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## On Our Cover

Summer in Canada is  
synonymous with  
parades - and what's a  
parade without horses?

Here Fran Kerik  
and Java are shown  
in the mustering area  
getting ready to  
take part in the  
Ponoka Stampede  
Parade. There was a  
strong CRTWH  
contingent there,  
proud to ride  
and show off  
their Walkers.

*Photo courtesy of Fran.*

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Dear Subscribers,

Well, our tinder dry conditions here in the foot-hills have given way to a four day rain (*and 4 inches of snow*). It started on Wednesday, May 19 and it's pouring now as I type. That is a blessing for fields and pastures, and will help alleviate the danger of wild fires. Speaking of which, I've included an article on 'Wildfires and Livestock' in this issue for your information - but I hope none of us are ever faced with the reality of it.

There's a report from the CRTWH Triple Challenge Programs, page 14, and I'm asking all you proud owners to send me your favorite picture of yourself and your horse. I'll set up special photo pages in the upcoming issues. It's worth a special portrait, right?

The May 7-8 weekend at Klondike Victory Stables was a lot of fun. We had a good turn-out for the CRTWH AGM, and the clinic participants were enthusiastic. See if you can make it next year!

I hope you enjoy the issue. There's an article on a relatively new treatment for sarcoids that might prove helpful if one of your horses develops that problem. The story of how DNA reunited a horse with his papers is a first for the Canadian Registry. Keith Doll sent in the sad tale of *Almost* reaching the Century mark with his Dusty Doll mare, while the beautiful babies in Foal Call remind us that life goes on.

Thank you to all contributors - there's no *News* without you! And looking forward to hearing from the rest of you for next issue,

*Marjorie*



**Lori Dyberg & Rome compete in the Cowboy Challenge at Mane Event in Red Deer, AB, April 24.**

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great gift!

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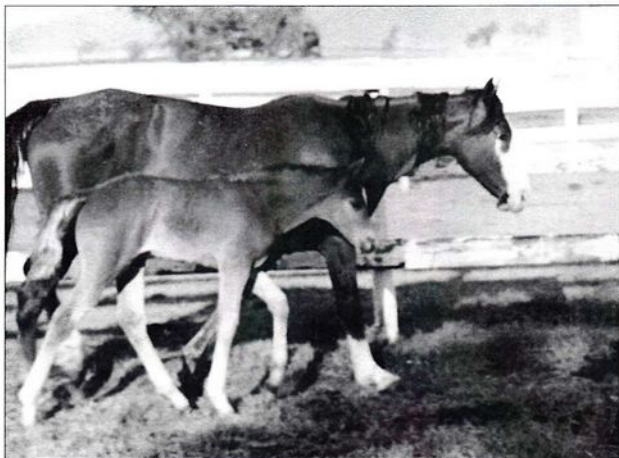
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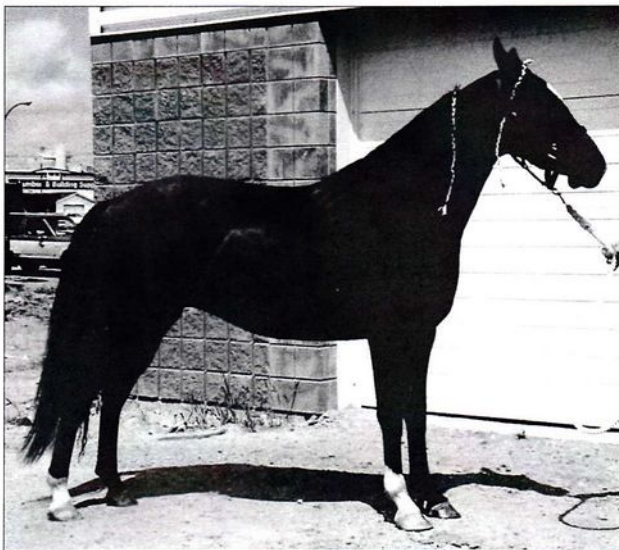


CANADIAN TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE  
**HISTORY & HERITAGE PROJECT 2000**  
***ALMOST CENTURY PARTNERS...*** by Keith Doll, Douglas, MB

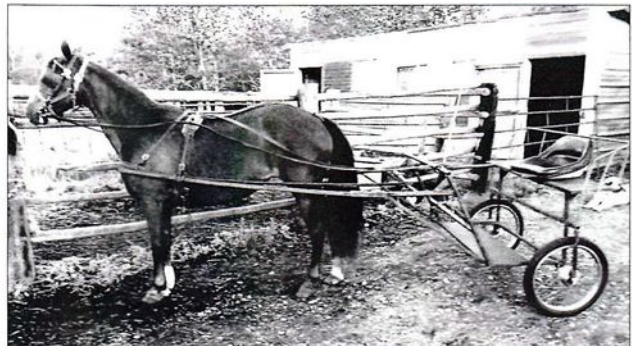
It is with deep regret that I have to tell you that I lost my mare, DAKOTA DUSTY DOLL CDN-728. She was just one week short of her 27th birthday. I witnessed her birth on April 26, 1989. Her sire was Dakota Midnight #114 and her dam was M C's Baldie #115. (*Below Dusty at her dam's side*)



Dusty and I had some wonderful times together over the years. She was described as being 'fastened together with rubber bands', she moved so loosely. We showed at both halter and saddle.

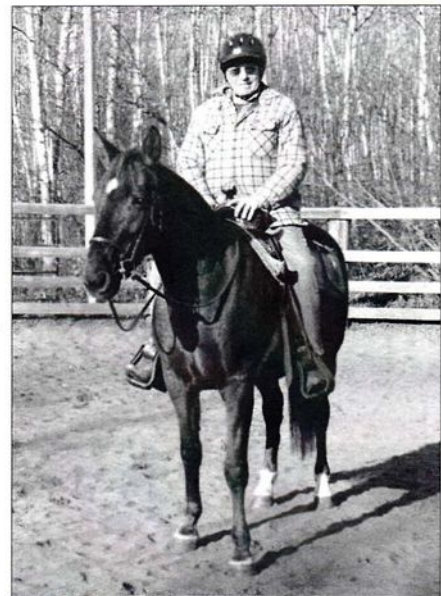


But her specialty was leading trail rides. Very few other horses could keep up.



Dusty also drove like a charm. *See above.*

She raised six foals for me, and I still have one of them - the chestnut mare Ginger 'N' Spice, born in 2001. (*right*) All her foals were sired by Black Kat's Smoke 'N Fire.



When Dusty was 21 years old, I gave her to Darlene Moore of Boissevain, MB. Darlene enjoyed and drove Dusty for three years but then for health reasons she was not able to keep her, so Dusty came home. We had a few more good cart drives in the following years, but age slowly crept in. Dusty enjoyed her later years running with and bossing the herd.

These last few months something wore out. She began losing weight, and eventually quit eating and drinking. It was the end of the trail.

I was hoping that we'd be Century Partners but it was not to be. Just another six months and we'd have made our Century together.



# FOAL CALL



CHESTNUT COLT with star (Pegasus Boy Friday x Gem's Star Emerald) Shirley Wesslen, Blackfalds, AB

SORREL CHAMPAGNE COLT (Go Shadow Go x Silver Rythym and Blues). 'Shane' was born April 26. Owned by Leslie Hunchuk, Calgary, AB (See photo right)

BLACK COLT (Karl's Hustler x Westhill's Storms Fury) owned by Karla Hansen, Ponoka, AB (Below left) with Karla and cat



BLACK COLT

SCW *Ebony Silhouette* (SCW Counting Cadence x Kodiak's Bella C.F) (Below middle)

BAY SABINO COLT SCW *Great Speckled Bird* (SCW He's A Midnight Legend x Zephyr Dakota Breeze) (below left)

BAY SABINO COLT SCW *Kodiak Cadence* (SCW Counting Cadence x Kodiak's Miss Reflect C.F) (below right)

BLACK FILLY SCW *Midnight Zodiac* (SCW He's A Midnight Legend x Kodiak's Gemini C. F.)

BAY COLT, hind socks, star SCW *Go Boy's Leroy Brown* (SCW Counting Cadence x Go Boy's Della)

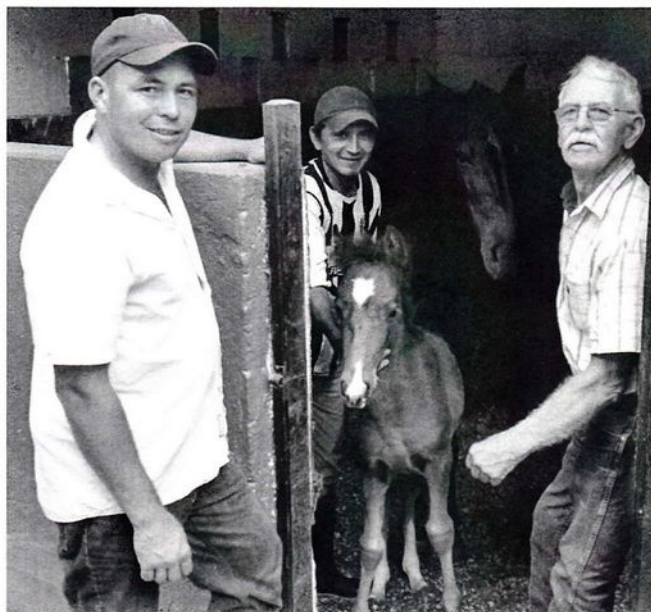
Above 5 are owned by Mark & Shellie Pacovsky, Slush Creek Walkers, Bainville, MT.



