



News Review



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Welcome



Welcome

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We hope that you enjoy this, the first issue of the 'new' style MHCGB News Review.

Our aim is to provide you not only with club news but to provide you with articles that we hope you will find interesting and informative, and to put you in contact with breeders and suppliers of products and services that cater for the miniature horse.

If you have a picture that we can use for the front cover of a future News Review we would love to hear from you. It doesn't have to be a show picture as we realise that not all our members can or necessarily want to compete, but it could be of a foal or you having fun with your minis, for example.

We would also be interested in any article you might wish to submit to future issues, if you think you have anything that other members might find interesting, informative or just fun then please submit an article or column to us. We would love to hear from you.

If there is anything that you would like to be covered in future issues let us know. We welcome feedback from members good or bad.

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A Welcome from your President

Mini greetings

The 2003 showing season is now well behind us and no doubt you are all looking in your fields or other peoples fields for your star for 2004!

I hope many of you are venturing over the Belgium on the 21st November to join the International Miniature Horse Conference, it looks like being a unique educational mini event with the worlds leading Equine Educational speakers invited.. For those of you not yet booked, check out www.ryanair.com flights from Stansted to Brussels have been as low as 1p (not a miss print!!)

And now to award the 2003 champions - The High Point Presentation Evening takes place on the 29th November, we are combining this with an AGM. The venue is the Boars Head Hotel, Sudbury, we'd love to see as many of you join us as possible. We will be enjoying the carvery during our evening. We have some superb trophies to give away so good luck to you all. Rooms are available at the Boars Head if you want to make a night of it.

If you are wanting instruction or educational days or evenings organising locally over the winter months contact your area rep. with your ideas. Or perhaps you may wish to host a pre season foal show, please feel free to contact any of us with your ideas.

No need to be bored this winter!!

Plans for our first show of 2004 are well under way. We are delighted to announce we have appointed the 2004 AMHA National Show judge Joyce Swanson from Colorado to officiate.

The show takes place once again at Newclose Farm, Norton, Stockton on Tees on Easter Sunday 11th April. We are gaining AMHA approval this year for the AMHA section, which will be of interest to all you AMHA owners and breeders. This will be the first AMHA approved show in the UK. We have sections at the show for all breeds of Miniature Horses. There will also be space for tradestands.

Make a date for your diary.

From myself and the club have a very Merry Christmas and a successful & prosperous New Year.

Jill Robinson
President

AMHA horse passport announcement.

MHCGB are working with DEFRA on behalf of AMHA at the moment. We should shortly be able to offer AMHA DEFRA approved passports for your AMHA registered horses.

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DRIVING A MINI—BUYER BEWARE

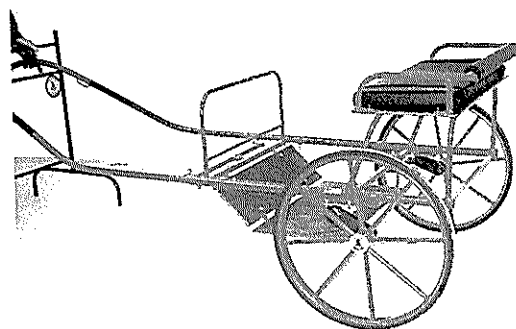
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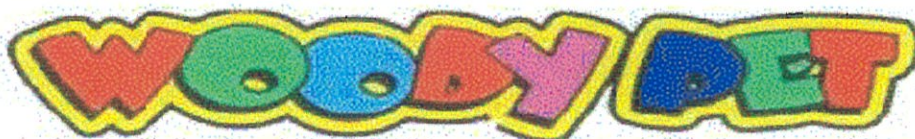
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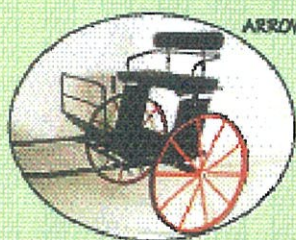
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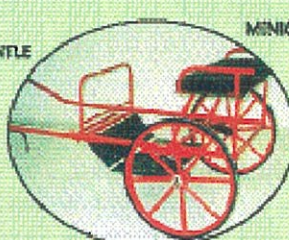
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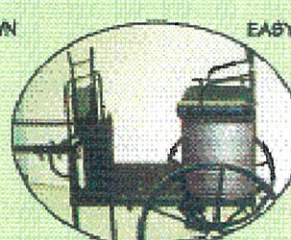
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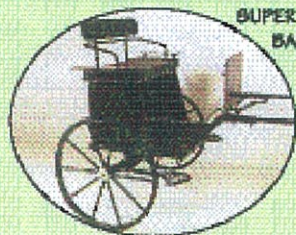


