



# ICHO GAZETTE

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**FALL NOVEMBER 2010**

Eureka Nevada will remain a unique memory and a big pull on the heartstrings for the attendees of the 10th annual ICHO convention held there in late Sept of this year. What a privilege to be able to enjoy the ambiance of the restored Eureka Opera House as our base. Its picture lined walls brought glimpses of the many celebrities and events presented during its earlier years. Beautiful early fall days and crisp evenings contributed to our explorations of Antelope Valley in search of the wild mustangs-and yes-we saw them. Also a local resident led our group on a 5:30 am trip just 15 min. from Eureka to enjoy other small bands of the elusive mustang as well as antelope and deer. What glowing satisfied faces returned that morning just in time to attend our Annual meeting.

It all seemed so easy three months ago when I agreed to put on the Eureka convention this year . I had done it seven years prior and it had turned out well. And It did turn out well--not just well but spectacularly!! In spite of the many dilemmas of getting speakers, caterers that could not serve less than 30, restaurants that just did not get the message clear or did not return phone calls-- or were closed down for 3 weeks, or spoke in a foreign language-or i got the wrong number- and on the day of serving told our musician they did not know we had reserved the room for our meeting. The day before I left i got three phone calls about our BLM speaker who had impressed us so much 7 yrs ago and who really was in such a good relationship with our group of curly mustang inspired members. The first call was from her boss that she had had so much equipment failure that she could not come-, the second that she had overcome the problems and would be there and the next that she had to go on another gather. Shawna Richardson, who was to be our breakfast speaker and leader in search of the mustangs in Antelope Valley as well as talk to us about the

## 2010 ICHO Eureka Convention



Sandy Hendrickson, Julie Hueftle, Tom Damele, and Connie Rejas just after presenting Tom with the Lifetime membership award and his ICHO t-shirt with the Eureka Opera House on the front.

proposed plans for a curly viewing area for the curly mustangs in that area did not come.

Dale Woolley, the author of *THE DAMELES AND THE AMERICAN CURLY HORSE*, who had driven 3 days from Michigan to participate in the activities and give his own account of living at the Damele Ranch in a small primitive hut for a summer to gain knowledge of the family and horse activity arrived very ill. He spent the next four days at clinic appointments and on strong medication.

But a helper of the highest order appeared early in the formation of this. Connie Hicks who grew up in Eureka and is a history buff of Eureka and surrounding vicinities as well as an avid researcher who spent much time in helping Dale get the facts pertaining to Curlies and the Dameles as well as Tom Dixon, the Eureka transplant, who had imported Curly Horses from the Kyber Pass Region in the late 1800's. Connie had been an enthusiastic helper at the previous convention as well as a curly horse enthusiast. She supplied me with phone num

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*A reminder that the Winter Gazette will be our*

