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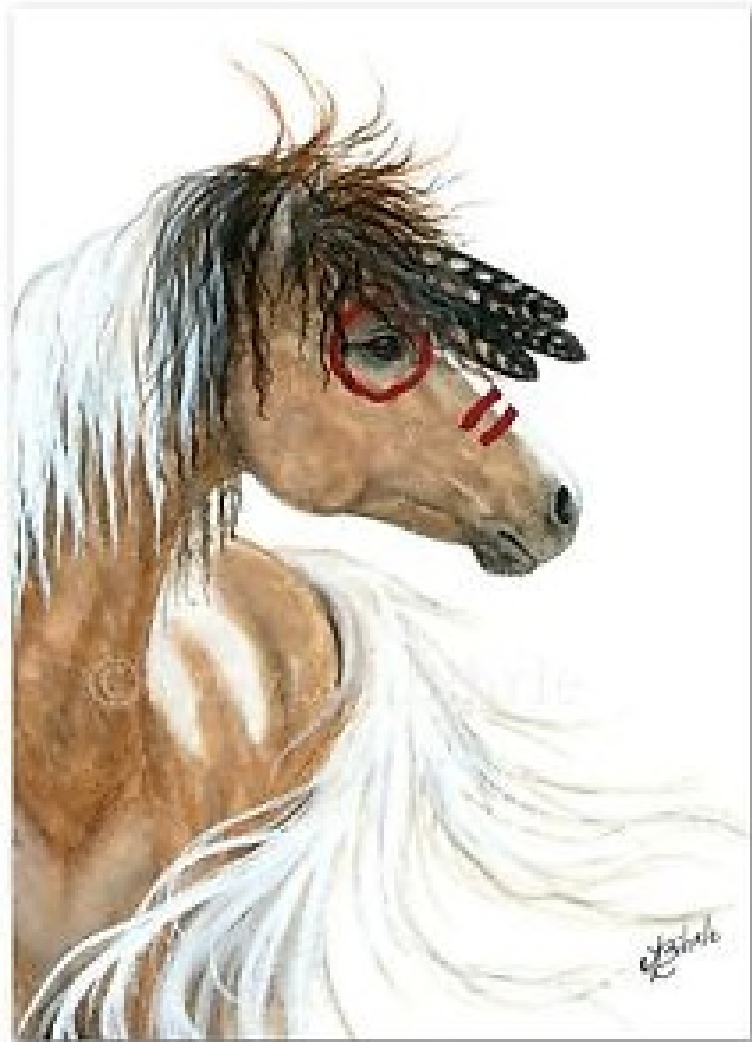
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ICHO Gazette proudly presents in this issue
WESTERN and NATIVE CURLIES



Above, Cikala,, from Shawn Tucker's Ranch

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GAZETTE AD DEADLINE

We now have a new Gazette ad deadline schedule for submitting ads as follows:

WINTER: Dec 15

SPRING: Mar 15

SUMMER: June 15

FALL: Sept 15

Ads that are received after the deadline will be run in the next following issue. Payments must also be made before the deadline. All ads and payment must be sent to the office. Thanks!

ARTICLES- We are always looking for interesting articles for the Gazette. The article could be about training, health tips, an interesting story about a Curly or anything of interest horse related. Please send all articles to the office before the deadlines. Awaken the writer within you!



GAZETTE SCHEDULE

-  **WINTER February**
-  **SPRING May**
-  **SUMMER August**
-  **FALL November**

Submit Ads & Payment to: office@curlyhorses.org

Ad & Payment Deadlines:
[Winter Dec 15](#) [Spring Mar 15](#) [Summer Jun 15](#) [Fall Sep 15](#)

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ICHO now offers DNA testing for:

<i>Ancestral only TX A&M</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
<i>Parentage Only U of KY</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
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<i>CA- (Cerebellar Abiotrophy) VetGen</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>

Visit the website for more info or contact the office.

To obtain a mailed copy of the Gazette, there is now a \$30.00 yearly fee. You can always view the Gazette online for free on our webpage– <http://ichocurlyhorses.org> in the Members Only section and print a copy for yourself.

