

## **President's Message**

#### By Joan Olson

Spring 2024

Curly Members,



We are over the hump of winter here in Reno. I am hoping the last big storm has come and gone.

Time to start thinking about vaccines for the year. A crucial step in maintaining our Curly horse's health. We have one pregnant mare due this spring and the poor girl has had a bout of Pidgeon Fever. Pretty scary for us since it is the only foal expected. She is finally clearing up from that and now we noticed a sarcoid tumor on her ear. These pesky things can come in various sizes and shapes. You can leave them be and hope they don't get any bigger, or you can get them lasered off. Now vets can send in the piece they took off to a lab and get a vaccine especially for that type of sarcoid affecting the horse, to keep it from coming back. Sarcoid tumors can cauliflower out and cause a severe odor on the horse. They can cause patches on the skin and grow bigger than a half dollar. Best to get a vet to check on spots to catch it early. The bovine virus is the culprit of these tumors.

So Foaling season has started, and we are highly anticipating a Curly Foxtrotter baby! It is so much fun to watch the gait on these little ones. Hope everyone out there in the Curly world has healthy and Curly babies!

Please attend this year's Convention Call, it will be Zoom, hopefully. We would like to hear from our members, and this would be a chance to get to know you. Check for updates in the next Curly Cues and on the website and Facebook.

Here's to a good spring,

Joan Olson

**ABC President** 



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## Renegait Chesterfield obit

#### By Angie Gaines

#### Renegait Chesterfield - ABCR #3665

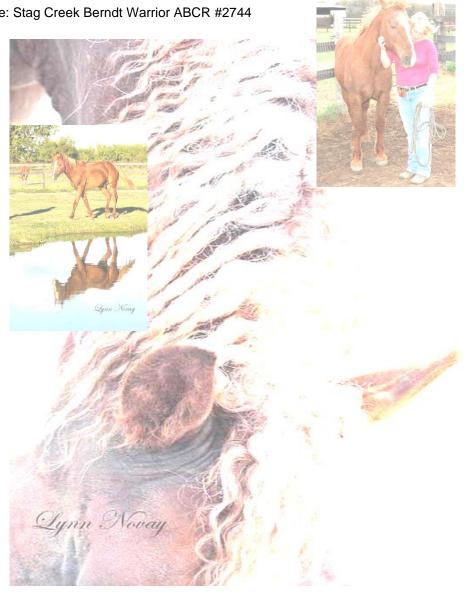
11/27/2003 - 3/9/2024 Dam: Meagan ABCR #1639

Sire: Stag Creek Berndt Warrior ABCR #2744

My time's come my dear, As it comes for us all Hug me close one last time As I lay in my stall I feel you shudder, But there's no need to cry I'll tell you the secret of why horses die I go to a pasture that's far away and above, But know that we're forever bound by our love I'll make hoof prints to heaven So you'll find your way, Wear the path smooth to keep you from wandering astray I'll carry your guardian angel nearby, With my wings wipe the tears from your soul when you cry, If you're ever alone, Or your life's hard to lead, Close your eyes and remember Me, your eternal steed Who awaits, at the gates to carry you home So the last journey you make Is not made alone On my golden hooves we'll gallop, And on silver wings fly, Yes, this is the secret

The Secret by Annamaria Tadlock

Of why horses die.





## **Paula Diez letters**

This is one of a few letters and pictures the registry received from Paula Dietz. She was researching horses for herself back in the 1960's and came across the curlies. She has donated the collection to the registry. We will publish some letters related to her in the and the following issues of the CCs. Enjoy!

Dry Creek Ranch

EUREKA, NEVADA

PHONE WORTH 2582

December 1, 1960

Paula Dietz 2347 Hyland Ave., Vertura, Calif.

Dear Madam:

I received your letter of the 13th and will try to answer your questions as accurately as possible.

First you must understand these horses have been run on the oren range for at least 60 years, that means intermingling with at least 10 other outfits, and at least 1000 head of mustangs.