*2011 ICHO Stallion Issue.  
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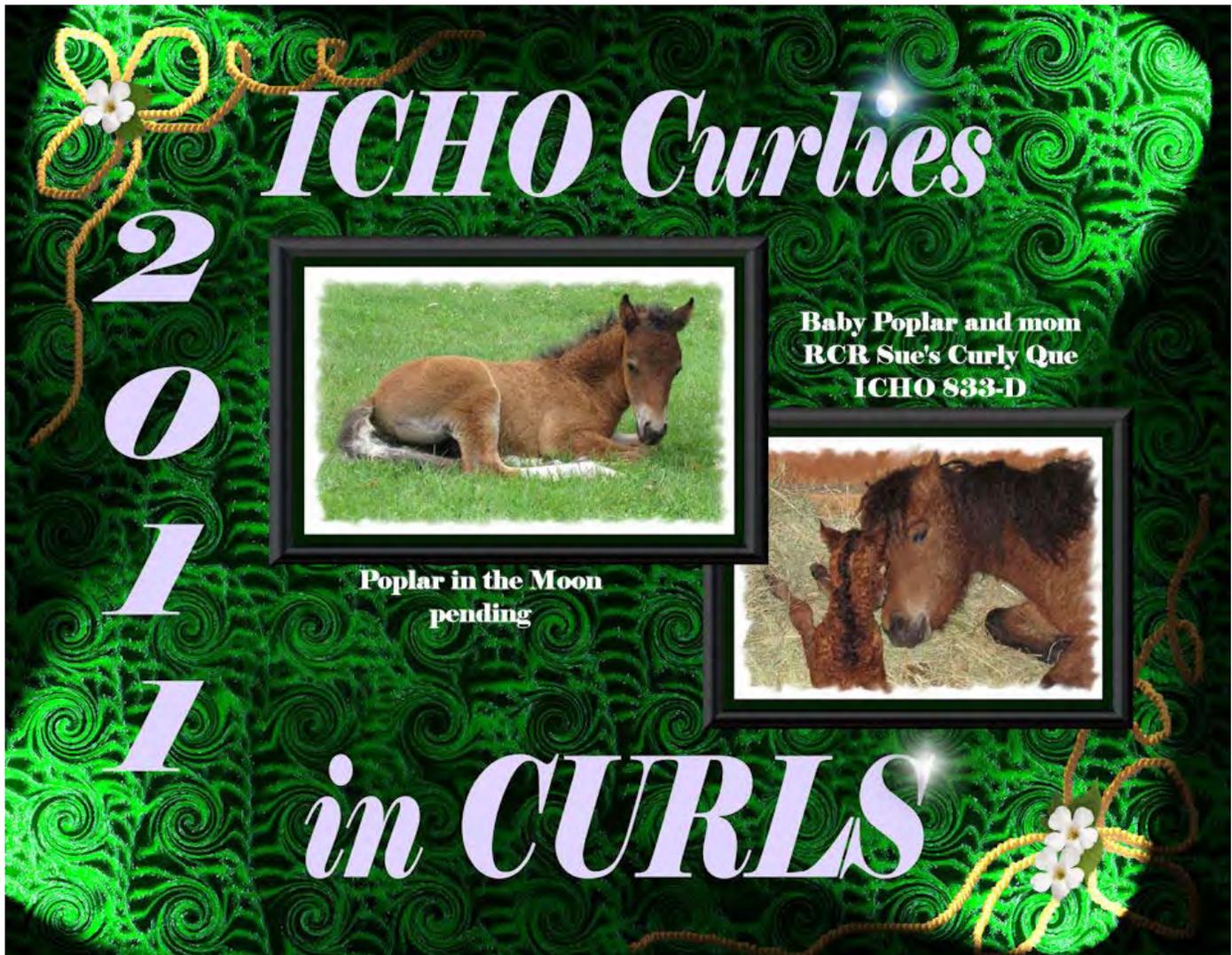
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**2011 Calendar and the Calendar Cover winners!**

Congratulations to Jenn Scharf and her pony photos of Poplar in the Moon and dam RCR Sue's Curly Que for coming in tied for first place!

They are on the calendar cover for 2011.

Thanks to everyone who submitted photos and voted for the cover winner.

The 2011 ICHO Curlies in Curls Calendar is now for sale on Cafe Press at - <http://www.cafepress.com/icho>

Also check out the links on the web page at the top to the calendar month stores.

Each month is featured in it's own store! These make great gifts too!!

Thanks to all for making the 2011 Calendar a big success.

*Bunny Reveglia*

\*Note~ 2012 Calendar month spots will be available in Jan. 2011.

Email Sheryl at [cozynookcurlys@gmail.com](mailto:cozynookcurlys@gmail.com) to reserve your month spot for 2012! Cost is \$25.00 for a month calendar spot.

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## ICHO Research News~

It was brought to our attention by Diane Mitchell, that while she was talking to Gus Cothran, a new gene mapping technique may help locate the markers or gene/s involved in the Curly horse trait, the curly coat. But time was limited to get the study underway as the company making the chip disks was discontinuing them in Sept. The cost of mapping the Curlies was found out to be \$5000.00. The chip disk used, also had to be full for the study to be locked in. One half of the chip would be for Curlies and the other half of the chip would be for DSLD horses gene mapping. A fast scramble to secure funds for both studies on the one disk was done. Since donation funds for the Curlies was difficult to raise by Curly members alone in the small time frame we had, the ICHO board approved the use of ICHO research funds for the full \$5000.00 amount needed for the Curly gene mapping. We did not want to see this opportunity slip away since time was of the essence to lock it in. [Gus Cothran has also done genetic research on the Curlies for ICHO in the past, but had not found a curly hair gene in the areas of genetic markers for hair curl traits.]

