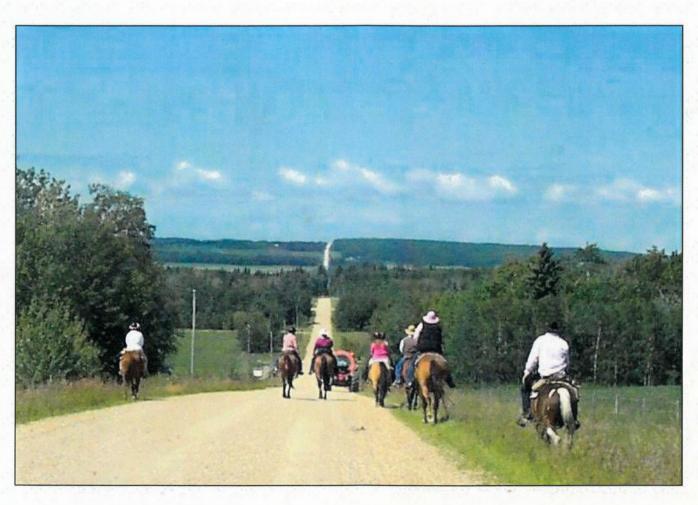
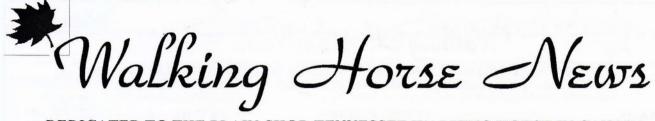
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On Our Cover

When Jean Rempel first heard about the "Wild Pink Yonder Ride" (to raise money for breast cancer research), she knew she wanted to take part. And despite not having a saddle horse, not having sponsors, and not having ridden since her Old Reliable died. she made it happen! Here's Jean, second on the left in the cover photo. on the road leading to Rimbey AB ... and over the hills and far away. See her story on pp. 8 & 9. Photos courtesy of Jean.

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Dear Subscribers,

After a generally not-so-great summer, the last few weeks have been warm and beautiful. Here in Alberta it looks as if there will be more feed than expected, with many putting up a second cut, and others making green feed. However, the cost of winter forage will still be a major consideration, so take a look at the idea of letting your horses harvest their own food by pawing through the snow for it. See page 16. It's not ideal but it beats having to sell them because you don't have enough feed.

It's time once again to invite you to advertise in colour on the front and back covers of *Walking Horse News* for 2010. I have kept prices the same again this year. Please let me know right away if you want to book space - it's limited! See the details and form on page 24. It pays to keep your name out there, even - or maybe *especially* - when times are tough. If they don't know you're out there with horses to sell, they <u>can't</u> call!

It looks as if horse owners are going to have to keep formal health records of all pharmaceuticals administered to their horses. It's because of the European Union wanting to be sure that horses sold for meat don't have drug residues in their bodies when slaughtered. The new EU rules will become effective in April, 2010, requiring that either slaughtered animals have complete health records showing they have not received banned substances, or a 180 day quarantine for the horses. Claude Boissonnealut, head of the CFIA's red meat programs, has indicated that Canada will likely abide by the 180 day quarantine, as mandated by the EU. See page 18.

Get out and enjoy these precious fall days with your horses. And I hope you enjoy the stories and reports, news, ads and photos in this issue. Let's hear from YOU for next time. Thank you to all the contributors. After all, there's no *News* without you!

Marjorie

October, 2009

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CANADIAN TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

HISTORY & HERITAGE PROJECT

"CANADIAN TIMES OF THE TWH"

HOW I GOT MY START WITH WALKERS by Lesa Luchak, Two Hills, Alberta.



It is 2009 and I have owned Walkers for just over four years now. Not knowing anything about Tennessee Walking Horses, I started learning right after I bought my first one, acquired when I was at an auction sale in February of 2005. We were with a friend who wanted to buy a horse, so we had a trailer there. It was near the end of the sale and this pretty palomino mare came into the ring. At the time she was called JDs Smartie Pants. I don't know why she piqued my interest but... next thing you know, she came home with me. Within two months I had *two* Walkers as Smartie had a foal. I named the foal "Leroy", from the Big N Rich song, "Save A Horse..."

Well, Smartie had come with a write-up saying she, as well as the foal, could be registered, so I then started the long journey of trying to get ex-owner's signatures and horses' DNA to get her registration papers. Along the way I met many interesting people who owned Walkers. When all the paper work was together she was registered as PALS Silver Moonglow CRTWH Reg No. 2002-[CAN] 3160. She is sired by a horse named Jack Daniels 1997[CAN] 2042 out of a mare named Gail A 1999[CAN] 2411. Unfortunately Leroy's DNA has not been matched to find out who his sire is, but I believe it's Legacy's Goldmine.

That summer I was browsing the web and found an ad by Fran Kerik of Chrystal Star Ranch. Seeing that she was very close to where we live I contacted her about starting Smartie under saddle. She took me on a trail ride on her mare, Mornin', and then I *really* was hooked on the Walkers.

In 2006 the buckskin mare Golden Dreams Delight came up for sale, so since my horses weren't ready to ride, I purchased Delight and hit the trails. I bought a Dixieland saddle custom made for Delight in my size and I really enjoyed riding. Then the decision was made to

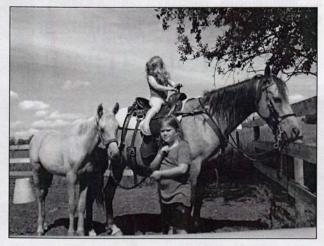
breed Smartie to Fran's stud, Rascal.

2007 was interesting! In May I was expecting my second child and Smartie was also due. Two days before I was scheduled to have a c-section, I had the farrier out. I was in much pain from my pregnancy, and could barely walk, but I caught all the horses and left Ed to trim hooves. He trimmed Smartie and her water broke. Thank heavens he was here! He did have to help Smartie a little as she had a huge colt. In the fall when I weaned the colt I sent Smartie to Nicole Hireskorn of Star Walkers at Leduc for six weeks saddle training. I rode Smartie in the arena for the winter. The photo opposite shows my husband, Paul Mandryk & Smartie on her first trail ride.

