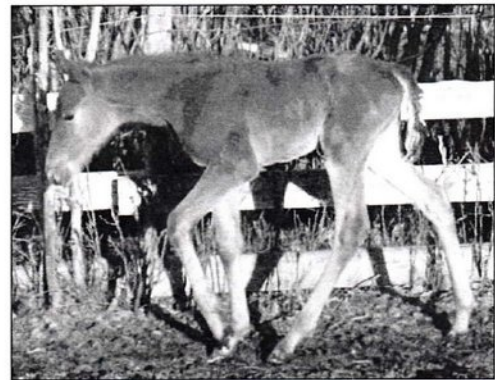
BLACK COLT (Cherokee's Dark Knight x Bee Boppin' Angel's Dream)  
(below) Born Easter Monday. Freemans, Ride Easy Ranch, Bentley, AB



SORREL FILLY (below)  
(Pride's Undertaker x Blue For You)  
'Ruby' born April 19<sup>th</sup>.

SORREL COLT  
(Agoldn Mastrpiece Edition x  
Gen's Karma). 'Herculez', born Ap 28.

Both owned by  
Pride's Noble Walkers, Perryvale, AB



PALOMINO COLT  
with star (right)

(The Ivory Treasure  
X  
Golden Dreams  
Delight )

April 16th, 2009

Owned by  
Lesa Luchak,  
Two Hills, AB



SORREL FILLY  
(Slush Creeks Jubal S x Zephyr Dakota Breeze)  
SCW Coral Cameo,  
Slush Creek Walkers, Bainville, MT.

SORREL FILLY, strip, 3 socks  
(Uphill Heir Trigger x Paintin' Double Dreams)  
born April 19<sup>th</sup>  
McDonald Farms, Pouce Coupe, BC

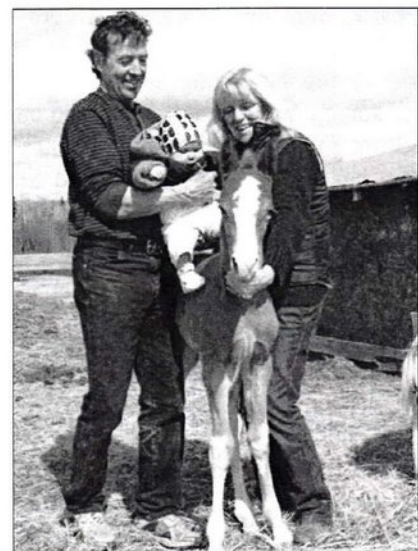


BLACK COLT (left)  
(NFF's Echo's Blue Moon  
x Echo's Royal Lady)  
Born May 1,  
photo at 3 hours old!  
Liberty Stables,  
Rock Creek, BC

SORREL SABINO COLT (right)  
(Toddy's Royal Image x  
Chief's Paint Brush)  
Born April 12.  
First rider up - Granddaughter Zia!  
Owned by Germscheids,  
Magnolia Meadows, Evansburg, AB

SOLID BLACK FILLY (Allan's Midnight Rascal x Mornin's Glory) 'Glory Bea'  
was born May 1, owned by Keriks, Chrystal Star Ranch, Two Hills, AB

PALOMINO FILLY, blaze, left hind stocking - (Northfork Sky Walker x  
CoHo Thistle's Gold Dust) Jean Rempel, Rocky Slopes Walkers, Winfield, AB