The DSLD-equine list members (1000+), through a fast & furious fundraiser, came up with the money portion needed for the DSLD horses gene mapping. Once the funds were secured for both the Curlies & DSLD horses, it was a go for the new gene mapping study! Funds were sent immediately to Dr Gus Cothran at TX A&M so he could get the study underway in Sept 2010.

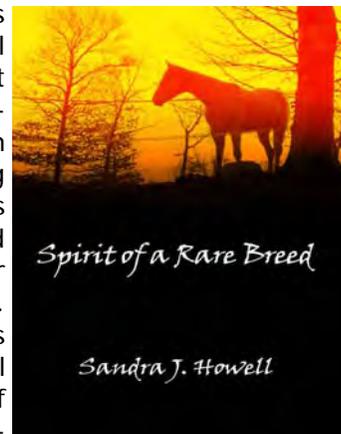
This type of gene mapping is what is used to look for mutations in both medical and animal research. This same technique found the mutated gene responsible for Lavender Foal Syndrome in Arabians for

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I had the pleasure of reading Sandra Howell's book, "*Spirit of a Rare Breed*". It is a delightful book that weaves together an interesting story that is intermingled with our curly horses. Sandra has a wonderful way of painting pictures with her words. I found the book to be very enjoyable and positive. Having curly horses as a central theme added to the appeal of this book.

We can all identify with the experiences of Sam, the main character in the story, along with the supporting cast of both human and animals. I can't think of a better Christmas or birthday gift for a curly owner or animal lover this season. You can buy the book online at [westridgefarmpublishing.com](http://westridgefarmpublishing.com).

*Janice Voss-Crosby*



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# Three Feathers Native Curly Horses is proud to present our first horses offered for sale!!

Lazy C Kurlee Katee is a 9 yr old black full curly broke gaited mare. She stands 15hh, has a crushed velvet coat and keeps her mane & tail. She is very sensitive and willing and easy to train. She is also a proven broodmare and the mother of our herd stallion, Nagi. \$6,000



TEN Lila Ecani is a 3 1/2 yr old tri-colored full curly mare. She should mature to 15hh, currently at 14.3. Ground training in progress and will be ready to train to ride in the spring. Softest hair I have ever felt on any horse! Very sweet "in your pocket" temperament. Great western pleasure, trail riding and broodmare prospect! Had previous offer on her from Germany but she wasn't for sale at the time! \$4,500

TEN Wahca Zi is a 6mo old full curly filly. Exceptional conformation and strong build. Should nature to 15hh or taller. Gorgeous dark golden buckskin color with very pronounced dunn markings- dorsal stripe, leg bars, double shoulder shadows, etc. Unique, wide white blaze. Will be even more eye-catching than her dam! Very soft, smooth/minimal coat. Great western pleasure, trail & broodmare prospect! Very sweet temperament. \$3,500



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Mitch Wilkinson and Connie Rejas in front of the little building that Dale Woolley stayed in as he studied the Damele family and ways of cowboy living.

bers of the necessary board contacts, caterers, restaurants and musicians. ICHO has her to thank for giving us the information that money had been allocated by a philanthropist and was available to convention givers who were using the town facilities. Carrie Eddy Dubray, another Eureka resident, kindly approached the town board and obtained a total of \$5000.00 dollars for us. Thanks



Jeff and Mary Pelkey, and Tom Hendrickson listening intently at the AGM.

so much to this former resident of the Damele Ranch where she spent her teenage and college years as her father and brother helped Benny run the Dry Creek facilities. Also our thanks to the members of the Eureka Recreation board for their generosity to our small non-profit organization. This will be well used for our future curly research and monetary needs.

Friday mornings meeting proceeded after our disappointing news that our president, Terry Schmidt, would not be there and had to cancel his plane ticket due to personal problems. We all introduced ourselves and discussed each of our interests and activities. So nice to meet our delightful newest member, Connie Rejas, and she shared her considerable horse knowledge and mustang interests. Returnees from the previous Eureka convention seven years prior included another mustang stalwart, Julie Hueftle, who has spent many years honoring and



Below right to left Connie Hicks of Eureka, Dale Woolley of Michigan, and far left Joanie Henning of MI. Joanie and Dale were delighted to find they were only a little over an hour apart in MI.

owning curly mustangs and her dreams of having a much larger viewing area for the remaining wild curlies. Marge Murdock brought her delightful husband Ed this time. She had attended 7 yrs prior but brought a very fun lady friend at that meeting.