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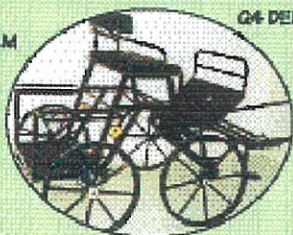


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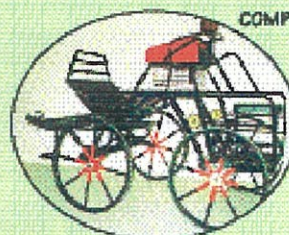
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Our thoughts on stallion management and well being by Joanne & Larry Ross, Scott Creek Miniature Horse Farm

Over the years we have been asked many times about various aspects of stallion management. Most often folks are suffering from frustration at one aspect or another of their stallion's behaviour. There are frequent complaints of aggressive and unruly behaviour of stallions when being handled at breeding. Others are disturbed that their stallions bite frequently or walk over them as they are being led or otherwise handled. Frequently we hear of stallions that pace their stalls or paddocks incessantly or scream loudly when there is any form of movement about the barn. We have also heard of instances where stallions will actually charge people when approached or whirl and kick at them as their area is entered. Of course each of these behaviours is annoying at least and outright dangerous in many cases. Unfortunately many of these behaviours are tolerated with miniature horses because the risk to humans is minimal in most cases. You can imagine, however, the serious safety problems that are apparent if these behaviours are allowed with full sized horses. Consequently, those owning full sized horses take measures to assure that their stallions are well behaved and manageable.

Stallions can be a pleasure to have on the farm, believe it or not. We believe that problems with stallion behaviour have root with two sources. The primary understanding that anyone who owns a stallion needs to remember is that he is a horse and horses are HERD ANIMALS. Once a person has a grasp on this fact, actions can be taken to address the causes that we feel create the greatest number of problems related to stallions. Those two key issues that we address with our stallions (not to mention all of our horses) are:

1. Providing a herd environment for the stallion.
2. Addressing the issue of "Pecking Order" when handling a stallion.

PROVIDING A HERD ENVIRONMENT FOR THE STALLION

Keep in mind that horses are "herd animals". If these horses were free to wander the plains in roaming bands, the herd and its dynamics teach, order and control the behaviour of all of its members from the youngest foal to the herd sire. In our opinion this is key to the mental well being and behaviour of all horses including stallions. Most often when we are asked what to do with a difficult stallion, we ask one simple question. What are your housing arrangements for the horse? Almost invariably the answer comes back the stallion is kept isolated from the other horses and never gets an opportunity to interact in the "herd environment" from the time that he begins to show interest in mares. In our opinion, this creates a multitude of problems. The gregarious, social animal is placed in isolation and has no chance of interacting with others. Frequently the only social contact he receives is at feeding time from a human and occasionally during the breeding season. The rest of his life he is imprisoned by himself. They use this type of treatment for punishment in the penal system. It is known as solitary confinement. The difference is with people, it usually does not last for a lifetime.

