

# American Cream News

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## A Look Back

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Wow! We are starting the tenth year of American Cream News. With this issue I would like to reflect on how the newsletter was started and look at a timeline of events that have shaped the ACDHA over these years. I hope you enjoyed and remember these events.

In 1989 Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's Coach and Livestock Operations acquired four American Creams to add to their rare breeds program. I was sent to the annual meeting held in Charles City, Iowa on May 4, 1991.

There were 21 of us at the North Cedar Terrace Hall (hosted by Clarence and Elizabeth Ziebell). Colonial Williamsburg was added to a list of nine breeders that was passed out to interested individuals. Breeders were spread out in states that included Wisconsin, Iowa, California, Indiana, Virginia and Michigan.

It was clear that a one-day meeting to vote on issues was not enough time. Another problem was that as a group we did not know what each other was doing and who needed help or what was for sale.

The Colonial Williamsburg Coach and Livestock Department under the guidance of Richard Nicoll, director (then manager), offered to help start a newsletter at the Foundation's expense if it would help the association. The guidelines set out were as follows:

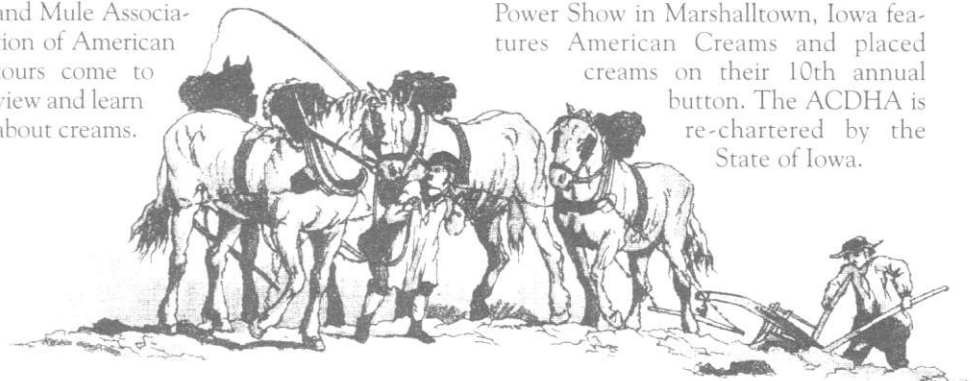
- The newsletter would be published biannually.
- Information would deal with American Creams or general horse issues. There would be no paid advertisements.
- The intent of the newsletter was to educate and preserve the history of American Creams, as well as inform about current issues.
- Only full and associate members, museums and interested individuals would receive a copy.

The first issue was published in the summer of 1991. It was a single white 8" x 10" sheet, printed front and back in black. Vernon Wooten, a local artist and then-Colonial Williamsburg employee, contributed a line drawing of C. W. Sour Cream, a mare owned, at the time, by Colonial Williamsburg. Mary Masengale of Colonial Williamsburg's Multilith Department did the typesetting and Multilith printed and produced the newsletter.

**VOLUME 1 # 1**—Dedicated to Karene Bunker Topp who was secretary/treasurer of the association for 47 years and one of our founding members. Other highlights include Dr. E. Gus Cothran offering to do blood typing on the creams for free. The issue features the 2nd annual meeting of ACDHA. The word Draft is added to the Association's title. Karene Topp hands the books over to new secretary/treasurer Elizabeth Ziebell. We discuss doing a new breed brochure in color. We have less than 50 creams registered.

**VOLUME 1 #2**—Features a story with photographs on Silver Lace, one of the first and most noted stallions of the breed. Breyer plastic horse model company is talking about making an American Cream. Creams N the News appears.

**VOLUME 2 #1**—Story about the ACDHA annual meeting held July 8 at the Ziebell's farm where the Draft Horse and Mule Association of American tours come to view and learn about creams.



Dr. E. Gus Cothran confirms creams are not just a color breed. Dr. Phillip Spollenbery, D.M.V., Ph.D., of the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy offers to analyze the breed structure.

**VOLUME 2 #2**—Dedicated to Clarence Rierson who founded the association. The new color brochure is completed. The National Sporting Library in Middleburg, Virginia and the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky have requested to receive the *Cream News*.

