

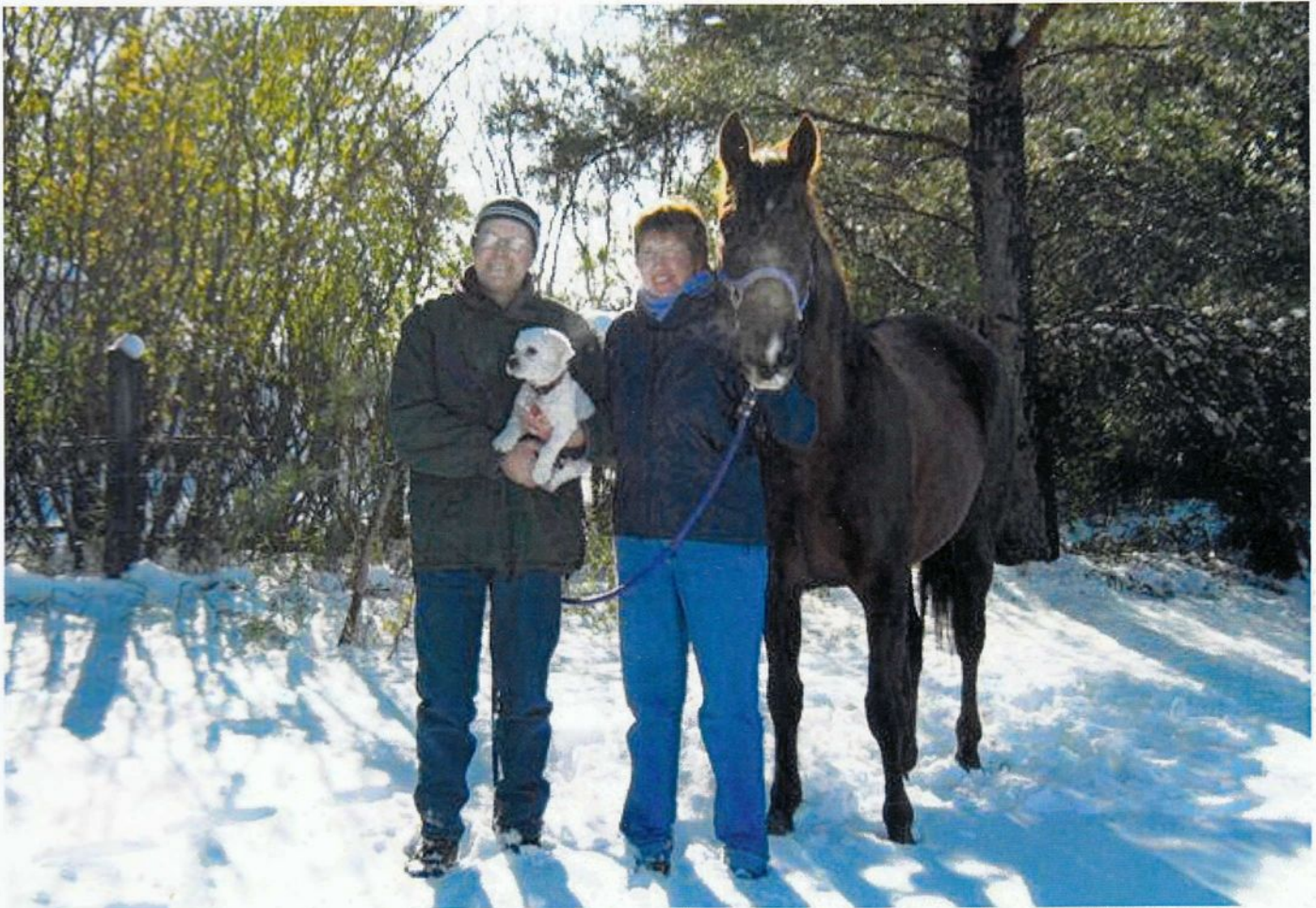
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Trish McCarthy
with Moses
(Dusty's Touch N' Go)
and her husband,
Art Howell, with Muffin,
the cock-ishon.

The photo was taken
on Bev and Roy Belof's
farm near White City, SK
where Moses is boarded.

It was one of those
'change of season' days
where sunshine battles
with a new snowfall.
See the letter from Trish
on page 8,
Saskatchewan News.

*Photo submitted by
Trish McCarthy*

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Dear Subscribers,

It's been very mild weather here in Western Alberta. The snow is melting, water's running, horses are shedding... so spring must be on its way, but so far I haven't heard of any new foals arriving. Looking forward to your foal announcements and pictures.

My question last issue regarding who would like to see an e-mailed or on-line magazine fell on stony ground. I have only heard from three people - but all say they prefer an actual magazine to pick up and read whenever they want, to carry with them, and show around. I must admit that a real paper and ink magazine is my preference too, so I'll continue to print *WHN* as long as you continue to subscribe and advertise, and *WHN* can cover expenses!

I really appreciate those of you who responded to my appeal for more subscribers. *Thank you* to all who sent gift subscriptions for friends and customers, or sent names of new owners who might be interested in subscribing. I know there are a great many people out there who either have Walkers and would like to learn more about them, or who would like to know where they can find a TWH. We need to reach all those folks. Thanks for your help.

A big thank you as well to those who sent in ads. There are more ads in this issue than we've had for some time. You have a lot of choice if you are looking for a Walker! There are also a number of clinics and rides in the Coming Events, page 28, and I just heard that there's a show happening in Saskatoon in September. More on that next issue.

There were also several stories sent in for the History & Heritage section, so we have a new series to carry on with there as well. It's always interesting to read how people found out about Walkers, or got interested in the breed. Let's hear *your* story.

This issue has an article on Lori Dyberg's great start with Topper's June Bug, Shannon McNeill's farewell to her very special mare, Jest'a Caramel, the conclusion of 'How Slow is Fast' by Allanna Jackson, and 'Just a Trail Horse, Eh?' by Karla Freeman, plus news from all over, and more. I hope you enjoy the issue,

Marjorie

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great gift!

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“CANADIAN TIMES OF THE TWH”

JEST'A CARAMEL – A TRIBUTE by Shannon McNeill



Many years ago I set out to buy a Walking Horse. One of the farms I visited was Stone Valley Walkers. After a coffee we went outside and I was shown two mares. One was the mother and the other one was her four-year-old. I remember chatting with the owner about the mother mare, as I was set on buying her. Every time I set about purchasing this mare, her daughter would interfere - putting her head out for a pat, or just plain interrupting. With all this fuss from the daughter I decided to look closer; I'm not sure why, but just felt I had to. In the end we went in, had another coffee and discussed the sale of the daughter.

I recall being very anxious. I was questioned as to where will she live, and about her care, etc. I was so nervous, but ended up leaving with the daughter, a bay named Jest'a Caramel (known to some as Jest'a and to others as Caramel). I couldn't know all the gifts this mare would give me and ask for nothing in return.

Jest'a Caramel, Cdn 371, US 831925, was born in 1983, sired by Beauty's Trail's End out of Candy's Bay Lady 2. She was bred by Joseph Dean Litchfield, and born the property of Jo Kingsland.

Over time I saw Jest'a do amazing things. Not understanding what she was doing, I saw her refuse to go over a bridge, only later discovering that this little creek bridge collapsed few days later. One day the stable workers where she was boarded said, "Is it okay if we take her on our rounds to feed at the stable as she loves to be around people?" which was fine with me.

Over time our rides became magical as I discovered that if I *thought* canter, she did it, with no cues to do so. There were many riders in the barn with 60 thousand dollar price tag horses and what a grin I

would have when they would say, "WHERE DID YOU GET THAT MARE?!" I would just reply (with a smirk), "From Jo Kingsland in Alix, Alberta."

I recall being at horse shows and just knowing she had some problem, though with no neighing or fuss from her, and upon walking out to her, finding her foot in the hay net that was hanging a bit low, but no fussing, no panicking. During the years of riding I could never quite understand how she could do things like let me know about dangers, and how I could know when she was in need of me as I'd be in the house or at work.

As time went by this mare got older and for her best health interests she gave children lessons twice a week. If the kids lost balance she adjusted speed and gait to give their balance back... such confidence she built in these children. I had so many offers to buy her but refused them all, even the \$10,000 offer.

Tacking up this mare always brought a giggle out of those in the barn. While I'd be untangling the reins from the headpiece she would reach around and take hold of the bit while the head stall was being prepared. I learned to go into another stall and prepare before letting her see it. It was if she would say, "HURRY UP, SLOW POKE".

I could go on and fill a year's worth of *WHN* about the years I spent with this so-loved mare. She was loved by so many around the city of Edmonton. (Yes, I would run into strangers in the horse world who would talk about the bay mare at Duke Ranches, and I'd just say to them, "Oh, she sounds nice", not letting on that I was the owner. It was more fun this way.

