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[CURLY AFFILIATE]



Margaret Short and Cikala.



TFN Woyawaste Cikala and Three Feathers MeSesko Warrior.

American Bashkir Curly Registry

Horses Head for the United Kingdom

SUBMITTED BY SHAWN TUCKER

LONGTIME HORSE ENTHUSIAST, Margaret Short of Surrey, England, recently made the long trek across the pond to Kentucky, in search of horses. Not just any horses, but ones suitable for use in the new direction her family's farm was taking. After many years of participating in dressage and jumping events, they made the decision to turn their attention toward providing a facility where families with children who have autism and other handicaps can come to ride and experience the joy of horses. After much research, the family discovered the perfect breed for their new direction. Well-known for their amazing, calm, and friendly personalities, Curly horses have easy going temperaments and love to interact with humans. These horses are confident, curious, and intelligent, making them perfect for the job at hand. Margaret traveled to Three Feathers Native Curly Horses in Lawrenceburg, KY, and found exactly what she was looking for. She immediately fell for a young, tri-colored pinto mare named Cikala, who filled all of the requirements. Then, a splashy young dun stallion named Tahalo caught her eye and she knew he would make a perfect traveling companion for the young mare, as well as a great addition to

their new program at Chestnuts Farm. As well as their amazing dispositions, the breed is known for their unique curly, hypo-allergenic coats, which will make little hands all the more happy at Chestnuts Farm in the future!

People often ask the family at Three Feathers why they continue to breed Curly horses, knowing how hard it is for them to part with each and every horse bred on their farm. All the horses are handled daily and are considered part of the family. The answer? They do it for two reasons. First, for the love of the breed and having little ones is just too much fun! And secondly, because it enables them to help make others' dreams of having horses in their lives a reality, just as it did for owner Shawn Tucker, who is highly allergic to equines. So, even though there will most likely be tears and heavy hearts as they watch these two special horses roll down the driveway to board a plane and head to their new home in the United Kingdom, there will also be lots of pride and joy in knowing the smiles and laughter Cikala and Tahalo will soon be bringing to some special children. To help ease the void the two horses leave behind at the Tuckers' farm, the family will eagerly anticipate the arrival of their next batch of Curly babies scheduled to arrive in the spring of 2013!



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