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Paul Dietz
working with
Woody.

American Bashkir Curly Registry

Meet Woody, a Rescue Horse

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IN THESE TIMES OF MAJOR economic issues, unfortunately even horses of the rare Curly Horse breed are facing an increasing risk of becoming abandoned or in need of rescue. Therefore, Curly Horse Rescue (CHR), a volunteer organization that was founded to help in these cases, has had a lot to do during the past few years. Most of the time, there is nothing wrong with the horses—some of them are even registered and are offspring of great bloodlines.

One group of horses that was saved by CHR is the so-called “Kansas 5.” It

is said that they had been running free for most of their lives and had not been handled. Woody, an impressive, big buckskin Curly gelding, who stands at 15.2hh, was part of this group. He is out of Buttercup ABC 2324 and from Houdini ABC 468.

I became more and more interested in Woody as I learned about him. Meanwhile, the group moved from Kansas to Kentucky, and a member of CHR started to handle them. It turned out that Woody was quite a shy and sensitive boy, but very willing to please at the same time, and outstandingly

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calm and gentle. In the beginning, it was hard to even approach him. Thanks to the CHR foster that did an amazing job, it was finally able to happen. By that time, my family had already adopted Woody and my husband had visited him two times. The third time, in May, I also went to Kentucky with my husband, who was going to a clinic with Paul Dietz and Woody.

After the clinic and some more work with Paul it was clear that we could bring Woody over the ocean to Germany. As of press time, Woody has been part of our herd for two weeks now and he is developing amazingly. We do it step by step and he is an eager learner, always willing to please. We feel that this gentle giant is a great addition to our herd and we are happy that he is with us!

For information on the American Bashkir Curly Registry, visit abcregistry.org. 📧



Woody and Peter Schumann.



Woody.

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