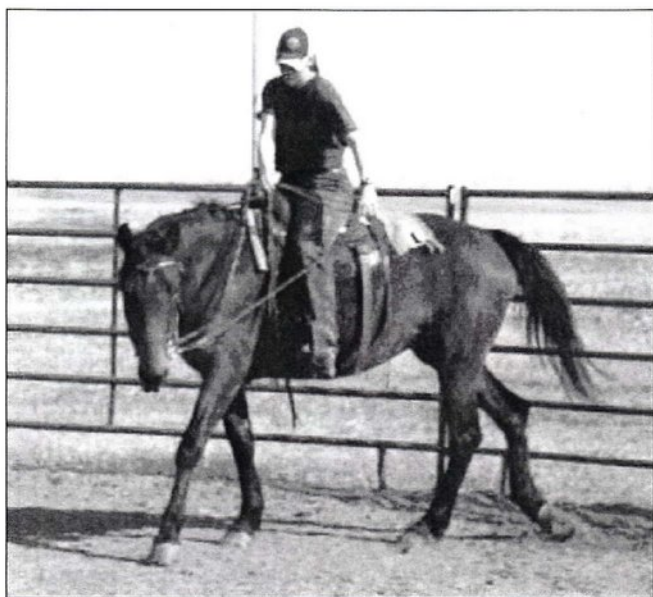




## From Foundations to the Future

### MORE EQUINE CAREERS REVISITED by Franne Brandon

After the death of Calvin Miller of the Double Diamond Ranch near Rhame, North Dakota, a husband and wife ranching team from Bainville, Montana, went to the Double Diamond to purchase the last stallion remaining on the ranch, as well as some mares. Shellie and Mark Pacovsky at Slush Creek Walkers have been proudly carrying forward the bloodlines developed by Miller for over 20 years. In 1999, they carefully planned the mating of Dakota Breeze 885752, one of Calvin Miller's ranch mares, to the stallion Supreme Black Knight 803663. In 2000, the mare foaled a pretty bay filly whose initial world was the wide open spaces of the Montana plains.



Breeder Shellie Pacovsky remembers that "She was foaled in fairly cool weather, and after a few days in the barn, went out to pasture where she was with the other horses and a commercial herd of beef cattle. Jet's world in the beginning was wide open spaces, quiet, calm, some cows, horses, dogs, and cats." An accidental exposure to a ranch stallion in 2003 and the resulting foal at her side in 2004 postponed Slush Creeks Triple Jet's saddle training until she was five.

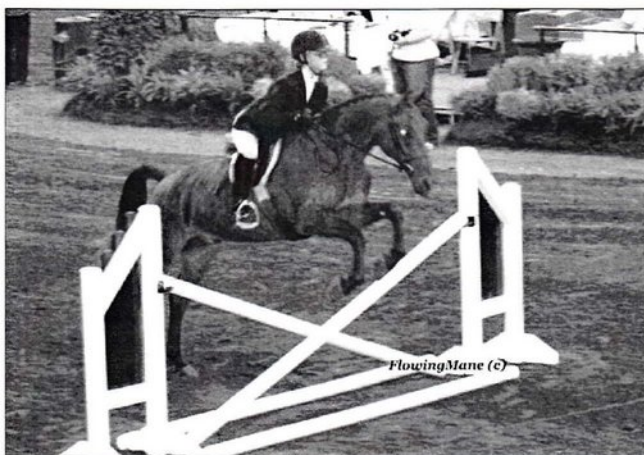
Early in 2005, Shellie's niece Tracie started the young mare under saddle, slowly and carefully, to be the trail mare she'd been bred to become. (Below) In the fall of that year, Jet was sold to a ranch in Florida called Doc Holliday's as one of the ranch's trail and lesson mares. Her career was interrupted when the ranch went out of business. Hard times for the Florida ranch provided the catalyst necessary to transform the career of Triple Jet. When the ranch stock was sold, Patty Maul, who had met Jet there, and had started her over

fences while Jet was still property of the ranch, purchased the pretty bay.

Having experienced how the mare handled fences while she was at the ranch, Patty knew that Jet had talent. In the summer of 2008, she sent Jet to Fryslan Valley Sport Horses in Fairview, Tennessee, where trainer Arnold Warmels prepped her for competition. In addition to open hunt competition, Slush Creeks Triple Jet was entered in both the International Grand Championships and the TWHBEA Versatility Show. Ridden by Victoria Bennett, Jet placed first in both TWH over Fences, Amateur Rider, and TWH Over Fences, Youth Rider, at the International. Less than a week later, Jet placed sixth in TWH Over Fences, Adult Rider, with Becca Hoos in the irons, and eighth with Victoria Bennett up, at the TWHBEA World Versatility Show. In the youth division at the same show, Jet tied for first place with a horse named Repeat the Beat. Both Jet and Repeat were ridden in this division by Victoria Bennett.

