



# CURLY CUES

## President's Message

Fellow Curly Members,

Once again, the show season is upon us. Many of our members are busy attending to their Curlies, whether it be grooming coats and manes or training under saddle for that local open show. There we can mingle with other breeds to show off our Curly horse. The anticipation of entering the ring with your horse is exciting and nerve racking at the same time. Now you will know how much all that time you put in will pay off in manners and movement that will impress the judge. I can remember going to Curly shows in the Midwest and meeting Curly Breeders and Members of the Registry. Some of those people are still talked about in the ABC Convention meetings with reverence and awe.

Please consider attending our Convention Call this fall. We will have information posted on the website that includes time and date, agenda to be discussed, and possibly voting on Rules and Regulation changes. Without membership we are lacking in our goals for the future. Increased participation is always hard to come by and falls to a certain few who always manage to step up and complete the task at hand. My hat goes off to these special Curly members and would hope that the newest members and breeders consider lending a helping hand to the Board who are the backbone of this Registry. Without this Registry the records of early Curlies would be lost and forgotten. With this Registry the DNA of these early Curlies has been recorded and used to help others find the ancestry of their Curly horses. Hopefully this Registry will be here for Future Curly owners and breeders.

Here at High Desert Equine Center our foals for 2025 arrived without a hitch! Our Curly Missouri Foxtrotter, a Black Curly Mare with a Crème gene, delivered a beautiful Buckskin filly we named Celeste. She is by our celebrated Curly Missouri Foxtrotter Stallion, Maximum's Pride. We got news that one of our Stag Creek mares, Owl-y Moon who went to Kentucky bred to Stag Creek Solen, foaled a beautiful black tobiano Curly Colt!! The overjoyed owner thanked us profusely for selling her such a wonderful mare!! It is always nice to hear from new Curly owners about the horses we sold to them and how well they are getting along. I will post pictures in this issue of our new foals, If you wish to have any of your horses posted in the Curly Cues please send them to the editor at jo\_curlies@hotmail.com .

Curly Wishes,

Joan Olson ABC President

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## CURLY HORSE SPOTLIGHT

### Elana Oakes on Sparky for Canada Day







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**MIDWEST HORSE FAIR**      Curly Horses represented by **CHICORY FOX**, Buckskin, owner/rider Kristle Kamailo. **ERIK THE RED**, Bay, owner/rider Michelle Fobert. **ROMULUS**, Grey, owner/Laura Vogel-Schwartz, Riley Rockford/Rider.

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## NEW REGISTRATIONS

### Full Book

**ABC#4360   Floralake  
Bold Beauty   owned  
By Florence Martin  
Wellesley, ON Canada**

**ABC#4361**

**Floralake Daybreak**

**Owned by Florence Martin  
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**Owned by Jeanette**  
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## **CURLY FOALS 2025**

### **HD Pride's Celeste June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Buckskin Curly Foxtrotter Filly out of Stormy Princess MFT#15-102788,  
a Smokey Black Curly Mare, by**

**Pride's Maximum, Red Roan Curly Stallion. ABC# 3650 MFT#06-90273**







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## HISTORICAL CURLY PICTURES



Typical Rose Parade Rider --DAYLE JOHNSON of Ely NV on PETER PAINT ABC-226, black & white Curly Pinto Stallion (now owned by the McNultys of Ocean Springs MO) Dayle is a teacher, ABC life member/breeder and ABC Director, and has ridden in a number of Rose Parades.



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## Curly Foals 2025

### HD Solen's Khaleesi "Khalee" June 13

**Perlino Curly Filly out of our Curly Smokey Black Mare,  
Stag Creek Mastincala Wacipi, ABC#4196, "Charlotte" by  
Stag Creek Solen, "Sully", a Buckskin Tobiano, ABC#4075.**







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### MY HAT'S OFF TO SANDY AND SPARTNIK By Sue Kolstad

I take my hat off to a dedicated lady who had an inspiration and is making her dream come true. A lady 20 years ahead of her time; her efforts will live on past her and her mark will be remembered. Sandy Hendrickson decided 12 years ago to breed a horse that had the athleticism to be a great sport horse; a dependable mind with good character and she covered it with curls.

I am a dressage trainer. I have my USDF bronze, silver and gold medals. I compete at the Grand Prix level and I make my living training horses and riders to compete in dressage. I also have a strong background in driving and jumping. I met Sandy through her horse Spartnik. My first recollection of him was at a clinic that Dr. Max Gahwyler was teaching in Indiana on judging gaits and suitability for dressage. Spartnik beat the local warmbloods based on his gaits, which caused some hair ruffling with the local breeders – they couldn't see the good horse past the curls. I remember being a little tickled inside even though I had no interest in him and didn't know Sandy at the time.

Over the next 3 years I couldn't help but notice Sandy's three Curlys, Sparlock, Sparticus and Spartnik because they were at the show doing very well and they were good horses. Sandy sold the stallions Sparlock and Sparticus and kept Spartnik.