Gazette Ad Specials!

Stallion Station Ad– only \$10.00 per issue, \$40.00 for the year, color ad.

Business Card Ad– only \$10.00 per issue, \$40.00 for the year, color ad

All color Ads at Black and White Prices! All Gaz Color Ad fees reduced!!

Full Page Color \$40.00, 1/2 Pg Color \$20.00, 1/4 Pg Color \$10.00, Classified \$10.00

Submitting ads: *Pay for ads online on our webpage– <http://ichocurlyhorses.org>

All ads must be copy ready in word doc format or jpg, png. Since we have reduced our prices we need the ads in ready to print format. For photos png is preferred since it has the best resolution. We can no longer accept pdf format because it does not insert clearly for the Gazette editing process.

All Ads must be sent to the office with payment. Ads also appear on the ICHO webpage.

Thanks! office@curlyhorses.org

Gazette editor– Joan Henning

Bring in the New Year with The 2016 ICHO Calendar!



2016 ICHO Calendar On sale now!

ICHO [back to shop](#)

***You must choose January 2016**



Icho Curlies Wall Calendar

\$17.99

1. Start Month:
* January 2016

2. Qty: 1

Add to Cart

AVAILABILITY: In stock
Product Number: 030-1002655410



The 2016 ICHO Calendar is now available at- www.cafepress.com/icho

IMPORTANT- You must choose Jan 2016 when choosing the 2016 calendar!

Be sure to go to the calendar month links at top of the ICHO CafePress page to get items with the month page on them. These make great Xmas gifts!

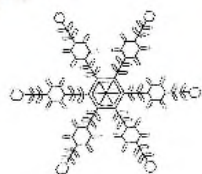
Thank you to all who participated in making our calendar and also a huge thanks for Sheryl for getting the pages all together!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

from all of us at

ICHO

***Time to renew your
Membership for 2016.....
payment link on our
webpage-
ichocurlyhorses.org***



WARRIOR MEAD BERNDT LAKOTA

By Angie Gaines



Warrior Mead Berndt Lakota, "Lakota" is from the Bad Eli Warrior and Mead lines. He is registered with ABCR 3143 and ICHO 1204-D. As his registered name states his dam is Warrior's Berndt, whose sire, Hammrich Range Stud, was a Curly Mustang. Lakota's handsome sire Mead's Northern Express, goes back to the Damele Curly Mustangs (Damele Draft) with Joe Mead's Mead's Black Beauty. Lakota was the first American Curly Horse to represent Golden Curly Ranch and he is our namesake. He has a gorgeous flaxen mane that can be seen for miles. Lakota joined us in 2007 and shares he's riding skills with beginning riders in lessons and trail rides. His large build is great for heavier riders and he carries them with gentle ease. Lakota has a beautiful smooth gait which we believe goes back to his sire Mead's Northern Express who was known to have a pace. Lakota's personality is well known by his friends. Lakota riding skills are perfect to share with others and is trained via voice command. He can be asked to whoa from over 100 yards and will gently stop for his rider. He is a gentle soul with a desire to have fun with his human friends. He opens stall doors, feed room doors and so far we have not found a door he cannot open. He loves to let his buddies out of their stalls and party.



Lakota is a wonderful example of our Native Curly lines and their intelligence and skills.



Thank You



For Being an ICHO Curly Friend

Great Curly Gift Idea!



Our iCHO Curly Friends



Curly Friends love Curly Horses but do not own one of their own. Curly Friends also support ICHO Curly Horse Research. 100% of Curly Friend fees goes to ICHO Curly Horse research funds. Curly Friendships run for 1 year from the date paid. Fee is \$15.00 yearly or a Lifetime Curly Friend for \$75.00. Do you know someone that would make a great Curly Friend? Give someone a Curly Friendship as a Gift!



