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This is my first president's letter and I'm already feeling a roomy wiggle of my toes in the big shoes I'm intended to fill. In 2010, my husband Jim and I, attended the AGM in Eureka, NV. It was a life enriching experience for us, viewing the feral Curly mustangs in their natural habitat. It was the same view that Americans saw centuries earlier, it was magic for us. The smell of the sage, the dry dust of the desert, and a few sprigs of grasses from the Damele Dry Creek Ranch pressed deeply in a book, are bonded memories of my first western state visit. From that time on, a day has not gone by that I have not thought, worked, or rode a Curly horse.

Hello, my name is Joan Henning. I am from Michigan and I am privileged to be here for you and the Curly horse. I teach high school Biology and my husband and I own and run our Equestrian Facility, where our Curly horses allow us to dwell!

This is my second year on the ICHO Board and I can assure you poignantly, the Board works nearly non stop toward the betterment of the Curly horse everyday! We are in perennial meetings addressing issues that ICHO was built upon, and continue to strive to provide you with the support and knowledge of the Curly horse, building friendships along the way.

Currently, the Board has developed and approved new breeding designations included in this gazette, and continues to pursue scientific research studies in Curly genetics. There continues to be unearthed, historical articles about the Curly horse as in this issue on pages 10 and 14. I am so impressed with the knowledge, wisdom, and energy that the board yields every day. What a great group to be involved in! We are here for you, please let us know your concerns, ideas and visions.

I've also had the privilege to get to know some of you, and there are so many more members that I am looking forward to meeting and working with. Join me at the AGM, you are all very important to me and I would love to talk Curlies! Please consider this an open invitation for you to contact me or the Board for any concerns, no matter how large or small, together we can be a dynamic team.

Walk on!

Joanie and Babydoll



2012 ICHO Calendar is now on sale at Cafe press-
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This years theme is Trail Riding Curlies and it is a great calendar! Get yours today! Beautiful photos and beautiful Curlies.

GAZETTE AD DEADLINE

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



GAZETTE SCHEDULE

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

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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!



New Editor- Mark Henning

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THE ICHO GAZETTE IS NOW ONLINE!!

All members can access the ICHO Gazette Online at- <http://ichocurlyhorses.org/> in the members only section. The 2012 password for members only section is: MemOnly12 (case sensitive) Save this password for access for all of 2012 to read the Gazette Online. Keep this password private as it is for members only. Printing costs are skyrocketing and this is true for the ICHO Gazette as well. We are encouraging members to read the Gazette online whenever possible. If you still want a printed copy, you can print the online version to read. We are asking that all those wishing a printed mailed copy use the form below and mail it to the office. There will be a \$10.00 fee for the 2012 year for printed mailed copies of the ICHO Gazette. Or email the office at office@curlyhorses.org and you can pay by PayPal. We will only send mailed copies to those requesting one using this form or that have emailed the office and have paid the \$10.00 fee. If we don't hear from you, you can read your Gazette online. Thank you for helping us save some \$'s on printing expenses!

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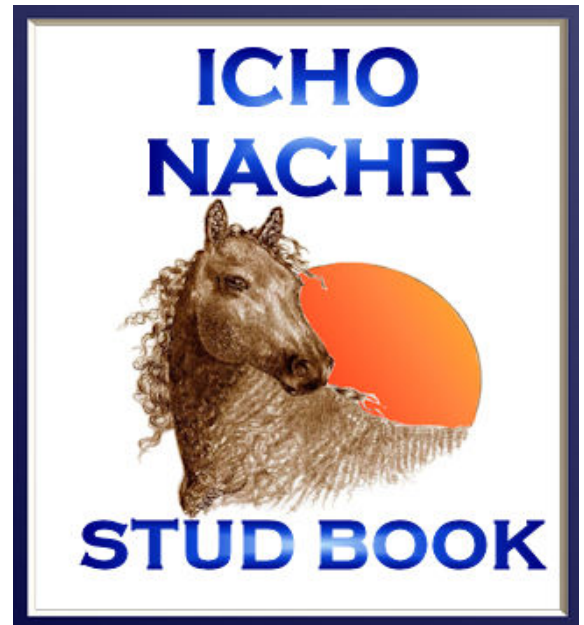


~ Standing at stud for his introductory year in 2012: CNC My Gold Rush Mountain aka Chevy. ICHO 1360-D/CSI C00722-10. Chevy is a yellow dun and carries the creme gene. 2012 Stud Fee is private treaty.

2012 Mare Care \$6.00 a day

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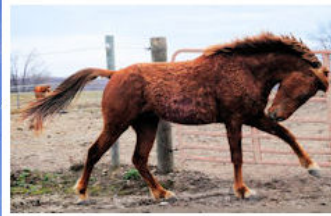
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 ICHO Reg. Pending

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

Kirin 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 stellar temperament and very willing to learn. She lunges, stands for farrier, vet, bathing, getting tacked up and mounting. Hacks out quietly on her own. She should finish about 15.1hh. Has a solid start under saddle and would be very suitable for someone getting back into riding. \$3500. Price will increase with Training and Showing.



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

Kinyobi is a fabulous Curly breeding stallion and consistently produces athletic and correct offspring. He has a superb temperament which he passes on to his offspring. Excellent to work with for hand, AI or pasture breeding. Kinyobi has been started under saddle but would need to further his education. Kinyobi is 15hh. He crosses very nicely with solid built mares to produce nice well balanced, excellent movement, correct Sporty foals. Contact for more info. and pricing.