After 29 years I have come to understand that Jest'a bought me, I did not buy her. She trained me, I did not train her. I have learned as time unfolded that she had presented me with the gift of a soul bond.

Perhaps one day I'll search for another horse - but with different views. I have learned to *see*, not look; learned to *listen*, not hear; and maybe one day I'll again find one horse that offers me its heart and soul, for this is really the experience of a life time.

Jest'a Caramel was put to rest in January of 2010.

JEST'A CARAMEL - Long May You Run

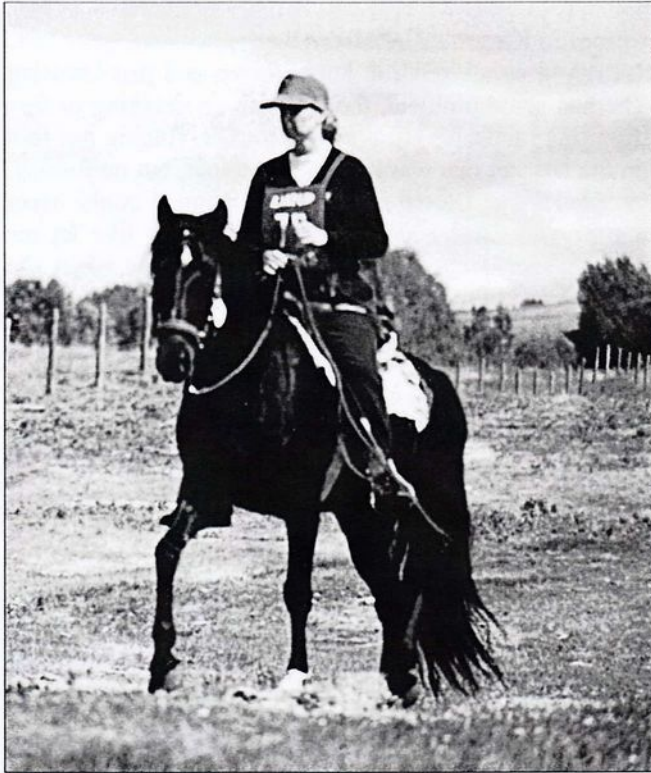
(Artist - Neil Young)

Thanks gratefully given to Duke Ranches - I so much appreciated all that was done - and to Jo Kingsland, Marjorie at *WHN*, Hilton Hack (always remembered for your kindness and help over the years), and all those I met in Central Alberta and the Sherwood Park area.

Why I Have Stayed With Walkers

by Lori Dyberg

My involvement with Tennessee Walking Horses began in October of 1993 with the purchase of a small, jet black gelding by Chapie's Topper out of Snip's Prairie Lass from Ron & Pat Bannister, which I found advertised in the *Walking Horse News*!



His name is Toppers's June Bug -678- or "Stormy", as I call him. After accepting an invitation to join the Central AB TWH Club (CATW) we were soon caught up in the favorite club activity of Competitive Trail Riding! Not long after, we were competing across Alberta in TRAC rides with the likes of: Ron Bannister, Blayne and Donna Zimmerman, Jean Rempel and her daughters, Diane and Mary, Don McKinley, Rod and Dixie Ball, Norm Levangie, Jo Kingsland, Elaine Grey, my husband, Blair Dyberg, and Stormy and myself. And how I loved my little black horse! 25 miles on a "Walker" was just a beautiful ride on a sunny day compared to posting for hours on end. (*Topper & Lori on a TRAC ride, above.*)

Central Club camping trips to Lake Abraham and the Ram River Falls brought about adventures on Stormy that I shall always treasure. Stormy carried me up the Ram River right to the base of the falls, with the spray from the waterfall enveloping us in a cloud of mist. What a brave little horse! Whatever I

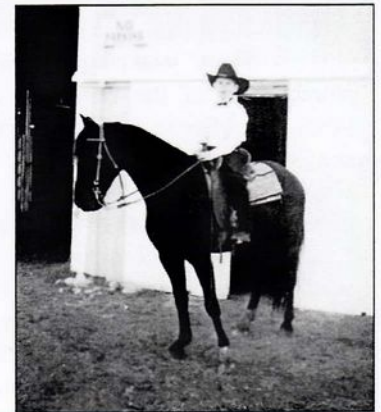
asked of him, he gave it all he had. It was on one of these rides that I discovered I wasn't just *nervous* of heights, I had vertigo. I was so disappointed - I wanted to go everywhere the group went.

But again, Stormy came through for me. All I had to do was close my eyes and set the reins on his neck and he did the rest. And when it got *really* steep he would just "sit" down on his hindquarters and we would slide down, all without any training on my part. And yes, now I loved him even more.

Stormy made many more trips to the Ram River Falls carrying my 8 year old son, Stuart, over varying terrain and all without incident. This duo also participated in the Tees Festival of the Gaits, winning high point horse one year. Stormy also made a very trustworthy Pee Wee 4-H Horse, educating many people to the joy of the easy gaited horse.

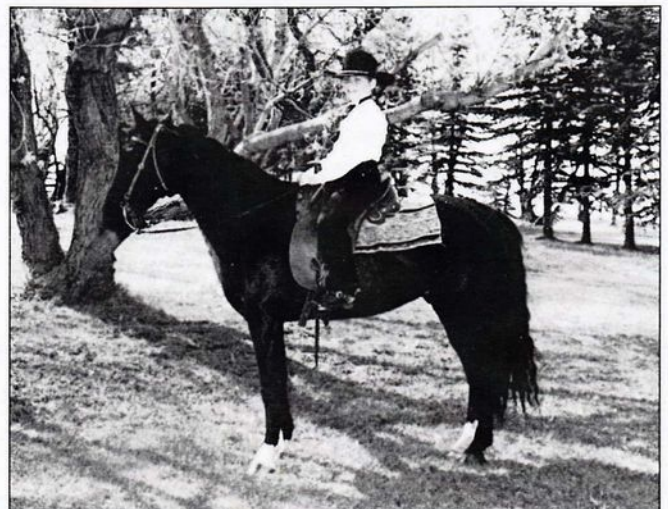
(*Right, with Stuart at the 4H Achievement Day and below, at Horse Show Day.*)

Stormy is now 22 years old and will excel in his next job, that of 'first horse' for my grandchildren, Curt and Cale.



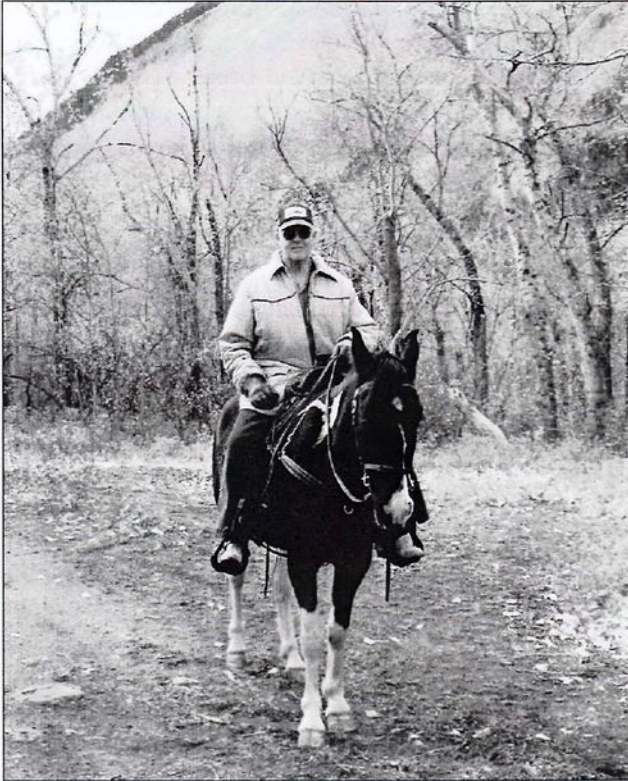
I have stayed with this breed because of one little black horse who keeps on giving his all for so many years...

WHAT ELSE COULD YOU ASK
OF AN EQUINE PARTNER?



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ALBERTA NEWS



MURRAY McCARGAR, CALGARY, writes, "I thought maybe you would like to see this picture of me on my BWT pinto, Jack. (Above.) This photo was taken in front of the Frank Slide, Crowsnest Pass last October. Jack has turned out to be quite a horse. He is turning ten this March. I leased him out to the AB Sustainable Resources Mounted Patrol for two summers. So he has seen most of the mountains from west of Sundre to Waterton Lakes National Park. The officer who rode him really liked him."

"Jack is an excellent mountain horse and has put in some 20 mile days. I took my other horse, Ranger, on a couple of the patrols and watched Jack perform. No problem crossing the deepest of rivers, or even breaking ice in the fall. He is used to all local wildlife. He does, however, have a dislike for grizzly bears. Black bears do not bother him at all, nor do cougars. I have been on him several times when we encountered black bears and twice while encountering cougars. He threw up his head when he sensed their presence, but never let on that anything bothered him."

