President’s Message
Dear Curly Members,

Our Texas Convention was a success! We enjoyed being with all of our Curly friends and stayed up late telling Curly stories.

The weather was overcast most of the time we were there but spirits were cheery and bright. The tour of the Texas A&M Genetics lab was informative and we all enjoyed going through the HUGE buildings and the animal surgery sections along with the recovery and rehab areas. The Campus itself is very immense with massive buildings stretching in every direction. It must be pretty daunting for incoming freshman. We googled the student population and were very impressed with the number, around 65,000!

Meanwhile back at the ranch......let’s all remember to put safety first. Always check your tack to make sure you do not have anything that can cause an accident or put you or your horse in danger. And the number one thing is to always wear a helmet. I would assume that most of our members use one, but if not, hopefully they will never have to deal with a head injury in their lifetime.

I have not heard from anybody on successes with their Curly horses since the last issue of Curly Cues. Please email me with reports or articles on your Curly to, jo_curlies@hotmail.com and I will be sure to get them into our next Curly Cues.

We at High Desert Equine Center are proud to announce that our stallion WW Peter Lakota ABC 3638 placed 7th in a large class at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Burbank, California in the training level Dressage Regional competition. He was Top 10 overall. What a great representative of the Curly breed!

The ABC Board wishes to extend heartfelt prayers to any of our Eastern Coast Curly members in their time of need during these awful hurricanes which are devastating the land and creating hardships for animal owners. People tend to overcome when put to the test. Let’s keep them in our thoughts.

Joan Olson
ABC President
NEWS CORNER
CURLY COAT GENES

By Dr. Mitch Wilkinson

(We wish to thank Dr. Wilkinson for coming to the ABCR convention and giving us so much wonderful information! I hope I took good notes, and got his information right.)

There are 3 types of curly genes that are most common today. We will discuss them later. There is one type that has become extinct already—the Pendleton gene (this horse did not lose its curls in summer). There are 2 types that are rare, and not seen in any ABCR or ICHO horse today.

The curly genes identified so far have different effects on the horse. They can also be mixed, meaning curly horses can have one, or both types.

We are going to try to explain some differences. Take a sentence for example: The cat ate the rat. If we change a “c” to a “k”, it becomes ‘The kat ate the rat’. Not much difference in meaning, just spelling. But change the ‘r’ to a ‘b’, and it becomes ‘the cat ate the bat’. A totally different meaning.

The names of these 2 most common genes is KRT25 and SP6. So far, these types have been seen only in horses of US origin. The one horse that has been identified as having both is Renegait Chesterfield, owned by Angie Gaines.

Most curlies today have the KRT25, (Actually, it is a mutated KRT25. All horses have a KRT25, but the curly horses have a mutated type. Thus the changing of the ‘r’ in rat to ‘b’ in bat.) If homozygous for it, you see what is commonly referred to as an ‘extreme’, coarse hair, no tail, no mane. If heterozygous, they will have mane and tail, but still very easily lost if pulled on. This gene could have mutated in a DNA strand anywhere from 100-thousands of years ago. The hair is curly due to the hair follicle being curved. As the hair grows, it comes out curly.

SP6 if found mostly in the Curly Jim line. Besides having curl, they also have thick manes and tails. This gene affects the hair follicle by turning it into an oval shape. The more the shape, the curlier the hair.

KRT25 is epistatic to SP6 (KRT 25 overrides SP6).

Some curly horses don’t have either, and this is where the new discoveries need to happen. These unknown genes are endangered, and can be lost if lines of horses disappear and their genes aren’t/can’t be studied. One of these is the Sulphur horse. There are only 2 known Sulphur curly horses. They don’t have KRT25 or SP6, yet are curly. And their line is almost gone.
Curly Coat Genes

The Cook gene is another rare, unidentified gene. They also do not have KRT25 or SP6, yet show the curly coat. There are some out there, but tests still need to be done to identify their curly gene, and how it works. Cook was a neighbor of Damele’s, so it is possible horses of the Damele lines could have the unknown Cook gene.