Edward Murdock

Thanks much for bringing Ed this time as well as your young stallion "Red" to involve all of us in the unique experience of watching an inspection by the very capable gaited judge Mary Donald who did such a great job in interpreting gaits and conformation to our group. How much we all gained from Mary's patient explanations.

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### NEW ICHO OFFICE MANAGER

*Bunny Reveglia, the ICHO financial clerk, has agreed to become the new acting ICHO Office Manager. Accordingly, effective May 1, 2010, the new address for the ICHO Office is:*

**ICHO Office  
C/O Bunny Reveglia  
HC 31 Box 102A  
Williamsburg, NM 87942**

*Please send  
all membership applications/renewals,  
all new registrations,  
and all transfer papers  
to Bunny at the above address.*

*To reach Bunny be telephone:  
please call (575) 740-4159*

*You can also reach Bunny by e-mail sent to:  
office@curlyhorses.org  
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clerk@curlyhorses.org*

# NACHR NEWS~

It has been a very busy year for registrations and transfers for ICHO/NACHR. From May 2010 to Sept 2010 we have seen 150 registrations and transfers come through the office. So if you have been wondering why the delay in processing your paperwork, that is why ☺ Jackie has been very very busy this year and is working through the backlog as quickly as possible. We thank you all for using ICHO and hope once the backlog is caught up everything will move smoothly in the future. Right now we have several months wait for paperwork. We thank you for your patience!

Something else Jackie and I, Bunny, are working toward is an end to incomplete paperwork coming into the office. If paperwork is received incomplete, it sits around and goes no where except into an incomplete file. We would like to end that ☺ Discussion is also underway in limiting the time for members to send needed info or fees to complete any paperwork that was sent incomplete. So that means a deadline will be implemented. Any incomplete paperwork will then go in a dead file and not be processed. So the best way to remedy this is always send everything that is needed to process your registrations and transfers before you mail it to the office. If something is missing, send it as soon as you get a request form the office or the registrar. This helps us work more efficiently for you.

## Here are some common mistakes to look for:

1. Writing is not legible.
2. Date of Birth missing.
3. Your ICHO number missing.
4. Payment is missing.
5. Signatures are missing.
6. Missing Photo view, be sure all 4 views are sent.
7. Hair sample is missing.
8. Email address missing or unreadable
9. If a horses name has a prefix, it **MUST** be included, because the breeder prefix is part of the registered name.

Be sure to double check all these common mistakes before mailing. Thanks!

Here is a quick guide to help you cover all the bases for processing your paperwork. It keeps everything moving smoothly for us and for you! Thanks for your help!

## QUICK GUIDE~ FOR REGISTRATIONS and TRANSFERS

### REGISTRATIONS:

1. **FULLY Completed Registration form** (2 pgs). Use latest form. Include copies of other registry certificates your horse is registered in (required).
2. **HAIR sample and Hair sample form** – USE the correct form, Hair Sample NO DNA form OR Hair Sample DNA form. There is a fee for DNA testing.
3. If your horse is already parentage DNA tested, send a copy of DNA test results instead of a hair sample.
4. **FOUR Clear View PHOTOS**- Front, Rear and Right & Left Sides. **Photos must be on photo paper.** Do not cut off feet or head or ears, horse must stand square, a leg in each corner & all feet on the ground with head up. Show all markings. All You may email the certificate photo only, and it must be printed on photo paper as well. Photos must be printed on photo paper and sent with the registration form. We do not accept emailed photos of all views, they must be printed for our files.
5. **Correct FEES Included**- Use current fees schedule for current fees. Use the ICHO Store for easy purchases & Check Out. For *Overseas*- use PayPal or International Money Orders in US dollars. (Do not send forms without fees, if paying with Paypal, send payment right before you mail the forms) Checks and Money Orders must be made out to **ICHO**. **Do Not make out to NACHR, our banks are under ICHO and checks & money orders must be made out to ICHO.**
6. **Optional- ICHO Research Survey**
7. **Pedigree Area Filled Out** - Registration forms must have the pedigree area filled out including horses name, prefix, registration numbers and color. This is so the registrar can find them in our database. This saves time in processing paperwork.

