President's Message

January, 2021

Fellow Members,

We are so excited for the New Year! This is the year for new beginnings. New babies on the ground. New friendships to be had. New members in the Registry. And hopefully new breeders of American Bashkir Curly Horses!! We at High Desert Equine are also excited for this is the year that hopefully we will be able to have the Annual Curly Convention in Reno, Nevada. The planning is starting for the end of July and we hope that every member can make it this year. Let’s kick that Covid down the road.

We have received news that Horse Illustrated is doing an article on the Curly Horse for the April issue. How wonderful that the Curlies are getting recognition in being a specific breed that a major magazine is willing to display to its readers. Please get a copy and enjoy the article.

Let me remind you breeding season is right around the corner. Deciding what match you want to put together is always a tough decision. Some matches are tried and true and others are a gamble. If you are using a stallion that is new to you, be sure you check out his credentials and get. And now with the some of the curly genes discovered you can always ask if the stallion you have picked carries the genes you want. They might also have them listed in their description on breeding ads. So good luck with your choices and hopefully your foaling season goes well.

Let’s all make it to Reno this year for a Curly Convention!!

Joan Olson  ABC President

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CONVENTION NEWS

OUR CONVENTION WAS UNFORTUNATELY CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19 AND WE DECIDED TO DO A CONFERENCE CALL. IT WAS HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2020. WE TALKED ABOUT THE DIFFERENT ITEMS ON OUR AGENDA AND DISCUSSED WHAT DIRECTION WE WANTED THE ABC HEADED TO IN THE FUTURE. THE FULL CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES CAN BE VIEWED ON THE MEMBERS AREA OF THE WEBSITE. IF YOU NEED THE LOGIN AND PASSWORD FOR MEMBERS PLEASE CONTACT THE ABC OFFICE AT ABCREGISTRY@AOL.COM FOR VERIFICATION OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP. THE PASSWORD CHANGES REGULARLY SO YOU MIGHT NEED TO UPDATE. YOU CAN ALSO ASK FOR A COPY TO BE SENT TO YOU ON YOUR EMAIL WITH A MEMBERSHIP VERIFICATION.

NEXT YEAR’S CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN RENO, NEVADA HOSTED BY HIGH DESERT EQUINE CENTER. THE TENATIVE DATES ARE JULY 29-31, 2021. THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT IRONWOOD EVENTS CENTER WITH LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES PLANNED AS WELL. THERE ARE HOOKUPS WITH WATER AND ELECTRICITY FOR RENT SO YOU CAN BE CLOSE TO THE ACTION.

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE! WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE ABCREGISTRY.ORG, AND IN THE FUTURE MAY ISSUE OF THE CURLY CUES.
NEW REGISTRATIONS

OAKESMUIR “KING OF CURL” ABC# 4297
OWNED AND BRED BY
SONJA & GREG OAKES
ONTARIO, CANADA

OAKESMUIR “DARK SUNSHINE” ABC# 4295
OWNED & BRED
BY SONJA & GREG OAKES
ONTARIO, CANADA

OAKESMUIR “EARL OF CURL” ABC# 4296
BRED BY SONJA & GREG OAKES
ONTARIO, CANADA
OWNED BY CALAHAN CUNNINGHAM
ONTARIO, CANADA
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 recover
- 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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