In 2008 I purchased a perlino filly from Helen Pawluk. What an awesome little filly she is! I also bred Smartie to Rascal again, and Delight to The Ivory Treasure.

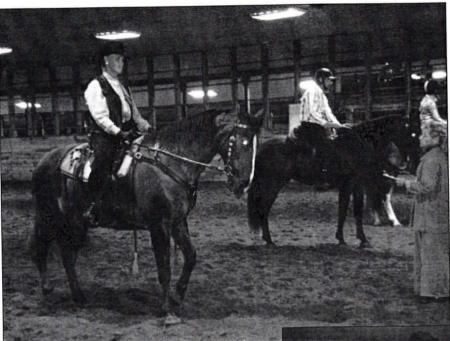
The gentleness and people-loving dispositions of the Walker breed is why I stay with them. They are just great horses; that and the smooth ride is what made me more and more interested in Tennessee Walkers. As of August 2009, I own 3 TWH mares and 2 TWH geldings, along with two AQHA horses, and two ponies. This year we had a palomino colt out of Delight and a black filly out of Smartie. I also just purchased a black yearling colt from Fran Kerik.

In 2008 Amy Lauzon wrote an article on how she got her start with Walkers. She said, "the addiction continues..." This is true for me as well!



Our daughters, Amanda & Miranda Mandryk, with Golden Dreams Delight and her 2009 colt. Amanda enjoys our horses from the ground, and Miranda from the saddle, big or small.

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The Alberta Celebration was held
August 7, 8 & 9 at the
Almond Performance
Horses arena
near Ponoka, Alberta.

Thanks to all in the AWHA who worked to make it a success.

Left, Judge Diane Sept observes as Lissa Townsend demonstrates her horse's "back-up" in the Western Trail class.

Photo by Jo Kingsland

"I would like to give Rhonda Lemmon a huge thank you for taking our little Sweetpea, (Prides Generatin A Future) see photo right, to Reserve Champion at the Alberta Celebration. We are so pleased with what Rhonda has done with Sweetpea and with Sweetpea's accomplishments. Words just can not express our gratitude."

Photo and text submitted by Lisa Lambert





Shown, *left*, are some of the entries in the Western Trail Class at the AB Celebration on Saturday.
The riders are, from left to right, Lissa Townsend, Bill Roy, Rhonda Lemmon and Lori Dyberg.

Photo by Jo Kingsland

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ALBERTA NEWS

STAN POTTER, ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, writes, "I really enjoyed the Civil War saddle story you did in the last issue! What amazing work the family did, researching their ancestor's history, saddle and uniform. Wearing a dark blue woolen uniform in the summer must have been a challenge in itself!"

"It's also interesting to note that the Tennessee Walking Horse was largely a result of the Civil War, with the Union's trotters crossing with the South's Pacers. Some produced horses which did a running walk, and breeders, especially in TN, began crossing them with each other, eventually resulting in the breed which we admire today! The first horse known to do a running walk however, was Bald Stockings, foaled in 1837. You can read more about this in Biography of the Tennessee Walking Horse by Ben A. Green."

"Above is a picture of one of the gaited horse saddles that I saw on my trip to NY. It's an 1890's Minihan Plantation saddle with a spring tree from Kentucky that has been restored in recent years. The guy who showed me those old saddles is Keith Reynolds, who used to breed walking horses for trail use that do a true running walk."

GERTY KURE, INNISFAIL, writes, "My daughter Jessica and I took Drummer and Tsar out to the Ya Ha Tinda for two nights and three days of trail riding. Drummer did very well - he is such a good horse. We crossed the Red Deer River which was running fast and a little high, but Drummer went across. On the way back he really did not want to cross it *again* but he's a trooper and well... he didn't want to be left behind either, so into the river he went! And before that Colin and I were up at the head of the Highwood with the two Haflingers for five days (which was a great trip too)."

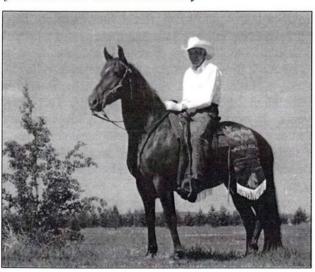
Our condolences to the family of JAKE DENOUDSTEN, LACOMBE, who passed away on June 24. Jake was born in Holland and came to Canada in 1952. He and his wife settled on the family farm near Lacombe in 1967, where he loved his life as a farmer. Music and horses were his hobbies, and he raised some good Walking Horses. Jake also served for a time as a Director for the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse.

KARLA FREEMAN, BENTLEY, writes, "Congratulations to Ed and Tracy Wakefield of Bailieboro, Ontario on their purchase of Karlas Queen of Diamonds. I trust that Queeny will impress them with her wonderful Walking Horse temperament, and smooth going ways. Happy trails to you! Enjoy Queeny. (And by the way, she likes Pepsi.)"

"We just had the last baby of the season here at Ride Easy Ranch. I really need a few more weeks of warmer weather for the young feller. He is out of Thunders Last Stand by Cherokees Dark Knight. With Mimzie the Horseback Riding Cat having her two kittens, we should be all done with babies for 2009."

"It's been a whirlwind of a summer, that's for sure. I had some nice mountain rides, and am looking forward to colorful fall rides. I participated in the Alberta Celebration with two horses, and look forward to the demos at Spruce Meadows. I have only been swimming in the lake once, so need to fit more of that into the schedule too. Hope this finds all well, and on their horses as much as possible. Happy Trails to all!"

Below: JACK GURNETT & Northfork Chapel Bell after winning second place in the Equestrian Division of the RIMBEY parade this summer, as part of the NORTHFORK FARM entry.



BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS



DEBBIE SMITH, TOWER RIDGE FARM, MAPLE RIDGE, writes, "We have sold two very special horses. Ronald Regan (Artic Blue Colour TR) a gelding by our stud Storms Northern Victory is going to Genevieve Amy. Ronnie is a horse that she has loved since she met him. I know he will be her special guy, as he was with us. Chester (Storms Flashy Design) has gone to Julie Philips, a gal that has had three of our Walkers in the past. She loves the big ones and Chester stands 16.1, but is oh so gentle. They are enjoying the trails and picking black berries together. His big smooth gaits cover miles and miles of trails. Please send a complimentary issue of WHN to Julie and her new love, above. We wish them both the best of luck with these two fine outstanding young boys."