In 1899 or 1900 horses were corraled at the Three Bar Ranch, they were run in from the vicinity of the Fete Hansen Mountain, in the bunch was a sorrel curly mare branded either £ ... and I am not sure whether it was on the left or right thigh or shoulder, but I think it was on the left thigh. I have not to this day been able to determine the owner of the brand. This mare was corraled several times in the following years, and some times a year or two passed when she wasn't corraled, at any rate she produced some foals that grew up and mixed with the Ace of Club horses, that is horses belonging to my father and his brothers at the Three Bar Ranch.

My father remembers this mare as being a low, chunky, well muscled mare. Nearly all the curly colts born to the Ace of Club mares were sold almost as soon as they were caught, my father and his brothers breaking a few to ride and at least two to work.

the manner in which these horses were raised and bred left a lot to be desired by a careful or selective breeder of fine horses.

The makes were turned loose, corraled possibly once or twice a year, colts branded, horses to break or sell kept in, then turned loose again to mate again with one of a dozen or so stallions, some of good Thoroughbred, Arabian or work stock some mustangs and some Curlys.

The Curly horse held little interest for my father, size being the main reason. The horse raisers at that time(1900 to 1925), in this part of the county were interested only in large horses for both riding and working, 1100 to 1900 rounds, and endeavored to raise only that kind. The curlys were usually small and for that reason



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only a few were kept for ranch work.

Of the ones kept for use on the ranch my father remembers one big well made brown gelding bought from a neighbor, this horse weighed about 1500 pounds, he broke to work easily and was sold quickly, also a bay broke both to saddle and work weighing about 1200 pounds, he also remembers a grey a sorrel and 2 blacks all good saddle horses weighing about 1000 pounds. It is evident the two working curlies had Clydesdale or Ferchon blood and they were very active horses inspite of their size.

In 1932 a very hard winter killed nearly all the mustangs and range horses that harrened to be caught on the slopes of tge Fete Hansen and Roberts Mountains, it undoubtly killed some curly horses too, at any rate the only horses known to survive in that area were a small bunch of curlys. About 1935 my father corraled a bunch of brood mares, and with them was a sorrel curly stud, a very red sorrel no white, had black feet, weighed about 1000 rounds possibly more, standing about 15 hands high. He was an Orejano, that is, no brand, probably 8 or 9 years old. He was sold almost as soon as he was caught but the mares he was with produced 4 foals, 1 bay horse which we gelded and broke to ride, 2 sorrel pinto fillies and 1 sorrel filly. It is from these 3 mares that all of our present curlys come from and that wild sorrel stud, I suppose would be called our foundation sire. The mothers of the three mares were of mixed Arabian and mustang stock, the mother of the bay gelding baving poss-ibly some Clydesdale stock. We still have the old bay curly saddle horse, in fine shape yet, with no ring bone, or still joints, but pretty white around the nose as he is about 24 yers old.

In 1938 we bred these curly fillies to a Falamino stud of thoroughbred and Arabian stock, and the union produced three very well made fillies the first year, 2 palaminos, 1 sorrel, and in the following years to 1940 others were born by the same stallion, the colors and sex I cannot remember. The stallion had no registration papers.

In 1940 my father sold his interest in the Three Bar Ranch, keepin his cattle and some horsest among them the three curly mares and some of their offspring. In 1943 we bought the Dry Creek and Ackerman Ranches some 40 miles to the south west of the Pete Hansen and Roberts mountains. This is where we now live. We bought with the ranch a big sorrel stallion "Dick Turpin" of approximately three quarter thoroughbred stock, unregistered. He originally came from Fallon "evada. This stallion was turned loose on the range with the curly stock at that time for a stud. About 1948 a gentleman working for us owned a Palimino quarter horse stud, supposedly descended from Buckskin Joe but he had no registration papers on this horse nor do I beleive he could get them, nevertheless he was a good saddle and rope horse with Quarter horse conformation. Dick Turpin was sold and theis stallion "Tony" was put with the mares,



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then numbering about 25.