### TRANSFERS:

1. **FULLY completed Transfer Form.** Use latest form. Must include sellers signature and new owners info.
2. **Original ICHO/NACHR registration certificate.** \*Note~ You can only transfer a horse if, you are listed as the *cur-*

*rent owner on registration certificate or the owner has signed the transfer form and given you the original certificate.*  
**DO NOT WRITE ON BACK OF REG Certificate PAPERS, this is for Registrar recording only.**

- 3. Correct Fees Included.** Use the ICHO Store for easy purchase & Check Out. *Overseas-* use PayPal or International Money Orders in US dollars. Checks and Money Orders must be made out to **ICHO**.
- 4. Send paperwork and payment to:**

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It's that easy!

**Contact Bunny at the office~ [office@curlyhorses.org](mailto:office@curlyhorses.org) or Jackie at [registrar@curlyhorses.org](mailto:registrar@curlyhorses.org) Thank You!**

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instance. It also makes it possible to find these mutations faster through use of very sophisticated software in scanning the genome once it is mapped. Having the genome of the horse completed also helps speed up the results.

This is very exciting research for both the Curlies and the DSLD horses. It could find that elusive cause of the Curlies curly coat :) No promises, but a real possibility. It could also find the mutant gene causing DSLD. A huge thanks to all who helped make this happen in such a short time frame!

If you would like to help in fundraising to replenish the ICHO research funds, please give a donation through the ICHO Store- <http://curlyhorses.org> Click on the store, then donations link once in the store and just make a note Gene Mapping Research donation. Your help is greatly appreciated and every donation is tax deductible. Just keep a copy of your payment thru the store. Thank you so much!

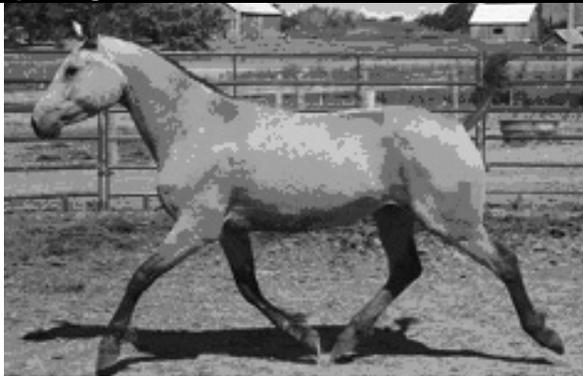
*Bunny Reveglia*

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## ICHO Membership Application

### I. ICHO Mission:

*Our mission is to Preserve, Protect, Promote, Register, and Research the Curly Horse and its unique characteristics. We are, and will remain, a democratic, membership-run organization, working hard for you and your Curly Horse.*

### III. Ethics Pledge:

The International Curly Horse Organization, its officers, members and affiliates pledge ourselves to high standards of integrity, good sportsmanship, good will and ethical conduct in representing the unique Curly Horse. We will hold ourselves accountable to these standards and to the purposes as stated in our official Handbook. We will conduct ourselves with honesty, dignity and fairness with the continuing conviction that the ICHO will always be run for the benefit of its members and to promote the Curly Horse.

### IV. Member Information: please type or print clearly (\*required):

Your Contact info WILL be published on ICHO website, Gazette, etc., unless you indicate **DO NOT PUBLISH** OR fill in **PUBLISH AS** info.

**Send this form and payment to the ICHO office or fill out the member form online- <http://curlyhorses.org>**

**You can also check out through the ICHO store, also found on the ICHO webpage on the right hand side.**

**If you pay by Oct first, you get the rest of 2010 plus all of 2011 membership. It's the best deal!**

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<i>As a member(s) of the International Curly Horse Organization, I/we agree to abide by the above Ethics Pledge and to conform to the Rules and Bylaws of the ICHO / NACHR as contained in the Official ICHO Handbook, and enclose the membership fee(s) as noted below.</i>	
*Signature of Voting Member: X	*Date:

### V. Membership Fees:

Membership yr is from Jan 1 - Dec 31. Memberships received Oct 1<sup>st</sup> or later include the following calendar year. Individual and Lifetime Memberships receive one vote. Family Membership allows for 2 voting adults, unlimited jrs. Lifetime Memberships are available to individuals, couples or farms, including jr memberships.