"Keep up the great work on *Walking Horse News*."

From KARLA FREEMAN, Ride Easy Ranch, Bentley, "Hello everyone. I sure am glad to see the days getting longer, but am enjoying the snow we have had. I finally *did* get the sleigh out of the snow heap. Now to look forward to the mushy spring. So glad that the groundhog didn't see his shadow down here, so I will cross my toes, and hope that spring is here to stay, *Early*, as predicted."

"I've found a new trail to ride. It's a bit risky, but since I know that the river is very shallow, I have enjoyed some rides down the frozen Blindman River. Nice way to see the river banks! It was like going somewhere else to ride, because it was new scenery. I do have some of the pics on my web site, if you are interested in seeing them."

"Below is a picture of Esperanto, and his pal Blackfoot. They are missing Shadow, since he has gone to new pastures. I must congratulate Lorie Joslin of Vancouver Island on her purchase of Karlas Black Magic Shadow, one of my coming 4 year old geldings. All reports say he is adjusting well to his new home, and being a good representative of the breed. Laurie did much research on Tennessee Walkers before she bought Shadow, and has been educating herself about gait and the sound development of it as well. Have fun, Laurie!"

"I am looking forward to April, for the clinics, the CRTWH Annual Meeting, and the Mane Event. I hope to see many of you there. Well, I'd better get out riding while the wind is down. Take care and Happy horsing around! Stop in for a visit anytime"



HEATHER ROMINICK, ALDER FLATS, phoned recently. I hadn't heard from Heather for several years. Long time readers of *WHN* may remember Heather's articles entitled 'Diary of a New Gaited Horse Owner', after she bought a young TWH mare, CeeDee's Angie, from Donna & Winston Curtis, Winfield. Heather still owns the mare, and her offspring, Colt, is the horse in the photo right.



Heather has discovered an interesting new product - the Merlin Electric Hoof Knife. She says, "My website is www.rlscanada.ca and contains information and many pictures. 'Colt' and I have been pictured in ads in the *Western Horseman*, October through December, 2009. (Come to think of it, I even had a few calls from people who wanted to buy the horse! But he's a lifer here!)"

FROM ALLEN AND CONNIE MCKENZIE, WESTHILL FARMS, STONY PLAIN, "Hi. We are just sitting here in the hotel in Puerto Vallarta with nothing to do but watch the Canada-US Olympic hockey match... so thought we would send in some ads. We have been riding in the mountains every long weekend for the last couple of years. We have been going out with Bill Howes and his wife Veronica, and also Leon and Ethel Mankow. We only missed one weekend the year before because we were busy driving to the east coast. We spent six weeks seeing the countryside. We also stopped in at a Tennessee Walking Horse farm in the U.S. They were telling us about how depressed the horse market was in the U.S. They had some nice horses and we had a good visit."

"We are no longer breeding TWH, so we would like to sell a few of our good brood mares. We also have sold some horses to Leonard Sweep of Grande Cache, AB. He has two of Glory's foals and 1 of Echo's. Please send Leonard a subscription to *WHN* with our compliments. The horses are looking very well this winter and we have been training a team to drive. They are going quite good, but need many more miles. Also have three 3-year-olds started for this year. (I always seem to be riding a green horse, but I may have that solved now that we've stopped breeding.)"

DON & SHIRLEY CAMPBELL, PONOKA, write, "Thanks again for the wonderful job you do putting out the *Walking Horse News*. We look forward to every issue. We recently had the pleasure of meeting a man who has just purchased a part-Walker. We'd like to send him a subscription so he can enjoy learning about the breed and breeders in Canada. (You can tell him who sent him his subscription - but I think he'll guess!)"

Thanks again for all the work you do for the magazine."

LORI DYBERG, WETASKIWIN, writes, "Yes, I think I can identify the Mystery Woman pictured on page 8 of the February *WHN*. It is Jean Rempel on her stallion, Luke (Northfork Sky Walker). I will go one further - I think she is riding in the Breton Parade. Am I correct?" Yes, 100 %, Lori!

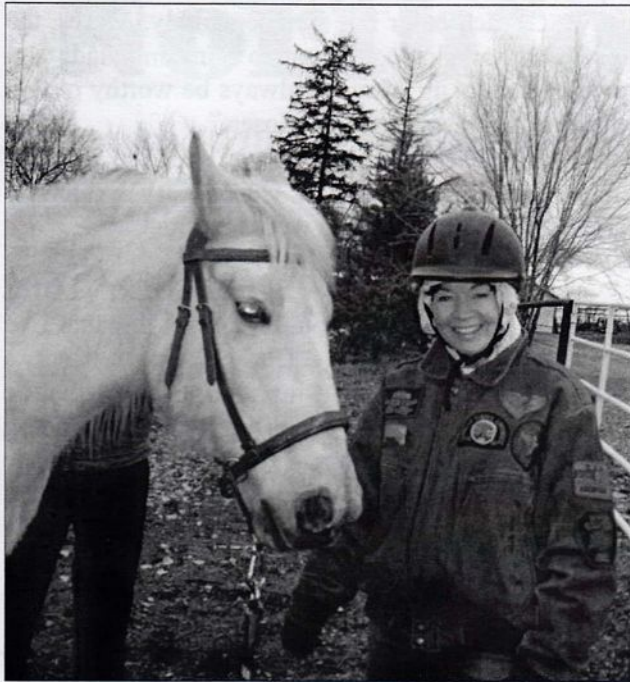
From CHARIS COOPER, TURNER VALLEY, "Below is a picture of my wonderful old mare, Dee Jay's Peppi Two, now 24 years young. Peppi has been a show horse, done trail riding, ranch work, competitive carriage driving, parades, side saddle, and now - a new career as a model! This oil painting is by a friend who did it from a snap shot taken at one of our cross country competitions, with me at the reins and Dick as ballast. The painting is ten by fourteen inches. The other picture I've sent is of a decoration made by my neighbour who is very talented with a skill saw, copied from a head photo of Peppi with her driving bridle on."

"Peppi is still strong and full of life. We have more parades and another side saddle get-together planned for next summer. My 80th birthday was in January so I am pleased to be able to do such things with my Walking Horses. I'm also planning more trail riding with my neat little Trinkette horse."

"By the way, my horses also graze on swamp grass."



BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS



From SUSAN ROY, GRINDROD, "Here's a magazine renewal cheque for \$42. It will be in the mail in the morning. One renewal is for Bill, and the other is for Bill's latest pupil, Kate Carson of Vernon and her TWH, Mystic. Kate and Mystic are doing so well they deserve a present!"

"Kate and Mystic have both been really good pupils. It is a real pleasure to be working with them. They are wonderfully matched. Both really want to be out on the trail and are learning quickly. As they live in the area, we are looking forward to many happy trails together." (*Kate & Mystic, above.*)

NATALIE SPECKMAIER, VANCOUVER, writes, "I talked to Genevieve after reading the last *WHN* since I wanted to know if she got her copy and had seen the Boomer comments. My comment re the Boomer article? We, at StarBarn (the Smiths) were fortunate to have Genevieve narrate this story more than once. Every time another visitor arrived who hadn't heard the story, we urged Genevieve to repeat it. She is one heck of a storyteller... sound effects, hand gestures, facial contortions... she is a riot. Needless to say, we miss her presence here at the barn, on the trails - just generally miss her."

"Debbie and I had our last ride together for a while yesterday. Trigger was so brave on the trail while construction raged rampant all around. I won't have another ride until March as Norman and I are off to Mexico on Saturday. Happy trails!"

From GENEVIEVE AMY, SKYKEEP IN THE CARIBOO, "I'm still not on the internet, and may not be for a while, so I decided to send you a disk rather than paper. Thank you for your detective work on Boomer. I talked to Pat Everett about Boomer. She was glad that he had found a home with me. Boomer has adapted very well. He lives and eats with the other horses now. He and Henry spar with each other occasionally which is amusing to see, since he is 16 hands, 1200 pounds, and in his winter coat, resembles a moose, while Henry is 14:2 hh and 8 to 9 hundred pounds. Henry is always still surprised when Boomer fights back. After all, in the summer, he was **King Henry**."

Summer ended with a series of abrupt jerks. There was the -25 weekend around the end of September, when the water in the trailer froze for the first time. Yes, I am wintering in a 30 foot travel trailer, SkyKeep Bravo. Then, around the middle of October, it snowed, melted, snowed... and stayed. Just before Christmas, the temperature went down to -42. My water froze, the coolant in the fridge froze and the well quit working. I was ready to pack up and go back to the coast. The horses grew icicles in their forelocks and hoar frost on their eyelashes and jaw hair. I doubled their feed and ignored the helpful neighbour who kept telling me they *had* to have a shelter. Everybody lived, but it was a test of commitment. I have been painting a lot, to keep from going cabin-fever mad."