There were some fine colts in this bunch, one very curly Palimino out of the quarter horse, we intended to keep for a stud.

In 1952 a very severe winter killed almost all of our mares, including our prospective curly Falimino; then about a year old.Only 3 or four head of curlys surviving, among them a sorrel 2 year old stud out of the curly bunch and the Falimino Quarter Horse. "e ran with some wild horses for 7 years before we caught and branded him. He was such an unusual horse we decided to break him to ride in spite of his age and he broke easy with very little bucking. After keeping him in for about 8 months we turned him loose with some gentle mares, not a curly one among them. The three or four curly mares left after the winter of 1952were and still are running in snother bunch of horses with am half Arab Stallion. They produce a curly once in w ahile, some only wavy and some cuite slick.

From 1957 until now we have had about 25 colts from our curly stud, of which about 15 were very curly, all of these from slick haired mares. We have had no opportunity to cross him with one of our other curly mares even though we would like to.

We do not have the pastures and fences necessary to keep the mares and stallions seperate or other proper breeding faciclities. The stallions now hold a bunch of mares on the range, adding or loosing a few, and that the right mare gets with the right stud would only be an accident.

From 1900 until now we have probably raised and sold more than 150 curly horses, the biggest rart of them going the way 98% of the other range horses, for dog feed.

Our present cully stud's name is Copper. The is now 10 years old, a deer red sorrel of the color of the hair samples, although the samples are not from him but from one of his colts out of a slick mare. (see enclosed photos.) He has hard black feet, more like a mules foot than a horse. He weighs about 950 pounds, about 15 hands high. All this from menory as he is out on the range right now have haven t seen him or his bunch for about three months. As for his bone I cannot say for we are not professional horse judges. I would say his chances of throwing a curly colt from a slick mare are better than 50% and from a mare with curly blood probably 90%, although we had had little opportunity to cross him with our other curlys.

The most paredominant color in our curlys is sorrel although they can be almost any color, the hair in the white markings is as curly as the rest. We have had several sorrel and white pintos, one palomino and white pinto, 2 golden Falominos and almost every other



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color horses come in except black and white rinto, Roans and Savina

the manes and tails are curly on most of them, and are them only parts which remain curly the year around, the rest of the body becoming slick in the summer when they shed off. The fetlocks are wavy the year around. The hair inside the ears are surly but on the outside it is short and straight like any slick haired horse. on the muzzle of the colt in the photo is wavy. This colt is exceptionally curly. Dome others we have vary considerably from slightly wavy in the winter to very curly. The wanter coat would probably average  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches on a grown horse. The typical curly of our stock has a very short mane, usually just sticking straight up like corkscrews, and a very thin tail. The gelding in the snarshot has an unusual mane for a curly, being about 5 inches long on each side of his neck. Good feed and condition being very important to the length and curliness of the hair. It is of my fathers orinion that the curlys they first caught and raised from Pete Hansen had much longer hair, some remaining curly the year

They can be used for any kind of ranch work depending on the individual horse, but they don't have the speed for competitive roying, nor do they have the endurance under a saddle of an Arabian. The one point in which they outshine all other horse, the reason they still exist in this country at all is their ability to withstand severe winters with little feed. This quality may be of dubious advantage to horse raisers of the present day, as there are probably very few individuals raising horses on the open range.

There is little doubt these horses were brought from Russia 70 to 80 years ago. About two weeks ago a gentleman from Eureka, Nevada was at the ranch and happened to see one of the curly colts. He informed me the horses came from Russia. I thought rerhaps he had read the articles in the Western Horseman, but he hadn't read the magazine and his information came from an entirely different source. His father, now deceased had been a horse raiser and rancher in the vicinity of Eureka, "evada before 1900. He knew the man who first brought the curlys to "evada and he also knew they came from Russia. I believe it was the same man who used the colon brand, but the fellow telling me no longer knew the names

The above information wp to the years 1940 was given to me by my father Feter L. Damele, all from memory. I hope it will be of some use to you. I realize that in writing a book you must have accurate names, dates and blood lines, this is something I am sorry I cannot give. There is another thing that may be of interest to you. Another gentleman ranching in the vicinity of Pete Tansen Tountain, told me recently that



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the last curly mare and last wild horse on Pete Hansen Mountain had died of old age in 1955. She was a sorrel never had a colt to his knowledge and ran alone for several years before she died.