"What a summer we've had, with the temperatures up near 40C (100 F?). We had a week or so when nobody felt like riding. The horses just stood in their stalls sweating, as we were too! Nice to have the cooler temperatures now, as this is the weather for riding. We just returned from a trip around the province but ... too many forest fires burning. Dave and I were staying in Chase and there was a huge fire in Sorento and one in Pritchard and we were in between the two! The smoke filled the whole valley".

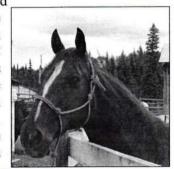
"Dave Smith of the Haney Horsemen Association organized our Maple Ridge Fair horse events. It was a scorcher with thunder showers, lightning and downpours of rain which cancelled some of the classes. But all in all the weekend was well attended and everyone worked hard and was impressed by the spectators."

"All of us at the Star Barn (as it's called because of all the coffee parties) had a fun-filled going away party/barbecue for Sandy and Genevieve Amy. We had a great crowd and lots of wonderful food... and a carrot cake! They have already moved their two lovely mares, Finally and Delite, to their new home at Skykeep Ranch in the sunny Cariboo of B.C. They have lots of work to do before the snow flies. The horses and people have shelter so that's the main thing. Enjoy the winter! (We at the coast will still be riding, hee hee!) We are all going to miss the four of them. So many miles of trails we've traveled together, always great conversations and many, many laughs! We never saw the bears. They high-tailed it when they heard us coming. We traveled brand new trails that we checked out before they were real trails, only a slashed path that usually turned into a dead end. Sandy and Genevieve are planning to organize a fall ride at their new place next year so we can check out their lovely trails that go on forever. We can't wait! We will truly miss them. They are wonderful horse people and will do well in their new life All of us at Tower Ridge Farm wish them the Best of Luck."

DON & JO-ANNE McDONALD, POUCE COUPE, are pleased to congratulate Ron Goehring of Bentley, AB who has bought Shaker's Magic Prince (Canadian Shaker x Threat's Magic Genie). This gentle, nice moving yearling gelding promises to be a big boy, and we wish Ron & Prince many smooth miles together in the future. We are sending a WHN subscription to Ron with our compliments.

GENEVIEVE AMY, now of SKYKEEP RANCH in the CARIBOO sent me a great story about the adventures of a new horse she'd bought. I will feature it next issue, but Gen had a request: "Do any of your readers out there know this horse? He is a 16 hand liver chestnut gelding, with a narrow crooked

stripe and a noble, old fashioned head. The woman we got him from in Keremeos, BC said he was 21 years old. Besides the stripe he has a bit of white on his near hind pastern. Boomer's papers have been lost along with his





history – so if by chance anyone recognizes him, or knows his story, I would dearly like to know." You can contact WHN with any info. Thanks!

ONTARIO NEWS

KATHY MINOR, KARS, writes, "I retired my 20 year old TWH, Rock's Flicka, in February, due to back and hind end issues that made her un-rideable. She was in good health otherwise and I was fortunate enough to find a good retirement home for her for the rest of her days. I got Flicka five years ago and it was a good time, riding her and learning all I could about the breed. I've enjoyed the *WHN* with all the news and historical bits and training articles as well."

"Tennessee Walkers are pretty scarce here in Eastern Ontario, so my present trail horse is a 10 year old Quarter Horse. I was new to Walkers when I got Flicka, but it certainly is a huge adjustment now, going back to a horse that TROTS. But he is a very safe ride however, and that was my priority."

MANITOBA NEWS

DARLENE MOORE, BOISSSEVAIN, writes, "The Manitoba Light Horse All Breed Show boasts having classes for 21 various breeds on the front cover of its prize list. Very generous and welcoming! However, this August there were only half a dozen or so breeds present and exhibited. There wasn't a gaited horse to be found at the Show Grounds in Brandon."

"The only ones entered and shown in 2009 were Quarter Horse, Paints, Appaloosa Arabian, Sport Horses and a Welsh Cob very competently shown in driving. I don't blame the present Manitoba Light Horse Association for the lack of horses in classes for breeding stock and for gaited breeds. Dwindling and non-existent entries show lack of interest on the part of the owners and breeders."

"I was a member and exhibitor of TWH from 1967 to 2004. I took as many as 11 horses some years, and as few as one when that was all I owned, in 2002. As an owner of TWH for 40 plus years, I was the one who introduced gaited horses to the association and to this show in 1971. I obtained Halter, Performance, Western, English and Driving classes by diligent attendance at meetings, committees and shows. You have to be there."

"I am dismayed that owners and breeders aren't showing more pride and gusto in getting out to promote their horses! I challenge you to get out there and do some promotion of your horses before there isn't anywhere left to show them, from Eastern Saskatchewan to Western Ontario. After all, who (but you) says they're "the best from Championship bloodlines" if you don't get out there and SHOW them!"

NEWS from our U.S. SUBSCRIBERS

From Grace Larson, FORSTH, MT, "What a busy summer at our place. We went to Red Wing, MN in June to attend to Mom's affairs there. Then July 11th we had a Celebration Of Her Life at the Lonepine, Montana Hall, and buried her urn next to Robin's.

"It is odd without foals this year. We are so used to having them light up our life. I managed to get three horses bathed and well groomed. I have three more to do yet but it's been cool and rainy. We love this weather though, and so do the horses."

"Mom had so many old photos. I will send some to you starting with the ones of Spiller's Gold Dust. (See photo below.) She had lots of history tucked away, and some are not identified! And now no one to ask. Mom's gone. Ross Howell is gone, and so is Pearl. And Homer Davis. They are about the only ones who might know the horse photos I can't identify."

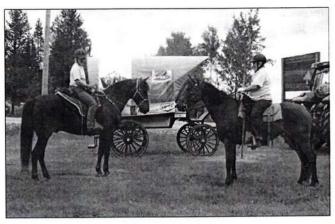
"When my sister, Alice, and I were in the Flathead Country we attended the first school reunion ever held for the Big Arm, Montana school students. It has been 59 years since I attended the one room school, and as long since I've seen most of my classmates. It was a fun time with lots of shared memories."

