

Jacardi Curly's, Jac Jaspers, the Netherland

We are a small breeder of Miniature Horses and 3 years ago a very curly foal was born here out of 2 normal miniature's . At that moment my interest was born because someone said to me maybe the foal has the curly gene, and then I started to read on the internet about the Curly horses .

My interest is specially for the little ones. I looked on the internet and found a pony stallion in the USA, Curly Jim Circle B 1084-D. I bred him to my miniature mare's and 1 year later my dream came true and a little silver dapple Curly filly was born, named Jacardi's Fortune 1797-D. My Goal is to breed 5 curly miniature mare's and start a solid breeding program with good quality Curly mini mare's. I want to use these adorable little curlies in the future as a therapy horses for sick children. I also aquired another stallion, tobiano The Pirate EB 12-D.

My friend Betty was also interested in the Curly horses and had a good idea . Why not breed riding ponies for children , In The Netherlands almost nobody knows about Curly horses . The pony size Curlies don't exist here . So we have a lot of work to do to reach the allergic children.



Fortune and The Pirate.



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My husband Jim and I had been raising miniature horses for years, we've always loved Curlies, but found them too expensive and couldn't seem to afford breeding stock. Then by chance I found a wonderful Curly pony in Canada, **Lex**. Even though he was a great sire, we felt he was too big for our mini's, so we bred him to a few ponies. We then got **Aero** and away we went. He is a fine size for the little mares and has sired some wonderful little guys. We now are using offspring of **Aero** and **Mocha**. We have several babies that will stay miniature size. We have a new 34" stallion named **Fireside's Sir Prize**. We truly love the little guys!!

Fireside's Sir Prize, left



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Bo was voted The World's Favorite Curly Horse, Adult Trail Division, in 2012 (see his winning video on YouTube under "Bo In the Comanche Pad")

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Golden Red's Adventure, by Angie Gaines

Copper D's Golden Red is an approximately ten year old Curly Mustang who was gathered near the Damele ranch in 2009, by BLM. She was gathered with her daughter, Golden Red's Nevada's Blossom, on a cold Nevada day. After traveling from Nevada to Oklahoma, our friends, Dr. Mitch Wilkinson and his wife Cheryl, and I, drove to BLM's holding facility in Paul's Valley, Oklahoma, to pick up Golden Red, Blossom, and a beautiful little black curly colt whose name would become Little Blackfish. It was a journey through hard rain and slick roads but we all made it home safely and our Curly Mustang friends would begin their journey with human friends.

Five years later, I decided to share Golden Red with others at the 2014 Mustang Makeover in Ft. Worth, TX. She had overcome shipping fever and the loss of a handsome foal, who was only with us for three days, named Tomahawk. Golden Red is true to her name and is a beautiful Copper colored red dun with a gorgeous deep colored line that runs down her well defined withers and back. She has the most awesome zebra stripes on her legs with cream colored feathers and curls. She is strikingly beautiful and has a quarter horse build that makes AQHA owners take a second look. But, most importantly Golden Red has the gently, willing, personality of a Curly Mustang.

We spent many days preparing for our competition which included trails, obstacles and a free style exhibition. Golden Red worked very hard to overcome her fears and some simple things such as zipping my jacket would set her on edge. Her deep brown eyes would look at me with fear but she gained more confidence every day.

We traveled to Ft. Worth on Wednesday and set up our stall with lots of information about Curly Mustangs provided by the Curly Mustang Association and folks began to ask lots of questions. The first day, Golden Red, stepped out of the stall everyone noticed. But, she was more concerned about the concrete flooring and dark puddles of water coming out of the wash stall. Soon, we were able to pass over the water and walk around the complex even traveling the underground tunnels that are used for driving cattle into the arena for the cutting exhibitions. Manholes in the street were especially scary and I soon learned to calm my fears to be a better partner for Golden Red.

Saturday we were as ready as

we were ever going to be and we groomed our beautiful girl with loving care. She was a truly a shining copper color and when we walked out into the Texas sunshine she shined like a star.