Sincerely yours

Peter J. Damele



## **American Bashkir Curly Junior Ambassador**

#### By Melinda Martino

**Elana Oakes** has been a part of the American Bashkir Registry since she was a very young child. Her parents are Life members. Her dad, Greg Oakes is a past President and her mother, Sonja is currently the District Representative for District 8. So, we have watched Elana and her older sister Emily grow into beautiful young horsewomen.

Elana has been the American Bashkir Curly Junior Ambassador for a while, representing the ABCR at shows, parades, and other public exhibitions. She is quite an artist. She has drawn many of the images you find on our ABCR gear. She has represented us well and recently asked that we search for her replacement. She is a college gal now and needs to spread her wings.

We want to thank her for the marvelous job in representing our Registry!

Now, with all that said, we are looking for someone that is interested in our Jr. Ambassador position. It should be a young person who is not afraid to be in public showing off the curly horse. If you know of such a young person, please contact the office by email, text or phone or your district representative.





## **NEWS CORNER**

- + + NEWS FROM THE CURLY REGISTRY + +
  - + FULL CURLY REGISTRY +

4340 MYKELTIE MOGLI Congratulations Gilda Becher!



4342 CHG ENYA CHI SPA EYED Congratulations Daniela Soehnchen!



4341 CHG MAKAIO ONY SPA EYED Congratulations Daniela Soehnchen!



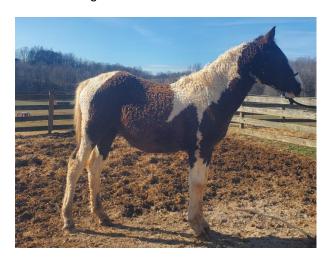
4343 HIDDEN CAVE JARO JR Congratulations Marion Huurman!





## **NEWS CORNER**

4344 HIDDEN CAVE MAIZY PEARL Congratulations Marion Huurman!



4345 FLORALAKE PATRIOT Congratulations Florence Martin!



4346 HIDDEN CAVE AMIAS Congratulations Marion Huurman!



4347 HIDDEN CAVE ASPEN Congratulations Marion Huurman!





## **NEWS CORNER**

4349 MIKA Congratulations Doerthe Mueller!





+ FULL STRAIGHT REGISTRY +

S815 CHG BENTUS BENEYED Congratulations Daniela Soehnchen!



S816 HIDDEN CAVE I'M A FIESTY SKIPPER Congratulations Marion Huurman!





## **NEWS CORNER**



+ BLOOD PERCENTAGE REGISTRY +

PB819 HIDDEN CAVE ILLUMINATED GIBBOUS Congratulations Marion Huurman!



PB820 HIDDEN CAVE ENIGMA Congratulations Marion Huurman!



PB821 HIDDEN CAVE WILLOW Congratulations Marion Huurman!





## **NEWS CORNER**

PB822 PALLAS HÀLDI Congratulations Peter & Caren Schumann!



+ OUTCROSS REGISTRY +

O97 DCR MAGIC JENNY Congratulations Marion Duehrig!



O99 CELESTIAL DREAM Congratulations Rosa Calabrese!



O100 CHG SKYWALKER WARM EYED Congratulations Daniela Soehnchen!





## **NEWS CORNER**

O101 CHG CUVÈE WARM EYED Congratulations Daniela Soehnchen!



O102 NUTELLA Congratulations Sandra Mosmann!



#### + + CONVENTION NEWS 2024 + +

There will be an Online Convention at ABCR this year. We felt that in this times economics, that would enable everyone to participate if they like without too many cost. We will post details about it soon. Hope to "see" you all!