I got involved when I started giving lessons to the girl riding Spartnik. Soon, he ended up in my hands and I finished the show season with him securing a placing in USDF Horse of the Year and winning a state championship at second and third levels. The next season, one of my students leased him and history repeated itself. Over the course of the last three years, I have had three more different students lease and show him, all of them winning championships at regional, state and USDF, as well as myself. Spartnik has more than six different championships with six different riders. I don't know of another horse you can say that about.

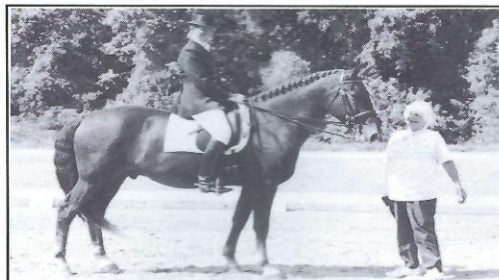
Spartnik and his brothers and sisters are living testimony that Sandy is breeding a sport horse suitable in the dressage world. I have worked with and helped to sell several of her Curlys and their wonderful characteristics continue to amaze me as well as the people I am coming into contact with by promoting Spartnik. I travel to Europe regularly and import warmbloods from Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Germany for customers in the U.

S. I train with several international coaches both from Europe and the U.S. Every one of them has been delighted by Spartnik and amazed and impressed by his good qualities; mostly temperament, which comes with the Curly gene.

I am wintering in Florida and have brought Spartnik with me. We body clipped him but left the curls on his legs and ears. He has created a sensation! Everyone wants one! When I told a local trainer about Sandy and her program, her comment was, "What a smart thing; to breed a horse with both temperament and gaits so average people can ride them successfully!"

Soon, there will be a much bigger demand than there is a supply for Sandy Hendrickson and her Curly sport horses; and it'll be no surprise; the true test of anything is does it work? Her horses are proving that it does. I am looking forward to the successes of her hard efforts coming back to her and I'm proud to be a part of it.

Thought you would like to know that Sandy has now re-acquired Sparlock and he is standing at stud again at Greycourt Farm in Indiana.



GCF SPARTNIK ABC 787  
OWNER: SANDRA HENDRICKSON  
RIDER: SUE KOLSTAD

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PAGE 26 FOR  
"BEHIND THE SCENES"  
OF THE  
2000 ROSE PARADE.**





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### Meet a Breeder

#### NORM DILLS

By Marni Malet

*Note: This is from the ABC website [www.abcregistry.org](http://www.abcregistry.org)*

Norm Dills.....Nevada rancher, mustanger, and breeder of Curly horses. Norm, who celebrated his 84th birthday on August 07, 2004, is still actively breeding horses at his N-D Curly Ranch in Winnemucca, Nevada.

Norm's introduction to Curlies was an accidental encounter in the wild. As a mustanger, Norm periodically rounded up wild herds, culled the old and sickly, and released the others back into the wild. On one such excursion, he and his partner captured a young curly haired stud. Assuming the curls were an indication of illness, they included the stud with the others being culled. Norm didn't give it any more thought. A few months later, his partner showed him a copy of *Western Horseman*. There was an article about Curly horses, and a picture of the very stud they had captured! It seems that someone had purchased him, and he now had a price tag of \$2000!

At that time Norm, was raising Quarter Horses. His band of broodmares ran on open range, with his Quarter Horse stud, King Bob. Norm, concerned about the old stud's health, asked the BLM agent to keep an eye out for him. Norm's concern was validated when the BLM agent reported finding him down and having to shoot him.

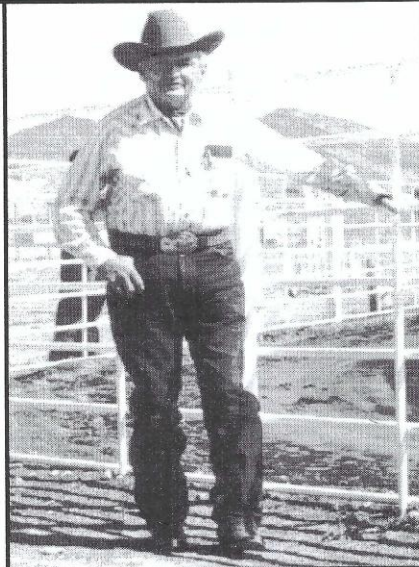
Norm's Quarter Horse foals were in high demand, but he wasn't sure if King Bob had covered all the mares before he died. There was always the possibility that another stud had taken control of the herd. The following spring told the story—two of the mares dropped curly coated foals. One of his best customers, hearing about Norm's crop of Curlies, told him about Sunny Martin and her interest in the Curly horses. Norm went home and gave her a call.

That was the beginning of Norm's Curly herd. Sunny and Benny Damele's enthusiasm for the breed was infectious. Norm and Benny became close friends, and Norm helped Benny round up his weanlings every fall for the annual Curly sale at Dry Creek Ranch.

Norm was active in the ABCR and served as it's fifth president, from 1983 to 1989. Norm laughingly remembers spending a lot of time in Carson City trying to settle lawsuits filed against the registry as a result of Sunny's "discretion" when registering horses.