It was crazy and chaotic as we stepping into the holding area of the arena. Feeling her tense up I moved through the crowd of Mustangs waiting their turn to enter the arena and found a quiet spot to wait our turn. A flood of emotions began running through me and I worried I would not remember the patterns we would soon be asked to do. I worried that she was not respond to me when I asked her to trot on cue or step into a dark, closed trailer. I worried that our free style which comprised of her carrying a homemade **travois** into the arena and allowing me to untie it and let it drop beside her. Soon our number was called and we entered the arena. She seemed to understand that this was our show and was a star. We trotted



on cue and did our 360 turn and glided around the cones. Both, Golden Red and I took a deep breath and felt a little better going into the next class. She was fabulous when stepping into a strange, dark, horse trailer and other components. We did have a bit of trouble in our backing into an L shape as she was wider than the space allowed but we tried our best and move on to the next item which was a pin wheel to cross which we mastered quickly. The final class was our free-style and I noted on our schedule that many did not even enter this class. As friends were helping us set up the travois which was made of 14' long tree branches that we cut down from our land and smoothed with a Native American designed blanket holding furs stretched between them. Our son, Nicholas, composed the music which we were to enter into the arena with which was a beautiful flute in the genre of a Native American melody. Once we were in the arena we would drop the travois and release Golden Red and continue to complete our



mandatory requirements such as side pass, jumping, backing and more to Bob Seeger's, "Watch her Strut". But, as luck would have it a friend dropped one side of the travois and Golden Red was too spooked to allow it to be placed on her. So, we carried the travois in and used it as a part of our props to jump over. Wahoo, I was so proud of our Golden Red. She was such a lady and has come so far from the Sage brush dotted lands in Eastern Nevada. We were asked if she was available for adoption but as much of a compliment it is to know others

would love to have her in their herd we could never part with her. She is a true Lady and a great representative of a Curly Mustang.

God must have blessed our early decisions on our choice of horses and breeding stallions as we couldn't have been happier with the babies we have had over the years here at Three Feathers. We really had no plans of taking on owning our own stallion, but we hit the mark first time out with our very first stud colt, Nagi, pictured below (TFN Nagi Hanhepi Wo To) and he be-



came our herd stallion. He was so perfect in every way with his beautiful conformation, strikingly handsome black and white tobiano coloring and awesome personality. He is simply stunning and such a sweet boy! He has given us many beautiful curly babies over the years and we are looking forward to many more! Many people have hard time believing the stories we tell of him sometimes, not believing a stallion can be so calm and so well-behaved. Like the story of when we were first training him to ride. We had done ground work with him in the arena 2, maybe 3 times. At the end of those sessions, my husband Louis got on his back and just sat on him for a few minutes to get him used to someone being on his back, which he was perfectly fine with right from the very first time. On his second and third sessions, Louis made him walk a few steps around the arena and he did great – so calm and willing. By his 4th session, he was doing so well and Louis was so confident of him, he threw the lead rope around his neck to make reins (No bits on our farm – all are ridden bit less) and took off on him for a ride around the farm – bareback. Not a minutes problem out of him, you would have thought he had been ridden for years. And there are so many more. He is extremely calm, willing and obedient. Even when time for breeding the girls, he is easy to handle and does as we ask him too. He is a very smart and sensible guy too. He also has a wonderful playful personality as well. He is like a big puppy dog – he will follow us every step we make and try to “help” with any project we are working with around the farm.

Everyone who visits the farm is always in awe of all the horses, but especially of Nagi and how sweet and calm he is which is totally unexpected being a stallion by most people. We can't say enough good things about Nagi and are so honored to have him in our lives as part of the family here at Three Feathers. He has passed these wonderful traits on to his offspring as well and many have went on to other wonderful homes across the country and even the globe. To date we have yet to geld any colts as they have all went on to be breeding stallions in other programs themselves. It has been hard to part with them all, and I shed tears as I watch each of them leave our farm. But, if we can help make others dreams with horses come true, like they did for me, it is a blessing! They are all special, but, some you realize you just cannot bear the thought of ever leaving!



Like our Cikala (below Left) who went all the way to England, but through miraculous circumstances came back home to us this summer. Don't think I could bear to part with her again! And little Cica (above) that came with her, the first foal out of our stallion Tahalo in England – we are so lucky to have her with us now too! And our little Zaska (below Right, with Lewis) born here this year – she is one unique little gal! A grulla dun pinto with blue eyes and has such a sweet fun personality! But, if we keep these beautiful girls, we can't breed them to our stallion since he is their sire. AI is an option, and we have done it before successfully, but so much trouble and expense. What to do about this dilemma?! We certainly in our wildest imagination never thought we would have more than one stallion on the farm. But, once again the love of these horses has led us down a different path than we had ever planned or expected.



This past November we had the wonderful opportunity to add a beautiful little stud colt to the herd and we went for it!! Cahota (below) is a smoky black (black with a crème gene) and while we love this time with them when they are youngsters, we can hardly wait for him to mature to be old enough to breed back to some of our lovely girls out of our Nagi!! My mind races with the possibilities!! Adding one stud colt was like adding 4 new mares to our program! These beautiful sweet girls can now stay with us and add to our breeding program! Smiles and happy dance!!! With his sweet and calm personality, his great build and family lines plus his black coloring along with the crème gene to add to our colorful mix of pintos and buckskin girls -my mind races with the fun possibilities!! Plus, we are hoping for some beautiful little black curly babies as well since we can also breed him to our black mare, Katee, Nagi's dam who is still with us! I can hardly wait!!