The problem with isolating a stallion is that he has no opportunity to interact with other horses and develop acceptable behaviour patterns that are taught within the herd. The herd will not tolerate "uncivilized behaviour" during breeding. The herd will not allow barging into others without suffering consequences such as a swift kick or a bite from the head broodmare. Whirling and kicking at others is likewise not tolerated by the herd. Due to his isolation the stallion has no "social skills" as taught by the herd environment. When we, as humans, step into his environment we are in for whatever behaviours he may have manufactured on his own. Unfortunately due to boredom and isolation these behaviours are usually not pleasant.

So how does one create a herd environment for the stallion? Obviously, they must be managed to some extent. It is difficult to turn the stallion out with the herd year round. If you are trying to restrict the time that your mares foal he can't run with them all the time. They don't get along with other stallions. Usually they are not too friendly with geldings either.

We create a "herd" environment a couple of ways for our stallions. If the stallions are young (usually 3 years or less) they can be run with other colts of like age. We will put two or three colts together in a stall/paddock arrangement. This environment allows them to have room to run and cavort as colts will. They learn from each other the etiquette of fair play. They have social contacts with other horses. We will also put a young colt (yearling or 2 year old) with a bred mare or mares. If the mare is very dominant she will definitely teach the colt to be a gentleman when around a lady. In some cases it is good to place two mares with a colt and he will "go to school" that much sooner. We have had a number of 2 year old colts come to our farm that were show horses and isolated from a very young age. They exhibited a number of bad habits such as nipping and charging while on lead. We introduced them to a couple of

tough old girls in a paddock and after a month or so of socializing their whole demeanour changed toward other horses as well as toward us, as handlers. It has been amazing to watch the transformations. Of course a person needs to be willing to put up with some squealing and kicking from the paddock area for a couple of days until the colt gets things sorted out. We have yet to see any injuries result from such encounters.

We do essentially the same thing with older stallions. We attempt to run a bred mare or mare we are intending on breeding to our stallion with him at all times. This includes during the fall and winter months. We still keep our stallions up in the stall/paddock situation but make sure that we have a mare with them at all times. The stallions are pleasant to be around. They are well-mannered at breeding time. They appear to have some quality of life (a human interpretation).

PECKING ORDER AND BEING "HEAD BROODMARE" WHEN HANDLING A STALLION

So often we, as humans, attempt to communicate with horses on our terms assuming that they can understand everything we say and the complex social tools that we use when we interact. Horses are intelligent animals within their realm, however, sometimes it seems we ask a lot more of them than they are capable of understanding. Their verbalizations are pretty basic. The mare will nicker at the foal. The lonely horse will whinney in hopes of locating the herd. The irritated horse will scream at another while charging or kicking. Beyond that there aren't a lot of spoken communications. A huge amount of communication among horses comes as a result of non-verbal behaviours or body language. Pinning of the ears when mad is one example. Whirling about and threatening to kick when one's body space is invaded is another. It is extremely interesting to watch the dominant mare in a herd situation control the others by her body movements. All eyes are on her. When she makes an aggressive move toward another horse, the lower order individual gives way. This is how order is maintained within the group. There is a hierarchy among the horses of the herd and each individual has his or her place. Each time a lower individual invades the space of a more dominant horse they are dealt with immediately. This either involves a lunge at the underling or a swift kick if the underling doesn't move. Sometimes the dominant horse will scream loudly at the other to let it know it is out of line. These are the behaviours that the horses understand.