Norm was good friends with the Hollywood movie star Monty Montana. Using that connection, and Sunny's two-year letter-writing campaign, they were able to get a spot for the ABCR Curly horses in the Pasadena Rose Parade. Norm rode in the Rose Parade for eleven years, always mounted on his stud Curly Clown, ABC-145.

Norm remembers Curly Clown as one of those special horses that comes along once in a lifetime. "He was the one that I really bonded with. I could chase cattle 9 days straight, 50 to 60 miles a day, on that stud. Other cowboys, riding Quarter Horses, would change horses about every other day. Their horses would come in with their heads draggin', but not Curly Clown. He'd come in with his head up and ears perked. I used to haul him in the back of my pickup truck—I



didn't even bother putting racks on it! I could load Curly Clown into anything."

When the registry decided to look into genetic research, Norm mentioned the project to his son-in-law, Mike, an instructor at the University of California Davis who worked with Dr. Ann Bowling. Dr. Bowling expressed interest in taking on the project and called Sunny Martin. Unfortunately, Dr. Bowling passed away before completing the research, but others at Davis are continuing with her work.

Norm found, as did the other early Curly breeders, that they had to crossbreed to prevent inbreeding. Norm chose to cross with Appaloosas, as he felt the two breeds are related. He crossed his Curlies with the Top Quest Appys, known for producing top reining horses. He claims that crossing a Curly with an Appy will always produce curl. Since he was an employee of BLM, he had first dibs on the horses that were brought in. At one time, he had 42 mares and 10 studs.

In an effort to allow himself more leisure time, Norm has downsized his Curly herd to three broodmares and five studs, though he admits he doesn't need five studs to cover three mares and says he will probably cut some of the boys. Norm might want to slow down a bit, but I don't see him ever leaving the world of Curlies.

ABCR has been privileged to enjoy the leadership, support, and friendship that Norm has offered over the years.





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## ABCR CURLY HORSE BREED STANDARDS

### Body Conformation

- A medium size head with well-defined jaw and throatlatch
- Wide set eyes with eyelashes that curl up
- Ears that are short to medium in length with curls inside (ear hair does not totally shed out in the summer)
- A medium length neck, deep at the base of the neck where it joins the base of the shoulder
- Noticeably short back, deep through the girth
- An appearance of a long under line and the belly cut high in the flank
- Heavy boned legs and short cannon bone as compared to the forearm
- Medium withers and a flat croup with a shallow slope to the base of the tail

### Curly Characteristics

Body (Fine, soft hair)

- Ringlet (can be several inches long)
- Marcel Wave (deep soft wave in the body coat)
- Crushed Velvet (soft dense pile of curls in body coat)

### Mane (Extra fine hair)

- Kinky –preferable
- Wavy
- Should shed all or partial in the summer
- Split mane (hangs on both sides of neck)



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## **Tail**

- Ringlets
- Wavy
- Should shed partial at the head of the tail in the summer of some horses may shed tail completely

## **Fetlocks**

- Curly –preferable
- Wavy
- Should shed in summer but still retain some long hairs

## **Hooves**

- Almost perfectly round in shape
- Very hard and dense
- Proportioned to the size of the horse

## **Size and Weight**

- Average-15 hands
- Average weight-800 to 1000 pounds

## **Unique Characteristics**

- Curly coat can be hypoallergenic (the horsehair is round instead of flat and testing has shown the hair is closely related to mohair)
- Noticeably short, strong back
- Even-tempered disposition
- Quick pulse and respiration recovery
- Very dense bone in the legs





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## ABCR CURLY HORSE DATABASE

### “FREE TO ABCR MEMBERS”

ABCR provides a fully linked ABCR Curly Horse Studbook ONLINE with more than 8,100 entries and 2,950 pictures including all ABCR horses. These are the features of this database:

1. Fully linked PEDIGREES WITH PICTURES
2. SIBLINGS VIEW: Find full and half siblings of a given ABCR animal at-a-glance
3. OFFSPRING VIEW
4. VERTICAL PEDIGREES: Vertical pedigrees list full siblings of each horse in the pedigree at-a-glance, which as a group represent various combinations of their parents' genes, and are good indicators of the range of possibilities that are likely to be passed on. Using vertical pedigree analysis gives breeders interesting insights e.g. about confirmation or the extreme characteristics that cannot be tracked in a direct manner.
5. REVERSE PEDIGREES: Reverse pedigrees show offspring of the offspring of a given animal.
6. TRIAL MATING: Try out mating's between ABCR horses and look how the confirmation or other characteristics would match.
7. Additional information such as COEFFICIENT OF INBREEDING (COI) and PEDIGREE QUALITY
8. Indication of DNA AVAILABILITY and EXTREME CHARACTERISTICS
9. NAME GENERATOR: Generator for horse names based on more than 40 years of ABCR Curly Horse names-always new and fancy combinations, fun guaranteed!
10. ADDITIONAL FEATURES: Advanced Search, Fully scalable between 3 and 8 generations, same ancestors highlighted, enlargeable pictures



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