And so, the blessings and changes in life's path these amazing horses have brought into our lives still continue and we are truly thankful for each day with them. They have blessed our lives in so many ways, and even the lives of many others as well. We have also made wonderful dear friends from all

over the globe through them that we cherish. Yes, they came into our lives due to my allergies. And since that is the case, I will consider my allergies a blessing! When telling people about curly horses and our experiences with them, I ALWAYS tell them that, yes, their unique curly coats are wonderful and the fact that they are hypo-allergenic is amazing and dream fulfilling.....BUT, even if I did not have any allergies, after having had this breed, they are the ONLY breed for our family because their personalities are the most amazing thing about them!! To close, I would like to share a recent special moment with you. A few weeks ago, my husband Louis came over to me pulled me close and gave me a kiss and said, "Thanks!" And when I asked him what for, he replied, "for bringing horses into my life!" How sweet is that?!! So, I guess my allergies ended up being a blessing to him as well! ☺ I am a lucky gal in so many ways!



Wishing all of our curly friends many wonderful blessings for the New Year! Feel free to stop by our website to see more pictures and read stories of our curly family here at Three Feathers! Or if you are in Kentucky – come by and say “Hello!”

Blessings!

Shawn Tucker

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My time, the cost of the vet and pregnancy checking my mares was not worth it. A lot of \$\$\$\$. My vet and another vet in the same facility, looked at the semen under a microscope and noted that the frozen semen did not have good mobility. I had an older mare that I was using only as a broodmare. My vet showed me an article that suggested that fresh cooled semen was the best way to go on an older mare and that the frozen semen did not work as well. So for this mare, I drove 8 hours round trip to acquire the fresh semen, then delivered it to my vet before the clinic closed. By the end of the summer/ breeding season, this older mare was the only mare that got pregnant. One mare pregnant out of 5! Pretty expensive year! Alas, The curly gods smiled on us and this older mare gave us a beautiful curly colt the following spring! The next summer my stallion, "Dallas" was ready to pay off his dues. I bred 5 mares (4 were straight haired) and all took. The next spring we were blessed to have FIVE CURLY FOALS! In my opinion, this paid for my stallion in one summer! Being young, I limited breeding "Dallas" to my mares and a few outside mares. He has produced about 70% curly foals when bred to straight haired mares. This last summer I advertised "Dallas" and took on six outside mares. The revenue for this has paid for his board and room! Ahh! His room--- My husband had a stallion pen made that is 6 feet tall, 7 rail, and is out of pipe. Also "Dallas" has a metal run-in shed. His pen is in the middle of the other horse corals so that "Dallas" can look over his herd. We also have a summer pen for him with trees and another run-in pen. I also have a pasture next to this pen to run "Dallas" with mares if needed. This boy has it good! By the way, My husband has his "pick" of any of the horse colts born on our farm! Back payments! The crazy thing is that I vowed never to own another stallion! (I owned one about 25 years ago-- I am old!) But I have been so impressed with my curly boy--- awesome disposition (I have to keep reminding myself that he is a stud!) , great foals, and that unique hypo-allergenic HAIR! Love my boy! Curly horses are the BEST!"

And from Terry Schmidt, Florida, his "two cents" about his breeding experience with his Curly stallion Bo, and playfully more!...., "from one stallion owner who has only bred his stallion two times in 10 years (once by AI and once by hand) other than a test breeding at UF (where they said he was the gentlest stallion they'd ever test bred), I can tell you I keep Bo a stallion because I can and because he is basically a gelding in stallion's clothes. I am so proud of the fact that he acts like a gelding on the trail and around the other geldings he lives with, I can't tell ya how cool it is to treat him just like I treat Oh Boy.

He does get a little fired up in the spring, but he also knows how to mind his manners when there are mares around. I've thought about cutting him (and Julie and Charles would be happy if I did), but I'm not going to do it even if I never breed him again. It's just fun to play with a horse that is the best mannered stallion I've ever seen or been around. Every morning before he eats (and after I've put the geldings in their outside feed stalls), he and I run together in front of his feed stall. He follows me just like a dog, and when I stop or change direction, he does the same and sometimes rears and spins if I catch him off guard. It's an incredible feeling to have him run alongside me as fast as I can run, and then rear up to his full height and come down right in front of me when I stop or turn, being careful not to clip me with his head."