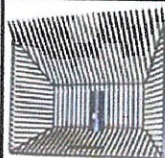
For the most part, at our farm, we attempt to mimic these behaviours when we handle our stallions or any other horse. We put ourselves in the position of HEAD BROODMARE. Keep in mind that horses are always trying to figure out their place in the herd. It is our belief that horses think of us as funny looking members of the herd. As a result, their natural inclination is to assert their position toward us within the herd. If the stallion is allowed to walk into us or nip at us, he has invaded our body space and has, in effect, achieved a position of dominance or a higher level on the pecking order of the herd than we have. If you accept this idea, then it is simple to recognize unacceptable behaviours such as nipping, bumping you around and towing you on the lead cannot be tolerated. In order to deal with these behaviours in a way that makes sense to a horse, we believe we need to use behaviours that they understand. If the horse is constantly bumping into us, we will yell a loud NO and bump him soundly in the shoulder with our knee much like a mare would scream at him and kick him. This lets him know that he is out of bounds. The same holds true for the stallion that nips. Slapping a horse in the face is a poor practice because it causes a horse to be head shy. A very loud NO accompanied by a rush at the horse and a bump in the chest or shoulder can have positive results. Once again, this is what a broodmare would do to the stallion if he came up to her and took a nip at her side (of course, providing that she wasn't in heat).

Stallions by their very nature are assertive and pushy. They are the most challenging of all horses to interact with. This does not mean, however, intolerable behaviour should be endured. Our experience has been that CONSISTENT management of behaviours and IMMEDIATE CORRECTION of unacceptable actions over time will lead to a well mannered stallion. The handler is always the head broodmare, from the time he or she enters the stall until they put the stallion away after handling him. The stallion comprehends his place in the pecking order once that place has been established. That doesn't mean that they won't attempt, on occasion, to try their limits. Trying the limits occurs on a daily basis in the herd environment. The head broodmare is constantly asserting her position when other horses cross the line of her tolerance. Her actions are swift and decisive. There is no mistaking her place in the pecking order. We as handlers of stallions attempt to keep our position as head broodmare at all times. With that clear picture of our position relative to the stallion or any other horse in the herd there is a comfortable relationship maintained at all times and we can enjoy our horses to the fullest. The one point important to consider is to use a measure of "horse sense" and good judgement when correcting stallions. There are many cases where individuals have gone overboard with their stallions and lost sight of what is misbehaviour and when the horse may not understand what is being asked of him. We as the more intelligent members of the partnership between man and horse need to bear the responsibility for making good decisions when it comes to correcting misbehaviour.

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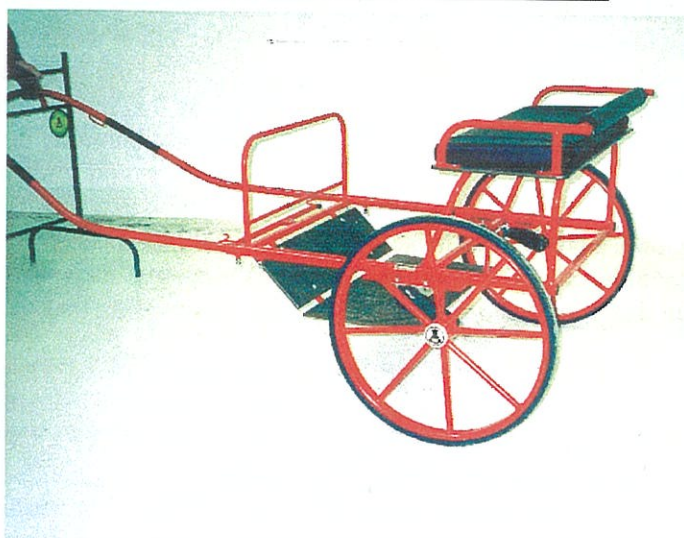
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- 2nd Toyhorse Princess Carrina J Robinson
- 3rd Longmeadow Hyacinth G Jones
- 4th Aesthete Lady Luck The Lavelle family
- 5th Xingzi of Foula The Lavelle Family

Foal

- 1st Minstrels Berry Independent C Cooper
- 2nd NCF Monarchs to Die For J Robinson
- 3rd Little Miss Daisy G Jones
- 4th NCF Halle Berry J Robinson
- 5th NCF Princess Amay Xing The Lavelle family
- 6th NCF Berry Lucky Joe The Lavelle Family