“How Serendipitous Happenstance Changed a Life – The Story of Bit-O-WY Curlies”

By C. Ellen Southwell

Happenstance – noun “something that happens by chance”

Serendipitous – adjective “obtained or characterized by luck that takes the form of finding valuable or pleasant things that are not looked for”

A happening of chance brought Curlies into Don’s life. A house he did not love but that the partner cried for led him to move into his current locale. It happened that just two houses to the North was the regional head of the BLM wild horse program who also happened to be a hunter and whose name also happened to be Don.



The two Don’s became hunting buddies and one day BLM Don said to horse Don, ‘it would be really neat if I had a BLM Mustang to ride at the parades and such to which I am invited and

required to attend’.

As the discussion went, the two decided that BLM Don would contact the Rock Springs office and request they select two horses one for each Don. Horse Don would then help BLM Don train his horse while training his own.

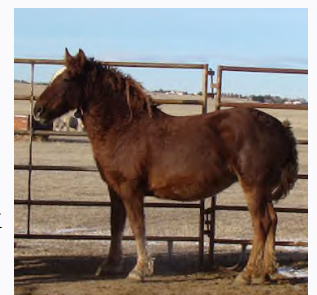
However, fate stepped in and the night before they were to journey over and pick up the two horses BLM Don called and said, ‘hey, I have come to my senses and I can’t do this. I am on the road too much and my wife is not going to want to have to care for this horse while I am gone so I can’t do this’. Horse Don said ok and hung up the phone.



But again fate stepped in. Horse Don’s partner (a person of limited horse experience and a sufferer of MS) heard the conversation and said, ‘we are still going to get our horse aren’t we?’ Horse Don sighed and called BLM Don back and relayed the conversation to which BLM Don said, ‘there are two horses set aside if you want to adopt them both go get them’. As serendipity would have it, the next

day saw horse Don and his partner traveling to get the two horses.

One of those horses was a big gangly homely laid back (read lazy and ugly according to the field staff at the pens) Curly Palomino. This boy became the foundation sire for the Bit-O-WY Curly herd. He was loaded in the back of Don’s stock trailer with a halter and a 4 feet lead. When Don opened



the house to get a hoe or something to reach in and hook the rope so he could turn the horse around and that he would be right back.

By the time he was back, his partner had gotten out of the truck and walked down the side of the truck then the trailer (she could only walk with assistance of some sort for stability) and was standing in the front of the open walk through door feeding Curly a handful of hay. Don, being much more savvy in the ways of the horse and fearing Curly would opt to leap out and onto her or his partner, held his breath



nudged her out of the way snapped a 30 foot rope onto the halter and stepped back.



He gave a tug on the rope to which Curly stepped out of the trailer with his front feet and stood with them on the ground and his back feet still in the trailer chewing and looking around. After a moment Don tugged again and Curly stepped down slowly trotted across the corral till he felt the rope tighten, stopped and looked around at his new surroundings still chewing. He in-

stantly earned the name Mellow and a special place in Don's heart.

Mellow was a big boy at 16.2 hands and 1350 pounds in his prime. He boasted the true golden hide of a palomino combined with the crème mane, tail and four socks. He also had a crème patch under his chin and one on his belly. While pictures of this boy are impressive, those who were fortunate enough to meet him in person never failed to be wowed by his presence.



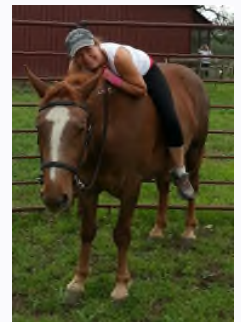
As he worked with Mellow, Don became more and more impressed with his attitude. He was willing, curious, calm and gentle making Don decide to turn him out with four mares on a mountain property he owned. The next year he had four palomino foals with varying numbers of socks and two with curls two without but all with Mellows attitude. And that as the saying goes was that. The herd grew each year and as we do not show or present it has been word of mouth and the internet which have brought us most of our buyers.



Past experience taught Don that he could train a horse to perfection and unless the new human in its life came to the same level of training the horse would backslide to whatever level that human was at. Therefore, we don't sell a horse but knowledge and one of our greatest compliments came from someone who purchased a horse from us when she told the doubters in her life 'they are not horse traders'.