"We have five horses. I am so looking forward to starting Ronnie as soon as it is not too icy to walk. He is the nicest horse I have ever known, kind and smart, plus being big, handsome, and beautifully gaited. After the Christmas cold snap, it has been a record-breaking mild winter up here. Ice has been far more of a worry than snow. The horses developed this slow motion gliding walk (?) to move over the ice - it was kind of funny to see them bickering, doing all the normal things horses do, ears back, head snaked out, the subordinate moving off, but both of them moving in slo-mo."

"I miss my buddies at the Starbarn more than I can say. The time I spent there was about the happiest in my life. Thanks again to Deb, Dave and Natalie, and all the other wonderful people - there is a standing invitation to come ride at SkyKeep. We have a horse for visitors - and there is a plan to have an organized ride here this fall, if things work out."

"Hope everyone survives winter, and spring brings good things. I'm looking forward to those baby pictures already. Speaking of baby pictures - I am going to be a grandmother this spring. Pretty exciting."

SASKATCHEWAN NEWS



TRISH MCCARTHY, REGINA, writes, "I see that the horse pictured in Keith Doll's MB News in the last issue *IS* my gelding, "Dusty's Touch N' Go" (Black Kat's Smoke 'N' Fire x Dakota Dusty Doll), purchased from Keith a couple of years ago. He has been re-named "Moses", a fitting name for a preacher's horse! Moses was in training with a friend, Dennis Tucker, in Broadview from April to Sept. 2008 and came to the Regina area (near White City) on Sept. 1st, 2008. The horse and rider photo (*Moses & Trish, above*) was taken around his first Thanksgiving day (2008) with us, some weeks after he arrived."

"Moses has done reall well. As my other horse, Majesty did, (who died in August 2007), he has responded well to my TLC. He has been a great riding horse for nearly two years already. A sweet temperament and a loving horse! You can even see his attentiveness in that field photo in the February *Walking Horse News*. He has a great curiosity. I was on a ride with six others early last October and Moses did very well. He enjoyed running beside the other horses and the new sights."

"As of this past Saturday (February 20th, 2010), Moses has begun to pull a two wheel cart. We have been ground-driving him over the last three months and working up to this first real "drive." You should have seen my husband, Art Howell's face - with a beaming smile - as we finished the hour and a half of driving him around in the indoor arena! This has given Art and me a wonderful sense of satisfaction and connection with nature. The proprietors of the land, Bev and Roy Belof, know horse-driving well, spent a good deal of time with us and were so

helpful. Now we can enjoy our horse together, not just watch each other ride him separately. Moses, the horse, pays so close attention to our commands and voice. He trusts us. May we always be worthy of that trust. It is a pleasure to have Moses."

"Maybe in a year or so we will ride or drive him in the Buffalo Days or Queen City Exhibition parade. That's something to work towards!"

From SHELDON SCHROEDER, LONE ROCK, "I just thought I would let you know that I've sold Billy Buckskin (Uphill Chasing Gold). It was a very hard thing to do but I just did not think that he was big enough for me (14.2 hh) for the type of riding that I do in the mountains. The only thing that made me feel better about selling him is that he went to the best home that a horse could ever ask for. The new owners are Wanda and Greg Hanson of Strasbourg, SK. They also own and operate Last Mountain Kennels where they raise and show German Shepherds. Could you please send them a complimentary issue of the *Walking Horse News*?"

WANDA HANSON, LAST MOUNTAIN KENNELS, STRASBOURG, writes, "Sheldon asked me to email you and let you know that I purchased Billy from him last weekend. He is a beautiful boy, and although he was giving us a few challenges this past week, today we finally had a great ride and enjoyed the day very much. We look forward to bonding with him, and spending what we hope will be many years enjoying our rides! I have attached a picture for you of our ride today, *below*. It's nice to be back in the saddle of a Walking Horse!"



NEWS FROM OUR U.S. SUBSCRIBERS

ALLANNA JACKSON, LAKESIDE, AZ writes, "On January 21 - 23 we had almost 4 feet of very wet heavy snow so I was snowed in at my place on the 22nd and 23rd. Then on January 23, 2010 we had even more snow. It was getting that much *all at once* that made the storm such a big deal for everyone. No, the horses did NOT like that much snow! They trampled a path from the barn to the carport and another path from the barn to the water tank and that's the only place they've been in the corral."

"Cinnamon and I had a nice ride in the snow this afternoon on our usual trail through Scott's Reservoir... after we got past the yard full of obnoxious dogs between Parkinson Road and Flag Hollow Road. Cinnamon did one of her aerial leap kicks at the dogs. The snow in the forest has melted enough it was mostly passable but still has deep drifts and frozen crusts. A little later she alerted to a wild turkey which was running across the snow away from us. We didn't see the rest of the flock. I've only been able to ride once a week for the past few weeks and that deep snow is such heavy going for Cinnamon that I've been getting off and leading her the last half mile or more home to cool her off."



FROM MARIE McBROOM'S PHOTO ARCHIVES

GRACE LARSON sent three scanned photos from her mother's collection of old time Walker pics, one of a foal named Patty LaMarr II, and two of Chilowee #550164 (above). She was foaled 04-08-1955. Sire was Buck La Marr # 450574 and dam Holly Logan # 511017. The above photo is of Jack on Chilowee. Grace says, "I can't remember Jack's last name. It's been too many years!"

From GRACE LARSON, FORSYTH, MT, "Evelyn McCurry of Trego, Montana passed away last August and we didn't find out until early December! *WHN* had an article on the McCurrys and their TWH a few years back. She was truly a remarkable lady. She was born in 1914, grew up on the family's ranch near Trego, and became a nurse. She served in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps from 1942 to 1949, and then resigned her commission to marry Chief Warrant Officer O.V. McCurry. When her husband, Mac, retired in 1957, they moved back to the ranch in Trego with their two sons. There they raised and sold Tennessee Walking Horses and operated a store and mobile home park for many years. She was also the first rural health nurse in Lincoln County."

"Sandy Cheff's death is another loss of a Western TWH owner/breeder. Sandy Cheff, age 58, just passed away from breast cancer. Her husband was Dan (Hap) Cheff. Hap's father, Bud Cheff, wrote *Grizzly Trails and Grizzly Tales*. This family used TWH to take hunters and dudes into the Mission Range wilderness areas of Montana. Hap's family still does this. Hap is a minister and he and his wife raised TWH that made exceptional endurance horses. It was a sad day when they gelded Giovanni's Stormey Boy # 954711."

"Stormey Boy carried the genetics of Shadow's Brantley, Silvertip-Rickey, Black Beauty Allen, Chief O' Chiefs (first TWH born on our Big Arm place in 1948). Stormey Boy's dam was Sunday Sea Breeze MCC by Blackberry Sunday. Blackberry Sunday was owned until his death by OV & Evelyn McCurry of Trego, MT."

"Back to Stormey Boy; his bay daughter, Friday's Capachino Storm was sold to Truman Prevatt of Brooksville, FL. Truman has been featured in articles (WHJ) on endurance using his TWH. His plan is to train this bay filly for endurance. She has the genetics from Giovanni's Stormey Boy and also is double bred Fritzsches Merry Boy and Shadow Red Challenge."

"Fritzsches Merry Boy was owned by Pearl Tompkins for years, and then by the Taylors who bought her ranch. This great stallion spent the last years of his life at the Bud Cheff ranch at St. Ignatius, MT. He spent 10 years with the Cheffs and sired 16 purebred TW offspring and a large number of crosses. Shadow Red Challenge was of Black Beauty Allen, Silvertip-Rickey, and Shadow's Brantley breeding. Shadow's Brantley was registered in Earl Jones's name but stood at stud at Pearl Tompkins' ranch for many years."

ONTARIO NEWS

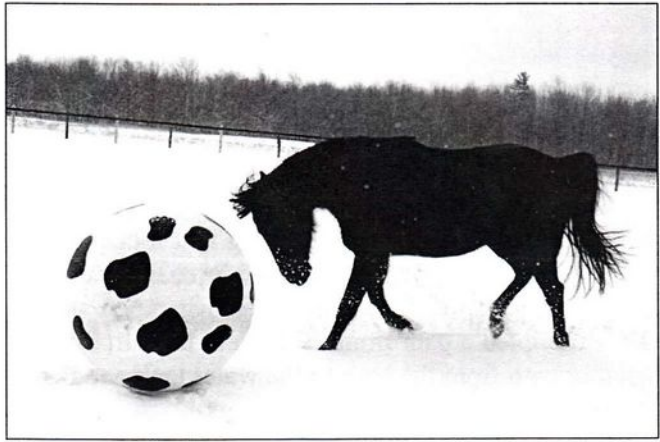
From KATHY MINOR, KARS, "As the former owner of Rock's Flicka, I *am* truly enjoying my little QH but I miss my Flicka. I can visit her and she has a wonderful retired life but if I outlive this QH I will be looking for another TWH. Which brings me to the purpose of this email."