"When Alice and I were in first and third grade there, we had a nice surprise. Our uncles had a white horse tied up outside the school - and he was ours! Ace was an old retired race horse but gentle as could be. We rode him bareback everywhere and he could outrun all the neighbor kids' horses. We graduated from him to Smoky, a very round gray gelding that was almost impossible to ride bareback. It was also difficult to keep a saddle from turning on his round back. He'd shy a lot too. So when Mom bought Silvertip-Rickey & Richardson's Honey Chile in '47 and '48 and as soon as she had Rickey trained, we were riding him. Once we experienced the Tennessee Walk we didn't want to ride anything else!"

Spiller's Gold Dust 451748 Jim Haynes up, Colfax, WA.



WILD PINK YONDER RIDE July 14th - 16th, 2009 by Jean L. Rempel



What do two ladies of over pensionable age do for three days in the summer? Why, they join the Wild Pink Yonder Wagon Train Ride, of course, raising money for breast cancer research. It was a great 3 days. We could have ridden longer but both our schedules only allowed for the 3 days we'd booked.

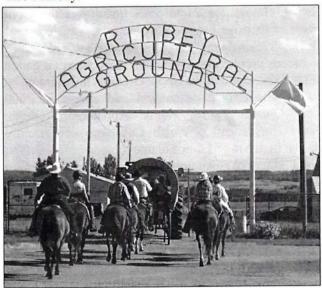
The Trail Boss, Jane Hurl, was unable to take part in the wagon train trail ride due to a wagon accident at home (and nine broken bones), but she did major work from her hospital room. The ride was delayed for a few days and started at Cochrane, Alberta instead of Fort Macleod, AB. I joined the ride at Lacombe with my TWH mare, Dawn O' The Mornin', along with Irene Verbisky of Vilna, AB and her TWH gelding, Westhill's Charm Shaker (Buddy) the evening of Monday, July 13^{th.} (In the photo above, Jean and Dawn are on the right; Irene and Buddy on the left, in front of the wagon. This was at the end of their ride in Winfield - and they look ready for more!)

After breakfast on Tuesday, July 14th we saddled up, ready to leave and trailer out of town to a side road where we would mount up and head toward Ponoka. The day was cool with a bit of rain later in the day. Dawn was cautious in the morning. She'd had an incident that morning when she showed that Tennessee Walking Horses *can* buck as well as any other horse! I was holding her lead and I think she was stung by a wasp or something. She gave a squeal and started bucking around me. I held on to the lead shank as long as I could but finally had to let go. Then the pommel bags scared her even more as they pounded against the saddle. However, after three laps around the large area she ran back into her stall, shaking with fright.

After lunch she moved out fine and was relaxed, crossing concrete bridges, crossing highways and travelling along the white line. We were picked up late in the afternoon (to avoid the freeway) and trailered into the Ponoka Rodeo Grounds for the night.

We pitched our tent near our horses in their pens, where they had a fine time rolling all the itches off. So much for brushing them! There were only three of us riding that day but there were to be more next morning. After supper of hamburgers, salads, fruit, coffee, soft drinks or juice we visited a bit until the Mayor and a couple of his staff dropped in, presenting us all with the Ponoka town pin, and leaving enough pins for the riders who would join in the morning.

On Wednesday July 15th we were trailered out of town over the freeway, where we mounted up, heading for Rimbey. The word was out - this town was pink. There were 12 to 14 riders who rode down the side roads towards Rimbey this day. A photographer was out along the road snapping pictures, and we met up with him again at a lemonade stop that a resident had set up for everyone. It was so hot out and that pink lemonade tasted so good – crisp and cold! He was also snapping pictures at the edge of town as we rode into Rimbey.



WOW! They weren't kidding. RIMBEY WAS TOTALLY PINK! The last couple of miles into town had been lined with pink balloons, and here in town the streets had pink bows painted on them, the flowers, storefronts, curbs, poles, everything you could think of was PINK. Touring through town hearing the cheers of the Rimbey people made the ride and the heat worth it. When we rode into the agricultural grounds through the pink gate (above) we found the stall poles were also pink taped, and even the porta potties were painted pink - with pink feather boas draped around the seats. Everyone was bussed to the Seniors Drop-in Centre for a delicious supper where our Trail Boss,

Jane Hurl, was able to join us, driving not her team but a wheel chair. (She had a 3 day pass from hospital.) After supper we were bussed to the park for dessert. That night Irene and I cleaned out the back of the trailer and slept there.

Believe it or not, on this morning of Thursday the 16th we were served PINK pancakes with sausages and eggs. This was our last day on this marvellous Trail Ride. We were joined by more riders here, including Joanne Stern and her daughter, Paige, of Rimbey, riding the TWH geldings, Northfork Rockafeller and Northfork Ebony Echo, respectively. An RCMP Officer with his cruiser led us north and east out of town where we headed for Hoadley for lunch. It was another hot day and we were still an hour or so from the lunch spot so they brought the hamburgers to us at the local fish pond. By then we were running so late that the trailers were brought out and we were hauled to Hoadley to finish lunch.

There is only a community hall at Hoadley anymore, but they did themselves proud, with pink flowers on the tables, a welcome sign and all. And oh! what desserts they had! We trailered to the edge of Winfield, then rode through the town to the community hall where Jane joined us for supper and to listen to music later in the evening. Winfield also had pink flowers, pink tee shirts, etc. Irene and I stayed overnight in our tent, and after breakfast on Friday morning we packed up to return home. The riders for that day left for the ride to The Village and then on to the other communities on the way to Josephsburg, AB, where the ride ended.

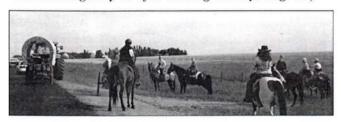
The Ride is over for this year but plans are under way for next year's event. A big "Thank you" to all the support staff. They were excellent, moving the trailers to the next stop, along with the hay, water, porta potties, etc. The cooks, who came from BC, did the cooking and shopping when it was needed. Susan and her husband (who came up from New Jersey) drove the truck and trailer behind the riders and Sam the tractor driver pulled the pink lead wagon. (And it must have been boring at times driving a tractor that slowly all the

way. We riders had our horses for company!)