Our policy is to match the horse's innate personality with the human's personality and then work with that person so they begin to understand that every interaction they have with their horse is a training episode. Through this they also begin to understand the importance of relationship between horse and human which in an ideal world is greater than the task at hand or being able to ride. This process takes greater commitment and longer interaction than when a horse is sold as a finished product.

As our knowledge of the breed increased, we came to realize that besides the core Curly disposition the breed is known to be hypoallergenic. Many wonderful people have come into our lives with varied stories of allergies to horses affecting their lives.



uch story involved a man who came to us because he wanted to get back together with his high-school sweetheart but she was still horse crazy and he was still deathly allergic. We tested about 8 horses that he felt a kinship to and found 3 that he had no reaction to .



Of those, he and his sweetheart selected 2 and have grown into a set of horse lovers as well as good friends to us. Romeo, the lady's horse is such a lover he likes to help with chores like painting , providing shade for his mistress and a pillow for his master.



Our herd is primarily BLM foundation stock. We like to say that in the wild herds the dummies and those which are physically unfit have not succeeded so the ones which survive to breeding age and to be adopted are the smartest and the soundest of the lot.



Because of this, our BLM line Curlies are solid of mind and body and uniquely suited to the rigors of Western work. While there is

always variation in style and color because you don't know the heritage of any given horse, they are typically heavy boned and solid.



In the Bit-O-WY herd, horses are selected first for disposition & conformation then for looks. Don prefers horses built for western work including, trail, cattle, working in harness, roping, gymkhana, cowboy shooting and packing. Bit-O-WY Horses



have succeeded in these and other disciplines.

The future is always uncertain and with 50+ horses to care for we have cut back our breeding and are concentrating on developing the current



horses with their new owners. Our goal is and always will be to produce a horse with a solid mind and body and to find each one the absolute best possible home.



Native Line Curly Horses

by

Shawn Tucker



When we first decided to get into curly horses, our intentions were just to have 3, maybe 4, horses - just enough for our family to ride and enjoy. Of the first 2 horses we choose, one mare was out of the Warrior Native American line of curly horses and as a bonus, she came to us in foal and due to have her baby very soon after her arrival to our farm. The arrival of our first foal was filled with excitement and a bit of nervousness as well as we had never been part of the birth experience before, but all went perfectly and a sweet little filly came into our lives and joined our family.

Today, 11 years later, having moved to a larger farm so we could have more room for more horses, and having many sweet curly foals born here at our farm and selling them to farms across the globe .



Hopa and Takala, artwork credit -AmyLyn Bihrl <http://stores.ebay.com/Art-of-AmyLyn-Bihrl/Horses>



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Louis Tucker and Maizzie.

I sometimes look a MeSesko and with a big smile and a hug tell her - "This is all YOUR fault!!"

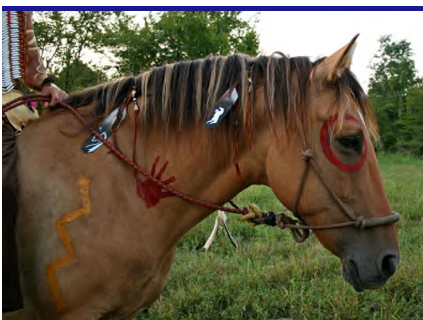
She was so much fun and so sweet as well as smart, calm and so confident -we just HAD to have more!!