Mark and Shellie Pacovsky are delighted by the performance of their ranch bred mare at the pinnacle of Tennessee Walking Horse jumping competition. Shellie reports that "We have known for many years that the Tennessee Walking Horse was very versatile, and it was our goal to produce horses that could and would be used in all disciplines and aspects of the horse industry today."

*Below: Jet & Meagan Lynch at the World Show, 8-2-08.*



Horses bred at Slush Creek Ranch had already proven their talent as trail horses, pleasure horses, in Search and Rescue, and for general ranch work. Triple Jet's career change from lesson mare to jumping phenomenon adds more luster to the list of accomplishments that these descendants of the Calvin Miller program have assembled.

Cynthia Priebe of Grafton, Ohio, is one of those fortunate individuals who attain horsemanship skills after becoming an adult. Cynthia's first Tennessee Walking Horse was a stylish grey gelding called Cool J. Cynthia and the grey were a bonded team until tragedy struck. Cool J. developed a problem which the vet diagnosed as severe arthritis of the neck, necessitating his retirement from all riding, and Cynthia sadly began a quest for another horse. She searched on-line, checked ads in tack shops, and spread the word among friends and acquaintances that she was looking for a new saddle partner. It had to be a Tennessee Walking Horse, trail experience was a must, and if it had never been in the show ring, the horse had to be able to compete at regional all breed shows in Tennessee Walking Horse and Open Easy Gaited rings with no special shoeing requirements. Cynthia remembers that "I thought maybe I would try a mare this time. I wanted a "fancy" color or spotted and something around 6-8 years old with a little bit of 'been there, done that'."

That summer of 2007, she watched dozens of videos, scanned a couple hundred ads or pictures, and actually went to look at over twenty horses. Of those, most were nice, but many needed assistance to gait correctly. All had too much fire for Cynthia's comfort level outside of an arena, which excluded them as trail horses.

Then, in late September of 2007, Cynthia received a phone call from a woman whose health problems prevented her from riding her trail horse. This horse was not a mare, it was an ordinary sorrel color, and it was a couple of years older than Cynthia wanted.

The owner had purchased this gelding from his breeder, however, and he had been raised specifically to be a sensible trail mount. The horse, Temp's Red Rascal, had been bred by Don Templeton of Fayetteville, Tennessee, who in January of 2007 had received the Trail Rider of the Year award from the Pleasure Walking Horse Association of Tennessee. He was sired by Leon Oliver's late stallion, Red Bud's Rascal, from his posthumous foal crop of 1998. Cynthia says "I tracked down Leon, then Don through Leon, to learn more about Rascal, his sire, and Rascal's training prior to going to the lady" who owned him.

Following these phone conversations, she drove out to meet the horse. The owner had put Rascal in a stall to be ready to meet her. Cynthia recalls that "I walked into the barn and when Rascal looked me in the eye, I knew he was the one. I never felt this kind of connection before." Rascal inspired such confidence in Cynthia that she immediately wanted to try him on the owner's trails. He changed ownership shortly thereafter.

Cynthia had wanted a multi-purpose horse, for,

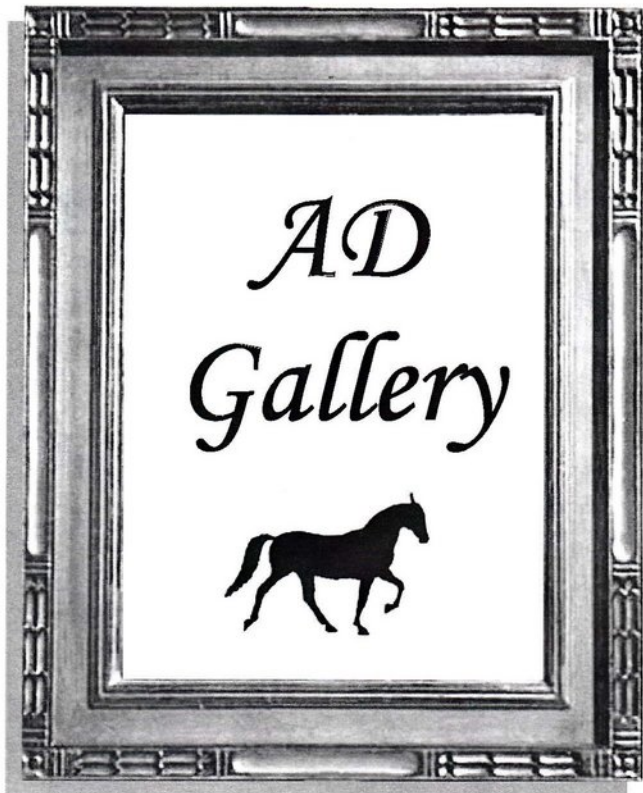
as she states "...my intent was to trail ride, and also continue to show in local all breed gaited and TWH classes. I knew we would go up against some class A lite-shod horses, but I didn't care. I just wanted a horse that was fun to show about 4 times a year and have fun doing everything else the other 361 days without worrying." (Below: Cynthia & Rascal on the rail.)