Yearlings refined

- 1st Scott Creek Monarch Mocha J Robinson
- 2nd Aesthete Dolly Daydream J Davenport-Lister
- 3rd NCF Peaches N Cream P Leighton
- 4th NCF Princess Tinkerbelle S Lavelle
- 5th NCF Little Sweetheart J Goudie

2 year old refined

- 1st Toyhorse Challenger J Hunt
- 2nd Looking Glass baby Rocco J Goudie

3 year old refined

- 1st Looking glass Inspiration G Jones
- 2nd NXS Bowes Grand Slam C Smettem Minson
- 3rd NXS Cool N Clear J Davenport-Lister

4 and over refined

- 1st Dell Teras Deltas Joe Berry J Robinson
- 2nd Aesthete Prince Charming J Davenport-Lister
- 3rd Cascades Magic Charm J Robinson
- 4th Aesthete The Socerer C Rowbottom

Refined champion Looking Glass Inspiration

Reserve champion Dell Teras Deltas Joe Berry

Broken Colour

- 1st Looking Glass Baby Rocco J Goudie
- 2nd NCF Little Sweetheart J Goudie
- 3rd Aesthete Prince Charming J Davenport Lister
- 4th Little Braveheart J Goudie
- 5th Rosedene Tiny Tim J Hunt
- 6th Little Miss Daisy G Jones

Spotted

- 1st Minstrels My Little Deer C Cooper
- 2nd Tanzivan Tai Tiger Paw C Rowbottom

Solid Colour

- 1st NCF Princess Tinkerbelle S Lavelle
- 2nd Aesthete Dolly Daydream J Davenport Lister
- 3rd
- 4th NXS Bowes Grand Slam C Smettem Minson
- 5th Looking Glass Inspiration J Jones
- 6th NCF Neat N Petite P Leighton

Colour champion Looking Glass Baby Rocco

Reserve champion NCF Princess Tinkerbelle

Yearlings draft

- + 1st Conundrum Fair Play J Baker
- 2nd Toyhorse Count Dakota J Hunt
- 3rd Carolaans Prince Masquerade C Rowbottom

2 year old draft

- 1st Looking Glass baby Rocco J Goudie
- 2nd Looking Glass Black is Beautiful The Lavelle family
- 3rd NCF Sweet N Petite The Lavelle family

3 year old draft

- 1st Rocco A Johnston

4 & over draft

- 1st Longmeadow Charles C Cooper
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- 3rd Little Braveheart J Goudie
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Draft champion Looking Glass Baby Rocco

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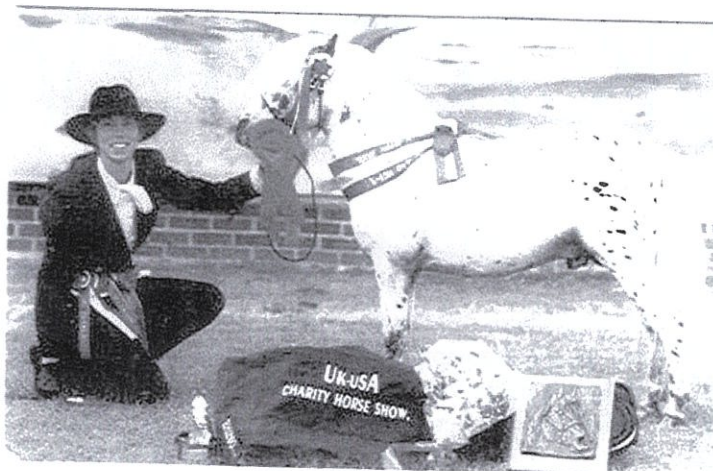
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(by Sierra Dawn Unos Monarch)
- 3rd NCF Berry Lucky Joe M Lavelle
NCF Halle Berry J Robinson
NCF Berrys Atomic Kitten J Robinson
Minstrels Berry Independent C Cooper
(by Dell Teras Deltas Joe Berry)
- 4th Carolanns Destinys Child
Carolanns Prince Masquerade C Rowbottom