The horses did great as they travelled over pavement, gravel roads, bridges, and past cattle who ran along the fence lines, being as foolish as cattle can be, bucking, jumping and chasing each other. Other horses too came running up and along the roadside, whinnying (and probably hurling insults at our horses who had to work!)

Dawn wasn't sure about the echoing big plank bridge, but crossed it okay. The concrete bridge with gaps in it she didn't go on readily, but as soon as another horse walked onto it she went over also - but with her head down, watching where she walked. The Pink Bows on the Rimbey streets didn't faze her but she made sure not to get too close to those scary manhole covers!

(Below: Horses, riders and covered wagon turn onto highway 53 after leaving Rimbey, Aug. 16.)



Overall, Dawn was a better mount by the end of the three days, relaxed and willing. But then, though she may be eight years old, she hadn't been ridden for nearly four years. I was really pleased with her performance and general disposition. After riding my 'Old Reliable' horse from the time he was three until he was up into his 20s, I found it a bit scary starting over with his 8 year old granddaughter, that I got in March. But we did it!

Oh, and by the way, we nearly wore out Dawn's very first set of new shoes!

Jean raised over \$1300 for breast cancer research, more than twice the amount required to participate.

She thanks all the sponsors who made it possible.



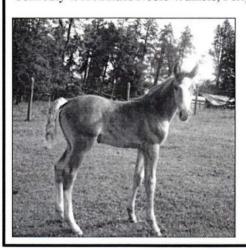
The riders and wagon line out near Hoadley on their way to Winfield.

FOAL CALL

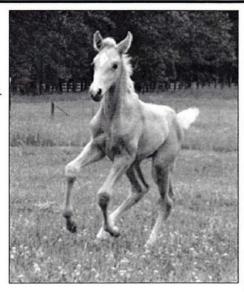
PALOMINO FILLY (Golddust's Royal Trigger x Lady Jennifer's Pearl)
The very last foal from Grace & Lyle Larson's Golddust's Royal Trigger.
Owned by Lynette Scott of Arlington, WA. (Photo at right.)

SORREL FILLY, 3 stockings and blaze (Y'all Know The Reason x Somethin' Special). Born July 27, 2009. Mary Kruger, Legal, AB

SMOKY BLACK COLT (Pride's Undertaker x NMile Angel's Halo), born July 6/09. Prides Noble Walkers, Perryvale, AB







SORREL? FILLY, 2 hind stockings, front sock and blaze (Uphill Heir Trigger x Northfork Successful Dollar)
Jack & Margaret Gurnett, Northfork Farm, Bluffton, AB

BUCKSKIN COLT (Cherokees Dark Knight x Thunders Last Stand)
Pat & Karla Freemans' Ride Easy Ranch, Bentley, AB

CUT OFF CREEK GET TOGETHER

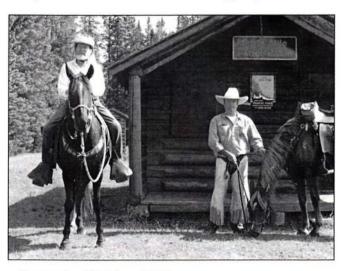
Hello to everyone out there! Hopefully you're enjoying your horses during this beautiful weather we're finally getting. I thought I'd send a note to let people know how the Cut Off Creek get together on the weekend of Aug 28 to 30th went. It was the beginning of 10 days of camping out there for Fred and me (lucky us), and the weather didn't just cooperate, it was stellar! The temperature stayed in the high 20's day after day, with beautiful scenery all around. We got in on the Thursday, so were lucky to set up camp in a choice spot, and garnered the whole north end area for us Walking Horse folks.

We always see some of the wild horses whenever we visit this area, and this year was no exception - a special treat to add to an excellent holiday. This spot at this particular time of year, is a popular place for hunters to leave from, and I always enjoy watching the various packing outfits prepare and head for the mountains. One evening we had a large entourage go through—six packhorses plus two more with riding gear on, being guided by two young ladies... Way to go, girls'!

There are also a number of wagons and teams that have some choice areas that they can

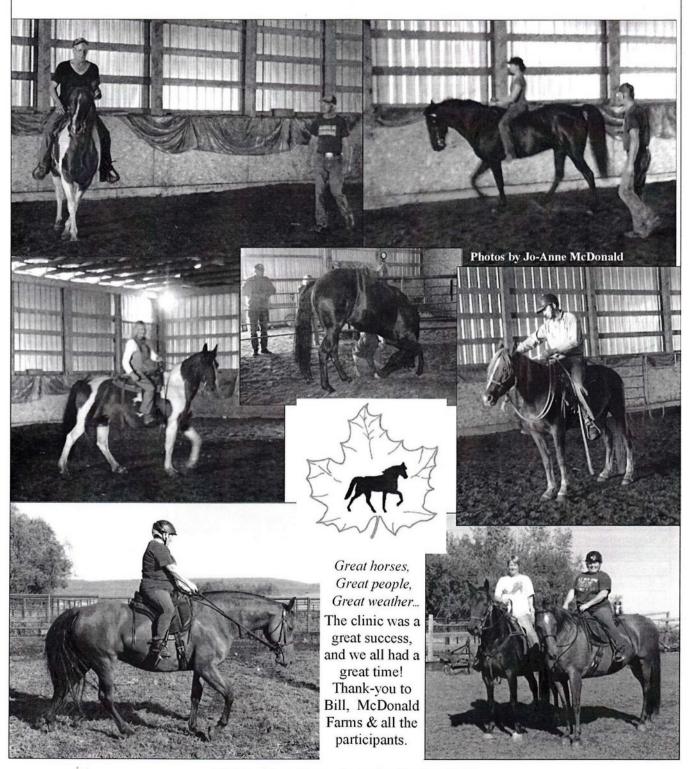
navigate, and this year one of the outfits was a team of huge mules; another treat. I had the pleasure of meeting Al Gates from Rocky Mountain House, who was there with three of his lovely Walking Horses. All in all, we had a wonderful time at Cut Off Creek.- and are already looking forward to next year. Sure hope this weather holds on for awhile, and we all get in some great fall rides. by Lissa Townsend

Below is a photo of Keith Oberle and Fred Delf up at 40 Mile Cabin where we stopped for lunch.