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

Here is a really flashy Curly filly. She has an incredible temperament! She is extremely easy to work with and a very lovely girl with nice conformation and great movement. She is currently 14.3hh at 18mths. Definite Dressage, Eventing or Hunter/Jumper prospect. \$3500.





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- *Stanton Farms Horse Trials – Novice, 6th Place
- *Mother's Day Classic – Novice, 8th Place
- Equine Institute Combined Training – Top Ten**

2010 Competition Results – USEA Recognized Events

- *Mother's Day Classic - B. Novice, 13th
- *Stanton Farm Horse Trials – B. Novice, 9th Place
- Equine Institute Hunter Pace - 1st & 2nd Place**
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Nearest Airport- Bradley International in Connecticut, Burlington International in Burlington VT, Manchester Airport in New Hampshire. I usually suggest Bradley.

Nearest Hotels- Holiday Inn, many area B&B's very close to the farm.

list of Chester B&B's here : <http://www.chesterlodging.com/>

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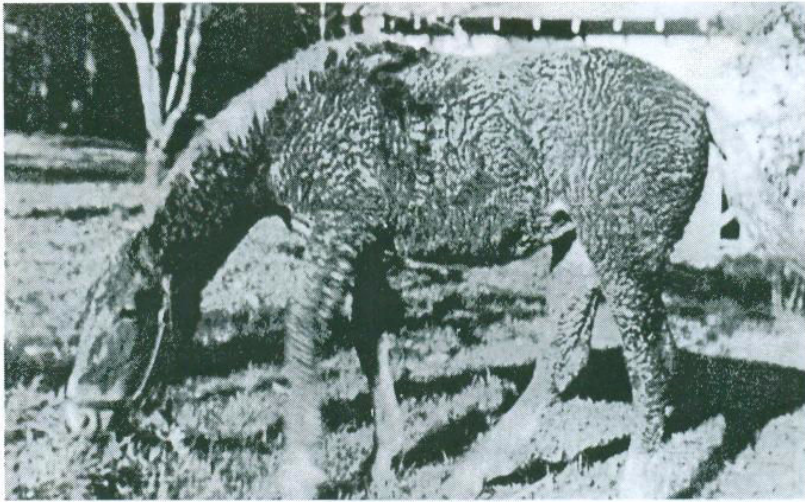
these are all within 7 miles from the farm. Most are much closer than that.

Meals- all meals will be provided under the tent at the farm.

Plan to attend and see beautiful Vermont in the fall! Stay tuned for more details and pricing.

We hope to see you there. ICHO members and non-members welcome.





• Curlycue, a yearling Bashkir or curly filly in summer coat, raised by Damele & Sons and owned by Susanne Swanson, Magalia, California.

MORE ON THE CURLY HORSES

By PETER J. DAMELE

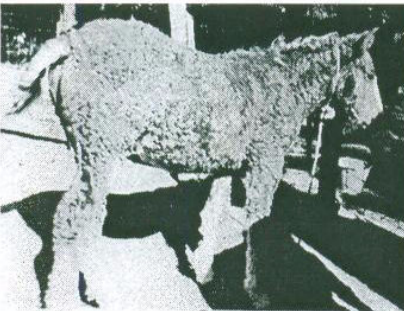
Photos courtesy of Susanne Swanson

WE READ with a great deal of interest the story in *The Western Horseman* about the *Fur Covered Horses*, June, 1960. We have bred and used these horses on a limited scale for the last 60 years. My father, Peter L. Damele, moved to the Three Bar Ranch in 1898. It is located in the central part of Nevada in Kobiah Valley, some 30 to 40 miles northeast of Eureka, Nevada. There were a few curly horses running with thousands of other wild horses on the Pete Hansen and Roberts Mountains. There was a rumor that these horses descended from curly stock owned by a man, name unknown, living some 50 or 60 miles to the south in Antelope Valley. I feel certain that the horses pursued by Morton Bell in 1912 (*Fur Covered Horses*, *The Western Horseman*, May-June, 1947) were descended from this same stock.

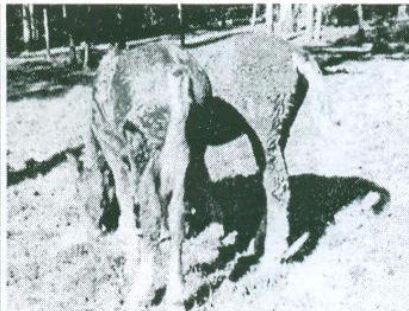
My father caught some of the horses running on the Pete Hansen Mountain, and all of our present day curly stems from these horses. We now have a curly stallion and some 20 mares with curly bloodlines on our Dry Creek Ranch at Eureka, Nevada. Some evi-

dence suggests these horses were imported from the State of Bashkir, eastern Russia, possibly in the 1870s or 1880s. The Bashkir horse is known along the Black Sea and prized by the horsemen of North China.