**VOLUME 3 #1**—New look for the newsletter. It is now printed on cream paper instead of white. *Cream News* becomes the official announcement of annual meeting. Caps and T-shirts with the Association's name on them go on sale. Carol Pshigoda in Oregon offers AI for the first time in cream history. We have 61 members in 19 states.

**VOLUME 3 #2**—The first annual meeting to be held outside Iowa is in Preston, Minnesota.

**VOLUME 4 #1**—The 50th anniversary of ACDHA, 1944–1994. The annual meeting is held at Ziebell farm in Charles City, Iowa. The Association has 50 mares, 19 stallions and 6 geldings registered: a total of 75 animals of various ages. Creams are shown at Draft Horse and Mule Agricultural Progress days in Pennsylvania.

**VOLUME 4 #2**—Paul Cummings, who owned and showed creams from 1946 to 1950 is the top story. Mid-Iowa Antique Power Show in Marshalltown, Iowa features American Creams and placed creams on their 10th annual button. The ACDHA is re-chartered by the State of Iowa.

**VOLUME 5 #1**—Breyer's Goliath plastic horse model is the commemorative for 1995. Only 10,000 are made. We see the passing of Richard Eads of Lamark, Illinois, one of our influential breeders.

**VOLUME 5 #2**—Mary Masengale, our typesetter, moves out of the area, so we welcome Deanne Bailey, who adds her own style to the *Cream News*. The ACDHA meeting is held in Russell, Iowa at Don and Linda Johnson's farm. The United States postage stamp featuring the cream is turned down. We now have 90 creams registered: 62 mares, 23 stallions and 5 geldings, of various ages.

**VOLUME 6 #1**—Creams on national television in 101st Tournament of Roses Parade. Karene Topp, former secretary, rides as honorary guest on wagon. Tammy and Taffy driven by Vince Tobin and owned by Dorothy Smith of California do a great job.

**VOLUME 6 #2**—The ACDHA meeting is held at the house of the future Living History Farm in Unbandale, Iowa. Dr. Phillip Sponenberg agrees to give a workshop at next annual meeting. The herd book is in the making. We have 40 full members and 33 associate members. We now have 108 creams registered: 74 mares, 26 stallions and 8 geldings, of various ages.

**VOLUME 7 #1**—Notice of the annual meeting to be held at the Econo Lodge in Des Moines, Iowa. Frank Tremel of Maryland writes about having a breeding and working stallion.

**VOLUME 7 #2**—Annual meeting is a success and has the biggest turnout yet. Dr. Sponenberg recommends "Appendix" tracking. The herd book is completed and given to all full members, thanks to a donation from Mrs. Eads of Lamark, Illinois in memory of her late husband. The official logo, designed by Brenda and Dan Williams, showing a team of creams is out and on merchandise for sale. We have 101 members in 28 states, 62 full and 39 associates. There are 144 creams registered: 94 mares, 35 stallions, and 15 geldings, of various ages.

**VOLUME 8 #1**—Notice of the annual meeting to be held at the Des Moines Econo Lodge again. We see the passing of charter member Leonard Ites. We have 187 horses registered.

**VOLUME 8 #2**—Newsletter is now three full sheets, front and back. *American Cream News* is designed in-house by Colonial Williamsburg's Print Production Services department and printed at an outside printer. The annual meeting

## New Members

- \* C.R. Cunningham, 4367 South Tyler, Amarillo, TX 79110, purchased fillies for himself and Leslie from Don and Linda Johnson.
- \* Roger and Shirley Ebnet, 39464 County Road 9, Avon, MN 56310, purchased a filly and a horse colt from Carol and Dave Pshigoda.
- \* Tawni A. (Hawthorne) Frank, Interlude, 8600 Willcox Neck Road, Charles City, VA 23032 (moves from Associate to Full Member), purchased females from Karen Smith several years ago. She and George Smith recently purchased Jessen's Dan from Wes Rogalski and are set to join the ranks of producers.
- \* Jeanmarie Kapp, 2211 N. Elston Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-2918, purchased a gelding from Wayne Crooks.
- \* Donna and George Miller, 1255 Garcia Road, Atascadero, CA 93422, purchased a female from Carol and Dave Pshigoda.
- \* Terry L. Stitt, 1955 Heimbach Road, Three Rivers, MI 49093, registered horse colts out of his registered Belgian mares and Hammond & Johnsons DJ's Dandy.