Produce of Dam

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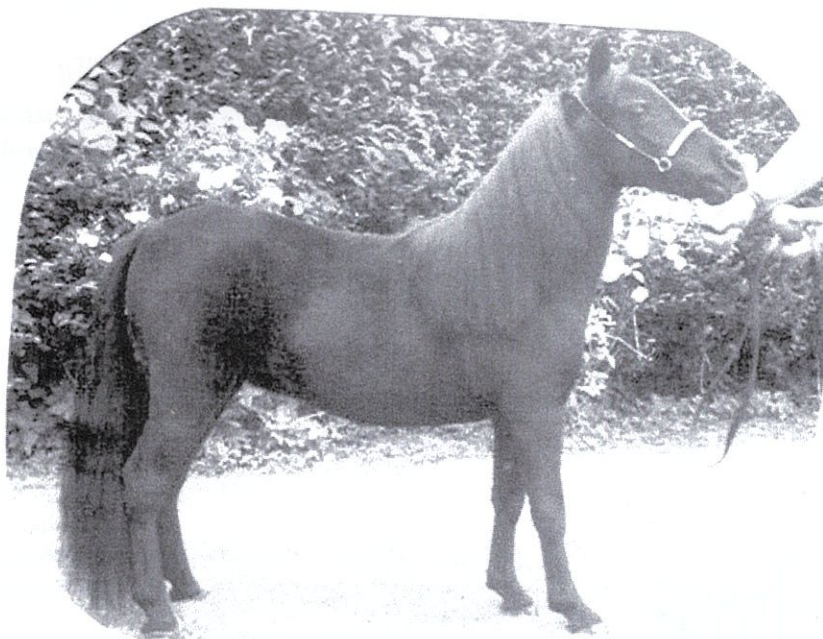
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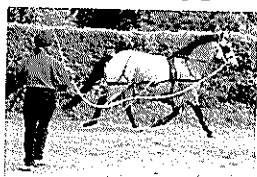
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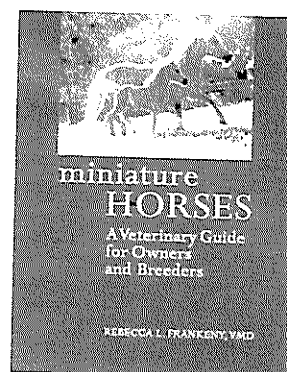
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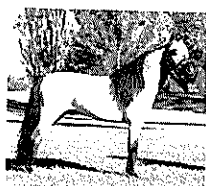
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Reviewed by Ruby Brown.

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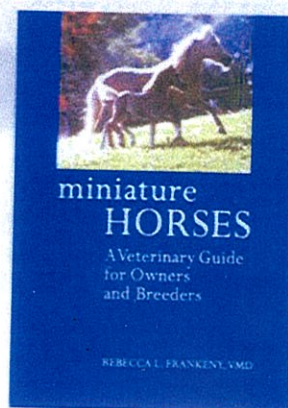
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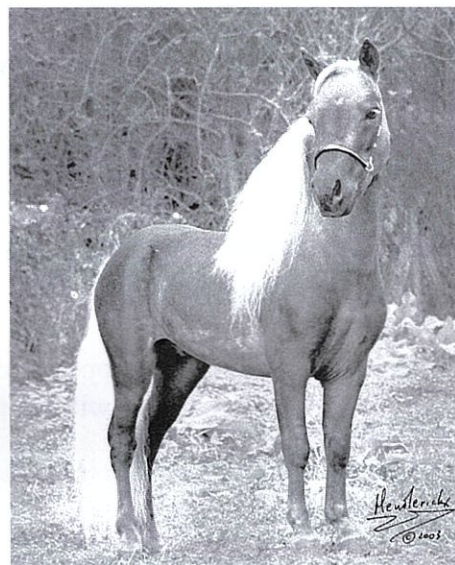
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Area 8 West Country

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