PALOMINO FILLY (Uphill Heir Trigger x Nahanni's Nancy) Owned by Yvonne Young, Prince George, BC.

Let's hear from YOU with your foal announcement and photo!

# NEWS - NEWS - NEWS



BILL HOWES, now living in ECUADOR visited a Paso Fino farm and writes, "I saw 10 to 15 mares and one stallion. I must find out where the geldings are. They feed 'King' grass chopped in a little machine. I forgot to ask what it's mixed with. All the stall floors are low; the horses can rarely see out. The bedding is some kind of wood chips. The horses all seem about 14:3 to 15 hands tall."

"I'm thoroughly enjoying the *Walking Horse News* delivered by e-mail down here in Ecuador: big bold print and beautiful color pictures. That's a super nice looking picture of Sharon Turkovich's horse 'Ice' down in Ontario. That son of Topaz was last seen by yours truly at Curtis's production sale many years back when Kim Pringle outbid me on him. I was happy to buy 'Handsome' instead. A big, proud Gold Champagne by Topaz, now owned by the Torgenson's of Stony Plain."

From MADELEINE CHAPMAN, STETTLER, AB, "It is very hot and dry here. I just went to my nieces at Sullivan Lake south of Castor and four of us had a beautiful three hour ride on the rangeland there. It was getting pretty warm by the time we finished."

"I sold the two year old gelding to Mike Prince, the same person who bought the last two colts we raised. He sent me pictures this am and he is already saddling him, and says he is doing "awesome". He lives 20 minutes from the gates of Waterton Park and rides a lot there. Please send him a year's subscription to the *Walking Horse News* and I will pay for it."

NATALIE SPECKMAIER, VANCOUVER, BC, "A momentous occasion - my first ride in almost two years. What a rush! We didn't go fast, and we didn't go far but I did it grinning all the way. We even had a couple of short canters. Trigger loved it all and is just so happy to get out. I can't wait to do this again next week. Lynn and Dakota were my riding buddies and we treated our pals with a few minutes of heads down in the spring grass. They were happy. I was ecstatic! Oh, I'm back in the saddle again... I can almost hear Roy singing in the background."

LARRY BLAESER, "Just a quick note to thank you for helping me with my TWH search. Unfortunately I had almost given up on TWH's after the last one I purchased - until I contacted Karla Hansen. She is a great horse person, very honest and conscientious. If anyone is looking I highly recommend getting in contact with her. Thank you, Karla, for a fantastic horse!"



## TRUE MONTANA STORIES by Grace Larson

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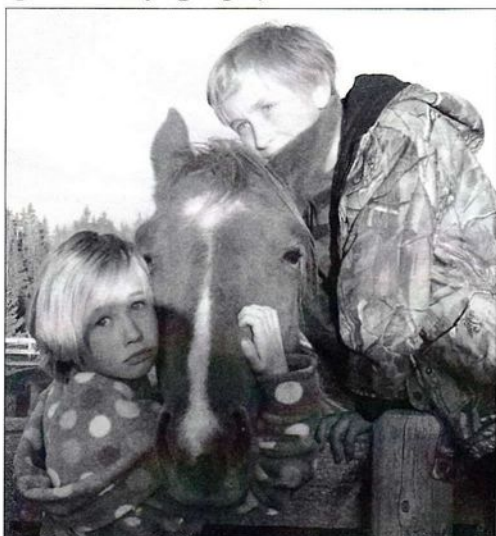
*Paperback:* Bum Lambs

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STAR KERIK, PONOKA, AB, writes, "Thank-you so very much again for your help. Yes, our TWH geldings, Whiskey & Beans, have been sold to Neil & Joan Adams of Rocky Mountain House, AB as of yesterday! Thanks to you, Marjorie, Dianne Little, and Karla Hansen, they are going to a wonderful home. The Adams have raised & trained TWH for 25 plus years and know the breed well. Neil came out yesterday & threw a saddle on them both and loved what he felt in their gaits. He knew that they were exactly the right fit for not only him, but his whole family. We also had Norm & Liz Levangie come out yesterday to meet Neil. (They are Whiskey & Bean's breeders.) They had a great visit and have made plans to go to the mountains together soon. Funny how things work out."

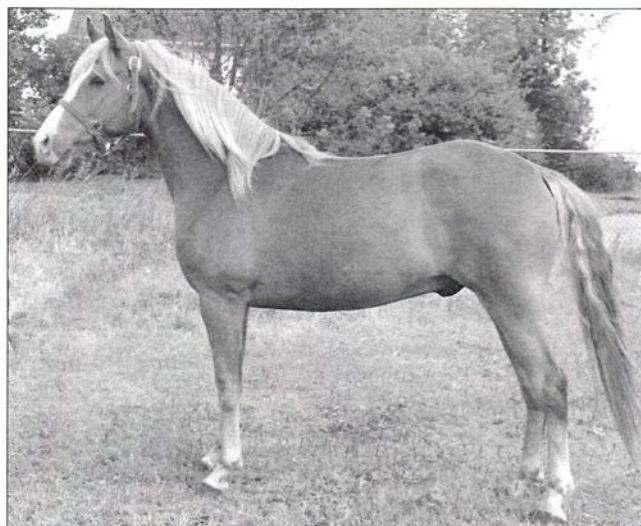
"Bob and I are so very happy that they are going to a home where they are going to be loved and well taken care of, and also to a home that knows and understands the breed. We are also very sad to let our boys go, for you have to be an owner of a TWH to know the gentle, kind & beautiful nature of this breed and the many hours of enjoyment you not only get from a gentle smooth ride but from the unconditional love they give back. They are staying with us until we move the first part of June, so we will be able to enjoy them a while longer."

DENNIS NIEDERMOSER, ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, AB sent this photo and writes, "This picture was sent to us from the Orams within 24 hours of picking up Toby. It was taken the evening of the day that they picked him up. Just one more example of why I feel Tennessee Walkers are great family (people) horses. I think the caption for this picture could be



"Warning, Horse Abuse, and he is loving it!"

"I'm sending them a year's WHN - money enclosed."




From JO-ANNE MCDONALD, MCDONALD FARM, POUCE COUPE, BC, "We have sold Genie's Final Reward, a four year old gelding by Sunny's Greatest Glory out of Threat's Magic Genie, to Julie Giles of Okotoks, Alberta. Please send her a subscription to the *Walking Horse News* with our compliments. Cheque enclosed. I am sure they will be happy with their new Walker, a partner for their first TWH, the seven year old gelding, Ringo Starr, who was also raised at our farm."

DARLENE SHANTZ, MILFORD, ON writes, "Our horses are doing pretty well... getting older (like me) and slowing down a bit. Tennessee Walking Horses are the best horses I have ever owned though."

"My husband and I are coming to Alberta in September! Flying to Edmonton and driving up to Yellowknife, NWT, then back towards Jasper. If we have time I may have to visit some Walking Horse farms. We are having a rather cool spring. It even snowed a little today, but I am not complaining after all the hot, dry weather and fires the west has been dealing with."

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**TRANSITIONS** by Franne Brandon

For over three decades, we at Pinefolly Farm of Petersburg, Tennessee, were serious breeders of pleasure walking horses. We had mares that were broke to ride, sensible ladies with true walking gaits, and we chose stallions for them that were bred to be honest pleasure horses, not wired-for-speed show horses. Annually, we raised three foals, which we imprinted in utero, handled from birth, and treated with care. Our goal was to sell these foals by the end of their yearling year to new homes that would truly appreciate their various attributes. With the pretty-colored ones, we generally achieved this goal, but with the plain sorrels, we took them to trainers who developed solid skills that enabled us to ride them as green horses, train for the canter, and eventually find forever homes for them, too.

Then, in the spring of 2005, tragedy struck. We lost our entire foal crop and our best producing mare as well. It was a shattering loss. We could not replace Red Bud Lady Scarlet, my old Molly trail riding mare, even though we kept two daughters, a grey by BUDS STERLING BULLET and a buckskin by CHANCE'S GOLDMINE M.F. As for my palomino mare, Tanasi Gold, I decided that a live trail and show mare was preferable to a dead broodmare and foal. I was afraid to breed her again.

Over the next few years, I continued to ride and occasionally show the palomino. We sold both daughters of old Molly, and moved the two teenaged horses to Pinefolly II. Our resident farm became a one horse operation. Since we could not raise foals, I discovered that this was a very pleasant situation. No fighting a herd, all of them anxious to be caught, to collect my own mare. Just open a gate and into her stall she walked. She was handy whenever I wanted to ride, groom, bathe, hand graze, let the farrier do his job. I will admit to being spoiled by this set-up. If I only had time for a twenty minute ride on a busy morning, I could actually get it done. No manipulations required to separate my mare from the herd. I tried to ride her four or five days a week, during the summer months when I was not working, and I generally managed to achieve this goal.