And some insight from Donna Hedicke of New Mexico, "We have had up to 4 stallions at one time and so had to address happiness issues. We don't let any stallion in loose with a band of mares so each has to have a large turnout and shelter. But they also need companions so they can co-groom and swat flies. We tried turning out a stallion with his buddy gelding and that didn't work well (when you aren't around they like to do unexpected things). So we have gone to alternating pens - with a stallion in one and a gelding in the next. It takes a lot more fencing but we have happier stallions and I have been amazed how they have bonded so strongly to their buddy geldings. We also got down to two stallions that tolerate each other well."

A kind reply from Loretta Nielsen, "Thanks for reaching out to the breeders, Joan. I actually stopped breeding 2 years ago due to the poor economy. I am currently trying to downsize before retirement from my full-time job. I have 2 yearlings, a 2-year old filly, a 3-year old filly, and several adults (1 gelding, mares) to sell. All are registered Missouri fox trotters and all but one is an ICHO-registered curly. Please see my website for further details." Loretta Nielsen, Ramona, CA
www.whitedragoncurlyMFT.com

And I truly enjoyed this response from Allyn Babitch, and find it covering many topics that are foundationally important for any breeder:

“Joanie, Thank you for doing this. I no longer breed, and was quite a small breeder when I did- but I bred Scottish Deerhounds, a rare breed of dog, for many years, and used much the same philosophies for both programs.

I pasture bred and foaled, so waited to breed until late spring/early summer so the foals would be born into warmer drier weather. I was pleased that Curlies were not penalized competitively for being born later in the year. I bred for sport types, with eventing as a focus; so used proven sport producing Curlies (*Spartacus, etc. lines) and other suitable Curlies; and outcrossed with Warmblood and Shagya, and some of my breeding stock also had some Thoroughbred in it, and MFT- the gaited blood seemed to give a nice long stride, though it also sometimes gave a less "true" two-beat trot.

When breeding any kind of animal, producing acceptable temperament should be foremost, IMO. Many of us, myself included, want our Curlies to be safe and suitable for the average rider, as well as those with more experience and talent. Sport Curlies need to be energetic and enduring, but still sensible- this is especially true for eventing horses, where the cross country phase can get some "hot" horses a bit out of control. I wanted my Curlies to be "warm" but not "hot" in temperament- a 4 out of 10 was the goal, with the 1 being a deadhead, and the 10 being a hothead.

Health, including reproductive health, also has to be seriously considered. This can take time, as some issues develop later in a horse's life; and we don't always have feedback from those who have purchased our horses. But staying aware of health issues in general in different lines should be a factor in making breeding decisions.

And finally, of course, comes conformation and performance. As more people use their Curlies in the variety of competitive disciplines, the better idea breeders can have of what lines are working well in their chosen discipline(s). Besides short-term competitive success, long term soundness and suitability should be investigated.

The type of curls wasn't paramount for me- I tended to get the moderate curls, and got some straights as well. My dream was to get homozygous sport type Curlies with full manes and tails- this dream was not realized, as I only produced a few foals, and more would have been needed to accomplish the ultimate goal.

The last step is to be willing to decide against continuing with a particular breeding line, if unacceptable problems have arisen. No line is without issues, so a balance has to be reached. Oh, and try to stay on good terms with other breeders! This can only help your own program, and make the process a more pleasant one.

Breeding Curlies is a labor of love for many of us, as few people make a big profit on it. As Curlies talents and abilities are more proven, and as they're more successfully marketed, their value may rise. I personally envision them continuing as a reasonably affordable choice for people looking for a nice, friendly horse to both compete on and have fun on as a pleasure mount.”

Thanks again for doing this,, Allyn Brewer-Babitch, SkyHorse Sport Curly Horses, San Jose, CA

And from Sandra Hendrickson, of Greycoat Farm:

I, too found it pretty easy to keep a stallion on our place. At one time, I had 3 -but as they matured problems arose and that was not a good idea.. As we promoted our stallion heavily in the show ring in dressage-it was necessary to have daily training. A busy time as the market was slow and his offspring kept maturing and needing training and showing Also quite expensive, although I tried to do it on a dime, -not getting a stall at shows and driving back and forth for 2 day shows saved a lot. We did a bit of AI breeding to outside mares- very difficult if Fed Ex didn't deliver right to the door and they weren't the mare's owner, right on top of ovulation times, as semen doesn't keep well.”

Thank you to everyone who participated in this request and shared your wisdom and insights for all of us to glean from!