We are so glad we included horses from the Warrior line of curly horses, to begin our experience with this breed, as well as for breeding them. One of the things we love most about this line of curly horses is their temperament. They are extremely smart, curious, willing and friendly. Through our breeding program we have managed to come up with horses who are very calm, confident and intelligent, but also very willing, sensitive and obedient. Gosh - you can just watch them and see them thinking things through so many times. Many are amazed to hear the story of MeSesko's first ride. Louis and I were going riding on the farm and I told our son Trevor to come along and bring MeSesko on a lead rope so she could get used to being out of the regular pasture and get used to the woods, creeks, etc. She had reached a mature age and we knew we would soon be training her to ride. I told Trevor that I would trade off with him and he could ride Maizzie and I would lead MeSesko. So we got to the back of our farm and I told Trevor to just hop up on MeSesko, we knew her well enough to know she would not do anything crazy. So, with no training at all, he threw the lead rope around her neck and tied it to the hal- ter to make reins, hopped up on her bare-back and rode her all over the farm the rest of the afternoon. No bit, no saddle and no training - but she did great and that was her first ride. But, we have pretty much come to expect that sort of thing with these smart and sensible horses and have many similar stories! (Although we usually do give them a bit of ground training before we get on them the first time. :-)) But, even to this day, we have never used a bit on any of the horses. Have never needed one, we don't even own one here at Three Feathers. Another aspect of their intelligence that we enjoy is the level of communication we can have with them. We have several that are very expressive in trying to let you know their thoughts and

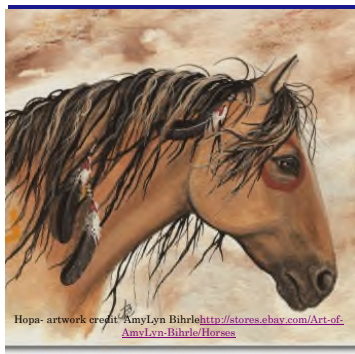


communicate with you - and I just LOVE that!

Left is Maizzie; Center and above R center is Louis Tucker and Hopa; R is Louis Tucker and Maizzie.



MeSesko is very "communicative". I once went into her stall and she gave me sort of an intense look and then slung her head under her belly. She does this sometimes to indicate she would like a belly scratch. So when I went to scratch her belly, she pulled away a bit, gave me



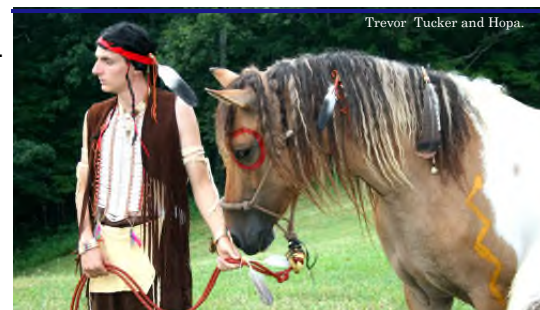
another look and pointed a bit further under her belly, so I scratched there. But, apparently I had not hit the mark yet. She went through the pattern again and this time lifted up her hind leg and pointed all the way back to her bag. So I scratched there—and low and behold... I found a big tick! She was telling me she had a tick and where to find it! I removed the tick and gave her a good scratch and she was most grateful!! :-)

We have lots more similar stories, even ones of mamas letting us know when they were going to foal - we would have missed the joyful event otherwise! Great to have horses who want a "2-way" conversation with you - but you also have to spend time with them and be willing to listen! So we love their personalities! But other things we love about the native line is their hearty build and conformation. I can almost look at horses now and tell which ones are out of the native lines. Over the years we have had lots of compliments on the conformation and build of our herd from visitors to our farm from all over the globe. Excellent conformation, nice short, straight backs; strong leg bones, powerful hindquarters; and a nice large round jaw are just a few of the many physical characteristics we see

passed down through this line of curly horses. An added bonus with all of our Warrior line curly horses has been the very dominate dun genetics.



Even when we have pinto colored foals - they all have the dun expression coming through as well - even dorsal stripes along with the splashes of pinto coloring. Our youngest filly, Zaska, is quite unique

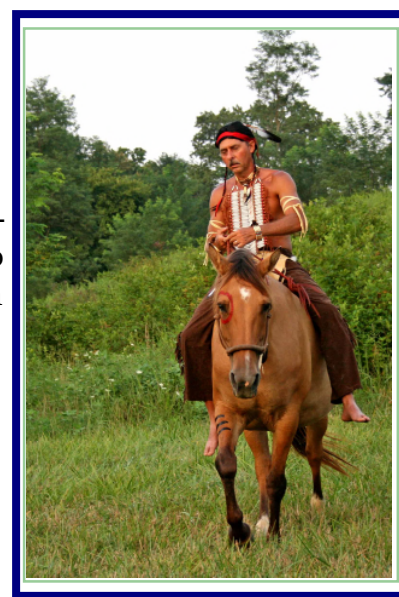


in that she is a grulla dun/pinto complete with dorsal stripe and she has blue eyes too! She is an eye-catcher for sure!