In late winter of 2013, Mike Davis, owner of Tanasi Gold's weaning mate, Walk the Edge of Good-bye, asked me if I would like to buy the mare back from him. Newly retired, and on double grandparent duty, I decided that Redbird, a gentle mare out of our kids' old trail mare, would be a good one to have

back on the farm for the growing grandchildren to ride. Mike delivered Walk the Edge of Good-bye on a trip south, and for a brief period, Misti and Redbird got reacquainted. Separated briefly in adjacent paddocks for safety, they seemed to remember each other, and after a few days, were reunited with no issues. Then Mike returned with his entourage to take Tanasi Gold to Northern Foundations in Whitehall, Wisconsin, and a rendezvous with the stallions there owned by Diane Sczepanski.

Our herd of one changed color, from gold to dark russet, as Redbird (who isn't particularly red; our barn name for her was Trixie) adjusted to life in Tennessee once again after almost ten years in snow regions. She was basically happy since she is ruled by her stomach, and in this new situation she had no competition for the food. She also did not get ridden much, except by those grandchildren, because I had been spoiled by her half sister's impeccable ground manners, ribbon smooth gaits, and training, most of which I had done myself, but still... Redbird refuses to back, much less side pass or spin, is lazy as can be, and a pain to lead anywhere.

Then in seven months' time, we lost both our older horses, Mark's Little Jack and Model Dawn. Now Kristi had me begin searching for a new horse for her. We wound up with a granddaughter to our Molly that we'd lost ten years earlier. I was so excited to get a bit of Molly back that I never thought about herd dynamics...

*Trail ride respecting herd dynamics before the two old horses died. Palomino Tanasi Gold behind red mare Model Dawn. Misti refused to be anywhere near gelding Mark's Little Jack when the three horses were ridden together.*





However, since we had leased our little hill farm pasture to a neighbor for hay, we had to keep both mares on the home farm. It was November, so Redbird the Easy Keeper could stay out on pasture. We attached a pair of buckets separated by an appropriate distance to the fence for feeding. We quickly discovered that Redbird gulps hers and pushes Birdie away from hers. I learned to give Birdie less. She is smaller, anyway, and seems resigned to her aunt's bad manners. When I walk out in the morning, Redbird nickers imperiously, then stalks off to her bucket. Birdie, after checking to be sure that auntie is out of sight, strolls over to the fence for some gentle scratches before turning toward the path to her bucket.

More of an issue with the horse doubling has been the horse catching. Not that one mare has a bad habit and leads the second astray. No, the problem is that both fight to get their noses in the halter, and it is a bit intimidating for me with a still-bum arm to deal with two pocket pests. As the heat intensifies with summer approaching, Redbird will need to be in her stall, so that Birdie can have free access to the cool of the adjacent loafing stall, which is not opened with both of them in pasture together. Yet our current set-up does not lend itself to easy stalling of any one horse with a companion in the field. More problems in management. The entire situation makes me reconsider my idea of raising a foal out of Redbird. Perhaps in the next couple of weeks my husband and I will work out a system. Right now, those transitions are not flowing seamlessly, and I wonder from time to time around my endless retirement projects why I ever thought I wanted to take on a second horse when I have so little time for the first one!

I guess I know the answer, though. Horses are like Lay's potato chips. A horse lover can't stop with just one!

### The 'Virtual' *Walking Horse News*

It is now possible for you to get your *Walking Horse News* subscription via email, if you'd prefer that to the paper copy. Let me know.

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The big advantage to the email version is that the pictures are in colour and it can go anywhere in the world. The disadvantage is you can't just pick it up to browse or look something up whenever you like.

### VERONICA'S SARCOID



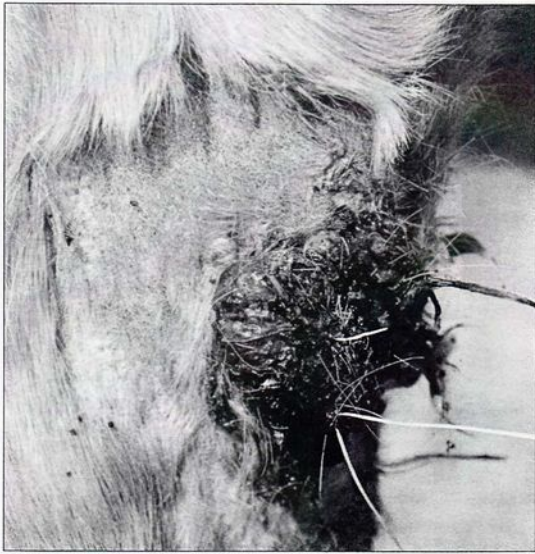
April 21, 2012 - 19 days after the treatment.



May 27, 2012 - 55 days later.



September 13, 2012 ~ 5 1/2 mos later



# S A R C O I D S

Historically, veterinarians have used many modalities to treat equine sarcoids, most commonly surgical removal, which has a 50-64% recurrence rate. Other methods include cryotherapy (freezing), interstitial brachytherapy (radiation), chemotherapy (cisplatin), Imiquimod anti-tumor medication, and Xxterra herbal paste

A relatively new treatment, AUTOLOGOUS VACCINATION is a safe, quick, and inexpensive method of treating sarcoid tumors in horses, according to research by veterinarians at Penn Vet's New Bolton Center.

The autologous vaccine involves removing a sarcoid from a horse, and implanting pieces back into that horse's neck. Dr. David Levine, Assistant Professor of Clinical Large Animal Surgery and his team, researched the safety and effectiveness of the vaccination on sarcoid lesions last year. Levine described the research at the 2015 American Association of Equine Practitioners convention in December.

"The success rate and the owner satisfaction are very high with this treatment, which is inexpensive and easy to do, with very few complications," Levine said. "This is one more tool in our arsenal to treat sarcoids, which can be very challenging."

The common sarcoid appears as a wart-like growth and usually is not harmful. However, these lesions are often difficult to treat, often reappearing after removal.

The team evaluated 18 horses with sarcoids that underwent an autologous vaccination procedure at New Bolton Center from 2009 to 2014.

The procedure involved removing the sarcoid and cutting it into 3 mm cubes. The cubes were placed into liquid nitrogen for 10 minutes to kill and prepare the sarcoid cells.

Then two to four thawed sarcoid fragments were surgically inserted into different sites in the horse's

neck, an easily accessible place on the standing horse that has plenty of muscle. The fragments work as a vaccine, prompting the horse's system to produce antibodies against the sarcoids.

Of the 18 horses in the study, 16 were available for a follow-up examination. Those exams were conducted, on average, ten and a half months after the procedure.

*11 (68.8%) sarcoids resolved completely;*

*15 (93.8%) experienced a decrease in size.*

*12 (75%) experienced a decrease in the number.*

*7 (43.8%) experienced complications (swelling).*

The results showed 75% of owners were satisfied with the results and 25% of owners were satisfied with the procedure, but not with the complications.

Levine noted that it can take up to six months for the sarcoids to start to regress, and recommends that owners and veterinarians continue to treat the remaining tissue post-vaccination with an anti-tumor medication until resolved.

I've had experience with this treatment. 'Veronica' developed a tumor-like growth on her front leg. It first showed up as a small bit of blood on her leg, and I thought she'd just nicked herself. Then I saw pinkish tissue protruding from the winter hair and thought it was proud flesh forming. It kept growing, sort of in lobes. (Photo above left) It would bleed, then crust over, and this went on and on, as it kept getting bigger. The vet diagnosed a sarcoid. We tried daily applications of Acyclovir ointment for two months but that didn't seem to help. The sarcoid was getting bigger and uglier. So the vet suggested we try the treatment described above.

She said it would be 3 to 6 months before we'd see results from this treatment. When I asked if we should continue the Acyclovir ointment, she said no, it might interfere with the immune response she was hoping for. We hoped Veronica's body would make antibodies against the sarcoid on her leg, which would eventually cause it to be rejected and resorbed.

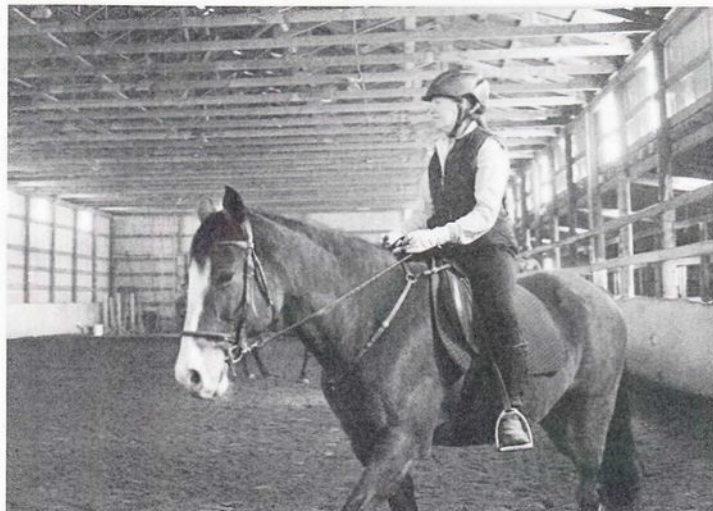
The three tiny incisions on her neck where the bits of frozen sarcoid were inserted swelled, pus formed, and then scabs. Eventually the scabs fell off. Slowly the stitches were resorbed, and now she just has little scars that are hardly noticeable under her mane.