Listed below are horses who may have the Cook gene. If you have, or know of someone who has a horse listed, or a progeny from it, please ask them to contact Dr. Wilkinson, and get hair to him, for testing. The list is below, as well as contact information. If the horse is on this list, Dr. Wilkinson will pay for the testing. If not, the owner will have to pay for the testing.

Ravishing Beauty   ABC#?????
Sire-Houdini    ABC# 468
Kara Mia    ABC# 1171
Ne-Hi Majic   ABC# 1172 (hair sample tested)-but need blood if it was ever taken
Gemstar Majic   ABC# 1161
CPS Woody   ABC# 4014
Magjie Rainmaker   ABC# 1232
Copper Majic   ABC# 1162
Kodiak Majic   ABC# 2260 (waiting on blood from Austria, already have hair sample tested).
Lacy Lady   ABC# 2325

There are other curly horses in the world without the KRT25, SP6, Sulphur, or Cook lines. Dr. Wilkinson and Dr. Gus Cothran are hoping to be able to eventually get samples and test them for their curly genes.

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HD Pride’s Reflexion “Lexie”

ABC O35, MFT 17-102468 Foaled: March 2017
By Maximum’s Pride, out of Crème De La Crème GJ (MFT)

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HD Pride’s Pixie Dust “Pixie”

ABC O34, MFT 17-102469 Foaled: May 2017
By Maximum’s Pride, out of ZGC Cassidy (Curly MFT)

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Color Genetics
By Diane Mitchell

There are 3 base colors: black, bay, and chestnut.
Black=has black eyes, hooves and skin. Black points.
Bay=mixture of red and brown (yellow) with black points (agouti gene).
Chestnut/sorrel-Basically red.
White is actually not a color, but an absence of color. So, a white horse has snow-white hair, pink skin, and brown eyes.
Brown is not a base color, but a darker version of chestnut. However, some brown horses are so dark, they are considered black.
A dilution gene makes changes (lightness) in color or pattern of the base color.
Add a crème gene and the color becomes lighter. E.G.:
Black + 1 crème gene = Smokey black, + 2 crème genes= Grullo
Bay + 1 crème gene = Buckskin, + 2 crème genes = Perlino
Chestnut + 1 crème gene = Palomino, + 2 crème genes + Cremello
Agouti is a gene that pushes black points to the outside, thus creating black legs, mane tail and black points on the ears. A black with an Agouti gene can appear more like a Bay.
Gray is another dilution factor and is always dominant. The horse may be born a base color but turns gray over time. If they have 2 gray genes they will turn gray quicker that those with 1 gray gene. A dapple gray is a gray that hasn’t finished graying out yet.
Dun is a dilution factor, shown by a definite dorsal strip from end of mane to tail. The Dun may have ‘zebra stripes’ on the legs, black mane and tail. But it MUST have the dorsal stripe. If it doesn’t have the dorsal stripe, it’s not a Dun. A Bay with the Dun gene can look light like a Buckskin, but again, has the dorsal strip. S Sorrel with the Dun gene is called a Red Dun.
The Appaloosa pattern is a Dominant pattern.
Genetic Typing
By Mary Worley 3rd year A&M vet student

Each DNA stand of genes is made up of an outer “rib” and 4 different bases: T, C, A, G.

DNA is double-stranded, doesn’t change within the individual. RNA is single-stranded and can change.

What you see (traits) is dependent on how they match up.

A gene is 1 chunk of DNA for a specific trait. There are 2 alleles in each gene. *Homo* means they are the same type. *Hetro* means they are different. *Dominant* means they are expressed (seen). *Recessive* means they are hidden. *Codominance* means both alleles are dominant and expressed. *Dominance Variance* influences the dominant trait. *Epistatic Variance* has more influence on the dominant trait.
This year, the American Bashkir Registry is very pleased to induct a most deserving equine into the Performance Division of the Hall of Fame: PLC Buddy’s Surprise ABC 3183 PLC Buddy’s Surprise was bred by Brian and Sandy Kerr of Pony Lake Curlies in Claremore, OK, and was purchased by Jeff and Sue Davis in 2004. While owned by the Davis’ he participated in numerous parades, breed demonstrations in multiple states, horse shows and logged many trail miles. He has been a very popular ambassador for the American Bashkir Curly horse and turns many heads where ever he goes due to his unusual smoky black coloring and his long mane, forelock and tail.