We have all sizes, colors, and shapes, for they have been crossed with everything from Percherons to Arabians, and the fact that the curly hair continues to appear at all is amazing, for the blood is far from pure. An occasional "typical" curly appears from otherwise normal parents, providing one or both have curly blood. The most noticeable difference in a "typical" curly is the curly hair all over the body, especially in winter when the coat is long, little or no mane, a thin tail, an unusual head, which is rather long and narrow, and a slightly Roman nose with small nostrils. They seldom weigh over 900 pounds, but a few are known which were much heavier. They are not noted for their speed, but they can endure a winter on open range which would kill all other livestock. They are easily broken, and our curly stallion has a very fast and easy walk.



• LaRaine, weanling Bashkir in first year coat, owned by Susanne Swanson of Alasu Arabians, purchased from the Dameles.



• Curlycue and LaRaine, as weanling fillies, showing the 3D brand of the Dry Creek Ranch on the left thigh.

AUGUST, 1960

Thank you Penny Johnson, for securing the permission to print this historical article that was written by

Peter J. Damele



Dry Creek Ranch branding irons.



Dry Creek Ranch, 2010, by Joan Henning.

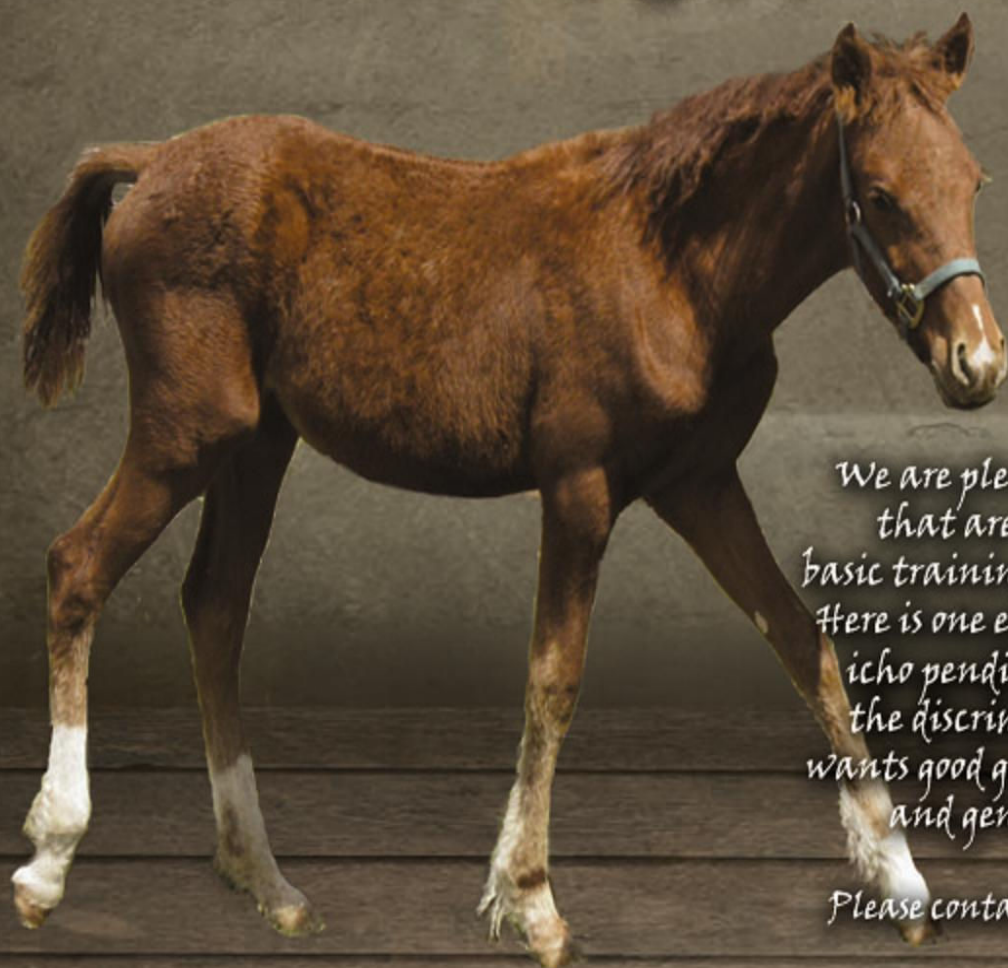


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O'Sparky of Golden Curls Ranch meets Buck Brannaman!

When I arrived to South Paw Ranch in Farmersville, Texas on a brisk, chilly Friday morning, the clinic had already started. There were almost two dozen horses of every color, shape and size in the arena with their owners or trainers. Their human friends were listening intently to the gentleman on his beautiful horse with a microphone and a flat topped hat. The clinician who would become everyone's favorite horseman and mentor was, Buck Brannaman.

I quickly found a seat on the bleachers and gazed at our handsome BLM Curly Mustang Stallion, O'Sparky, and his trainer, Mary Kitzmiller. They both looked my way and smiled for a moment and returned their attention to Buck. The crowd sitting around me and several more folks standing around the arena were silently soaking up every word Buck said.

I met Mary, a lovely young lady with a lifetime of horse experience, at the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover last September. Her Mustang was stalled across the isle from American Honey during the competition. During our four days together I watched her connection with her horse and decided she was the right trainer to help O'Sparky train in Western Dressage or as we call it in Texas Cowboy Dressage..

Mary was fortunate to have her name on the list as a participant for Buck's clinic and asked if she could take O'Sparky. Anything to help our three year old stallion have a great foundation in training sounded good to me so I agreed. Over the next few weeks she would ask me if I had made time to see Buck's movie but I chose not to as I wanted to go with an open mind. These days, there are so many equine clinicians and I feel they are really more about marketing than horsemanship, so I tend to shy away from them. But, by Saturday night I was convinced Buck was the real horseman.