It seems Veronica's body recognized the bits of sarcoid as a 'foreign protein'. The operation was done on April 2, 2012. The photos opposite show what happened between then and September 13, 2012.

Now, I can hardly find any trace of that ugly sarcoid on her leg, and there has been no recurrence.

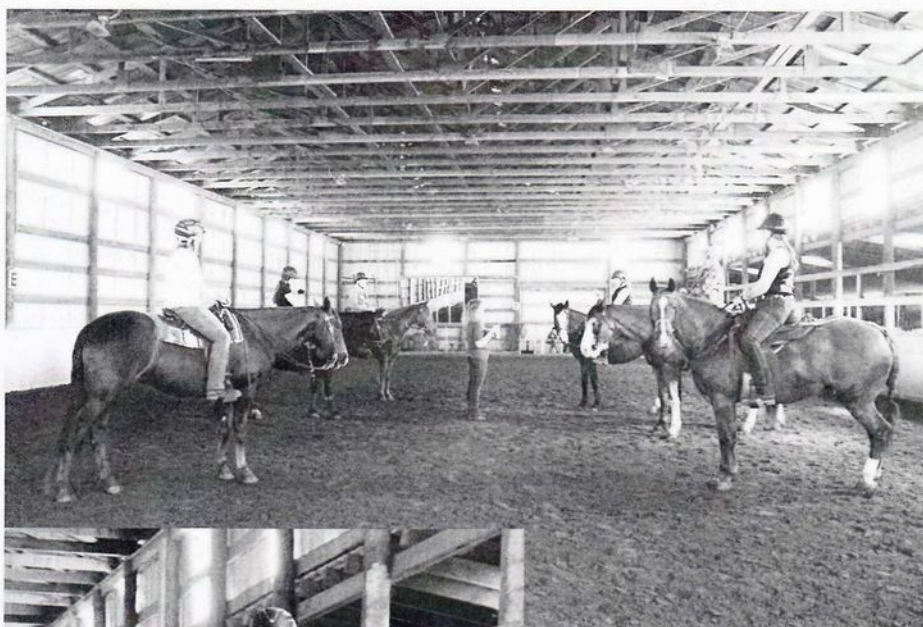
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# What Do You Do With Your Walkers?



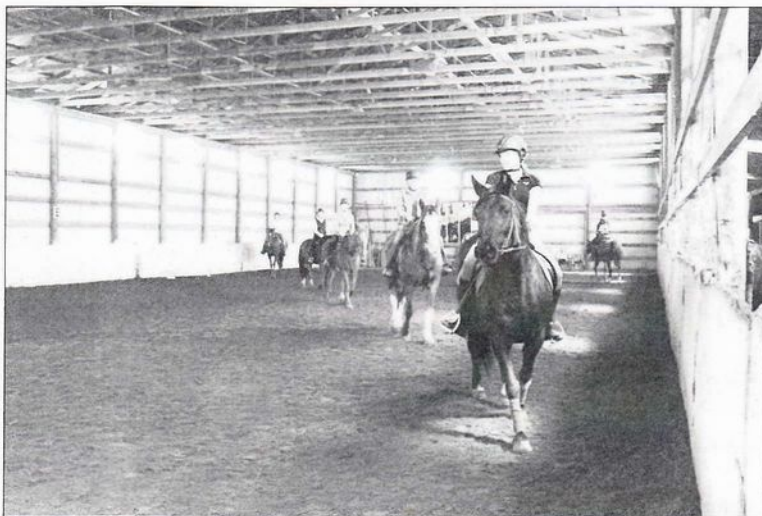
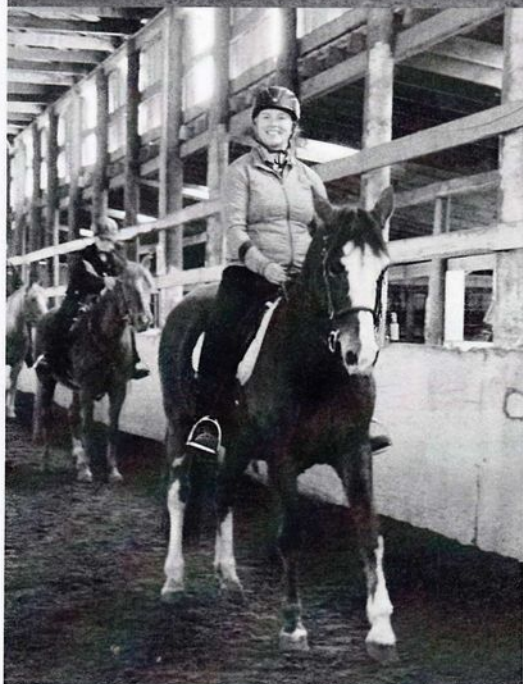
*These folks spent a weekend honing their riding skills at the*

## **CALTA STABLES APRIL CLINIC**



Our clinic was a great success! We had 16 riders on TWH join us for our Spring Riding Clinic at Calta Stables. It was a great opportunity to dust off the winter cobwebs and get back into riding shape! The weather couldn't have been better and many of our students enjoyed the chance to ride in their first clinic. A big 'thank you' to Kristin Hack who was our excellent clinician. We look forward to hosting another clinic in 2016, scheduled for August 20th and 21st at Calta Stables.

*by Jessica Sparrow*



# WILDFIRES AND LIVESTOCK

## Step 1: KNOW THE RISKS AND GET PREPARED

Know the fire risk for your area and determine your plan to deal with the risk level.

## Step 2: MAKE PLANS

### Option 1: Shelter in Place

In general:

- Prepare and maintain a fuel-reduced area such as a plowed or heavily grazed field with minimum of stubble:
- The area should be watered, shaded & located well away from forested areas; and
- If possible disc or plow outside perimeter; Then be prepared to round up, re-locate your livestock and provide them with feed / water.

### Option 2: Evacuation Plan

- Have a current list of all animals, including their location and records of feeding, vaccinations, and tests. Make this information available at various locations on the farm.
- Have sufficient supplies for temporary identification of your animals, such as plastic neckbands and permanent markers to label animals with your name, address, and telephone number.
- Have handling equipment such as halters, cages, blankets, and appropriate tools for each kind of animal. Include bolt-cutters to quickly free animals in an emergency.
- Contact your local emergency management authority and become familiar with at least two possible evacuation routes. Familiarize all family members and employees with your evacuation plans.
- Arrange in advance for a place to shelter your animals. Plan ahead and work within your community to establish safe shelters for farm animals, such as fairgrounds, other farms, racetracks, and exhibition centers.
- Ensure that sufficient feed and medical supplies are available at the destination.
- Be ready to leave as soon as an evacuation is ordered. Remember, once the emergency hits, roads may be restricted to emergency service vehicles and not open to traffic.
- Set up safe transportation. You will need to have access to trucks, trailers, and other vehicles suitable for transporting each type of animal, along with experienced handlers and drivers. You may need access to a portable loading ramp to load, or unload, animals.
- If animals are evacuated to a centralized location

such as a fair grounds for shelter and will co-mingle with other animals of unknown health status try to:

- ✦ make sure your animals have sufficient identification (e.g. ear tags or brands) to be able to tell them apart from others.
- ✦ minimize the contact among animals from different premises.
- ✦ protect feed and water from contact with wild animals and birds. Verify the health and vaccination status of animals which must be co-mingled.
- ✦ handle any mortalities in a manner to minimize the possible spread of contagious diseases.
- ✦ monitor the health and well-being of the animals on a daily basis, whether sheltered in place or evacuated. Seek appropriate veterinary medical advice and services on suspicion of an animal disease problem.

### Option 3: Last Resort – Freeing Your Animals

- Livestock are very sensitive to wildfire anywhere within their sensory range. Normal reactions vary from nervousness, to panic, to aggressive and resistive escape attempts. Livestock are often injured or killed by fleeing from a wildfire into fences, barriers and other fire risks. Once the flight syndrome kicks in, it is retained long after the smoke, heat and noise stimuli are removed.
- In the case of a fast moving fire, some landowners spray paint their phone numbers on the sides of livestock before setting them free. Others attach identification tags to animals. If you choose to leave a halter on your animal, consider attaching identification – such as a luggage tag.

Finally be aware firefighters may cut fences and open gates, if time and safety concerns allow.