God has certainly blessed our lives through the horses and we feel so honored and privileged to have this wonderful breed and native line in our lives! In honor of their proud Native American heritage we even give them all Lakota names. They are part of our family and we love each and every one of them. We love the level of the relationship we can achieve with them. We do not bred them to try to



make a profit - only because we love them so much, having the babies is such a joy and to be able to share them with others and make their dreams come true like it did for us. They truly are our family's "dream-catchers"!



Left, Maizzie, and Right, Louis Tucker and Maizzie, artwork credit -AmyLyn Bihrl <http://stores.ebay.com/Art-of-AmyLyn-Bihrl/Horses>

2015 AGM Online chat meeting 10-18-15 1:00 ICHOCHAT Minutes

recorded by Bunny 10-18-15

Attendees: Joan Henning, Paul Dennis, Sheryl D'Uva, Angie Gaines, Bunny Reveglia, Sophie Allieux,
Shelly White, Mitch Wilkinson, Marion Huurman

The Board would like to have members read the proposed change in the current Bylaw concerning the Annual Meeting:

Current Bylaws (as listed now): Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall be held in the month of October in each year, beginning with the year 2001, at a time and place to be selected by the Board of Directors

Change Bylaws to: Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall be held in any month of the summer or fall each year, beginning with the year 2016, at a time and place to be selected by the Board of Directors, including physical meetings, online meetings, phone meetings or regional meetings. If there is a lack of interest in members being physically present, the board can have an online meeting instead, or teleconferencing.

Motion by Angie Gaines to approve, seconded by Paul Dennis

Voting Poll held on ICHOCHAT and notices sent by email and some by postal mail to all members.

All Yes votes received. Bylaws change passed- ICHO Handbook on voting • The number of members returning valid ballots by the designated date constitutes a quorum.

Open discussion during meeting- Curly Gathering, AGM questionnaire

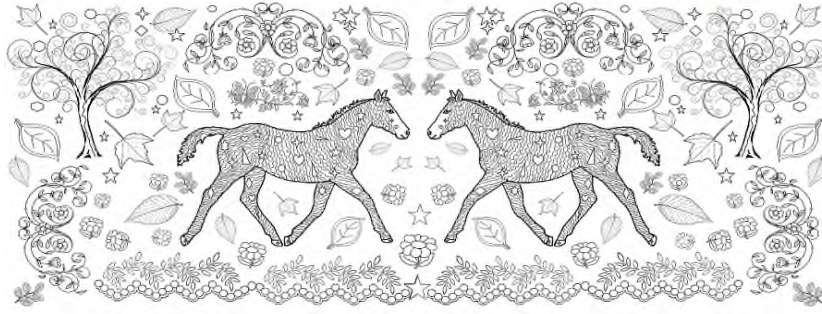
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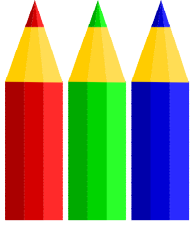
Curly **C**oloring **P**ages- Adult version and Childs version. Color the view of your choice and post your results on ICHO Facebook or ICHOCHAT. Release your inner artist :) Coloring reduces stress **F**all **C**olor **p**ages