While Mary worked with another client's horse in the afternoon I would rest beside O'Sparky's panels, serving as his stall. South Paw Ranch is beautiful with much green grass. After cleaning, I would move his panels daily so he had lots of wonderful green grass to munch on. One day the owner asked me if his stall was OK.. I replied, "it's great, we're just helping mow for you." Friday night everyone shared a meal at the local Mexican restaurant and their observations of the day's activities. Many who had questions were able to chat with others who gave their ideas of what was said in the clinic. These conversations were valuable in answering my questions and allowed me to learn more about horse training. Additionally, my respect for my new friends grew, as many of them were also clinicians who came to learn from the best.

I learned several things watching Buck, both in the clinic and at rest times. He was graceful and confident when approaching his horse. Often, he would remind us of the importance of working their feet both in ground work and while in the saddle. And, having respect for your horse was of most importance. Buck explained how to bridle the horse and protect his ears. He showed us a comfortable way to put the snaffle bit in our horse's mouth for the first time. While these things are considered small to the rider they are important to the horse. I don't recall other clinicians taking the time to explain why it is best to do something in a certain way, but everything Buck did was for the safety and comfort of his horse.

Saturday morning, Mary and O'Sparky were in the saddle with everyone else in the arena. It could have been crazy and unsafe with that many horses who were in a "colt starting" class ,but Buck was calm, and everyone, including the horses, were in tune to his presence. At the end of every class he would personally ask each rider if they had any questions and most importantly how they felt about their connection with their horse. He knew everyone by name by the second day and they were becoming a close family.

Saturday night was the Chuck Wagon dinner and we were treated to comfort food cowboy style. Buck chatted with everyone and I introduced myself and thanked him for helping Mary help O'Sparky. He seemed pleased and commented on how well behaved our O'Sparky was. As the evening stars began to shine brighter, one of the clinic riders pulled out his guitar and sang as we all sat around the glowing campfire. What a wonderful star studded evening is was!

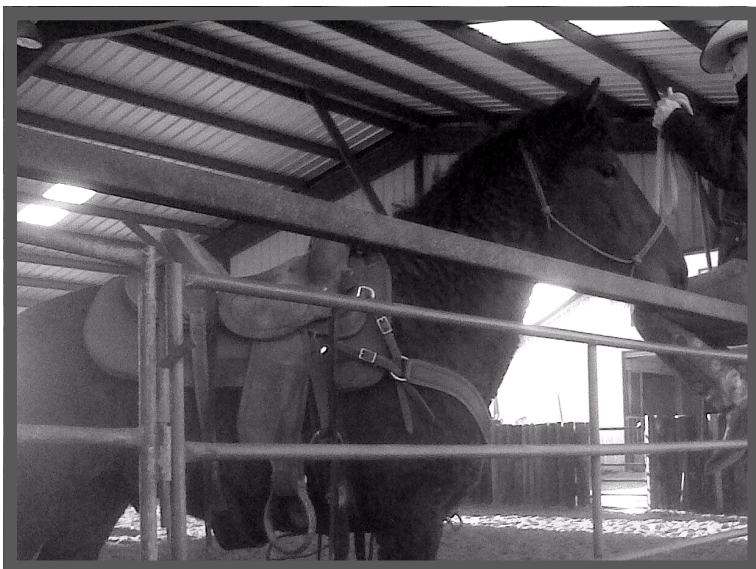
During the four days, one of my favorite activities was to introduce folks to O'Sparky. Most folks had never seen a Curly horse before and were even more surprised that he was a Stallion. The attached photos show O'Sparky meeting two young ladies who were certain they wanted a horse just like him! Several times I was asked if he was for sale. Could they breed to him? There were many questions about where he is was from and why he was curly. My favorite question, "do you curl his mane with a curling iron?" was actually asked with sincerity.

After three nights of cowboy showers and catching zzz's in a horse trailer, with a generator that rarely worked, I was sure I knew why cowboys looked grumpy in the movies! But, I also understood why they loved their cowboy life. It's because they have found what we are all seeking, the wonderful connection with our horse.

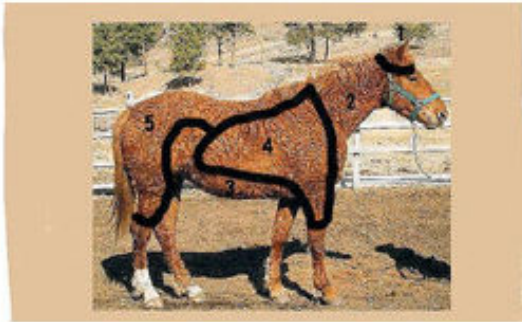
Buck promised that he would return to South Paw Ranch next year to host another clinic. He stated that he liked to help folks continue to make progress and revisit the same locations every year. It will be great fun to see all our wonderful new friends again, both human and equine, at that reunion. Meantime, Mary, O'Sparky and I are continuing the good progress we are making with Buck's help and connecting with him in body and soul.