CRTWH CKTWH GAIT FROM THE GROUND UP

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Two New CRTWH Directors Appointed

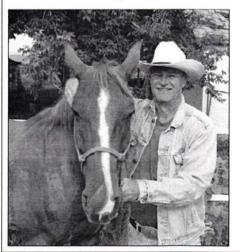
We are pleased to welcome these two new directors to the Board:

LESLIE HUNCHUK, MILLARVILLE,

AB became involved with Tennessee Walking Horses through Westridge Farms and Diane Sept around 1986. Leslie embraced the Westridge motto of promoting and protecting the TWH, and encouraged youth riding and showing TWH. Her daughter Nikki was an AWHA Princess. Children grow up and leave, but Leslie continued to be involved with the AWHA. the Easy Riders and the CRTWH. She is an active volunteer and rarely misses an event or show. Leslie bought her first TWH, Glorious



Emblem, from Rosemary Jordan in 1989, and still owns Glo (above). She currently owns 3 Walkers registered with CRTWH, and enjoys trail riding.



RALPH LIVINGSTON, KELOWNA,

has owned the 16 hand plus "Hank" (aka Koko Cowboy, a great grandson of Lucky Koko's Prince out of Chapie's Daisy May) since 2005. He says, "Hank is the kindest horse you could wish for. I put my kids on him with complete confidence. I am fairly new to Walkers and "Hank" and I are learning the running walk together."

This June, Judge Steve Brown placed Ralph and Hank in first place in the Equitation class at the 12th Annual Interior Gaited Horse Show, so it sounds as if they have done a very good job of learning!

ELECTIONS FOR DIRECTORS

We'll be calling for nominations for Directors for Alberta, BC, and Saskatchewan in November. The 3 year terms for Jean Rempel, Bill Roy, Maureen Hummel & Ernie Wall are up, though all are eligible to run again.

Manitoba and Ontario are also eligible to elect a director each.

WHAT'S NEW ON CRTWH.CA?

We had a request to put up a short history of the CRTWH and of registering Walkers in Canada on the website. You may now go to the "History and Heritage" section of crtwh.ca to find this new addition.

Each Canadian Walker is posted on the website and we'll soon have some photos from the Pouce Coupe 'Gait from the Ground Up" clinic with Bill Roy too.



A Tribute to the CRTWH Demo Horses at the Mane Event , Red Deer, AB

WOODHILL'S TS TROOPER

Woodhill's Walkers is proud to present 'Troop'.

Troop is by Tsuniah's Dark Delight out of Beauty's Breezy Bay. Bill Roy has owned this 11 year old bay gelding from birth. Bill knew he would have a hard time keeping Troop from buyers. After the first person tried to buy him, Bill gave Troop to his then young Grandson. Troop has since become the favorite mount of Bill's three grandsons.

Bill is personally responsible for all his training. When the grandsons are not visiting, Bill uses Troop as his personal mount, for lessons, exhibitions and training horses. (Bill hopes that the grandsons will leave Troop with him for a while longer.)

Photo by J.M. Kingsland

Thank you for representing our Canadian bred Walkers at the CRTWH breed demo at the Mane Event.



KARLAS SPECIAL KNIGHT

'Ken' was born at Ride Easy Ranch on July 3rd, 2002, owned by Karla & Pat Freeman. He's by Cherokees Dark Knight out of Karlas Dreamza Walker. He is registered exclusively Canadian in the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse.

Ken is a 16.1 hand black gelding – a kind and gentle giant. Ken is also powerful and willing. Karla started riding him when he was 4 years old. He has been ridden in the mountains, gone swimming in the lake, pulled the sleigh, herded cows and other horses. He is presently learning to lie

down, so Karla can get on him with ease.



Ken displays the beautiful temperament that Walking Horses are noted for. He's been a pleasure to ride in the Spruce Meadow demos for the last couple of years. He, of course, enjoys all the attention he can get.

Ken has satisfied the Bronze, Silver and Gold standards in the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse Program for Excellence. This achievement will become a permanent record on his Canadian Registration Papers.

Thank you for representing our Canadian bred Walkers at the CRTWH breed demo at the Mane Event.



The Most Important Routine

By Ron Meredith, President, Meredith Manor International Equestrian Centre

careers in horsemanship

Some time ago I was in a grocery store during a big thunderstorm. The lady in front of me at the cash register line was nervously patting her toddler while saying "don't be afraid" over and over. I'm sure her intention was to reassure the child (or maybe herself). I'm also sure that the youngster got the message loud and clear that thunderstorms were something scary because they made mom really jumpy and anxious.

We had a similar training experience here at Meredith Manor. For years we'd put up with the antics and mess of the birds in the indoor arena. They just flew around and swooped and chirped and dropped insulation and other stuff on the horses and riders who just went about their business and didn't especially notice it all. Somebody sold me on the idea that if we played this recording of birds in distress, the resident birds would decide the arena wasn't a friendly place and they would leave. So we tried it.

The first day we played the recording, we had horses all over the place. The new sound of birds in distress startled the horses. When the horses startled, the riders got rattled. When the riders got rattled, the horses got the feeling that the birds in distress really WERE something scary to be startled about. So the mayhem just escalated and - you get the picture. We stopped playing the recording so I still don't know if it would have worked or not.

My point is that whenever there's a change, especially a change that might give off some sort of "danger" vibes, horses start looking to someone they trust to help them figure out how to react. That someone could be the herd's lead mare or their good horse buddy or their rider. If that someone's reactions communicate a scary or dangerous feeling to the horse, then that's the feeling the horse will react to now and associate with that situation in the future.

Because it appears that some sort of change upsets horses, a lot of people think the way to make a horse feel safe is to keep changes to a minimum, to keep to the same routine as much as possible. Or they try to 'bombproof' him by exposing him gradually to a whole bunch of stuff until he accepts each of the situations. There's certainly nothing wrong with that but the problem is you can never anticipate all the possible changes that might occur in the horse's routine or environment and desensitize him to all of

them. One good result of all this 'bombproofing' could be that the horse's *handler* gets desensitized and starts to get confident about showing new stuff to the horse. Then next time something different happens, they're more likely to telegraph that feeling of confidence to the horse instead of getting startled themselves if something startles the horse.