In their first year as a team, they have been on the trails, but also competed in four horse shows, with ribbons in TWH and Open Easy Gaited in both English and Western classes, and won year end awards. Cynthia insists that "you can set a metronome to his gait, and he is so smooth." The bright sorrel gelding that was the wrong sex, age and color has captured her heart while changing careers from exclusive trail mount to multi-faceted show winner and trail companion. Good health, strong conformation, an endearing personality, and true walking gaits enabled Temp's Red Rascal to continue to learn new tasks and find the perfect forever home.

*Temp's Red Rascal with Cynthia & Jim  
and some of their 2008 awards.*





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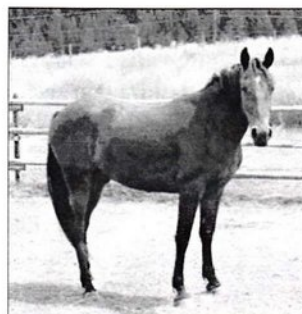
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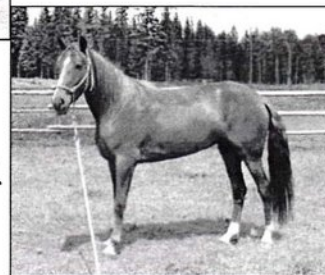


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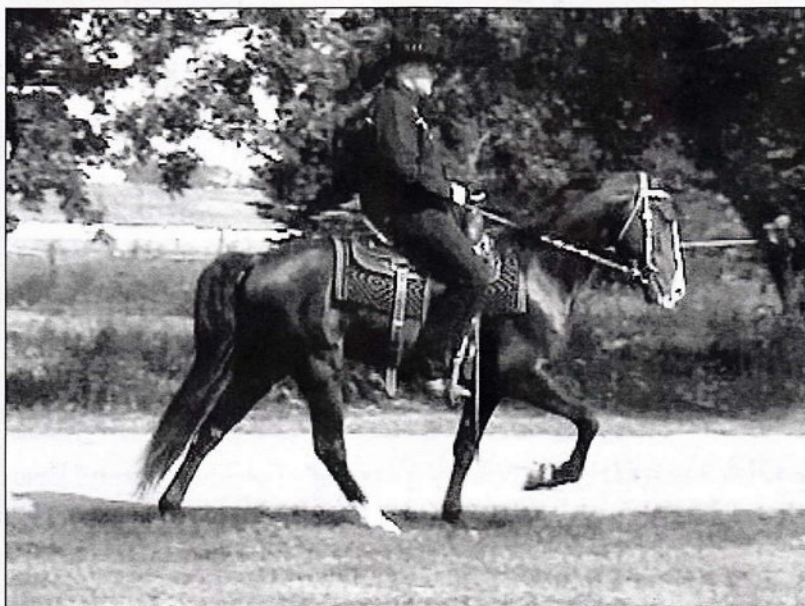
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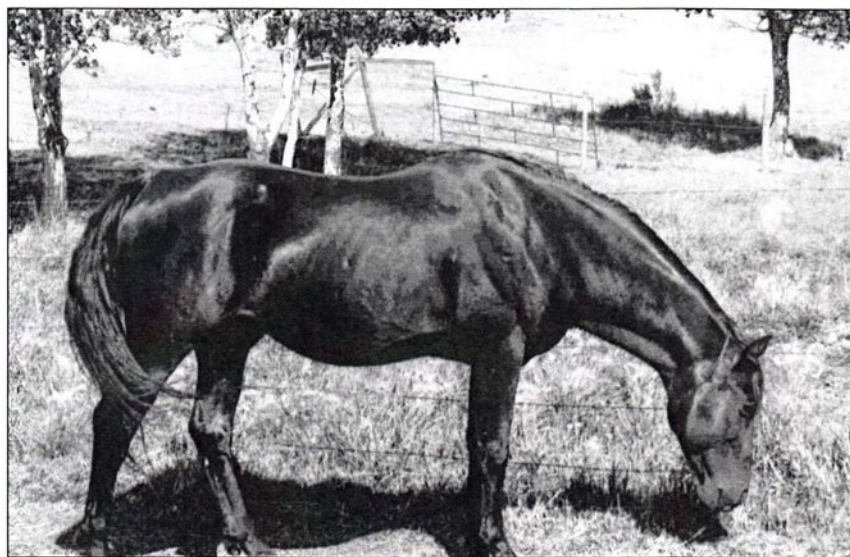
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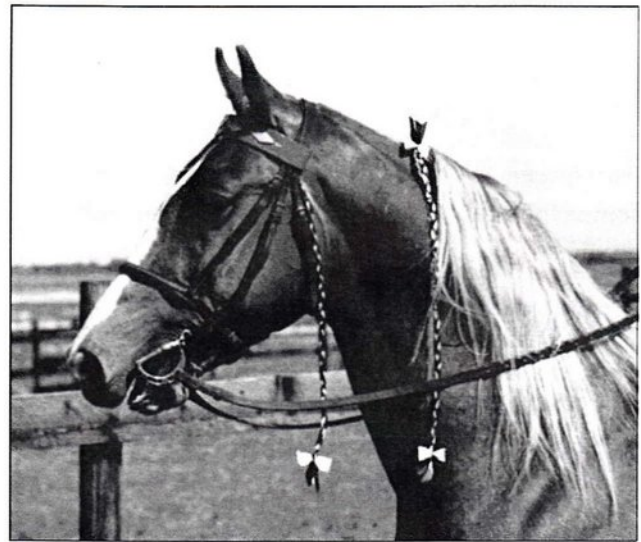
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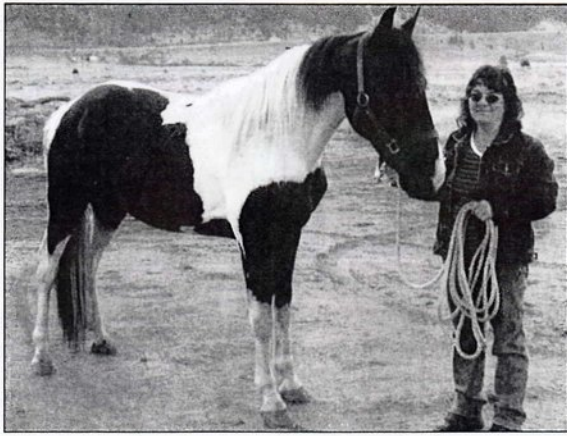
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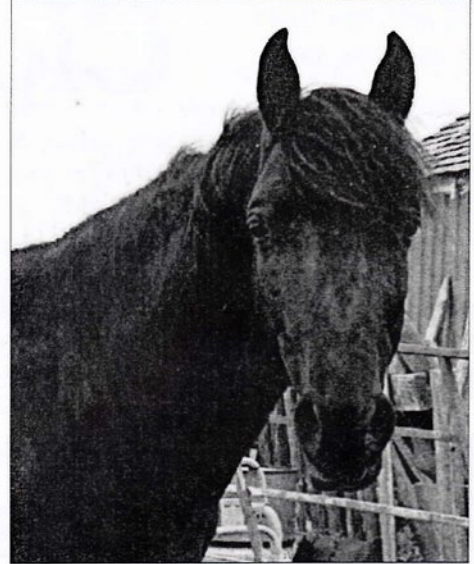
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