I would like to donate to Research: \$	I would like to donate to (specify fund) : \$
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\$65 - Family Membership (2 adults, unlimited jr.s in one household)	\$300 - ICHO Lifetime Membership
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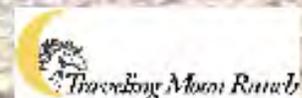
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# Thor, the Orphan Curly Mustang from Salt Wells, Wyoming

By  
Jan Middleton

It's been a little over three months ago now since we received the unexpected call from the BLM asking if we would like to adopt a week old orphan described initially as "just a little brown stud colt". "Not now" was our first thought since we were in the process of reducing our herd so we could travel south for the winters. But after some thought we wondered "who will care for him if we don't?" And so we agreed to take him. Imagine our delight when he turned out to be a gorgeous curly! I had been on a list for years at the Rock Springs, Wyoming facility to receive a call should a curly mustang come available and never did get that call. When the BLM rep called me about the orphan, she didn't know he was a curly as she hadn't seen him yet (he was at the local vet's office). But I was also on their orphan adopters list, so it must have been God's mysterious way of fulfilling our desires when we least expect it!



Upon accepting the BLM's offer, I immediately got on the internet and started "studying" orphan foal care. And before I set out for the three hour drive to pick him up, I gave my husband instructions to



find a dairy goat in milk nearby. So on an unusually cold and stormy June 12<sup>th</sup> I picked up our orphan and our goat. Thor, as he came to be known (God of Thunder) and Millie (the Nubian goat) began their journey as "mother" and "son". They bonded quickly and he soon figured out where the milk in the bucket was coming from and to our delight started nursing from Millie so we no longer had to milk her. We built a stand to make it easier for him to nurse and to secure her long enough to "milk her out" twice a day. But throughout the day he always nursed if she stopped moving for even a moment! He would even nurse if she laid down exposing a teat. But, he was a hungry growing boy and she could only provide two quarts a day. So we mixed up two quarts of formula every four hours in addition to the

goat's milk for the first three weeks. About every three weeks we would reduce the number of feedings per day by one and he currently receives two quarts at 8 am and again at 8 pm. No matter how far out in the pasture he is he knows what my whistle means and he will whinny in return and come on a lope to receive his milk.

The dairy goat was our best decision. She was a gentle, patient, soul who not only provided constant companionship and a little rich milk, but she taught him to eat EVERYTHING right from the start. He was eating grain mixes, alfalfa hay, foal starter pellets, weeds, trees and grass and every type of fruit and vegetable we threw in the corral right along side of his goat. She played with him in the evenings and he tried to imitate whatever she did. He would rear up on his hind legs at her, try to jump up on the goat stand and even tried to climb in the old bathtub with her. With their corral only yards from our porch, they were a constant form of entertainment! And we were only a little concerned that he might grow up thinking he was a goat. We almost changed his name to "Billy the Kid".



## Thor, Vic and Friends



On day one we taught him to accept touch all over his body, then later to lead, trailer load, pick up his feet, give to pressure, and enjoy or tolerate new things by putting every manner of noisy, bright and unusual but safe objects in his playground. He would often sleep on top of a blue tarp and have to stand on a noisy feed bag to eat or drink. We had plastic bags waving in the wind tied all over the place. He had cows and horses on the other side of his fence, our large playful dog that constantly ran around him and under him and a goat for a "mommy". I think he will be the best minded trail horse you can imagine as a result.

My internet study resulted in my only mixing 10% milk powder to 90% water and I fed

smaller meals more frequently including through the night. I added oil to the milk to help with constipation (since he was eating things his body wasn't quite prepared to digest yet) and itchy skin. I have kept him on milk in spite of his eating other solids well past the formula recommendations. Since most foals on their mothers aren't weaned until four to six months I intend to keep him on formula until after four months. I ensured he had plenty of room to safely run and graze from day one, and he was promptly disciplined

with a strong shove to his chest or hind-quarters from my leg if he got in my space or pinned his ears. And for the first two weeks he was always trying to kick me! But he has now learned not to turn his hind quarters towards you. Before I sold his goat mommy I turned him out during the day with a very mellow two year old filly for about two weeks. So when his goat mommy was sold, he hardly even missed her. Although he enjoys the fillies company, we can remove him from her presence with no signs of anxiety. We started rasping his hooves at just a couple weeks old and we do that every couple weeks. And we never miss an opportunity to rub him all over if he's lying down,