Angie Gaines

www.goldencurlsranch.com



Collecting Curly Fiber



Collection Areas:

1. Around Ears, forehead, poll– softest (*next to skin items*)
2. Neck and chest– medium soft (*hats, mittens, scarves, socks*)
3. Belly, flank, between hind legs– medium (*outer wear, vests, etc*)
4. Top of front legs, sides– medium course (*outer wear, ponchos, etc*)
5. Back, rump, top of back legs– course (*rugs, saddle blankets, pillows*)

How to wash Curly Fiber-

Once you have collected the fiber, pick through it to remove all sticks, bedding, hay, straw, wood chips etc. Once it is picked clean of debris, fill a bucket full of very warm water and add a good squeeze of Dawn Dish Detergent and mix. Put the hair in the bucket and push down so it is all under water and suds. Soak for about 30 mins. Take out the hair and squeeze out the soap and place into a clean bucket with clean warm water in it . Soak for about 20-30 minutes. Then take out the hair and rinse again in another clean bucket filled with warm water and 1/4 cup of white vinegar. This helps remove any left over soap and also gets rid of any smell. Soak for 20-30 mins. Take out hair squeeze all water out that you can and lay hair on a towel to dry. Turn over hair after half a day to help dry bottom side of hair. Once completely dry store in baggies so moths cannot get at it.

PROJECT– How to make a Curly Pillow. Brillo Pad type Curlies make fabulous pillows! If you know how to sew you can make a pillow cover and stuff it with clean washed Curly hair.

If you don't sew, go to the store and buy a pillow cover that has a zipper on one end. Stuff the pillow cover with clean washed Curly hair. Use a pillow case over the stuffed pillow cover. Be sure to use pure cotton pillow covers and pillow cases for the most comfortable sleep. Egyptian cotton is known for being the best. Bamboo fiber is also great because it is naturally microbacterial.

The benefits of sleeping on natural fiber products have long been known to induce deep restful sleep. They also keep you cooler in summer weather than do synthetic fiber filled pillows. Why not curl up with your favorite Curly in a pillow :) Have Fun!

Bunny Reveglia

New- Limited Breeding option for S Division horses for ICHO study purposes

S Division- Smooth Coated horses, not showing a curly coat, are registered in ICHO as pedigreed horses that have Curly coated D horses in their family tree and at least one Curly coated D parent. It has come to our attention through the years that sometimes horses that look smooth coated can occasionally pass on curls when bred to other breeds or another smooth coat of Curly pedigree. It could be we are missing some subtle coat expressions and some horses may look smooth coated but may have some genetics to pass on curls. We would like to allow limited breeding of S division horses to each other and other breeds so we can study the results of coat type in the offspring.

We are allowing two generations of smooth coat breeding that are eligible for registration in the S division labeled as Smooth Bred (SB). The purpose is to gain study evidence of what a smooth coated horse in the S Division can actually produce for coat type when bred to each other or another breed.

Requirements:

1. S and SB1 (first generation smooth bred) breeding's will require the S or SB1 parent and offspring be DNA typed so we can verify Curly pedigrees. All S registered or horses eligible for S division are accepted for breeding with NO known recessive curly's or carriers in the pedigree. We do not want to risk breeding recessive curly coats to study these horses. A questionnaire is also required and extra coat close up photos.

2. Breeding chart allowed for registration:

S x S = SB1 (First generation Smooth coat bred)

S x other breed = SB1 (First generation Smooth coat bred)

SB1 x SB1 = SB2 (second generation Smooth coat bred)

SB1 x S = SB2 (second generation Smooth coat bred)

SB1 x other breed= SB2 (second generation Smooth coat bred)

SB horses will be registered under the S Division with letters that denote their breeding generation of SB1 or SB2. [Example_ "Raspberry Smoothie 3552- SB2", this will show the horse is Smooth Bred and has a smooth coat and is the second generation of being Smooth Bred.]

SB2 horses must breed back to D (curly coated) for their offspring to be eligible for registration. SB2 horses DO NOT have breeding rights in the S division. SB2 x D = D if curly coated or S if smooth coated.

If any horse is produced with a full curly coat, they will be registered in the appropriate curly division.

ICHO/NACHR reserves the right to approve/deny any S x S or S x other breed offspring based on pedigree (lack of D horses) or if known recessive curly horses exist in the pedigree that horse will be excluded from registration unless gelded or spayed. Only SB horses that can prove parentage through DNA testing will be considered for registration.

ICHO reserves the right to modify or discontinue the breeding of Smooth coat Bred horses for study purposes once results have been gathered or a genetic test for the curly coat is available. The breeding of Smooth coats is for study and the continued research on the dominant Curly coated horse.

First Generation S Bred = SB 1

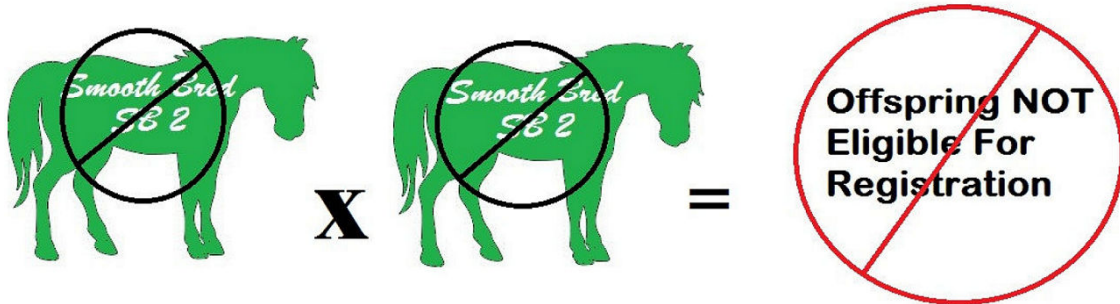


SB1 horses can be bred back to D division Curly horses SB1 x D = offspring registered D if Curly coated or S if smooth coated. See below for second generation SB1 breeding.