## Associate Members

- \* Lynn Anderson, 703 S. Third Avenue, Bozeman, Montana 59715
- \* Karen McAfee-Bromley, 51 Locust Street, Bedford, MA 02740
- \* Leonard J. Offutt, Jr., 10666 Daysville Road, Walkersville, MD 21793
- \* Catherine A. Offutt, 10666 Daysville Road, Walkersville, MD 21793

is held at the Econo Lodge in Des Moines for the second year. The issue features articles that deal with breeding AI from stallion-owner and mare-owner viewpoints. Breed standards for conformation are set. Association votes to sponsor a youth to the Percheron Youth Hostel/Clinic. The association advertises in draft magazines for the first time with the costs being met partly by the association and partly by advertisers.

**VOLUME 9 #1**—*Cream News* now printed in blue ink. Notice that the annual meeting is to be held in Huxley, Iowa and hosted by Don and Linda Johnson. Member Ilo Kusserow passes away. Guidelines for showing horses are approved.

**VOLUME 9 #2**—Article on Ful-O-Pep Feed and their six-horse hitch of American Creams. Directors explain the differences between an association and a foundation. Member Mike (Thorvald) Jesson passes away. Wes Rogalski sets up website in Montana. There are now 204 creams of various ages registered, 64 full members and 41 associate members.

**VOLUME 10 #1**—A look back at 10 years of the *Cream News*. Announcement that the ACDHA annual meeting will be hosted by Don and Linda Johnson for the second year. Website and email set up by Shawn McKinley in California to advertise creams for sale. Deb Gebel also sets up website on creams.

## 2000 Draft Horse Youth Hostel

The youth hostel has been cancelled for 2000 due too to few applications.

## Secretary Needs Photos

The Association needs to reorder brochures again. We welcome photos worthy of inclusion. As I search through photos sent with the applications for registration, many of them are of weanling foals and not suitable. Perhaps a professional photographer from a local newspaper has taken photos for an article. We need the photo from the newspaper, not the article, to use in the brochure. If new photos are not available, we will reorder the current brochure.

### Annual Membership Fees

#### Due July 1 for Year 2000

Annual membership fees of \$10 are due July 1, 2000. Both full and associate members who joined in 1999 and years prior are required to pay dues, which are used to fund the association's educational endeavors and pay for the expenses of the office of the secretary. There are no paid directors or officers in the association.

## Association Website and Email Services a Reality

The secretary has been busy supplying the information requested by Shaun McKinley, California, in his undertaking to set up a website for the association and also to advertise animals for sale or even to notify members of their need for a stallion or mare. Shaun has sent information to all members. The website is [www.americandraft.org](http://www.americandraft.org). The email address is [americandraft@usa.net](mailto:americandraft@usa.net).

Shaun and Jennifer are sponsoring the site until the membership and the directors meet in July to vote the site and email expenses up or down. Shaun sets the expenses thus. Site name registration: \$40 for 2 years (due February 2002). Web hosting service \$23.85 per quarter (due July 2000). He has also established an association email address. He lists the cost for email service at \$12 per year. This service has a forwarding feature, so e-mail messages that go to the address will automatically be forwarded to any email specified. (For example: incoming emails could be automatically forwarded to any or all of the directors who have personal email accounts.) There is a short delay in obtaining this email address for the association. (The secretary took her first computer class last evening at the Junior College site here in Charles City. I will have finished all the classes offered by the end of May).

I want to thank Shaun on behalf of me and all the members for the time and expertise he has spent setting up the website and for the funding he has provided.

Shaun has placed the entire Herd Book on the web and I will keep him notified of registrations, transfers, tracking and transfers as well as new members. I will also include these changes in the *Cream Newsletter* so that all have an opportunity to keep their Herd Book up to date.

We will be watching closely to determine if the information available on the website reduces the calls and letters requesting brochures from FFA, Voc Ag and 4H members.