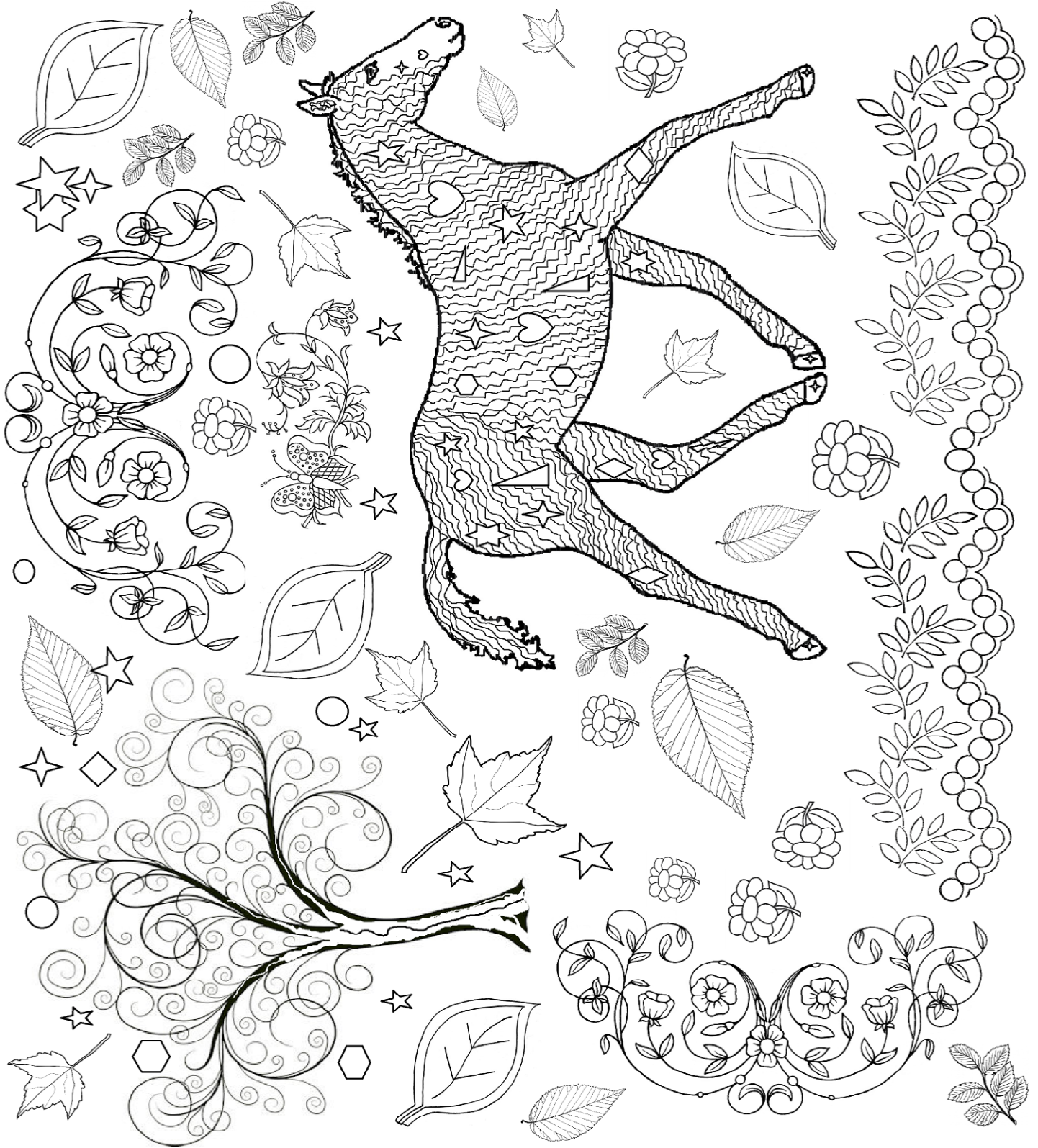
HEY KIDS!! Below is your Curly to color!

My Curly's name is _____ colored by _____





Curly coloring page for older youth and adults. Use colored pencil, marker, etc. Please post on the ICHO Facebook page . We are anxious to see your artwork!



The ICHO Gazette is again, offering **FREE** color 1/4 page stallion ads in the Winter gazette BIG issue! Send a quality photo and information to the ICHO office. Space is limited - include your contact and stallion information!