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At the time of writing, emergency aid in the way of funds were needed for feed, water, transportation and veterinary care for Fort McMurray horses. The Alberta Equestrian Federation (AEF) will match donations received up to \$5,000. Donations of other items will be required at a later date to assist with recovery and replacement and the AEF will help with this coordination as well.

If you are interested in providing aid in the form of a monetary donation, feel free to forward an etransfer (Security answer: fortmacequine) to  
Email: [info@albertaequestrian.com](mailto:info@albertaequestrian.com)  
or contact the office: Rita, 403-253-4411 ext. 7  
or toll-free: 1-877-463-6233 ext. 7

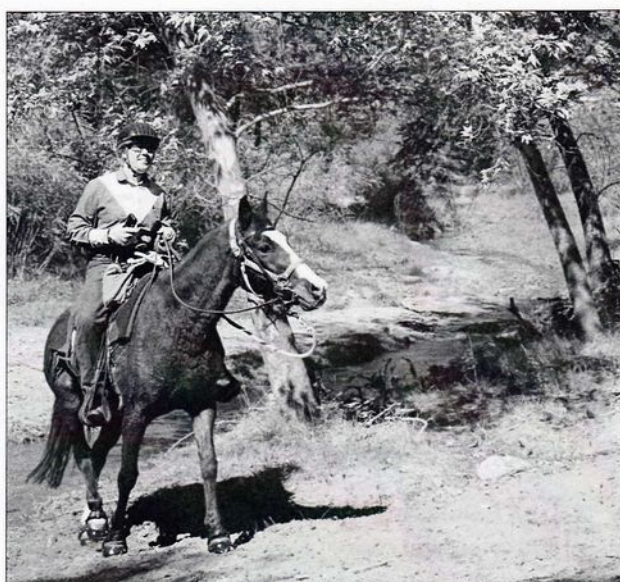


**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**To WINDI SCOTT DERMAN**  
**&**  
**Future's Precious Brick**  
*The Third*  
**Ultimate Canadian Horse**



**AND TO ALLANNA JACKSON AND BILL ROY**  
who have each logged 1000 hours of riding their TWH  
in the CRTWH Ride/Drive/ ALT Program to qualify for  
the PLATINUM Award.

*These are wonderful achievements.*





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## 34th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### of the CANADIAN REGISTRY

### of the TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

The May 7th AGM was well attended with over two dozen CRTWH members present. After the officers' reports for 2015, new business included a motion from the floor for CRTWH to donate funds to help Fort McMurray horse owners who were affected by the wildfire. This was discussed and carried, and \$1000 was decided upon. It will go through the Alberta Equestrian Federation who are matching donations up to \$5000.

Windi Derman entertained us with a poem she'd written about the Western Dressage Clinic that Dianne gave in Whitecourt in April (page 17). Windi also informed the members of a Gathering at her Sawhorse Ranch in June; all are invited. (see page 20).

The Awards for the Triple Challenge Programs were then presented: The Ride/Drive/ALT by Brenda Woodall, and the Program For Excellence and Training Levels Awards by Dianne Little. See pages 12 and 14.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 and supper & visiting followed.



**GAIT FROM THE GROUND UP CLINIC**  
May 7 & 8, 2016 at KVF

*Above*, Bill Roy discusses what to watch for in fitting a saddle to your horse.

He says, "For the past 30 years Tennessee Walking Horses have been my passion - riding, learning, breeding, training, and talking about them. Sharing my passion with the riders at a clinic is always rewarding for me. I like to think that I always learn as well, ride away a wiser, better horseman. This past clinic was no exception. Thank you for allowing me to share my passion with you."

## THE CANADIAN WALKER EMAIL EDITION

I send out an email version of The Canadian Walker to all members every two months or so, usually along with another article or item of interest. That is ... I send it out to you IF I have your current email address. Sometimes these messages bounce back because I have an outdated address for you, and sometimes people block messages that have more than one recipient.

If you are not receiving the email version (which is in colour!) and would like to get it, please contact me at

**[whn@telus.net](mailto:whn@telus.net)**

and let me know your correct address. I'll be pleased to add you to the list receiving it. (Actually you may get it even if you are not a CRTWH member, but are interested - just let me know.)

Also if you have suggestions for what you'd like to read in it, I'd be happy to hear them. Questions and comments are welcome. Thanks,  
*Marjorie*



**Congratulations on achieving the following  
2015 CANADIAN TRIPLE CHALLENGE  
TRAINING LEVELS!**



LADYS INVESTMENT - Basic Skills, Trail Riding 1, 2, 3

A GENUINE CANADIAN - Basic Skills, Driving Level, Trail Riding 1, 2, 3

ALLEN'S MIDNIGHT RASCAL- Trail Riding 1,2,3 and Horsemanship 1

APRIL VELVET - Basic Skills, Driving 1, Horsemanship 1, Trail Riding 1, 2, 3

CISCO'S LIBERTY GENERAL - Horsemanship Level 1

CSR GLORY BEA! - Basic Skills, Trail Riding 1, 2, 3

CSR MONEY'S GOLD PENNY - Basic Skills, Trail Riding 1,2,3

EB'S BELLE DE LIBERTE - Driving 2,3

ENCORE'S MAXIMUM BLING - Basic Skills

FUTURE'S PRECIOUS BRICK - Driving 3, Horsemanship 3, Public demo, Cattle Drive

GEN'S SHADOW SHAKER ROCKY - Driving 3, Trail Riding 1,2,3

GHOST OF FUTURE PAST - Basic Skills



*WHN* will feature these horses and their people in a future issue.



**PROGRAM FOR  
EXCELLENCE**

			B	S	G
<b>Brenda and Stephen Woodall</b>	Eb's Belle de Liberte	3579	ap	ap	ap
	Cisco's Liberty General	3580	ap	ap	ap
<b>Bobbie Buck</b>	CSR Glory Bea!	3510	ap		
<b>Kristy Coulter</b>	Lady's Investment	3815	ap		
<b>Jean Chivers</b>	Pride's Diamond and Lace	3369	ap	ap	ap
<b>Allanna Jackson</b>	Back Yard Cinnamon	2827		ap	ap

## THE STORY OF BEAU

By Kathy Terpstra, Okotoks, AB

At the sad passing of my big liver chestnut gelding Dude (Dominator's Grovie) in June of 2015 I was so heartbroken and forlorn that I decided to give up on all things horse. I swore up and down that Dude would be my last horse, and I was moving on to a new hobby and lifestyle.

As luck and fate would have it though, my heart would not rest easy with that decision, and I continued to keep peeking at ads for Tennessee Walkers...

It was in August 2015 that I came across an eight year old TWH gelding being sold as unregistered by a family near Innisfail. This fellow was deemed not suitable for competing in gymkhanas and therefore they were searching for a different mount for their 12 year old daughter. This horse looked so beautiful in the ad I couldn't resist going to see him.



My first meeting with 'Oreo' was exciting - meeting such a good looking horse with such a calm personality and gentle soul was an elixir for my heartbroken state. He stood 16 hands high, with one blue eye, and very distinctive markings. At that point I didn't care that he was only green broke, that I wasn't looking to buy a horse (remember I had said I was getting out of the horse scene?) and that he wasn't a registered TWH. I needed to give this boy a good home where he would be appreciated and loved, so it was a done deal, and he came home with us. With a new home and barn came a name better suited to him - Beau.

As I mentioned he was sold to me as

unregistered. However I was certain that he must have been registered at some time. His markings were so distinctively beautiful, how could he *not* have been registered? I know that it is common practice for TWH breeders to ensure they register all their offspring, so now I was on a mission to find out Beau's true heritage and background.

My first step was to contact Sue Gamble of CRTWH. Sue runs the CRTWH facebook page. I sent her pictures and the tiny bit of information I had on Beau's background. Sue was intrigued as well, and thought that he might be recognized by someone in the TWH world. Sue passed along the information to Dianne Little, who in turn got the rest of the CRTWH Registrations Committee, Marjorie Lacy and Jo-Anne McDonald, involved in the case. They were interested too and hoped someone out there would know this boy - but Dianne warned me it was a long shot. Dianne, Marjorie and Jo-Anne conferred about the Walkers in Western Canada that carried the tobiano pattern. There were only a few breeding farms that had pintos, so they started with those and began circulating the pictures to them.

Amazingly, out of those first inquiries, Rosina Widmer of Okotoks, replied and said she thought Beau might be one of her breeding. She had registered a colt who looked like this fellow back in 2007. He was by The Skywatch Command out of Intruders Classy Colors, and Rosina was about 95% certain this was the same horse, based upon his markings. However the only way to tell for sure was to perform a DNA test. It was lucky for me that Rosina still had the U.S. registration papers, which included the DNA report, in her possession.

So the next step was pulling hair from Beau in order to do the DNA test through CLRC. After waiting what seemed like forever, the tests came back POSITIVE - we had a match! It turns out that Beau is CLASSYS DIABLO SKY! Rosina signed the U.S. papers over to me, and I then registered Beau with the Canadian Registry.