A second, very talented, member of our association, Deb Gebel, Glencoe, Missouri, has just completed an information-filled website for the American Cream Association and the American Cream Draft Horse. I know I say a big "THANK YOU" to Deb from all of the members as well as from me for the great website she has in place for the association and the members.

## Year 2000 Annual Meeting Coming July 8

### To All Members:

This is your official notice from the secretary of the Annual Meeting of the members of the American Cream Draft Horse Association. The meeting will be hosted by Don and Linda Johnson and held Saturday, July 8, 2000, at 511 East First Street, Huxley, IA 50124. Phone (515) 597-3311. (The agenda, a map and directions will be included with the June 2000 mailing from the secretary.)

The business meeting is set for 10 A.M., Saturday, July 8, 2000. Members are to mail any suggested changes to the current by-laws to the secretary for listing on the agenda by June 15, together with business items that you wish to appear on the agenda.

Please bring the by-laws, Herd Book and minutes of the 1999 meeting with you to this meeting. (The secretary suggests that your Herd Book binder be large enough to include the current by-laws, minutes, membership list and additions to the Herd Book.) The secretary will have merchandise available to purchase.

Elizabeth A. Ziebell, Secretary,  
ACDHA

### A Message from Don and Linda Johnson, Hosts

Those wishing to gather for dinner on Friday night (July 7) should meet at 7 P.M. at Perkins Restaurant, 325 S. Duff, Hwy 69, Ames (north of where we met last year). Please indicate on your Reservation/Annual Dues form if you plan to join us so that we can save a table large enough

to accommodate the group.

Huxley is on Hwy 69. We are on the south edge. Come early Saturday morning. We will have coffee, juice and snacks. If we have our usual number (30 or so) we will meet in the house; if more, then we'll move to the garage. Bring photos of your creams and plan to share with other members.

Lunch will be \$6.50 per person. See Reservation Form and Annual Membership Dues Form in this newsletter. Please mail payment to the secretary together with your 2000 annual dues of \$10 per member.

### Make Your Own Motel Reservations

I-35 North, Exit 111B (Hwy. 30)

Iowa State University is located at Ames and books weekend events. Make reservations early!

- \* Howard Johnson Express: 1-800-798-8363, (515) 232-8363, Hwy. 60 & 30; 2 people/2 beds \$55+ tax; outdoor pool; breakfast 6-10 A.M. Park at room door. Older, but quiet and clean.
  - \* Heartland Inn: 1-800-334-3277, (515) 233-6060; I-35 and 30; 2 people/2 beds \$60-\$66+ tax; indoor pool; breakfast.
  - \* Comfort Inn: 1-800-228-5150, (515) 232-0689; I-35 & 30; \$69+ tax.
  - \* Super 8: 1-800-800-8000, (515) 232-6510; I-35 and 30; \$59+ tax.
- \*\*All rates are subject to change!

### RESERVATION FORM/ANNUAL DUES FORM 2000

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ luncheon meals at \$6.50 each for

\_\_\_\_\_ for July 8, 2000.

Enclosed please find Annual Dues for

\_\_\_\_\_ for year(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

Enclosed is payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Mail (by July 1, 2000) to: American Cream Draft Horse Association,  
2065 Noble Avenue, Charles City, IA 50616-9108.

\_\_\_\_\_. Notify Linda we will meet them at Perkins for dinner on Friday night.

## Spring Health Program

*Compliments of Rick and Debbie Maage, DVM*

**WORMING** Now is the time to get your horses in shape for the coming season. Hopefully you have your horses on a good year-round worming program. We recommend de-worming all horses, especially young stock, every six weeks. In the spring, midsummer and fall, you should also worm for Bots. If you use the popular paste wormer, be sure that you are using one that is effective against bloodworms, which have a built-up resistance to some of the wormers. It is a good idea to have your veterinarian run a check on fresh manure about two weeks after you have used a wormer to see if it was effective. Besides paste wormers and tube worming there is a new injectable wormer on the market that should prove to be a valuable addition to your worming program.