"I am taking online distance education courses in Equine studies from the University of Guelph. The students are from all around the world, and definitely Western Canada is well represented. They are university level programs available to anyone with high school graduation. I am enrolled in the Diploma courses, and am presently taking one called The Equine Industry. The purpose is to give us a back ground knowledge of the evolution of horses, their role in the present day, and to study the horse industry in order to gain a wide view of the industry as a whole."

"One of our major projects is to choose a different breed and write a paper on its origins, development, original use and present day situation, to be presented and discussed by all the class. I, of course, chose the TWH for my paper. I have accumulated quite an amount of data. I will be devoting a section to the development and perpetuation of soring and the present day steps being taken to end this. I plan to describe the Canadian bred Walkers and show how our horses' use is far removed from the artificial demands of the American show ring. Here is my question. Would I be allowed to scan and submit pictures from *Walking Horse News*, and include them in my paper, to emphasis the natural use of our horses? I was most impressed with the February edition and I'd like to copy the cover, and the reverse cover, The Canadian Registry ad. These papers are to be presented as documents to all the other students. We will learn a lot from each other. The point I am making to my fellow students is that we breed healthy, sound horses here in Canada, and to promote the Walker to many people who have never seen one."

"FRED LLOYD-SMITH, VANESSA, writes, "I am hoping 2010 will be kinder than 2009 where aging/dying parents and moving out of a house our family had been in for 54 years in Montreal took its toll. I hardly knew what a horse looked like until August when things settled down enough to continue my home study of natural horsemanship. I was actually able to put together an audition to get assessed re our progress. Coming along! I didn't get out trail riding but learned a lot about spousal trusts, deemed dispositions, etc. We have cut back on our horse numbers to a bare minimum, so that is a help. At least I don't feel supremely guilty about not getting to them very much."

"This winter we are on sabbatical other than



playing with the ball in the paddock now and then, (above) and when the weather changes a bit I hope to continue our studies. I have started my almost 4 year old colt by Kim Pringle's Trackin' On Heir - but only just. I think he is going to be a super mount and hope to progress a lot with him this year. It is always fun to *feel* the gaits you have watched with anticipation when you finally start to ride."

"I shall send a little extra over and above the subscription rate to help you continue to produce this great magazine and yes, I do still prefer the printed format. There is something more satisfying about carrying it around and perusing it in different places, showing it to people, etc."

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR HORSE OWNERS

Effective January 31, 2010, equine owners intending to sell animals directly or indirectly to Canadian meat processors are being advised to record certain information. Equine owners who wish to keep their sale options open should record all vaccines, medications given (administered or fed) to their animals, and also record any occurrence of illness in their animals.

The collection of this information will better prepare the equine industry for July 31, 2010 when it will be mandatory for all federally-inspected equine facilities to have complete records dating back six months for all domestic and imported animals presented for slaughter.

To help owners collect all the necessary information, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is launching a new Equine Information Document (EID) that can be found in the Meat Hygiene Directive no. 2009-49. Anyone selling an equine may have to provide an EID at ownership transfer. The document will require an owner-signed declaration to verify the accuracy of the information.

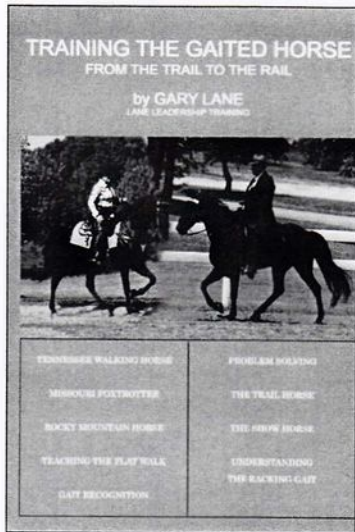
For the latest information please visit www.inspection.gc.ca or call 1-800-442-2342.

NEW INFORMATION FOR TWH OWNERS

RECENT BOOKS

Training the Gaited Horse -

From the Trail to the Rail by Gary Lane.



This 160 page book starts with the author's views on the importance of ground work for starting young horses, and goes on to emphasize having a training plan, keeping a training journal and having safety built into your training plan. It covers not only Walkers but Missouri Fox Trotters and the

Rocky Mountain Horse. It is available at regular and online bookstores.

The Horse That Wouldn't Trot by Rose Miller.

A January 1, 2010 nonfiction release by Dog Ear Publishing and Rose Miller. Many long time TWH aficionados will remember Rose Miller and her stallion, "Praise Hallelujah. This is her memoir of a life spent with horses and her experiences in the Walking Horse show rings. It is available for ordering from bookstores as well as internet sites, and signed copies can be obtained from the author through her website: www.rosemiller.net

DVD

Lady C Goes to Trick Horse School

This 54 minute DVD shows Sheryl Crow's tobiano TWH mare, Lady "C" as she goes to Trick Horse School at Red Horse Ranch. Trainer Sue De Laurentis works with horse and rider and they go all the way to an appearance at the Houston Livestock Show and rodeo.

Available from FOSH. Check www.fosh.info or call 1-800-651-7993.

ON THE WEB

clrc.ca

Be sure to visit clrc.ca where the Tennessee Walking Horse pedigrees are now on-line. You can find a specific horse, look up its pedigree and progeny, discover its breeder and who its current owner is. (That was the only "down side" for me. I discovered that many horses have not been transferred to their new owners.)

M. Lacy

GAITED CANADA - the website has been launched and can be viewed at www.gaited.ca.

Email from the Editor

HOOF ANGLES - "Thought readers might be interested in this article I found recently. I have found over the years in trimming and shoeing my own horses that I agree with the end conclusion."

"Google "the proper hoof angle". Then click on the first link, which should be "the proper hoof angle". At the bottom of the initial article is a link to a number of other relevant papers."

John Raymond, Estevan, SK



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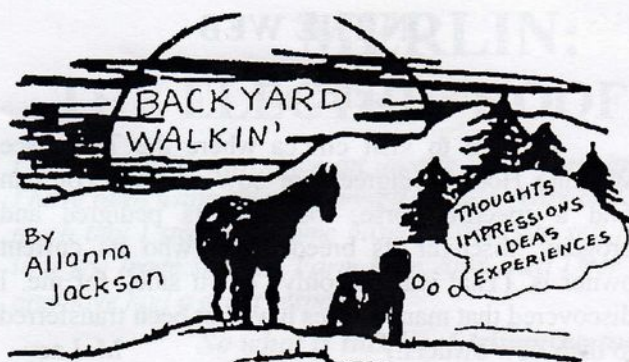
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HOW SLOW IS FAST?

Evaluating the Speed of Gaited Horses Part 2

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SPEEDY HORSES

The idea that gaited horses are fast dates back to the pre-motorized era. The physical and physiological capabilities of the equine species have not changed since equus first appeared on earth thousands of years ago. Our human perception of 'fast' and 'slow' has been altered by the internal combustion engine and our space-age jets and rockets.

To understand 'Form should never be sacrificed for speed' we need to step back in time to the pre-motorized era when land transportation was accomplished with oxen, donkeys, horses, mules, dogs, and people walking on their own two feet. People who are accustomed to walking can easily average 2 - 3 miles per hour. Oxen and donkeys were often led by people walking on foot. By this standard a horse or mule that can flat-foot walk at 4 mph is fast. A horse that can running walk, fox trot, or stepping pace at a mere 6 mph is very fast. A horse that singlefoot racks 9 mph is extremely fast.

Dr. Bob Womack in his narration of the video 'A Look Into The Past' notes that some early Tennessee Walking Horses were ridden many miles at the canter. This canter is only a 10 to 12 mph gait. The lope of Western horses has a similar speed and function.

PRACTICAL SPEED LIMITS

Racing horses has been a popular sport among humans since horses were domesticated. The fastest race horses can sprint 45 mph at the gallop but only for very short distances.

As roads developed horses that could trot 15 mph to 20 mph in harness became desirable. Harness racing resulted in the development of a registry for horses

that could meet or beat the time standard of trotting a mile within two minutes 30 seconds, or pacing a mile within two minutes 25 seconds which is 24 mph. The fastest pacing horses of all time averaged 38 mph for one mile.

Icelandic horses are raced under saddle at a flying pace. The flying pace was probably the racing gait of the Narragansett Pacers, Canadian Pacers, and Tennessee Pacers who were the ancestors of all the Southern gaited breeds.

The gallop, trot, pace, and flying pace all use weight support patterns that include flight intervals in every stride during which the horse has no hooves on the ground. This air time allows the horse to cover more ground per stride and move faster than is possible for gaits that do not have a flight interval. All of the easy saddle gaits are grounded gaits that keep at least one hoof on the ground at all times; therefore a horse's saddle gaits are always slower than the fastest trot, pace, flying pace, or gallop of that horse.