The only "routine" that is consistently meaningful to the horse is that you are always the same person every time you are around the horse, that you are always predictable in your mood and actions. You should not be male or female around the horse. You should not bring any thoughts or emotions from other parts of your life into the time "right now" when you are with your horse. Your attitude is always the same; your actions always create a sense of rhythm and relaxation in the horse. It's that calm, predictable sameness that makes the horse feel comfortable and safe around you, no matter what else may be happening.

That's a really hard thing for most people to do. They're more likely to react to a change like that mother in the grocery store and the students whose horses startled when they first heard the bird distress calls. For example, let's say it's a really cold morning and the rider goes to the barn anticipating that the horse is going to come out of his stall fresh and frisky and ready to buck. You can bet that the horse will live up to the rider's expectations. If the rider went into the horse's stall acting like it was just an ordinary morning, no different from any other morning in the spring or summer or fall or winter, then the horse would act like it was just another morning, too.

A lot of time the interactions between what a person does and a horse does has to do with making sure the person doesn't anticipate what *might* happen and, in that anticipating, make it happen. You need to teach yourself not to interact with the changes in any situation so that your horse won't interact with them. You need to learn to be the same, the same, the same, and the same from moment to moment. As soon as riders gets excited or afraid, they communicate that to the horse through some slight change in their body or their breathing which breaks up the feeling of rhythm and relaxation we want to convey to the horse.

That feeling of relaxation and rhythm is basic to everything else we want to do with him. The horse is going to relate his feelings about everything that

happens to him to your feelings and attitudes about them. So you need to pay attention to your attitude all the time. You need to keep your attitudes and your body language relative to the feelings you want to communicate to the horse. No matter what changes there are out there in the environment or the usual "routine", you want to stay exactly the same.

Years ago when I was just starting out, reining trainer Dale Wilkinson demonstrated to me the importance of staying the same for your horse no matter what's going on around you. We were working some cattle in his arena, when his wife came running down the driveway yelling, "Fire! Fire!" Dale didn't want to interrupt the feeling he had going with the young horse he was working at the time so he just kept at what he was doing and calmly said to me, "You reckon you've got time to check that out?"

So I scrambled off my horse, tied him up, ran to the house, and found a fire behind the dryer. I threw the circuit breakers, put out the fire, turned the circuits that didn't have anything to do with the dryer back on, and headed back to the arena still all pumped full of adrenaline. When I got there, Dale was working a cow and he finished with it before he stopped momentarily to ask me if everything was OK. I said yes. And so he just went right on calmly working.

So the next time you're trying to figure out how to keep your horse's adrenaline from surging when something startling happens, figure out what you need to do to keep your own adrenaline level down. In order to be in control of your horse's feelings and the reactions that result from those feelings, you first have to be in control of your own feelings and reactions. You want to convey that feeling of "everything is routine and predictable" to the horse no matter what else is going on.

Instructor and trainer Ron Meredith has refined his "horse logical" methods for communicating with equines over 30 years as president of Meredith Manor International Equestrian Centre (Route 1, Box 66, Waverly, WV 26184; 1-304-679-3128; http://www.meredithnanor.com), an ACCET accredited equestrian educational institution.

Karla and Queeny check the mail at Ride Easy Ranch, Bentley, AB. Queeny has gone to live in ON with Ed & Tracy Wakefield, of Bailieboro, p.5, so she'll have to send the letters now!



WINTER PAWING

From Ed Hamel, "I was sitting around the coffee shop this weekend with some old timers (like myself) and they were talking about the shortage of grass/hay for cattle and horses this winter. A lot of farmers are selling whole herds or part herds because hay is selling in places for over \$125.00 a bale..."

Marjorie Lacy writes, For some of you there may be an alternative to feeding <u>all</u> winter - or the auction. Many horses, especially mature idle horses in good condition, can paw for their feed during part or all of the winter, depending on several factors. You'll have to find a safe fenced field, with shelter from the wind and plenty of forage. There will have to be a water source, or you'll have to wait until there is enough snow to provide the moisture they need. It may not be ideal, but horses can and do thrive under these conditions.

To winter horses out, you should:

HAVE THEIR TEETH CHECKED. Painful sharp edges or points make it hard for horses to chew their feed and get any good out of it.

DEWORM THE WHOLE HERD before they are put on the new pasture. If only one or two are dewormed, they will soon be re-infested from the rest who may still be carrying big parasite loads.

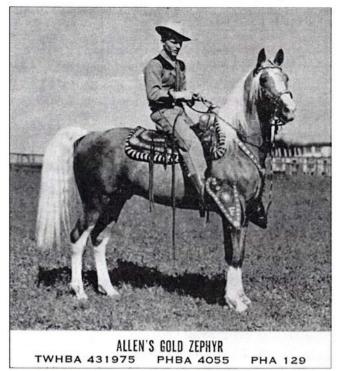
BE SURE THERE IS <u>ENOUGH</u> FEED. Says a veterinarian, "A thin horse is, 9 times out of 10, simply not getting enough to eat." You will have to inspect the pasture before snow comes. If it is a hayfield with regrowth, or pasture that wasn't grazed during the summer, there should be a lot of feed out there. But check to be sure and don't put too many on it. It isn't re-growing as it does in summer. What's there is <u>ALL</u> there'll be for the winter.

IS THE FEED OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY? Sometimes the horses will need a nutrient-dense supplement. You can take some grain or alfalfa cubes out to them once a week when you go to check on them anyway. Put out one or two more piles than there are horses, and separate the piles far enough so one dominant horse can't keep several piles for itself.

OLD ONES and YOUNGSTERS SHOULD PROBABLY NOT BE OUT PAWING, but if they are and you see one that's not doing well, take it out to where you can feed it - right away.

KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON ALL THE HORSES. Run your hands over each horse at least once a week. They can lose condition very quickly and it is hard to tell from a distance under that shaggy coat. If they get thin, they'll need a lot MORE feed to bring them back into condition. A fat horse doesn't feel the cold as much or need as many calories to keep warm, as a thin one!