Second Generation S Bred= SB 2



SB 2 generation horses must be bred back to D Division Curly coated horses for their offspring to be registered. SB 2 cannot be bred to each other for offspring registration.



SB2 x other breed= Offspring NOT eligible for registration
 SB2 x S= Offspring NOT eligible for Registration

Only SB2 x D Curly coated horse is allowed for offspring to be registered. Offspring if Curly will be D, if smooth coated S.



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Brothers for sale! Smoky black homozygous tobiano curly gaited colt born 4/2010. Started under saddle! Also a buckskin homozygous tobiano curly gaited colt born 4/2011. Dam is Lucky Touch daughter. Sire is TWH/SSH

Kids and Curlies

My Name is
 Trevor Tucker,
 Age 18.
 My horses' name
 is TFN Warrior's
 Cica Tahalo.



This foal picture is at one month old, but now Warrior's Cica Tahalo is turning two this spring.

Our Favorite Activity: I like to trail ride and just hang out with them.

Future Goals: More riding!!

Location: Lawrenceburg, Kentucky

Hey kids! (19 and under) Please send a photo and the above information to us to have you and your favorite Curly posted!

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ROCK SPRINGS CURLY HORSE HISTORY

This letter was sent to Sharon Williams and Glen Conley years ago by John Kappes. He explains how the Curlies ended up in the Rock Springs BLM area of WY. John shares his memories of the ancestors of the Rock Springs Curly horses, the Laramie Stud, Rocket and more. Retyped from the original handwritten letter by Carol L. Erickson for ICHO.

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Dear Sharon Williams and Glen Conley;

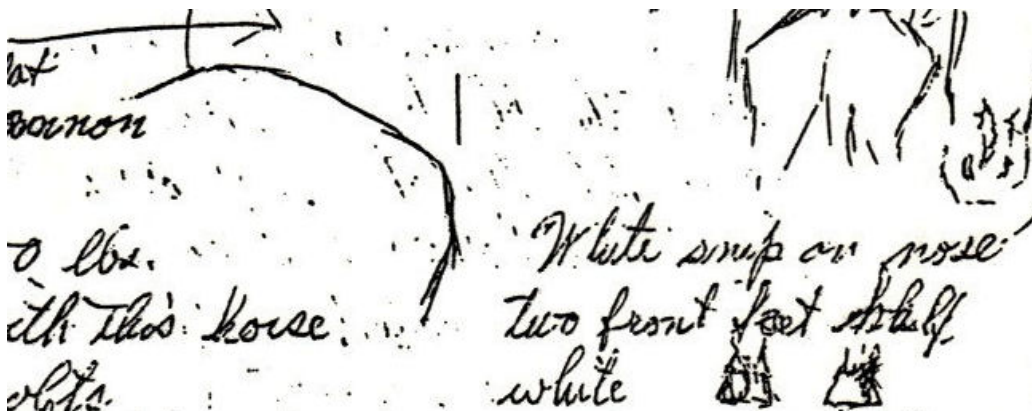
You're right, I don't know you. However, pleased to meet you!

Yes, I did own some Bashkir curlies, and I was always well mounted. Of the (9?) horses that I personally broke and rode 2 were not very good. The rest both possessed and had the ability to "put a cow up a tree."

I have been trying to pick my memory bank for those bits of information I've long forgotten about, but to the best of my ability, here goes.

Somewhere between 1942-1945 my foster uncle Isaac Newton Brooks, bought a black curly stud colt from a horse trader around Laramie, Wyoming, whose name I believe to be Fawcett. The person who would absolutely know was Ike's foreman of 40 + odd years, a Dean Smith. He now resides at my foster mother's ranch which is now owned and operated by my sister in law Patricia Jean (Tanner, maiden) Kappes. PO Box 726 Rock Springs, Wyoming 82931

This above stud colt lived only 18 years, due mostly to a condition called "parrot mouth" where the upper teeth protrude somewhat forward of the lower teeth, making the snipping of short grasses nearly impossible. Conformation wise he had a dish face, with a rather round almost bulging forehead, short ears, very fine muzzle. His legs were too long for his short back. He was "rafter" hipped with a long length to his hip and long forearms with short flat cannon bones. A good deep chest. He only weighed about 950 lbs. White snip on the nose, two front feet (half?) white.



However, I fell in love with this horse and he threw some very fine colts.

The horse was barely broke and seldom ridden. He just was turned outside with the "wild bunch".

Let me explain this wild bunch.

Two neighbors owned most of the horses about 98% South of Rock Springs, Ike Brooks and the Sweeney family. Ike's range ran from Green River on the west to the railroad town of bitter creek 75 miles to the east. It extended from the UP railroad on the North to the Colorado, Utah line 40 miles south.

Sweeney's range was within Ike's range.