**VACCINATIONS** If you show your horses or bring in new stock, you should have your horses up-to-date on their vaccinations. For horses that are just kept on the farm and not exposed to new horses, tetanus and sleeping sickness are sufficient. For horses that are hauled, we recommend tetanus, encephalomyelitis (sleeping sickness), influenza, rhinopneumonitis and strep. Some of these vaccinations take a number of doses, so start well ahead of the show season. We also recommend periodic boosters for flu and rhino throughout the summer and fall to maintain good immunity.

**MARES** Springtime means foals and breeding. Have your mares in good condition, not too thin and not obese. The last 90 days of gestation is when the foal does most of its developing, so the mare's nutrition needs to be increased. Corn should not be fed during the last 30 days as it can make the foal more prone to scouring. Hold off on corn until the mare goes through foal heat, then gradually add it back into her ration. Remember a lactating mare has a greatly increased need for feed over one that is open. Give the mare her vaccinations about 30 days before foaling so she will have a high level of antibodies in her colostrum. You can't beat foaling on good clean pasture but, if you must foal inside, be sure it is in a clean, dry, draft-free area. It should be at least 14' x 16'. Be sure there are no hazards such as water tanks, etc. that the new foal can fall into and get hurt. As soon as possible after the foal is born, dip the navel in an iodine-glycerin solution. Dip it a

couple of times the first day, then daily until the navel is dry. We often recommend giving the foal a shot of long-lasting penicillin and vitamin B12 to help ward off navel ill. If necessary, help the foal to stand so that it is possible for it to nurse within the first 30 minutes. It is imperative that the foal gets the full benefit of the colostrum from the mare's milk in order to survive. If the foal does not pass a stool within a few hours, give an enema. The mare should clean right away. If she doesn't clean within 4 to 6 hours, call your veterinarian. She could become very ill if the cleanings are left any longer. Watch the foal closely for its first 72 hours. If you note any signs that the foal acts listless or weak, have the foal checked, especially if it does not nurse frequently.

### Vaccinations and Deworming Schedule for Foals

- 8 WEEKS—deworm
- 12 WEEKS—deworm, 1st dose of tetanus, sleeping sickness, flu
- 14 WEEKS—1st dose of strep and rhino
- 16 WEEKS—deworm, 2nd dose of tetanus, sleeping sickness, flu
- 17 WEEKS—2nd dose strep
- 18 WEEKS—2nd rhino
- 20 WEEKS—3rd dose strep and deworm
- 24 WEEKS—deworm
- Deworm every 4 to 6 weeks from now on
- 42 WEEKS—3rd rhino

### West Nile Virus Confirmed in Horses

*Reprinted from American Horse Council News, Nov/Dec 1999*

West Nile Virus (WNV), a viral encephalitis affecting the central nervous system that can kill horses, was identified in September and October in a number of horses in the Riverhead area of Long Island, New York. While WNV is wide spread in Africa, the Middle East and Southwestern Asia, there have never been cases reported in horses in the Western Hemisphere. WNV exists in Europe too. It is very important that we mention this along with these other regions. Migratory birds have long been considered the primary means of the spread of WNV and it is believed that the disease was brought into the U. S. by a bird and spread by mosquitoes. WNV also affects humans and seven deaths were reported in New York during the same period. Actually, the human cases and deaths occurred before

the equine cases were reported (July and August).

While WNV has been identified in birds, mosquitoes and humans in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and one county in Maryland, there have been no additional cases in horses reported since October, which seems to have coincided with killing frosts in the areas affected.

While horses can be affected by the virus, they often do not develop signs of clinical illness. There is limited information on the clinical signs of the West Nile infection in naturally-infected horses. Based on signs of disease reported from previous outbreaks in Egypt, France and Italy, WNV in horses may be associated with some or all of the following: fever, weakness to paralysis of hind limbs, ataxia, tetraplegia, flaccid paralysis of the lower lip, coma or death. Horses may also only develop a fever and show no other signs.

The appearance of the West Nile virus in North America is of concern not only to those in the public health arena, but also to those in the horse industry. It is widely accepted that horses are a "dead end" host of the virus, meaning they do not play a role in transmission of the virus. While some horses have been infected with the virus, the greater impact to date has been on the industry's ability to move horses internationally, resulting in decreased participation in some equestrian events in the Northeast. In addition, there is continuing concern about whether the disease can "over winter" in mosquitoes and reappear in the U. S. in the spring. For these reasons, the USDA and the industry are taking this outbreak very seriously and working together to ensure the protection of U. S. horses.