Aside from racing for sport, emergencies were the only justification for riding or driving a horse faster than a 10 mph to 15 mph trot, pace, lope, canter, or fast rack. Working horses at top speed was impractical for the farmer or rancher who rode or drove his horse into town to buy supplies or answer a jury summons. Horses of the pre-motorized era were used much harder than today's pleasure horses but the rider who foolishly expected his horse to run top speed for many miles had to deal with consequences such as muscle cramps, colic, laminitis, heat stroke or a dead horse. Riding into town at moderate 4 to 6 mph gaits was much better for the horse and more efficient use of the rider's time.

SPEED OF THE PONY EXPRESS

The Pony Express may have been the ultimate test of how fast something could be transported on horseback. The Pony Express operated from April, 1860, to November, 1861, transporting mail, newspapers, and small packages an estimated 1,966 miles from St. Louis, Missouri, to Sacramento, California. The trip one way took an average of 10 days with 27 Express riders using 197 horses. The Pony Express ran mail both directions simultaneously. Pony Express riders changed horses every 10 to 15 miles. The rider rode 75 to 100 miles. The Pony Express horses, mostly Thoroughbreds, Morgans, and Mustangs, averaged 8 1/4 mph for the 10 to 15 miles each horse ran. There were times when Pony Express horses and riders were compelled

to travel further than the intended distance. The Express riders gave some consideration to the condition of the horse but some horses died en route, forcing the rider to carry the mail to the next station on foot.

It's worth noting that early breeders used Thoroughbreds and Morgans to increase the speed of gaited horses.

ENDURANCE RACING SPEED

The Western States Tevis Cup Endurance race, started in 1955, is the oldest and toughest Endurance race for horses. A single horse and rider must average 4.17 miles per hour to complete the 100 mile course within the allotted 24 hours. The fastest time for this event was posted in 1981, by *Boyd Zontelli*, riding the Arabian gelding, *R.C. Eaton*, maintaining an average speed of $9\frac{1}{2}$ mph. The speed of winners, averaged over the 48 Tevis Cup rides that have been timed, has been 7.48 mph for 100 miles. Endurance horses today are given better care and conditioning than the Pony Express horses received. Forty two of the 44 horses that have won the Tevis Cup were Arabians or part Arabians.

The flat walk is considered the slow walk of a TWH so if the flat walk is a 6 mph, 8 mph, or 10 mph gait, how come a Tennessee Walking Horse has never won the Tevis Cup?

THE LONG RIDERS

In September, 2002, *Gene Glasscock* set out on his 3-year, 20,000 mile Capital Trek ride to the capitals of all 48 contiguous states. *George*, an unregistered Walking Horse gelding, made the entire Capital Trek on his own four hooves, averaging 20 miles per day at a 5 mph walk. (See articles in the 2005 and 2006 issues of WHJ.)

May 17, 2005, *Bernice Ende* and the registered TWH gelding, *Pride of Ribbon MCC*, left Trego, Montana, for an approximately 1,600 mile cross-country ride traveling at a flat-foot walk. Eighty-two days later they arrived sound and healthy in Edgewater, New Mexico. (See the articles in the July and September 2005 WHJ.)

The Walking Horses ridden by *Gene Glasscock* and *Bernice Ende* finished extremely long trail rides walking at the same 3 to 5 mph reported for the Walking Horses of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. We'd like to think that selective breeding has produced faster Walking Horses but an accurate

assessment of the evidence proves there has been no change in the speed of the true walking gaits.

SPEED PARAMETERS

Throughout the centuries horsemen from all over the world dealing with all breeds and types of horses have agreed that the correct form of the equine walk uses two and three foot weight support at all times. For horses the maximum speed of a truly flat-footed weight transfer is less than 6 miles per hour.

The transition to the race walking weight transfer that makes the running walk a different gait from the flat-foot walk occurs in the $4\frac{5}{12}$ mph speed range, depending on the horse.

The transition from three-foot weight support to singlefoot weight support at grounded four-beat saddle gaits occurs between $6\frac{1}{2}$ mph and $8\frac{1}{2}$ mph, depending on the horse.

In all cases where Walking Horses exceed 9 mph at a running walk scientific analysis of this faster movement proves that the gait used to achieve these speeds does not conform to the essential characteristics that identify the walk.

CHOOSE MYTH OR TRUTH

The modern claims about the speed of Walking Horse gaits have no basis in reality. The demand for extreme speed in gaited horses is part of the culture of abuse that must be changed. Everyone who is serious about sound horses, good horsemanship, and truly natural performance needs to re-evaluate their standards for the flat-foot walk and running walk to be sure their expectations comply with the truth about the equine walk.

We should not have to work at finding the flat-foot walk. The flat-foot walk is the most basic gait inherited by every horse on earth. Never sacrificing form for speed means enjoying the walk at the speed it is.

Why is everyone in such a hurry?

*In order to go fast,
one must go slow.*

Old Horseman's Proverb



CANADIAN REGISTRY OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

SCHEDULE OF FEES 2010

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c. After 18 but less than 24 months of foaling (PLUS add DNA fee - see 6a below)	\$125.00	\$250.00
d. After 24 months of foaling: (PLUS 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.		
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<i>Applications must be accompanied by a photocopy of both sides of the U.S. certificate</i>		
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c. After 3 months of date of sale	\$50.00	\$100.00
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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
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Attention all members! Don't forget the

CANADIAN REGISTRY OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on April 17 at 4:30 pm.

Full details in the AGM Notice letter to be mailed March 26.

'GAIT FROM THE GROUND UP' Clinic at AGM

With Bill Roy of Grindrod, BC, assisted by Dianne Little of Calgary.

April 17 & 18 west of Blackfalds, AB, at the Klondike Victory Farm arena.

FEES: \$160 for Non-members, \$60 for Auditors. 25% discount for CRTWH members.

\$25 per night for stalls and a \$15 per horse haul-in fee.

Make out your cheque to **CRTWH**, & send payment to book YOUR spot to:

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Other up-coming 'Gait from the Ground Up' Clinics

Easy Rider - May 1 and May 2 at Cloudwalker Stables with Bill Roy clinician.

CRTWH will be at the **Mane Event in Red Deer, April 23- 25.**

Stop in at our booth to say 'Hello!' or offer your help to man the booth, etc.

Volunteer by contacting Jean or Dianne - see contacts at left.

BC WALKER RIDE

Calling all Tennessee Walking Horse owners. Let's have a ride where we can really "glide"!

Join us for a trail ride in the beautiful Larch Hills Cross Country Ski Trails, near Salmon Arm Saturday May 8 and Sunday May 9th. You can ride for one or both days.

Check out the Larch Hills website at <http://www.skilarchhills.ca/>.

Contact **BILL ROY** 250-838-2066 to get details and confirm your attendance.

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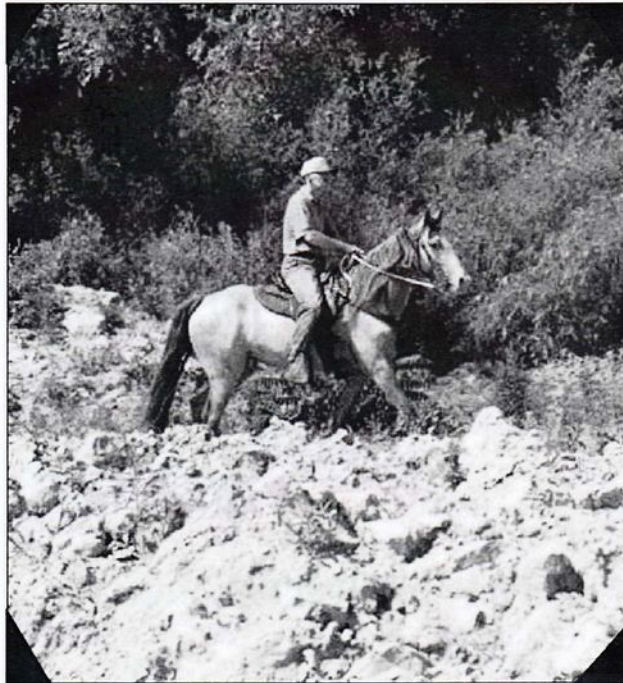
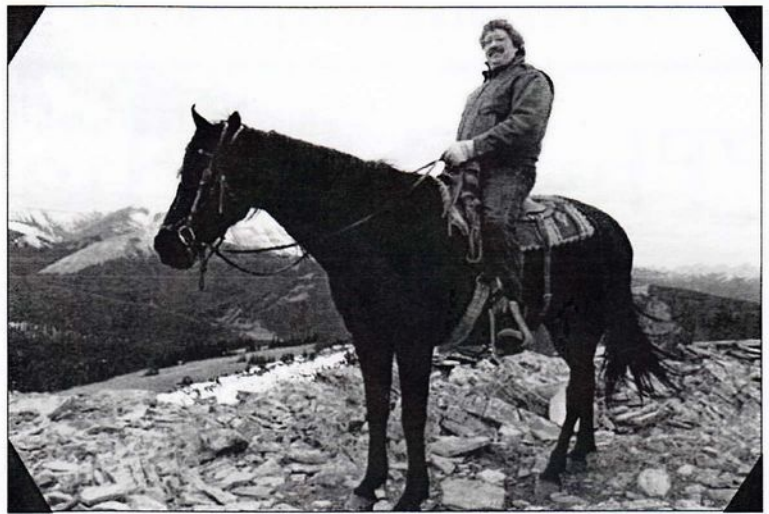
2009 achievements will be announced and certificates presented at the AGM for all three Triple Challenge Programs. They are the Ride Your Walker Program, Training Levels Challenge (TLC), and the Program For Excellence (PFE). Certificates will be mailed to those unable to attend, and prize winners will be contacted.