Beau is thrilled to once again have his 'birth certificate' and be recognized as a registered TWH. Now he and I are putting in lots of hours together learning the basics of ground driving!

My sincerest thanks to Sue Gamble, co-ordinator of the CRTWH fb page, and to the CRTWH Registrations Committee, Dianne Little, Marjorie Lacy and Jo-Anne McDonald for all of their help with solving this mystery!

*(Note: This is the first case where we have been able to prove the identity of an 'unknown' horse using DNA testing. CRTWH Registrations Committee)*



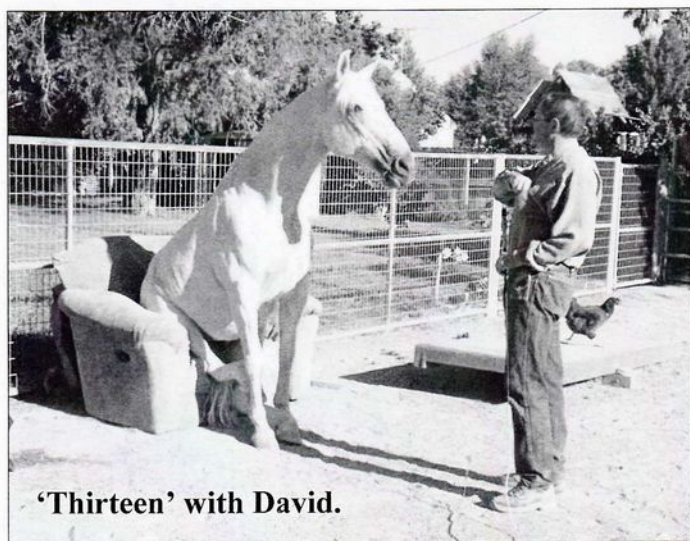
## READERS WRITE



NATALIE SPECKMAIER, VANCOUVER, BC writes, "This picture is of our great granddaughter (and Nicole's granddaughter) Jacklynn Vanderveen and her trusty steed... are you ready for this? Trigger!"

"And I thought MY Trigger was short. Jacklynn was excited to tell everyone at her barn that her great grandma had a Trigger too! Horsemanship and riding lessons were part of a birthday gift from her grandma."

"Jacklynn starts her lessons on Wednesday, and the fourth generation journey begins. Trigger, the little lesson horse is 23 and has been a lesson horse forever. The lesson barn caters to children 3 years old and up and is run by a woman and her daughter, both certified coaches. Nicole did due diligence until she found just the right facility that focused on safety and horsemanship. By the way, little Trigger was clipped down to his dapples and wasn't really wearing brown pantyhose!"



**'Thirteen' with David.**

SUE GAMBLE , SWASTIKA, ON sent this, from

David Lichman's Face Book page: "I am very sad to report that Thirteen is gone... When you read this, I know you will be tempted to respond with sympathies, but I encourage you, instead, to go hug your own horses, dogs, cats and family members - tell them it's a parting gift from Thirteen."

David is a well known Parelli trainer who has a special interest in easy gaited horses. 'Thirteen' was one of his demo horses, a TWH colt by Bud's Sterling Bullet that he purchased 19 years ago from Leon Oliver, Cornersville, TN when Thirteen was only four weeks old.

## HOW DO YOU SHOP FOR A HORSE?

I (Marjorie) received this query by email a while ago: "**Searching for a horse. Am looking for a palomino gelding. Any chance you have?**"

How can we, as breeders or owners, possibly know if our horse might suit this person, with only two criteria given - gender and colour?

**When you are looking for a horse to buy, give all the characteristics you require when asking about it. Don't waste people's time with such vague inquiries!**

At a very minimum, this person should have included the breed, the size of horse he was looking for, age range, training level, disposition, whether spirited or phlegmatic, as well the use he planned to make of the animal. Gender and colour are actually less important in the long run than the others I've mentioned, unless the horse is to be only a pasture ornament!

ALLANNA JACKSON also commented on the above inquiry: "I guess there are several ways that request could be interpreted. Maybe he gets along with such a wide variety of equine personality types he'll like any palomino gelding? More likely he's one of the many, many people who don't think about the individuality of the horse, and may not even realize each horse has its own character. Too many people think of horses as machines, programmable robots, or adversaries to be conquered, all of which are wrong ideas about horses."

"Some horses don't seem to mind being treated like tools as long as they aren't abused. I used to sometimes feed a Foxtrotter gelding who was perfectly happy to be just transportation for field trials and hunting trips as long as he was fed on time. He didn't seem to want any more relationship with people than that. On the other hand, Sassy preferred people to other horses and Velvet came toward me curiously looking for attention when she was just a few hours old. Cinnamon accepted my attention as a very young foal but didn't come looking for it to the extent Velvet did."

## THE 'LITTLE' GAITED DRESSAGE CLINIC

MY HORSE HAS A HITCH IN HIS GIDDAY-UP, HE SIMPLY CAN'T WALK A STRAIGHT LINE.  
AND CURSIN JUST MAKES IT WORSEN, I KNOW IT AIN'T HIS FAULT, IT'S MINE.  
I'VE BEEN WAITIN FOR WEEKS FOR THIS CLINIC, JUST SHOW EVERYONE WHAT I'VE GOT,  
ME N BRICK, WE'RE A TEAM, BUT IT AIN'T GOIN QUITE HOW I THOUGHT.

"YOU'RE LEANIN TO THE LEFT, AND YOUR STIRRUPS ARE OFF KILTER,  
YOUR HELMET'S FALLIN OFF AND YOUR SADDLE'S HILTER-SKILTER,"  
COME TO THINK OF IT, HIS EARS, THEY DO LOOK CROOKED,  
I SWEAR THEY WERE STRAIGHT, THE LAST TIME I LOOK-ED.

DANG! SHE SEES EVERYTHING!.. FROM MY BREATHIN TO MY TOES,  
AND WHEN I CLENCH MY TEETH, HOW IS IT THAT SHE KNOWS?  
SHE CAN SEE IN ANY DIRECTION, MUST BE EYES IN THE BACK OF HER HEAD,  
I CAN SEE HER POINTING AT ROCKY, BUT SHE'S LOOKIN AT ME INSTEAD!

OK... CONCENTRATE... BREATHE... SWAY, BELLY, SWAY,  
FORTY YEARS IN THE SADDLE, AND LOOK WHAT SHE'S LEARNT ME TODAY.  
DOGGONE IT, I'M STIFFENING UP AND I'M TRYING SO HARD NOT TO LEAN,  
IT'S MUCH TOO INTENSE, I NEED A STRONG HIT OF CAFFEINE.

OH, LOOK, SHE'S OVER THERE TALKIN; I'LL JUST SNEAK IN A LIL KICK.  
OH NO, SHE SAW, NOW I'LL HAVE TO BLAME IT ON BRICK.

"SHORTEN THOSE REINS, POINT YOUR BELLY BUTTON SOUTH,  
BUTT DOWN AND BREATHE, WATCH HOW YOU'RE HOLDIN YOUR MOUTH.

DO YA FEEL IT, CAN YOU FEEL IT NOW?" NO, BUT I'LL SAY YES,  
I THINK I MAY, I THINK I MIGHT, BUT NO, I'LL HAVE TO GUESS.

DANG, MY BUTT IS KILLIN ME, HOW CAN THAT BE SO?  
I DON'T GET THIS SORE RIDIN' IN THE MOUNTAINS FOR DAYS IN A ROW!

DANG, I MUST'VE BEEN DREAMING, I THINK SHE'S TALKING TO ME.  
WAS THAT A WORKING WALK TO M? OR WAS I SUPPOSED TO STOP ON C?  
RATCHET, RATCHET THAT CIRCLE, OH YA, AND MAKE MY LEGS A U,  
KEEP GOING, BRICK, YOU'RE DOING FINE; IT'S ALL ABOUT ME, NOT YOU.

I DON'T MEAN TO BE BELLYACHIN, BUT IT'S KIND OF HARD ON MY PRIDE,  
WRANGLING HORSES FOR DECADES, AND ONLY NOW LEARNING HOW TO RIDE!  
SHE' BEEN IN THE RING FOR A LONG TIME; I RECKON SHE KNOWS HER STUFF,  
SHE WANTS US ALL TO BE WINNERS, AND I'M THINKIN THAT'S GOTTA BE TOUGH.

YOU KNOW, DIANNE, WE ALL LOVE YOU; YOU ARE TRULY ONE OF A KIND,  
YOUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION MAKE YOU A RARE AND PRECIOUS FIND.  
I'M GONNA GO HOME NOW TO PRACTICE, AND TAKE ALL YOUR TEACHING TO HEART,  
I'VE GOT A NEW FOCUS, I'VE GOT A NEW GOAL, AND I JUST CAN'T WAIT TO START!

By Windi Scott Derman

Written after Windi and her TWH, Brick, attended Dianne Little's  
"Gaited Dressage" clinic held in in Whitecourt, AB in April.