Occasional outbreaks of human and equine disease due to this virus have been reported, but not in the Western Hemisphere. Recent outbreaks have included an epidemic in humans in Romania in 1996-1997 and one in horses in Italy in 1998. In the course of previous field studies, the virus has been isolated in other species including the camel, dog, mouse, bat, hamster, chicken and various species of wild birds.

Because the virus can be spread to horses by mosquitoes, horse owners should make every effort to prevent the exposure of horses to mosquitoes where they are still active, primarily in the Southern areas of the U. S. Horses should be stabled inside at dawn and dusk, normal mosquito feeding times. The use of insect repellent is highly recommended. Elimination of standing water is also recommended as it can serve as a breeding

ground for mosquitoes.

WNV surveillance, consisting of investigating suspect cases in horses, testing wild birds, mosquito collection and testing, and sentinel chicken testing, continues in the affected areas and in additional states down the Eastern coast of the U. S. Research has also been initiated, specifically small inoculation studies in horses, chickens and turkeys.

Inoculation studies are being conducted by USDA at its Plum Island Foreign Animal Disease Laboratory in New York, but it is too early to draw conclusions from these studies. The USDA is understandably cautious about releasing information prematurely because of concern that invalid conclusions may be drawn from inadequate or partial information.

No vaccine is presently available against WNV. The USDA has released the isolated virus for WNV for the purposes of vaccine development and production. Although it has initiated the process for the development of a vaccine, USDA has not authorized the release, distribution or use of any vaccine developed for either domestic or export use at this time.

As information is developed and released on WNV, it will continue to be made available on the AHC website: [www.horsecouncil.org](http://www.horsecouncil.org). Horse owners should consult that site for the most recent information. The USDA is also developing a web page devoted exclusively to WNV and the AHC will link that USDA page to our website once it is finalized.

## Pasturing Horses in the Spring Time

East Lansing, Mich.—Horse owners wrestling with the choice of either pasturing their animals this spring or keeping them in stalls should look to pastures as the best answer. "Pastured horses have the advantage of lower feed costs and more opportunity for exercise," said Ken Gallagher, a Michigan State University Extension equine veterinarian. "They also experience a lower overall incidence of disease."

More careful management of pastures and grazing horses is necessary in the spring when new foliage growth begins. Horses kept on pasture year-round usually adjust to the new foliage as it grows. Most management problems occur when horses have been confined, fed a hay-grain ration, then abruptly turned out on pasture in spring.

Spring pasture can be very nutrient-rich feed. Gallagher said it tends to be

much higher in moisture content (75–85 percent) while also being higher in protein, vitamins and minerals than during other seasons of the year. "Energy and protein content of foliage can be as much as 50 percent higher in early vegetative growth, compared to late vegetative growth 12 weeks later," said Gallagher.

But horses kept in stalls through the winter than abruptly released onto pasture might overeat because of the palatability of the lush green foliage. This over-consumption can put the horse at risk for certain nutrition-related problems:

**OVERWEIGHT/OBESITY**—depending on individual metabolism, some horses gain significant weight on pasture alone.

**DIARRHEA**—the higher moisture content and the change in ration can trigger a loose stool.

**COLIC**—not common in this instance, but any rapid change in the ration can cause excessive gas or an intestinal upset, leading to colic.

**FOUNDER (LAMINITIS)**—always a concern when rations are changed abruptly, especially when going from hay-based ration to pasture. Ponies are more susceptible to this than horses.

Gallagher said there are several ways horse owners may prevent or minimize problems when introducing horses to pasture in the spring. The first is to restrict grazing time. "Allow horses on the pasture for 20 minutes the first day, then increase grazing time by five minutes per day over a two-week period until they have adapted to the new feed source," he said. A second way is to feed hay immediately before they are turned out on pasture during the adjustment period. "This fills their stomachs somewhat and helps prevent overeating," Gallagher said. "It also curbs their appetites and allows them to be more selective about what they eat. Overly hungry horses have been known to eat toxic plants they normally would not consume." Another strategy is to supplement grazing with hay. If pasture foliage is sparse, supplementing with hay might be necessary to provide sufficient energy and other nutrients. This also helps prevent consuming weeds because under some pasture conditions, weeds outgrow other foliage.