In 2012 he was purchased by High Desert Equine, LLC (owner, Joan Olson) where he continues to participate in breed demonstrations, parades and shows. This talented all-around horse has also become a lesson horse at High Desert Equine. His lesson categories include English, Western, Dressage and Jumping, and his riders have ranged from the age of four to seventy.

At seventeen years of age, he continues to be an amazing ambassador. He has been shown extensively in open shows and participated in all of the Curly Horse Breed Shows that were held in the Midwest between 2001-2009 with multiple wins and championships to his name. He is a multi-time winner of the American Bashkir Curly Performance and Versatility Horse Championships as well. He has had a long and successful career that makes a strong statement for the talent, versatility, beauty and amazing disposition of the American Bashkir Curly horse.
ABCR CURLY HORSE BREED STANDARDS

BODY CONFORMATION
-A medium size head with well-defined jaw and throatlatch
-Wide set eyes with eyelashes that curl up
-Ears that are short to medium in length with curls inside (ear hair does not totally shed out in the summer)
-A medium length neck, deep at the base of the neck where it joins the base of the shoulder
-Noticeably short back, deep through the girth
-An appearance of a long under line and the belly cut high in the flank
-Heavy boned legs and short cannon bone as compared to the forearm
-Medium withers and a flat croup with a shallow slope to the base of the tail

CURLY CHARACTERISTICS
Body (Fine, soft hair)
- Ringlet (can be several inches long)
- Marcel Wave (deep soft wave in the body coat)
- Crushed Velvet (soft dense pile of curls in body coat)

MANE (EXTRA FINE HAIR)
- Kinky – preferable
- Wavy
- Should shed all or partial in the summer
- Split mane (hangs on both sides of neck)

TAIL
- Ringlets
- Wavy
- Should shed partial at the head of the tail in the summer of some horses may shed tail completely

FETLOCKS
- Curly – preferable
- Wavy
- Should shed in summer but still retain some long hairs

HOOVES
- Almost perfectly round in shape
- Very hard and dense
- Proportioned to the size of the horse

SIZE AND WEIGHT
- Average 15 hands
- Average weight 800 to 1000 pounds

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS
- Curly coat can be hypoallergenic (the horsehair is round instead of flat and testing has shown the hair is closely related to mohair)
- Can completely shed the mane and/or tail in the summer, only to grow back in the fall with the winter coat.
- Noticeably short, strong back, sometimes indicating five lumbar vertebrae
- Even-tempered disposition
- Quick pulse and respiration recovery
- Very dense bone in the legs
ABCR CURLY HORSE DATABASE
“FREE TO ABCR MEMBERS”

ABCR provides a fully linked ABCR Curly Horse Studbook online with more than 8,100 entries and 2,950 pictures including all ABCR horses. These are the features of this database:

1. Fully linked pedigrees with pictures
2. Siblings View: Find full and half siblings of a given ABCR animal at-a-glance
3. Offspring View
4. Vertical Pedigrees: Vertical pedigrees list full siblings of each horse in the pedigree at-a-glance, which as a group represent various combinations of their parents’ genes, and are good indicators of the range of possibilities that are likely to be passed on. Using vertical pedigree analysis gives breeders interesting insights e.g. about confirmation or the extreme characteristics that cannot be tracked in a direct manner.
5. Reverse Pedigrees: Reverse pedigrees show offspring of the offspring of a given animal.
6. Trial Mating: Try out mating’s between ABCR horses and look how the confirmation or other characteristics would match.
7. Additional information such as Coefficient of Inbreeding (COI) and Pedigree Quality
8. Indication of DNA Availability and Extreme Characteristics
9. Name Generator: Generator for horse names based on more than 40 years of ABCR Curly Horse names—always new and fancy combinations, fun guaranteed!
10. Additional Features: Advanced Search, Fully scalable between 3 and 8 generations, same ancestors highlighted, enlargeable pictures
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