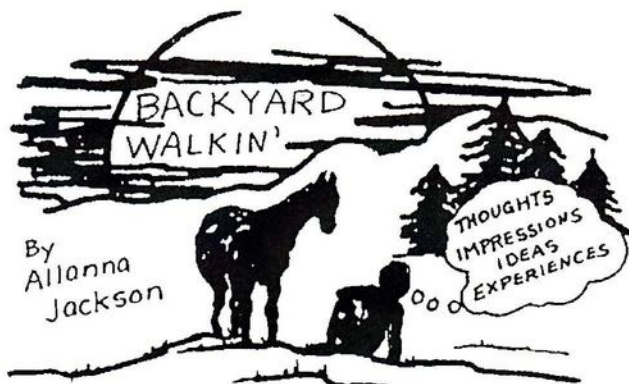
# CRTWH BOOTH at the MANE EVENT



A BIG 'Thank You' to everyone who helped to make our booth at the Red Deer, AB Mane Event the success that it was. Special thanks to Karla Hansen, who organized and planned the display and was there every day, and Dianne Little who was there from Wednesday through Saturday, April 21 to 23.

To the volunteers who spent time in the booth over the four days to chat and answer questions about our Walkers - Dianne Little, Jody Rawlyk, Brenda Woodall, Alynn Ward, Bobbi Buck, Tanya Johnson, Debra Blower, Kara Paisley, Andrea Meldrum, Jade Dye - we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you!

There were CRTWH materials and *WHN* magazines available for the folks from all over Western Canada who stopped in at the booth. Here's a comment from one booth visitor "TWH -The most lovely of gaited horses."



## The Potluck of Gaits

By Allanna Jackson © May 2016

Whether you are new to Walkers or have had them for years you can probably relate to the following scenario: It's a beautiful day for trail riding so you catch Walker and saddle up. Walker might be lazy and prefer to stay in the pasture. Or maybe Walker is tense, worried, or excited about being ridden. You ask for running walk but get you get a rough pace, or a bone-jarring trot instead. When you try to get Walker into a smooth gait he raises his head and hits something fast and four-beat. As the trail rises slightly Walker slows a little and drops his head. There it is!!! Smooth, gliding, head-nodding four-beat running walk!!! When Walker has to step over some small rocks his gait starts to feel bumpy in back. The trail drops down a slope and the bumpy feeling turns into a side-to-side sway which gets worse as the slope gets steeper. Back on level ground the side-to-side motion flattens out a little but Walker doesn't have very much head motion, maybe nodding slightly in a 'V' shape. This doesn't feel quite the same as what he did going uphill. On the way home Walker gives you running walk again after you negotiate a compromise between galloping home and flat-walking home.

Back at home you have the nagging suspicion you've just ridden every gait known to horsedom and maybe some new ones too. Welcome to the reality that most easy-gaited horses inherit several middle gaits. Multi-gaitedness can be frustrating when you're getting the horse's choice of gaits. It can be fascinating when you understand what is happening and how to ask the horse for the gait you want.

We started our scenario with Walker wanting to either pace or trot. If he paced his head was up and his back hollow. If Walker threw his head up when you attempted to stop the trotting he probably also dropped his back. This is especially likely if you bounced when he started trotting, which is as uncomfortable for him as it is for you. Either way, dropping his back and raising his head puts him into the position to either

pace (2 beat) or rack (4-beat), so he does.

He did a fast, four-beat gait with an overstride and head motion. That's a running walk, isn't it? Not necessarily. Running walk is a moderate speed (5-8 mph) gait. Rack is a fast, four-beat gait that can also have overstride and head motion, but rack and running walk are not the same gait. In switching from trot to pace or rack Walker made an extreme adjustment in gait in response to an extreme change in body position. Smaller changes in posture cause less drastic gait changes.

Climbing a slight uphill slows Walker down and shifts more weight onto his hindquarters. To avoid falling over backward, he transfers weight back onto his forehand. The easiest way for him to do this is to drop his head and extend his nose. All of this puts Walker's body into a slightly arched posture. His nose and hind feet are the ends of the arch. The apex is at his withers. He can pull with his front feet and push with his hind feet in "four leg drive" which happens to be the ideal position for running walk - so that is what he does.

Rocky or uneven terrain encourages Walker to step higher with his back feet and keep his head down to see the ground better. Walker is still in an arched position but his timing is now uneven. He's foxtrotting.

Any time Walker is sluggish, tense, rushing, or resistant, these behaviors tend to create a hollow posture so the horse paces. When the horse wants to go faster than the rider is willing to allow going home the impulsion of the horse's eagerness combined with the restraint from the rider may create the slightly arched posture that puts the horse into running walk.

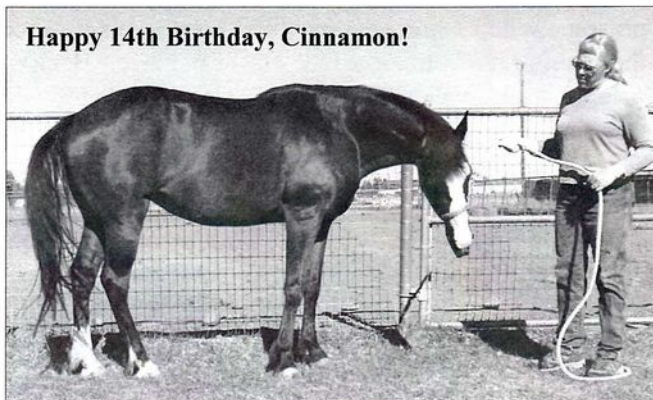
Going downhill is likely to put Walker into a stepping pace or saddle rack and then a pace because it puts more weight onto the horse's forehand. The horse counteracts this by raising his head and speeding up, but this doesn't get his hind legs under him. As the slope continues, Walker rushes downhill and gets more strung out with more weight on his forehand until he's pacing. When a horse is hurrying to catch his balance, the rushing tends to keep him out of balance. Back on a level trail, Walker is likely to settle back into the stepping pace.

Why do Walkers stepping pace so easily? The answer is in horses' natural response to the weight of a rider. Horses have two responses to things that are unfamiliar or uncomfortable: flight or fight. They prefer flight. The mildest form of flight is evasion. Even a horse that is accustomed to saddles tends to evade them by dropping his back away from it.

Adding the weight of a rider encourages this response. The horse then travels with his back sagging until and unless he is trained to deal with the weight of the rider in some other way.

*We don't have to settle for letting all these variables control gait. The gait the horse does is determined by his posture; that is, how the combined weight of horse and rider are distributed in relation to the horse's center of gravity, balance, and the direction and amount of thrust (impulsion) from his hind legs. We can train the horse to a particular gait or gaits by training him to respond to our adjustments of his posture and impulsion.*

*A hollow or ventroflexed posture makes Walker's gait more lateral, a rounded posture makes Walker's gait more diagonal. When Walker is too trotty, we find a smoother gait by asking him to flatten his posture. When Walker is pacey we can square up his gait by asking him to lift his withers and back. Most Walkers use either a neutral or semi-collected posture to running walk. If the horse is so extremely trotty it cannot pace it may running walk in a hollow posture. If the horse is so pacey it doesn't trot it will need more collection to running walk. Teaching him to let us adjust his posture is the most effective and most humane way to control Walker's gaits.*



## SAWHORSE RANCH GATHERING

June 24 to 26, 2016

*An open invitation to  
come to the ranch  
and hang out with a  
bunch of Canadian Walkers  
and their people*

We will be helping each other to work on our CRTWH Triple Challenge skills. We will ride, laugh, eat, rest, visit, learn, teach, watch, and generally have a real nice time. The only cost to you is getting to the ranch and bringing your own food and feed;  
OR  
contribute some 'jingle' if you eat ranch food.

Bring your spouse (or not),

bring your friends (or not).

We have limited accommodation, but plenty of room for campers, tents and RVs. There's a fully functioning cookhouse, a guest house, a shower, indoor and outdoor plumbing, firepits, a few pens and corrals, and stalls. We have a small indoor arena and 2 outdoor arenas, one for dressage and driving, and one for obstacles and general riding.

**(AEF required, waiver to sign)**

Please confirm ahead of time that you are coming and what you will need.

