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- *Stanton Farms Horse Trials – Novice, 6th Place

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SPARKY, OUR BLM CURLY MUSTANG FRIEND

The last two weeks of July, I monitored the BLM Horse and Burro Internet Adoption site several times a day, calling and writing to Curly horse folks hoping to find 14 Curly Mustangs rounded up in the Black Rock Mountains of Nevada a loving, forever home. On the last day, #0972 did not have a bid. The one year old bay stud colt, whose big brown, expressive eyes with curly spiral forelocks called out to me and has since touched my heart in so many ways.

I knew my husband of over twenty even though I really didn't need to especially another stallion, so with-prepared to make the journey to and horse trainer, Levi, and I made we had borrowed an ugly, but for transporting BLM Mustangs, new friend. Later, we discovered us lights or brakes....not both. This ventures to pick up Sparky.

We picked up vials and needles at hair samples of the Curly Mustangs Texas A&M in College Station, netic mapping of Curlies; especially venturous and I have a great ap-over the Hoover Dam with a horse flinching. Without his help I would to the sandy, terra.firma.

Upon arriving at the BLM Palomino spent a little time admiring all the named, Black Rock's Golden Fire-gan calling him Sparky and it really Valley is located just outside of Sparks, Nevada so it was a perfect nickname.

Mr. Green and all his staff was very helpful in taking the blood samples and gracious; giving us alfalfa for our trip and lots of different directions for our return trip home. I really think they thought my fear of the Hoover Dam was quite funny, but the idea of going back with a young Mustang stud colt in our trailer with no brakes had me on edge.

We traveled through five states and Sparky showed us his patient, gentle nature standing strong. After two straight days of driving we arrived exhausted, but safe and introduced Sparky to the herd at Golden Curly Ranch.

The first few days, Sparky, became acquainted with the sounds of our other Curlies, pigs, goats, chickens, dogs, cats, donkeys and llamas while residing in our stall and corral we prepare for new equine friends. I am sure he thought he was at a zoo, and sometimes I feel the same. Still, his ears perked up every time I came in to sit with him and read my horse journals and magazines. My good friend and fellow Curly Mustang supporter, Dr. Mitch Wilkin-son, shared this tip with me and I really feel it has helped with bonding of our horses. Simply sitting and letting them smell you and see that you are their new partner.

After a few weeks I began to work with Sparky. I learned as much as he did. He is a great teacher. Soon, I began to realize he was really more afraid than I, and began to approach him with a calmer manner. He cherished the time I spent rubbing him and speaking softly. Still, the name Sparky also means "fire plug" and when he wanted to show his Mustang spirit we let him get it out of his system like a child throwing a temper tantrum, just because I can, and all is well again.

Placing my old buggy whip over and under his body was the first step of my journey to gentling Sparky. He seemed to accept the fact that I was not going to hurt him and he soon settled down. Then Levi showed me how to pick up his feet one by one with an old cotton rope and rub gently, but firmly so that he knew we would not drop it and feel secure with our handling his feet. Again, lips licking and ears forward he accepted our actions without concern.

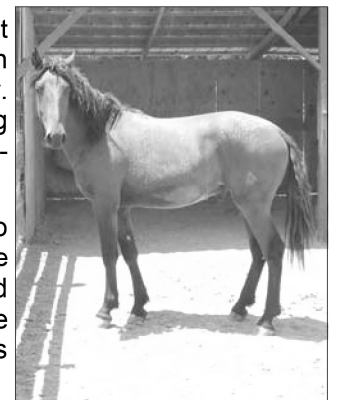
Our farrier is a retired Ag teacher, who has a horse shoeing school, and he brings out his students to trim our horses. He loves to tell them we have Curly Mustangs...usually after they have trimmed their hooves. Two wonderful



years, Hank, would forgive me, bring another Curly into our herd; out hesitation I placed a bid and Sparks, Nevada. My good friend arrangements and within a week sturdy stock trailer that is required and were heading to pick up our our trailer adapter would only allow would be one of many of our ad-

our vet's office to take blood and to send to Dr. Gus Cothran at Texas for more research and ge-Curly Mustangs. Our trip was ad-preciation for Levi who can drive trailer with no brakes. without still be trying to find a route closer

Valley, we met Timothy Green and mustangs. Sparky, who I originally fly, was alert and friendly. Levi be-fit. In addition, the BLM Palomino





and spunky young men trimmed Sparky a few weeks ago and they both swore he was better than most of their other trimmings on Quarter Horses, Warm Bloods, Arabians and other breeds. It's great to know they will share their experiences with Sparky with others and word will spread of how awesome our Curly Mustangs are.



Two weeks ago we decided it was time to introduce him to pasture buddies. I walked him into the pasture with Cheetoe, our older Curly gelding who is helping Bucky, our six month Curly colt, wean from his BLM Mama, Blossom and our very curly stallion, Chester. The sweet, gentle, soul that Sparky is gave me big hugs before running off with the boys. He took a few steps and stopped, turned and looked at me as if to say, "Is it OK to go play?" It was like the first day I took my sons to the playground at school.

