President’s Message

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Hello Members,

Hopefully your year so far has been a blessed one. It seems to be flying by for us here at High Desert Equine Center. Our foals are all health, and growing up fast. It is a joy to see them running around, and playing in the paddocks. Soon the heat of summer will be upon us, and shade will become a necessity for human and animal alike. Especially during the show season with your Curlies. Make sure you have enough water for them on hand, and bathing after a class is helpful for their cool down. Also never, and I say never, ever share a bucket or anything else from a horse you don’t know. Many horse might not look sick at all, and when you get home boom, your horse gets a fever and snotty nose. YUK!!!

Well, so much for my preaching, advice is always free here at the American Bashkir Curly Registry. If you or your fellow members need some, feel free to call any of the board members with questions or concerns. We are there to help and if the phone call is not answered please email any of us.

Our Convention call is coming up this fall and we will hopefully be having another call-in for members interested in attending the call. We will be posting the date and time and information for the call-in on the ABC website and also in the next Curly Cues in August. If any members have issues which they want discussed during this call or before please email me at jo_curlies@hotmail.com.

Curly Wishes,
Joan Olson
ABC President

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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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Floralake Mirage Carbonado
Black Stallion, DOB-March 29, 2013
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“ROANIE” Yearling
Red Roan Gelding
$600.00
Great Conformation!
Out of SLL Sir Patrick’s Chip ABC# 3366
And Aishihic Ruby ABC# 3447

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Trained Black Curly Registered (Bashkir) Gelding

H Creek Colonel Travis (ABCR #3758) aka Jett has been trained in both English and Western. He currently gives lessons to young riders but has the energy and desire to be an more athletic horse. He is fabulous on trails, loves to walk through water, and rarely spooks. He is an All Around Horse and has participated in the following, Drill Team, Endurance, English Pleasure, Equitation, Lesson, Ranch, Ridden English, Ridden Western, School, Trail, Trail Riding, Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Working Cattle. He was foaled Aug 21st 2007. Weighs approximately 975 lbs. and is approximately 14.2 hands.

Hidden Cave Longmire
Dunskin straight coat with dorsal stripe and primitive markings on legs. Sire: HCR Friendly Bob ICHO, Dam: HCR Cinderella ABC
Longmire is a really handsome super long legged stallion (will be gelded soon!) He is very athletic and he will make a great riding horse. He is a head turner! But not only that, his character is great, super friendly, respectful and very easy going.
$6500.00
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The Zabaikalskaya Curly Coated Horse

Article adapted from: Masterok.zhzh.rf “Want to know everything” and a report of the Chita SLC by Tatjana Pankova.
By Dr. Mitch Wilkinson

The Zabaikalskaya horse is an aboriginal breed of horse bred by the steppe nomads since the first millennium BC. This breed preserves the blood of their wild ancestors and, along with it, their unique characteristics which are valuable from a biological, conservational, and economic perspective. Even though not large in stature, horses of this breed are remarkable for their stamina. They are perfectly adapted to year-round herd keeping under the extreme conditions of the southern Siberian climate in which they reside.

These horses are undemanding to feed, tireless in work, and especially adept under saddle.

Zabaikalskaya foal with curly coat
The Zabaikalskaya Curly Coated Horse

When one considers the features of the breed and historical data associated with it, the Zabaikalskaya breed has Mongolian roots, originating from the Transbaikalia (Chiginskaya region).

Historically, some of the horses of this breed have curly winter hair, not only on the head, but also throughout the body. The curly coat trait occurs at the rate of around 10% in the population. This feature is found in other rare breeds of horses in other countries. The Zabaikalskaya curly-like equines continue to evolve to this day.

The Zabaikalskaya horse history reaches far into antiquity. In those ancient times, a method was found for taming and breeding domestic, aboriginal horses. Amazingly, to this day, the blood of these animals has retained all the genetic material from that distant time and is still relatively pure.
ABCR CURLY HORSE BREED STANDARDS

BODY CONFORMATION
- A medium size head with well-defined jaw and throat latch
- 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
NEW REGISTRATIONS

PRAIRIE HAWK CYPRESS MIST
ABC# 4268
OWNED BY DEANNA TREECE
GRAND MARAIS, MN

BEATRIX B BLOSSOMS
ABC# 4269
BRED BY LINSAY BRAMAN
OWNED BY AILICAIA &
CHRIS BOATRIGHT
HENRYETTA, OK
NEW REGISTRATIONS

AWESOME ALICE
PB 804
OWNED AND BRED BY ANNA LITHNER
TAVELLSJO, SWEDEN

PRAIRIE RUNNING MAN
ABC# S-800
KIRSTI SAARINEN
HELSEINKI, FINLAND
NEW REGISTRATIONS

STORMY'S YELLOW FEATHER
ABC# 4270
OWNED BY MARIA EIDEGREN
SWEDEN

IDAHO DREAM
ABC# 4271
OWNED AND BRED BY
LENE KRONE
VESTFOLD, NORWAY
Sonny’s Story

Hello! My name is Crystal Welsh and I am the lucky owner of an amazing Curly gelding. I just wanted to share with the registry a little about my amazing ½ Bashkir Curly Horse. His registered ABC name is “Thunder’g Silver Son” aka Sonny. I have owned Sonny since his birth from my Morgan mare in 1998. He has been an amazing partner over many years of showing, trail rides and just good ol’ equine love! We started Sonny in Western Dressage just over 3 years ago and he has just excelled in this discipline.

This year my 12 year old niece rode him in a multitude of Western Dressage shows. We just received our State Affiliated Awards! Sonny and Cailyn (my young niece) took Reserve Highpoint Champion for the State of Illinois in Introductory level Western Dressage. We also took this lovely pair up to the Western Dressage World Show in Oklahoma this past October 2018. Sonny was awarded 10th overall High Point Champion in the World for Introductory Level Western Dressage. She earned 2 tenth place awards and a 8th in very large classes! I as well showed him in one introductory Level test at the World’s and received 4th place out of 36 riders! As well, in the local shows he has taken multiple High Score Awards and 2 Grand Champion Highpoint Awards—one in Introductory Level Dressage and one for Overall Youth Highpoint Champion. I just wanted to brag a little about our wonderful curly boy! Even at 20 years old he is still highly motivated and LOVES to show!
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