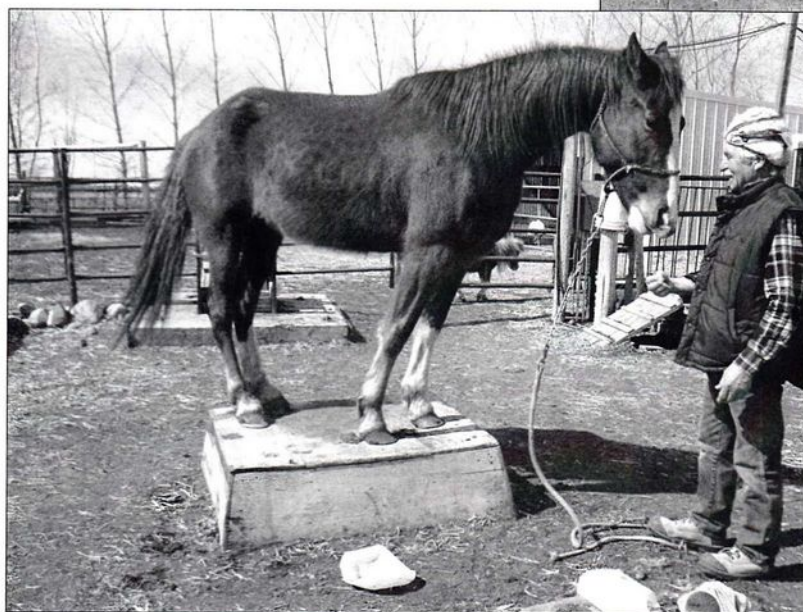
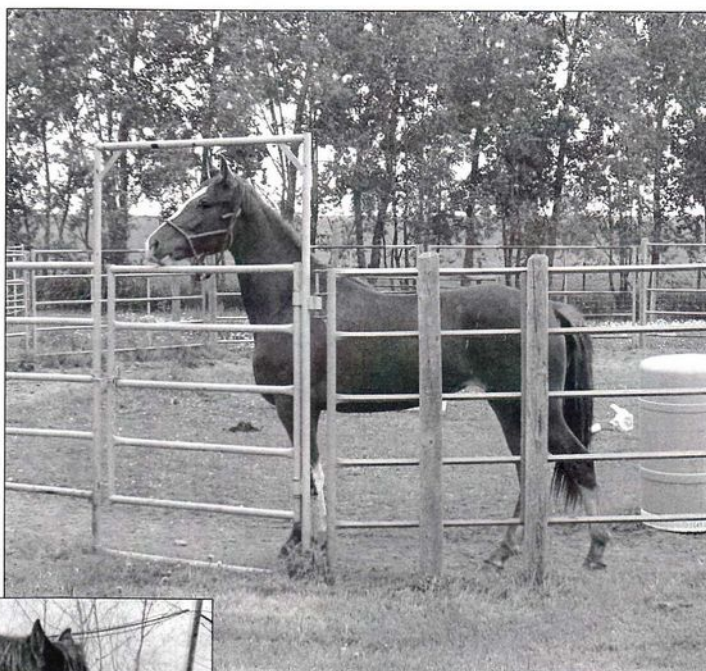
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# What Do You Do With Your Walkers?

*Robert Ruttan teaches them to do tricks*



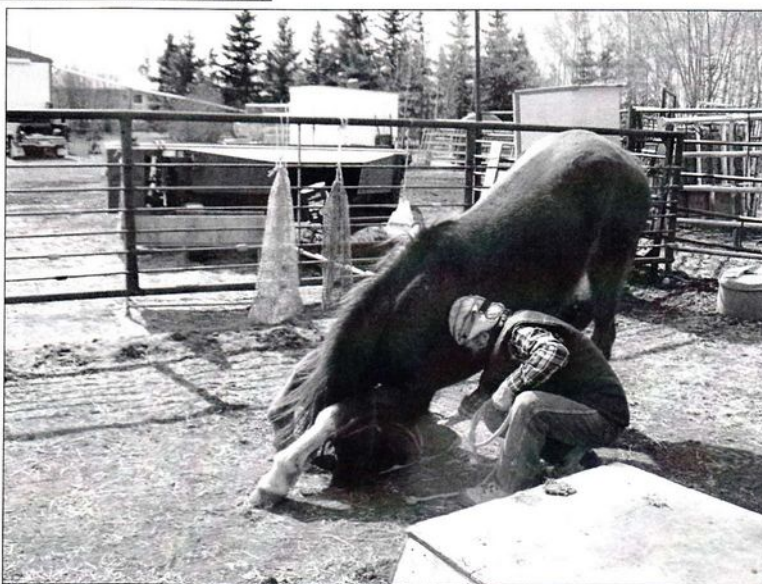
When we started with Tennessee Walking Horses, Robert wanted to be able to do most of the ground work himself. We went to a couple of Parelli weekends and then bought the first series of tapes and the 7 Games tape. So all of our TWH have spent their first two to three years doing quite a bit of the Parelli style games and ground work.

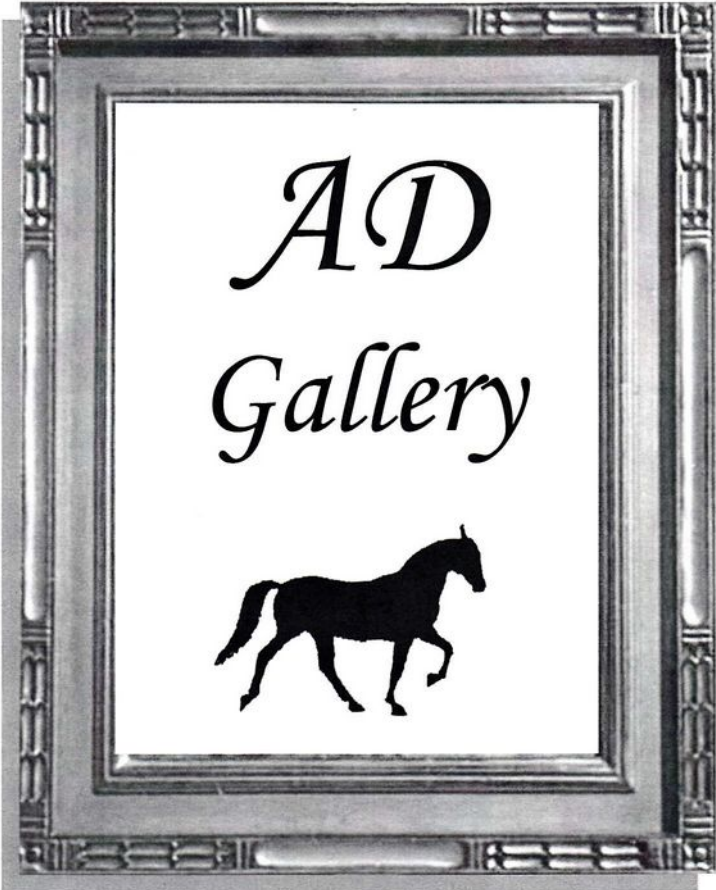
About six years ago, we heard about a weekend session near Airdrie, Jackie Johnson, the stunt trainer from Saskatchewan was the featured clinician. She's trained horses for the movies.

Robert took our black TWH, Angel, to this and had her getting on raised platforms, bowing and lying down by the time the weekend was over. Since then he has incorporated these methods into his play and training time with our horses as well.

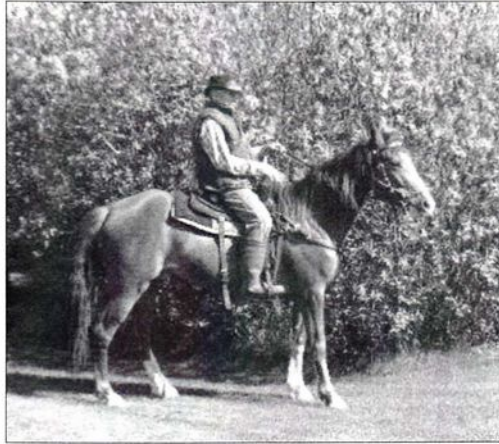
Belle, our 5 year old, seen here, was purchased from Jack Gurnett at seven months old. She has been played and worked with ever since. She now will bow, get up onto a small platform on command, and is starting to lie down when asked.

*by Charlene Ruttan,  
Olds, AB*





**NORTHFORK TRAVELLER'S BELLE**

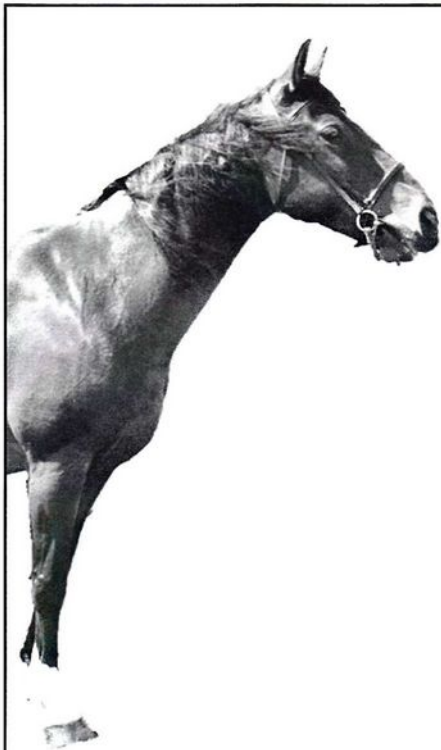


2011 Chestnut mare, just under 15 hh. She's had her feet done regularly, been trailered, and comes when called. She's done Parelli games in the round

pen and did preliminary ground work last year with some riding around the farm. Last fall she had 30 days professional riding training. She moves out, stops well, side passes, and is beginning neck reining. She loves people; always the first one up to the gate. Now she needs an experienced rider to put time and miles on her. Also a good brood mare prospect, by Northfork Top Traveller x Neitak's Golden Stardust. Videos of her are on my fb page under Charlene Gardin. \$2200.00

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