#### + + DNA SERVICES + +

ABCR offers DNA testing for genetic diseases at special rates. We already have 245 test results noted, please help us to get more knowledge about it by testing your Curly Horse or sharing your test results, especially if you want to breed!

All offered tests that CAN BE TAKEN FROM ALREADY EXISITING DNA SAMPLES provided for parentage verification.

- Equine Disease Panel (GBED, HERDA, HYPP, MH, LWO) 85 \$
- CA/LFS panel
- HERDA
- GBED
- CA
- LFS
- HYPP

Unfortunately, UCD does not offer the PSSM1 test due to license reasons. Please use other labs for this test.

https://abcregistry.org/product/dna-genetic-disease/





## Today's FAQ

#### IS THE CURLY HORSE REALLY A BREED?

Well, this certainly depends on how you want to define the terms "Curly Horse" or "breed".

ABCR defines a breed as follows: "A breed is a specific group of domestic animals or plants having homo...geneous appearance (phenotype), homogeneous behavior, and/or other characteristics that distinguish it from other organisms of the same species and that were arrived at through selective breeding." (Wikipedia)

Based on these experiences and recommendations of the old time Curly Horse Breeders, ABCR has developed a breeding standard of the "ideal ABCR Curly Horse" that can be found here.

We encourage our breeders to breed for ALL characteristics that compose the ABCR Curly Hors such as a gentle disposition, a sound and sturdy confirmation, the hypoallergenic trait or the hard hooves.

Research is still going on to find out the genetic settings responsible for these characteristics. ABCR considers DNA typing of the Curly Horses registered with us both as a contribution to this research as well as a proof of parentage which is important for our breeders to make the best breeding decisions possible regarding the horse health and breeding standards.





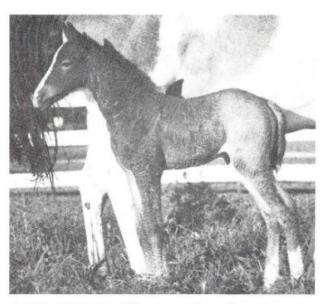
### **Miscellaneous**

#### PLACE AN AD IN THE CURLY CUES!

Do you want to sell or buy a Curly Horse, or promote your Curly Horse Farm? Place an ad in the Curly Cues! Contact <a href="mailto:caren.schumann@yahoo">caren.schumann@yahoo</a> .com for details!

#### A SNIPPET OF THE PAST (CC 10-1989)

Does this picture look familiar to you? Enjoy!



CURLY DANCER ABC-851. It's that time of year again, and foals like this adorable filly with the proud carriage and soft eyes, so typical of Curlies, will be gladdening the hearts of owners all over the country. She is owned by ABC's V. P. Jim Howard, Owensboro KY. Gorceous!!

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Owner or lessee of the dam at the time of foaling is the legal owner of the foal and therefore is RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTERING THE FOAL. A copy of the lease agreement must be sent to the ABC Registry, in order for the foal to be eligible for registration. In addition, if an individual is leasing a stallion, a copy of the lease agreement must be sent to the ABC Registry in order for the foal to be eligible for registration.

#### **OUR ABCR CURLY HORSE BREEDERS ONLINE**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QpsnNRzW1E

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuTjhEK606A (Benny Damele and Baha-Toiya as a 2 year old, taken on the ABCR convention 1986 or 1987)

#### **CURLY HORSE ADVOCATES**

Curly Horse Advocates is a tax exempt 501(c)3 organization dedicated to help preserve the Curly horse, and help their owners. It will offer financial help with

- adoptions
- rescues and
- emergency relocations.

It also wants to support

- scholarships and
- scientific research about the Curly Horse, and their genetic components.

Contact Curly Horse Advocates via Web: <a href="https://curlyhorseadvocates.org/">https://curlyhorseadvocates.org/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:curlyhorseadvocates@gmail.com">curlyhorseadvocates@gmail.com</a>

All donations are tax deductible.



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