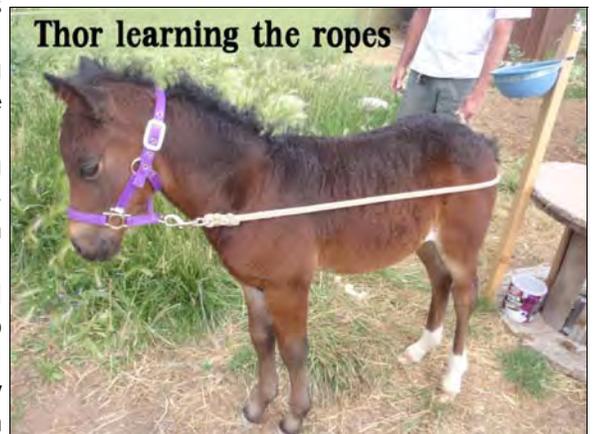
## Thor and Vic Halter Training

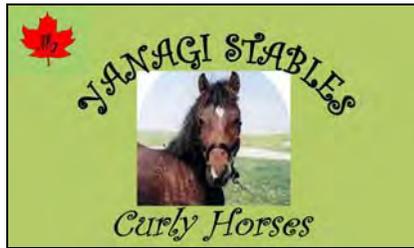


## Thor and new "mom" QH Filly

He is starting to shed his baby coat and underneath his blood bay coloring is a very dark, almost black coat. I can't wait to see the winter curls and what the spring yearling color might be. We feel very fortunate to have him. He is very sweet and quiet natured, a quick and willing student, and you couldn't ask for a better looking foal with nice conformation, straight legs, uniform markings and a pretty head. He even has a very smooth looking lateral walk and "western pleasure" looking lope. Everyone who sees him is amazed he's a mustang. All summer long friends and neighbors have stopped in to see for themselves a foal that will nurse from a goat! And I'm ALWAYS home! You can't go very far for very long when feeding an orphan. But he's sure been worth it!

## Thor learning the ropes





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**\*Y.S. SuPAR Man** May 2008 Colt (\*Y.S. Takai X \*Spartacus) Eligible full registration

Stunning colt with great curl, movement, temperament and size. Has a micro-curly coat with a full main and tail, like his dam. Nice dressage movement but shows the ability to jump. Currently 15hh, should finish 15.2hh. He is very nice to work with and very respectful. Settles quickly when off farm and in new environment. Very good ground manners, trailers well, is good for farrier and vet, leads, loads, ties, comes running to the gate...awesome stud prospect.

\$6500



**\*Y.S. SuPAR Hiro** May 2008 gelding (\*Y.S. Hokkaido X \*Spartacus) Eligible for registration

Another stunning Spartacus offspring!!! Very nice gelding with floating movement and superb temperament. He would make an incredible Youth Dressage horse. Should finish around 15.1hh. Hiro loves to be worked with. He has all the basics, leads, loads, trailers quiet, ties, stands for farrier and vet, has worn tack, absolutely no issues except he's not a big fan of lunging. \$3500



**\*YS Kirin** May 2007 (\*YS Kinyobi x \*YS Hokkaido) ICHO Registered

Kirin has started her formal work under saddle and she is a superstar! She has been nice to work with since the day she was born and her saddle work is no different. She has a great temperament and very willing to learn. She also has very nice movement. She lunges, stands for bathing, getting tacked up and mounting. She is currently going well walk/trot and will learn more with time. She should finish about 15.1hh. She would be very suitable as a youth horse.

Currently priced at \$3500, price will increase with training and showing experience.



**\*Y.S. Kinyobi** DOB June 15, 2001 (\*Y.S. Tanjobi x \*Velvet Lady)  
 ABC, ICHO, CSI registered full

Kinyobi is a fabulous breeding stallion and consistently produces athletic and correct offspring. He has a superb temperament which makes him very good to work with either hand, AI or pasture breeding. Kinyobi has been started under saddle but would need to further his education. Kinyobi is 15hh and a more refined build. He crosses very nicely with solid built mares to produce nice long legged, well balanced, correct Sporty foals. He has great movement and tends to pass this on to his foals as well. \$10,000



**\*Y.S. Kokoro** DOB April 25, 2010 (\*Y.S. Tanjobi x Social Lite (CSH))

Here is a really flashy filly. She has an incredible temperament! She is extremely easy to work with and a very lovely girl with nice conformation and great movement. Her dam is 16.1hh and Kokoro will finish close to that. Definite dressage and jumping prospect. Weanling price of \$2500.