They both raised their horse(s) on open range. Sweeneys had about 1400 head at one time and Ike had more than that. The last time the(y) gathered and sold the(y) each sold over 1200 head. They were unable to keep gathering these horses after the cowboys got old and government stopped "running" horses with airplanes. They didn't know at that time that was the most humane way to handle those wilder horses. Those horses that weren't ridden regularly were called the "wild bunch".

Enough of that. You know by now the BLM wound up with most of the horses.

Back to our story. I broke two seven year old colts out of this Laramie stud; one grey, Frosty, rafter hipped, one black with a snip on his nose, not rafter hipped. The grey looked a dead ringer for the old stud except his legs were not so long, and his back was longer. The black horse's head didn't look at all like the Laramie stud, in fact no part of him did except the long forearms and powerful muscles. Both horses weighed about 1200, Frosty, the grey was very gentle Snip the black was never gentle. However he was without a doubt, the strongest horse I ever sat on.

Both horses had an exceptional walk and trot. When Snip would stretch into a fast trot his hind foot would pass his front from 32" to 36". Few horses could run as he could trot. None anywhere could match that walk. _____

No horse in the "wild bunch" including the Morgans, Standardbreds, "army remount Thoroughbreds" or "Tennessee Walkers" which had been purchased and turned into the mares to improve their blood lines, none could come close to outrunning Snip. Frosty was only shortly behind in speed.

Dean Smith and I would gather and brand and cull those wild horses every year. When we rode those two horses the wild horses would be kept on a constant $\frac{3}{4}$ out run for distances of 20 miles and more with dean in front on Snip and me behind on Frosty. Neither one of us would ever break a trot except if one of the mares would try to break.

Those wild horses could never match the burst of speed those Curlies could turn on.

However, I realize that those two were exceptional horses and there may never be any more like them but I had to 2 more that matched them in every way in looks and nearly as ability. Slower trots and slower walks. They were out of the Laramie's stud son, Rocket.

These two Iron greys were named Peewee and Knots.

Peewee was better looking than Knots, having a finer head and muzzle, much easier to train than knots who was named by my brother for being "knot headed".

Both attained a mature weight of 1150 lbs.

Both short eared.

Both excellent cow horses, able to rope and drag one or put a cow down a gopher hole.

Peewee was "kid gentle" from early age. Knots never was; being more of a man horse who never really liked humans at all except one in his later years.

He fell in love with my present wife's daughter and the two of them became the greatest pals.

Since I've started this letter, (I hope you can read it)_____

I have received from you folks a bundle of papers on Curly horses. Since I have very few photos of my curly horses I will attempt to compare these horses with some of the ones you have in the registry.

My horses all stayed curly their whole life through except as they grew older, they lost some of the summer marcelle until they were nearly straight haired except in winter.

A list of the curlys I broke and rode (except the Laramie stud)

	Color	marks	white heel (per 2 front right)	tail	Fellock hair
Snip	Black	1200	one on nose	rat tailed	short-spars
Frosty	Iron grey	1200	None	short rat tailed	short-spars
Eagle	Iron grey	1300	None	short heavy tail	long
Scar face	Black	1100	white heels - front	long rat tailed	no-feather's
Rocket (stud)	Black	950	none	short rat tailed	none
Laramie stud	Black	950	starlet white heels front	rat tailed	short-spars
			Rockets off spring		
Peewee	iron grey	1150	none	short not tailed (summer)	short
Knots	iron grey	1150	none	short	long (year around)
Tony	chestnut	1000	starlet + amp	short	long year around
Patrick	black	800	3 boots one back left hind	short	long
			tony starlet	short	medium

Patrick was so small I never took the time to break him. He was exceptionally smart extremely agile, able to run wide open across patches of ice a 100 yards across. I never saw him fall. When the horses would run and play before an impending storm, he was always 50 yards out in front. No horse on the ranch could outrun him. Looked like Frostfire's Capt. Kirk.

I'm hoping that you folks can get the pictures I'm sending you copied, and perhaps return them to me as I have no negatives. However, if you can't I will understand and hope they help you in your investigations.

Tony was never a cow horse. Hated to turn or reign. Was easy to ride but never possessed a free easy gate. Always thought he was born to kidney troubles as he was always dull of wit and slow movement. He couldn't learn as he couldn't remember what was taught him. Sort of had to retrain him once a month.

We had two filly colts out of rocket. One wound up a Don Rodger's the other Marvin Hopkins of Pinedale, Wyoming. An Iron grey nearly identical to Peewee. I never saw a man love his horse more. Her head was shaped like the horse in the right in the two page Photo of two horses nose to nose. One blaze faced on right having (bare) showing of a star.

The horses I am sending pictures of I leave as self-explanatory those I have no pictures of, I will compare to those you sent me.

Laramie Stud showed many of the traits or those of the brown black Rock Springs mare. He had shorter ears set wider apart, shorter back. No withers either. Very similar shoulders, legs rump, (croup) only a few hairs on his tail at any time. Very similar markings. Many of his colts exhibited the longer head such as she does. He was nearly ewe necked too.

The very different types of offspring from him and Rocket seemed to depend much on the dams blood. Those crosses with Arabians were similar to this R.S. (Rock Springs) mare.

Snip 1200 lb. Black looked remarkably like the Sorrel? Horse similar to old style Morgans on PP#74 and same horse center of pictures showing two horses in water, Jay's Boy at top he and lady+ fetlock pic bottom. Snip was out of a Sweeney's Morgan stock.