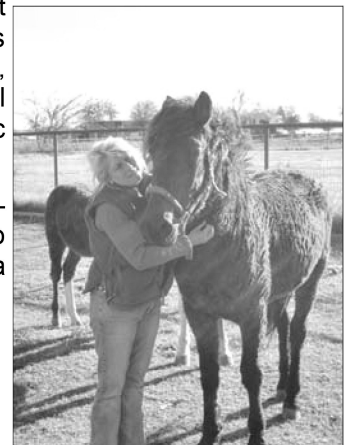
Last Saturday, a grandmother from Oklahoma brought her grandson to visit our Curly horses. The five year old has allergies to their horses and she had heard about the hypoallergenic qualities of Curly horses. While we were in the pasture visiting with Cheetoe and Bucky, Sparky came up behind the little boy's aunt and nuzzled his nose under her arm. She was so impressed to learn that Sparky was a BLM Curly Mustang. He followed

her to the gate, never showing fear of a stranger.

Sparky and I will continue our training in 2011, including saddling and riding. Visit us at RAC Blog (rideacurly.blogspot.com) to share our journey. We will also post Dr. Gus Cothran's findings of genetic mapping for the Curly Mustangs on our facebook page, Curly Mustang Association. We invite you to join us in learning more about the original Curly horses and their unique qualities such as hypoallergenic features and genetic markings.

Occasionally, I remember that questioning feeling I had in my heart the minute I submitted my bid for Sparky. How on earth could I take in another horse as I try hard to spend daily quality time with my current herd of nine? But, just like my grandmamma always said "there's always room at our table for good friends."

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Let's Talk Temperament!

By
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Webster's defines temperament "*as a natural mental disposition.*" The gene's a horse inherits includes the genes that govern their natural temperament. Genes also govern the **Nervous System** of the horse.

The Central nervous system controls the brain and spinal cord.

The Peripheral nervous system controls the sensory and motor nerves.

The Autonomic nervous system controls the involuntary systems, heart, lungs, etc. Two systems that are under the Autonomic nervous systems are the:

Sympathetic and Parasympathetic Nervous systems.

The **Sympathetic** system is what governs the ***Flight or Fight*** response in the horse. The same system affects all animals including humans, it is what signals alert and a response to danger, stress or any outside stimuli related to a fear reaction. It causes the heart rate to go up as well as blood pressure, readying the body to fight or flight. Since horses are a prey animal, they have a very acute flight response as this reaction has kept the horse alive all these years, by having the ability to flee from danger. If trapped or cornered a horse may go into the fight mode since it cannot flee the danger. Whether a real or perceived threat, horses use this system for survival. Fear is a response to danger and depending on the animal it will either use flight or fight. The fight response is seen as aggression, yet it stems from the danger & fear response. The action of striking first before being struck is a defense mechanism and based on the survival response of fight or flight.

The **Parasympathetic** system also falls under the Autonomic nervous system. This system is in play when a horse is ***at rest and in a relaxed state.*** Blood flow increases to all parts of the body and blood pressure is reduced. A horse must feel safe and out of danger to be in this state. He or she is in their safety zone. There is no fear in this nervous system response; it is the system all horse owners want to be in with their horses. Relaxed and happy, endorphins being released and an overall feeling of well being is experienced.

Once we understand these basic systems we can better understand the horses inherited **Natural Temperament.** *Horses with a high degree of flight response are found in the hot blooded breeds.* They will react quickly and flee quickly to any situation that causes the sympathetic nervous system to take over. It could be a strange loud noise, a coyote, a blowing leaf or a new person wearing a poncho blowing in the breeze that creates the sense of danger. If trapped, this type may also become a ferocious fighter as that is their last mode of defense if they are unable to flee. *The cold blooded horse breeds also use a flee response, but they are not built for speed, like the hot blooded breeds, so they may choose to fight rather than flee in some cases.* A powerful kick or a bite from a big bodied cold blood can do a lot of damage to a predator. These types of horses may stand their ground in danger alerts much more than a hot blood. They check out the danger and choose between fight and flee whereas the hot bloods will choose flee over fight if given the option.

These inherited traits are always there and we as owners have to know what danger, fear response our horses have so we know how to deal with their innate temperament. We cannot change the natural temperament but we can work with the other nervous systems of the brain and sensory systems to train them. Horses with a high degree of flee response will be more sensitive to new stimuli, if stressed, this type of horse will flee the stress. They cannot be pushed with new stimuli like a cold blooded horse can. They take more time to get used to new things like a new home, new tack and new training demands before they feel in safe mode. So it is best to go slow with these types so we do not create a fear memory for them. A fear memory is very hard to erase in both humans and horses. It is branded in their memory bank about any distress, danger or unpleasant experience that causes a flee or fight response when that memory is revisited. Like fear of a horse trailer, fear of head or ears being handled, fear of a saddle, halter, fear of humans, etc. If these experiences have been negative and create a fear response, we have a difficult personality to deal with. It will also cause some horses to have vices, although to the horse, it is just doing what comes natural, self preservation. We want to create a Parasympathetic system memory for horses, a good safe zone memory for getting into the trailer, saddle training, having ears and head handled, being with humans, etc. All interactions with humans should be positive in calm mode, so the memory is a good one.

Early handling and socialization with foals can be very positive because it will take fear away for the horse and human interactions. Because horses are much bigger and more powerful than humans we do need to set boundaries early on so the horse does not become pushy, bossy or overpowering. Humans have their own safety zone as well, and we don't like being crowded in our safe zone any more than a horse does. Creating boundaries helps keep the horse and human in their safe zone, neither one is causing stress or discomfort to the other, nor a flight or fight reaction. Horses that learn these socialization skills with humans early often have the best relationships with humans and the most amiable personalities. They develop trust in a calm safe zone without a negative reaction. It is often hard to know with older horses what their history is and what fear memories they have. This makes first impressions very important because the horse will revert back to his or her basic temperament and react to new stimuli in a very natural way. It will be flight or fight if they feel threatened, real or imagined.