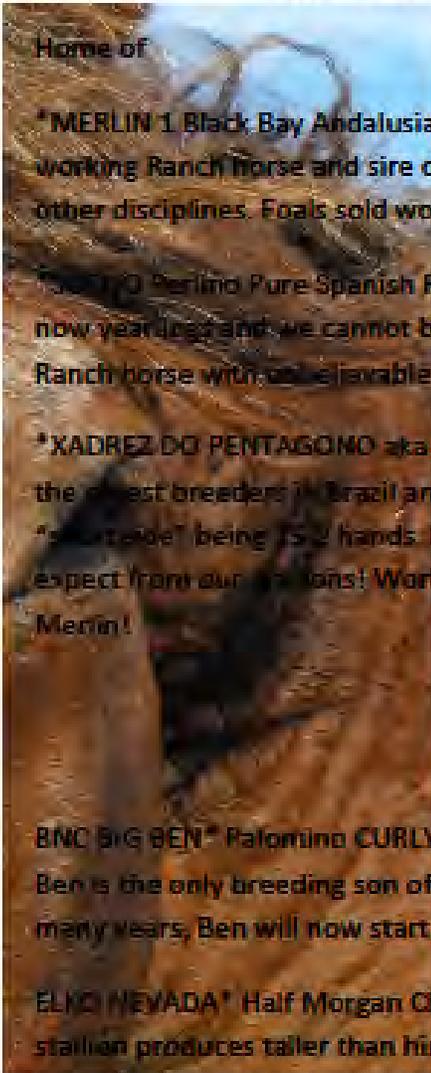


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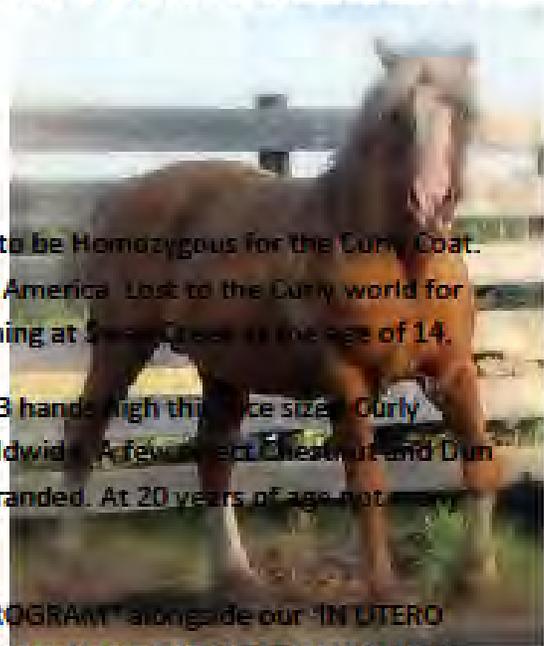
\***MERLIN 1** Black Bay Andalusian of Pure Spanish bloodline. Imported from Mexico, 15.2+ hand working Ranch horse and sire of Provincial, National, Open and Hi-Point horses in Dressage and all other disciplines. Foals sold worldwide.

\***PERLINO** Perlino Pure Spanish Portuguese Andalusian imported from Spain. His oldest foals are now yearlings and we cannot be happier with what this 16.1 hand stallion is producing! Working Ranch horse with unbelievable Dressage movement!

\***XADREZ DO PENTAGONO** aka Shads. Perlino Lusitano imported from Brazil, had picked by one of the great breeders in Brazil and Olympic coach as a top level Dressage horse but is a bit on the "short side" being 15.2 hands. First foals born in 2010 and they are once again everything we expect from our stallions! Working Ranch horse and we expect him to become even better than Merlin!

**BNC BIG BEN**\* Palomino CURLY. 15.2-15.3 hands. Believed to be Homozygous for the Curly Coat. Ben is the only breeding son of **COTTON EYED JOE** in North America. Lost to the Curly world for many years, Ben will now start his Harness and Saddle training at Swan Creek at the age of 14.

**ELMO NEVADA**\* Half Morgan Chestnut CURLY. Standing 13.3 hands high this nice sized Curly stallion produces taller than himself and has foals sold worldwide. A few select Chestnut and Dun fillies of his are for sale. Bred by Benny Damele and is 3D branded. At 20 years of age not many more foals will be produced by this grande old boy.



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