Snip never liked people but was intelligent and commanded very well was extremely strong.

He looked a lot like Jay's Curly Boy when he trotted.



Frosty 1200 lb. Frosty the iron grey's head as was Peewee, looked a good deal similar on side view to Nevada Mary owned by Betsy Parillo. Neck, legs, shoulder slope, withers very similar. A bit longer crop. Curly coats on all my horses and Ikes were like hers.

Frosty and Peewee have very little mane in summer, sparse in winter. Snip and Knots had long manes and tails all the time. Knots was built more like Snip too.

Eagle Iron grey 1300 lb. Very similar build, head, and carriage with a thicker neck to Pat's Diamond ABC P. 33. He was easy riding, very intelligent easy stride for just making long hard rides on. However... He did not possess the ability to stop and turn. He had the "want to" and could herd most running cows on his long trot, but when he had to "shut down" he seemed to always manage to stumble and fall a hundred yards or so but if you roped the biggest bull, he was yours.

Rocket 850 lb. Black Black I will dwell awhile on this one. He was such a joy to ride. Looked somewhat like Jay's Curly Boy, even judges in Pleasure and reigning classes admired his free and easy gait.

When I broke him at 3 years of age he was very callable of a 75 mile day. At maturity he could put in a 150 mile day with ease 4 and 5 of them in a row in fact. I never tired of riding him even though it was hard to hold a saddle when he was fat because of small withers.

I could rope any cow on the ranch. While they would pitch and beller in every direction, he would just stand there slightly spraddle legged and look around as if nothing were happening.

(Please excuse the poor writing)

He never had any trouble outrunning horse or cow, on hillside, soft ground or ice.

We have many badger holes in our country. They have attributed to over 75 falls on various horses in my lifetime over 25 on frozen meadows. I've been hung up 3 times with only one serious injury, but in the 15 years I rode this horse, he fell only once. When he jumped over a badge hole it caved in on him 3 ft. deep and sort of tied his front legs to the ground. Since we were loping right along it was a short fast trip to the ground, no fault of his.

Most of his colts were good ones, but I only had a few mare so his greatest potential was not realized until I retired him to stud on open range about 1974. He fathered all the present day Curlies around Rock Springs, some of which were good looking stock. Some out the heavier mares from Ike's Belgian stud were not so good.

In closing I wish to thank you for taking the time to find me. One of my lifetime dreams was to raise a Curly Breed out of rocket. That fell by the wayside long ago – with the passing of my first wife Anna. I am so glad someone besides me has found and enjoyed the "Curly Horse".

Around 1952 to 54 Ike sold about 9 filly colts to a horse buyer who took them east toward Kansas and Iowa. Maybe some of those showed up in Indiana.

I also found my Time Life Book, "The Kingdom of the Horse", H.H. Isenbart- E.M. (BiiKrer ??)

The Bashkir horse is listed there as a Soviet Union horse of Mongolian and (Kirdhy??) blood used by the Ural Cossacks.

Again, Many Thanks to you, feel free to contact me at any time.

Signed:

John L. Kappes

Retyped by Carol Erickson

Photos provided by Patricia Kappes from her photo collection.



Ann Kappes and Rocket 1964



Pee Wee 1969

Rocket Photo comments by Patricia Kappes: Finally found that picture I was telling you about. Was taken in 1964. Dated on back of photo.

Pee Wee photo comments: Patricia Kappes said "Found this picture of a curly colt from Rocket and John's mare "Betsy". Picture was taken in 1969 here at the ranch."

Rebecca said: "Bunny here is the second one. This colt's name is "Pee Wee" When I was a child in the 80's I remember my brothers and sisters riding this horse, but he was white then. I might have even rode him in the late 80's, so he had a long life span especially for a ranch horse."

More info from Rebecca Reinhart (Patricia Kappes daughter)

Bunny,

Actually I grew up on the ranch that John Kappes grew up on. My brothers and sister are related to John (well he was the adopted son of the Kappes's). I guess Ike Brooks (John's adoptive mother's brother) bought the curly stallion and John turned the stud out with the mustangs. It was Ike's intention to improve the mustang stock. When the ranchers gathered the mustangs the good ones were either turned back out on the range or broke to ride. Up until the blm management of the herds I believe the ranchers did a very wise thing by trying to improve the herds, using what they could and selling off the junk. But anyhow, the two curlies that were on the ranch used as ranch horses were half brothers, one was out of Honey and the other Daisy. But when my mom runs across the pictures (see above) of them I will definitely . ttl Rebecca

Bunny

Yes you may use this on the website. History of a breed is important, and pictures make it so much better. Plus the pictures will eventually be lost if not shared. it is neat that an introduction of a stallion to the herd in the 60's is still showing the curly traits 50 years later!

Then on Pee Wee I also recall that he is the horse that all of us kids rode because he was so safe and dependable. That was something because training of horses in Wyoming isn't the training out in the east. The horses were allowed to get to 4-5 years of age before they were started. When they were ready to work they were played with a little to accept the saddle and a rider, and then saddle thrown on cinched up tight and rode all day herding cattle. I don't understand it but not very many breast collars were used even though the terrain was rugged. It wasn't uncommon for ranch horses to have wither white spots, and white girth spots. If a ranch horse got loose or was turned out it was easy to pick them out from a mustang herd because of the saddle spots. On the picture of Pee Wee I never knew he was anything other than white.