It's not too late to enroll in any of these programs. Contact the Secretary!

TRANSFERS

When you buy a registered horse, you are entitled to have its registration certificate transferred into your name. Until that is done, the sale is not really finalized. Would you buy a car and not get the registration put into your name? Sellers, please, just do it! Many people say, "Oh, well, it's a gelding. Who needs papers?" Well, *YOU* might if you want to re-sell! Registration papers give the animal's ancestry, age, background of owners, and *confirm your legal ownership.*

What do YOU do with your Walkers?



Many people enjoy their horses most when out riding the trails. No matter where you ride in the great outdoors, a calm, well trained, smooth trail horse is a true gem.

Above: Regie carries Pat Freeman up over rocks and shale to 'the top of the world' in the Ram River area of Western Alberta.

Photo submitted by Karla Freeman, Bentley, AB

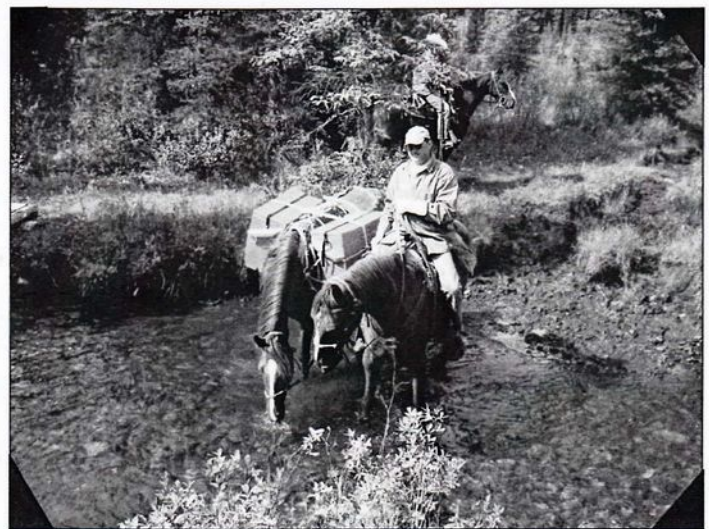
Below: Allen McKenzie's saddle mare, Shadow, waits as Sue the packhorse pauses for a quick drink while crossing a creek near Rock Lake, AB.

Photo submitted by Connie McKenzie, Stony Plain, AB

Above: Bob Showers rides Jetson through some rough going.

Photo submitted by Fred Lloyd-Smith, Vanessa, ON

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JUST A TRAIL HORSE, EH? by Karla Freeman

Just a Trail Horse, you say? Nothing special? Au contraire! It is my opinion that a valuable trail horse has the widest expectations put upon it.

From riding my first 13.3 hh pony (not broke to ride when I got her) to the school playground, to packing in the majestic mountains on my 16 hh TWH, (and having many various predicaments in between), it is obvious to me that the safe, sound and sane trail horse has much responsibility, and one of the most demanding jobs a horse can be asked to do.

Not just *any* horse can fit the requirements. When I was a youngster, I was told by an old horseman, "No Hooves - No Horse, so take care of those feet". It made sense then, and now I know it's the foundation of any horse, for any discipline.

Conformation is a big topic to cover, but there are excellent reference books available for help. Certain disciplines require certain conformation, and I feel it's up to the rider to become informed. From the size of his feet to the way a horse carries his head can be of subjective preference, but if the horse cannot physically carry you and your gear across the terrain you intend on riding, you'll end up hurting the horse, and possibly yourself. It is just not sensible to attempt. It's like taking a Corvette to the 4x4 mud bog races - you will end up walking back *and* damage your car. The conformational aspect of your horse is of great importance, and although it is esthetically pleasing to have a balanced horse, the functional result of conformation builds the foundation of a lasting and usable trail mount. You **MUST** be aware of the conformation your trail horse has, and be honest about the abilities or limitations it provides.

Then there is the development of the horse, not just the joints, but bones also. Physical maturity allows the horse to be able to balance not only himself, but your weight on him too. I believe the scientific evidence and research that shows how and when a horse's skeletal system develops. Riding 2-year-olds is not recommended by those in the know. Authorities such as Dr. Deb Bennett write in detail about it. If you care to read up on it, here's the link (http://www.equinestudies.org/ranger_2008/ranger_piece_2008_pdf1.pdf)

Recently, since Barbaro the race horse had to be euthanized, the article has been of heightened interest. I read it about four years ago, after hearing Dr. Bennett speak at the Red Deer Horse Breeders and Owners Conference.

There is also the mind and brain of the trail horse, and how it works. How does the horse

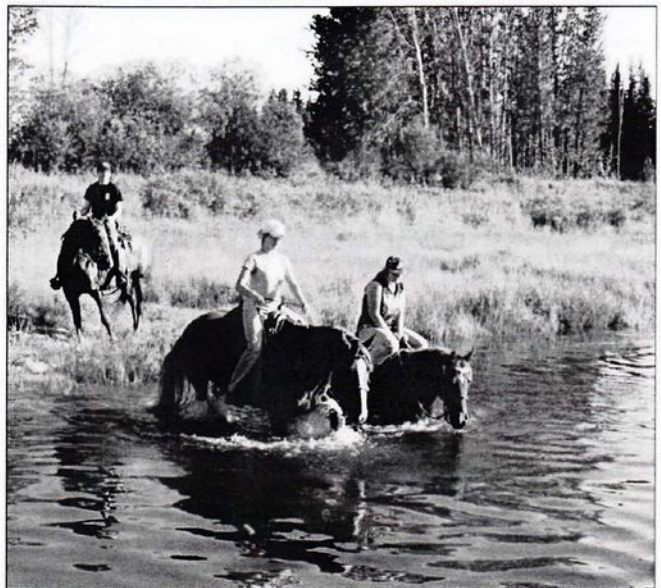
respond? Tractability is what comes to my mind for my trail horse. Willingness. Calmness. Ability to think, to learn, and looking to please. Most important to me, my trail horse needs to be able to Trust the rider. Usually horses don't want to hurt themselves, and flee to get away from perceived danger. The trail horse needs to think before reacting, and overcome his urge to survive, and listen to what you are telling him.

The ability of the horse to face a fearful situation, and remain calm, or at least obey your commands, comes from the horse's training, experiences, willingness and trust, as a cumulative effort, in my opinion.

If your trail is down the ditch there are so many situations that can arise with motorized, animate and inanimate objects on and beside the roads. If you get out to the back trails, your obstacles can include actual natural predators of the horse (*BEARS!*), birds flying up, big game, other horse parties, insects, and more. Then there is the terrain. The horse may have to maneuver through rivers and bogs, up and down steep inclines, over big logs and through loose footing that needs to be carefully navigated. The trail horse with these vast and varied challenges needs not only physical endurance, but also mental abilities.

Some horses make better trail horses than others not just because of their innate ability, but because of the experiences they are given, and the ability of the handlers who have led them to develop into trustworthy and sound trail horses.

Without the confines of walls and fences, the trail horse is not *JUST* 'anything with four hooves'. Trail horses are unique, versatile and talented equines that are adaptable and ready for whatever and wherever our riding pleasure may take us.



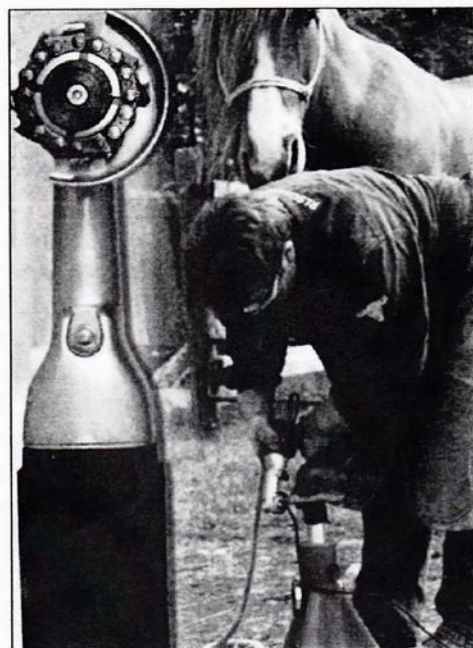
MERLIN: THE ELECTRIC HOOF KNIFE

I am excited to introduce an unique hoof-trimming tool to Canada. I have been using this tool myself for two years and it impressed me so much that I started a home based business to sell it. I have exhibited in a few trade shows - Farm Fair 2008, Red Deer 2009 Mane Event, and have had a great response.