HOLLYWOOD LOOK-A-LIKES by Marjorie C. Lacy



TWHBEA is looking for Walkers to portray four famous Hollywood horse stars of the past – Hoppalong Cassidy's TOPPER, Gene Autry's CHAMPION, Roy Roger's TRIGGER, and The Lone Ranger's SILVER. These four TWH Look-A-Likes will live at the Kentucky Horse Park and put on multiple weekly educational exhibitions.

I knew that Champion and Trigger Jr. were both Tennessee Walking Horses, but I didn't know that the other two were. If any readers out there have information on Topper and Silver, please write and tell us their stories for a future article. I'd also like to know more about Champion, since the info below, gleaned from Grace Larson's March, 1998 article in *Walker Talk*, is about all I have on him.

CHAMPION, Gene Autry's horse, was a chestnut. To be more exact, 'Champion' was a whole series of chestnut horses! The TWH connection began with the second 'Champion', STONEWALL ALLEN #360159. He was registered as a chestnut horse with four stockings, strip, flax mane and tail, foaled March 20, 1934, by Brown Allen. He was a highly trained horse and was said to be able to perform over twenty tricks at liberty on stage while on tour with Gene Autry. His trainer was John Agee, and handler was Jay Berry. He was beautiful, very gentle, dependable, and a great crowd pleaser. Autry also owned at least five other TWH, among them Red Cloud V, who had a connection to Marie McBroom & Calvin Miller.

And what about TRIGGER JR.?

TRIGGER & TRIGGER JR. were the most famous palominos in the world at one time. Trigger himself (The Old Man) was not a TWH but Trigger Jr., who was similarly marked, was. Roy Rogers, the singing cowboy, bought him from Paul Fisher in 1948 mainly for public appearances. He starred in at least one movie, called appropriately enough, TRIGGER JR, in 1950. Trigger Jr was a highly schooled horse, and trained to do many tricks. (Photo below.)

He was foaled May 11, 1941, bred by C.O. Barker, Readyville, TN. and registered as ALLEN'S GOLD ZEPHYR #431975. He was 'yellow' (as the studbook of the time recorded the colour) with four stockings, a blaze, and white mane and tail. He was also registered with the Palomino Horse Breeders Association and the Palomino Horse Association.

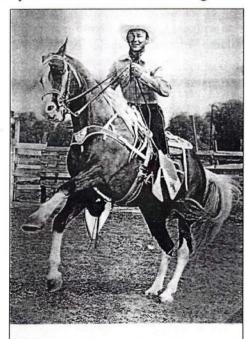
By 1944, according to the studbook, he was owned by Paul K. Fisher of Souderton, Pennsylvania. Fisher's Palomino Farms boasted that it was "The World's Largest Breeders of Palomino Walking Horses" in an ad in *The Tennessee Walking Horse* magazine of April, 1946. (See photo left.)

You can find out much more about Trigger Jr. and see photos of him on the internet.

There are still quite a number of his descendants in Canada today. Most of my own Uphill line carry his blood, and there are many more.

So if you have a well trained golden

palomino gelding with four stockings and blaze, like Trigger Jr. in the photo, or a f 1 a x chestnut with four stockings and strip, k e 1 i Champion, get in touch with Chris Coffey TWHBEA. They're looking!



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The European Commission has notified CFIA about concerns regarding possible pharmaceutical content in meat and meat food products. The CFIA Equine Working Group is addressing pharmaceutical content including withdrawal time concerns from the equine per-There will be a need for horse owners to keep and provide health records respecting the administering of pharmaceuticals.

The AEF and HWAC websites will soon have health record documents available for downloading. The bottom line: traceability of equine animals is going to be required for two reasons:

- Control of infectious diseases (The CFIA EWG) is not dealing with this issue at this time.)
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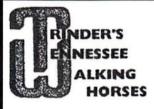
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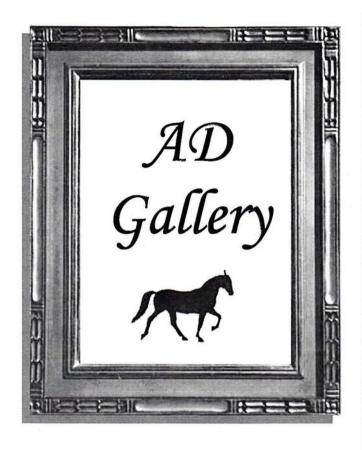
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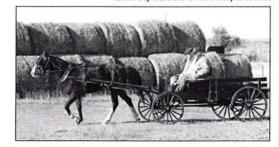




Gentle stallions: Ravi, above,

Bullet, above & Moon, below.

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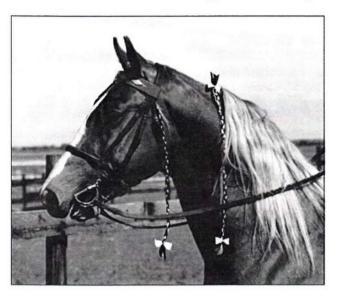
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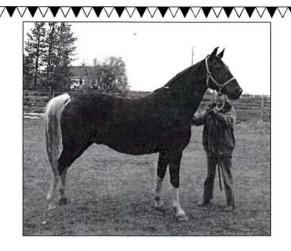
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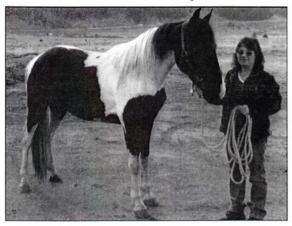
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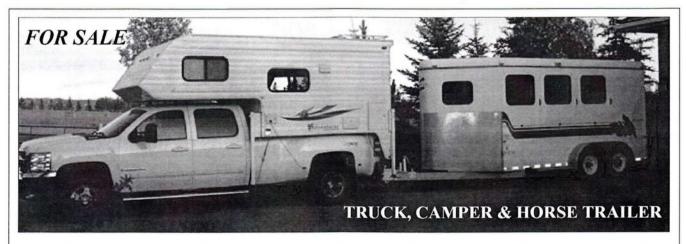
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