So what is this hoof-trimming tool?

It is a miniature angle grinder with a very specialized cutting head. While it looks like a chain saw, it does not cut like a chain saw. A chain saw cuts a branch perpendicular, straight thru. This tool is placed at a 30 to 45 degree angle; moved along the length of the branch as the trimmer travels, it removes material.

When I begin trimming I remove the frog with my hoof knife and away I go. I rest my knuckles on the frog and the tool head moves across the toe to cut the hoof wall. Sole and bars are removed easily and in control. It actually cuts the material away, not scrubbing it like an abrasive sanding disc. In fact, it creates no heat at all on the hoof. The hoof wall comes off like it was removed with a sharp rasp.



CONTROL? With my expensive nippers, the thinnest slice that I can remove is about 1/16 of an inch. Anything less and the nippers will not bite. The Merlin can remove a layer 1/32 of an inch. Just like brushing the dirt off! When you want to take off more, adjust the pressure and speed that you move the head across the hoof.

NOISY? A little louder than clippers. When I introduce it to a horse, I stand in front with a loose lead and turn it on. I let the horse sniff it, move towards it, then I hold it below him, behind him and all around. After I have the leg up and the horse is relaxed, I turn it on and watch for a response.

VIBRATION? None that the horses seem concerned about. While I was debriding a nasty hoof crack, one horse moved a little. Some horses do flinch a little when the pieces hit them.

FAST? Yep. One client (trimming Walkers of course!) said it took him seven minutes to trim his horse, the first time he used it. Most clients report that they trim 2 to 3 horses in the time it took them to trim one. Makes no difference if the hoof is dry, foundered or been standing in mud for three weeks.

OTHER EQUIPMENT REQUIRED? Safety glasses, leather gloves and long sleeves! If you want to trim with the leg between your knees, you can, but wear leather chaps or chinks. A hoof stand is also very nice for working on hind legs and pulling the hoof forward to dress the flare. I recommend using a hoof knife to remove loose frog first.

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST? The teeth are tipped with tungsten carbide and rated to trim 4000 head (I do not get many repeat sales!) The sharpener is included, along with a DVD showing how to use the trimmer, accessory discs and case.

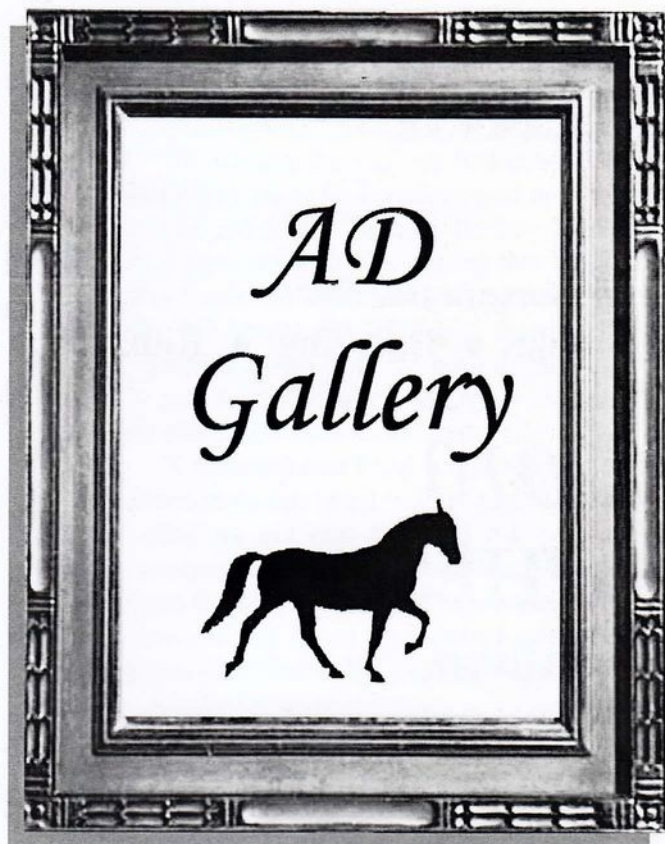
So if you can trim with nippers and a rasp, you can trim with this. If you have weak wrists from arthritis or not enough power in your arms or hands to close nippers, you can trim with the Merlin. If you struggle with using nippers and rasp, you can use this tool. If you just want to get the job done fast and save on farrier charges, this tool is for you!



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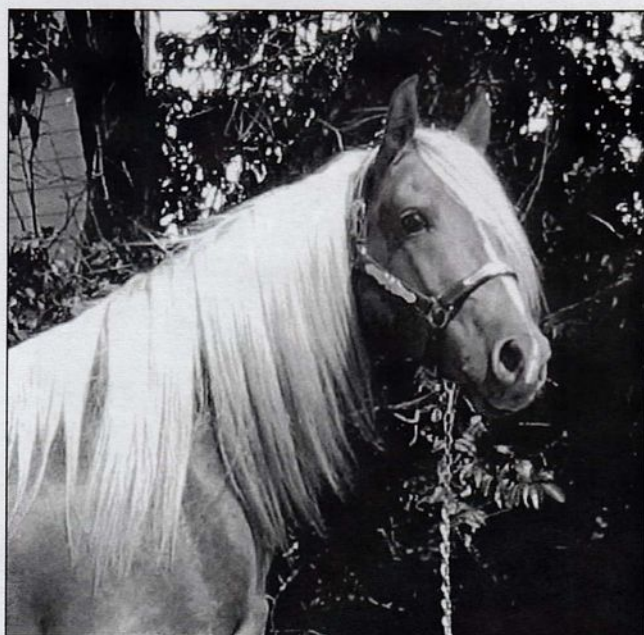
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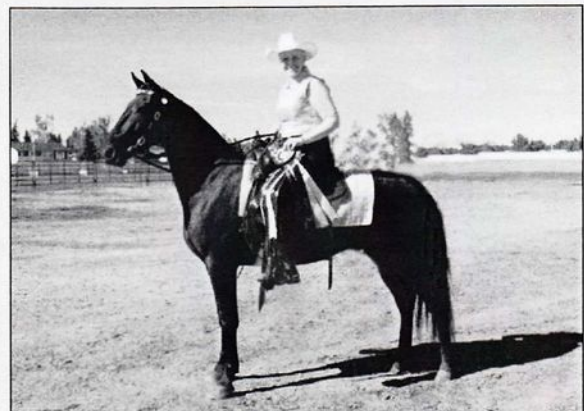
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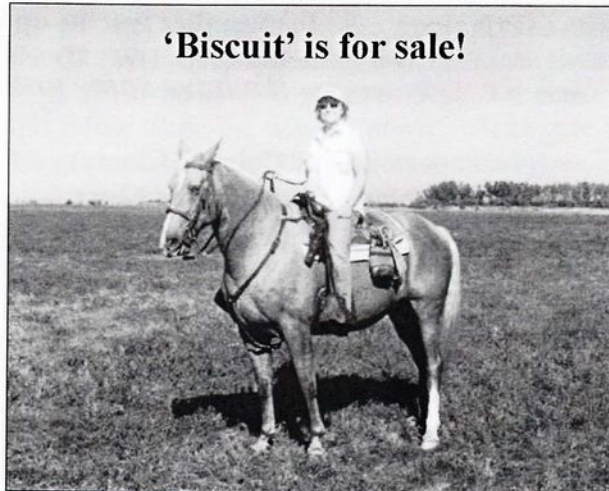
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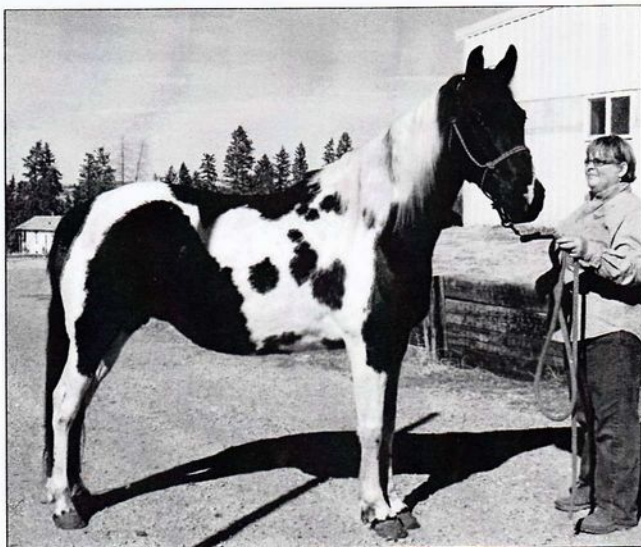
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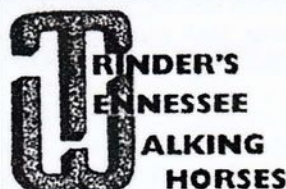
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