Horse owners should also be aware their animals can cause considerable damage to a pasture in the spring by trampling foliage and compacting soil. If the ground is wet from snow and rain, it might be wise to postpone grazing and wait for drier conditions. "It is also best to allow plants two to three inches of

growth before beginning grazing." Contact: Ken Gallagher, DVM, MS  
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MSU College of Veterinary Medicine  
(517) 353-5033

-or-

Linda Chadderton  
Information Officer  
MSU College of Veterinary Medicine  
(517) 355-5165

## How Does the Association Define Draft?

By Lynne Howe

Following the conversation at the July 1999 Annual Meeting concerning the Association's definition of the word draft, I thought a lot about it on the way home from the meeting, that night and after church the next day so I dragged out some of our horse reference books. *The Horse*, by Evans, Borton, Hintz and Fox states that: "Nearly all the draft breeds are large and heavily muscled; they stand approximately 16 to 17 hands and weigh 1600 to 2200 pounds depending on sex, age, and conditions." From *Horses and Horsemanship*: "Today, horses are classified according to weight, size, build, and use as light horses, draft horses, or ponies. Light horses stand 14.2 to 17 hands high, weigh 900 to 1400 pounds, and are used primarily for riding, driving or racing, or for utility purposes on the farm. Light horses are generally more rangy and are capable of more action and greater speed than draft horses. Draft horses stand 14.2 to 17.2 hands high, weigh 1400 pounds or more and are used primarily for drawing loads and other heavy work. Although marked differences in size and weight exist among work horses, all of them are used for power. So, they must be heavy, and they must possess a deep, broad, compact, muscular form suited to the pulling of a heavy load at the walk."

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Karen V. Smith, Editor

## LETTERS

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Dear Karen:

I had sent Betsy a letter with information about a new item available to cream owners. For years we have gone to State Fair and other shows and there is always one business or another that offers embroidery of your breed on a ranch jacket. None of these businesses, of course, had pictures of a cream to choose from.



Last April at *The Small Farmers Journal* auction I approached such a business and they asked for a good photo of a cream and they promised to digitize the photo and make it available for ranch coats. Well it is finally back. The jacket came today and it is beautiful. I would like to have you let people know, through the newsletter, that the jacket is available. It is quite a big thing for them



to go out and invest the money to have a digitizer do the work, but all the stitching is computer generated, and I did not want to just color another draft breed to look like a cream. I gave them a few photos to choose from. The business name is: Country Stitchin', 39950 SW Gibson Road, Gaston, OR 97119, (503) 985-7859.

Carol L. Pshigoda  
Bend, Oregon

January 7, 2000

Dear Karen:

It has been a good horse year. Last summer the Oregon State Fair had a bit of bad politics and the Draft Horse people decided not to show at all. We felt that even though they had some valid concerns, the Cream Draft Breed could not afford to miss a year of exposure, so we decided to go in spite of the others not showing up. There could have been a lot of hitches there, but the group that

usually takes the first spots did not let the fair people know they were not coming until the last minute. So . . .

Anyway, be that as it may, it ended up being a good year for the American Creams. We had seven there—the most creams I think that have been shown in one place in recent times. We showed in every class we could. Every time a team or a single went into the arena the history of the creams was told in depth. Because we were the only drafts in the horse barn we received a lot of exposure and the registry address was given out to literally hundreds and hundreds of people. We took Eve (our 16'3" two year old filly), Sonny and Justin, and Sam, who were colts from this year. Chet, a three year old who we had sold to a family in Oregon, came also. So there was a long line of creams in the barn. It was nice.

We also took our hitch wagon to Grass Valley, California to the Draft Horse Classic there so the Schwartzlers could show in the wagon classes. We were to take our show cart as well, but Dave's nimble eye noticed a structural flaw in the seat and we had to unload it to prevent a possible accident. It is now being repaired. John and Sandy deferred showing but asked us to drive for their ranch. It was fun and interesting to drive horses we did not know. John has done a wonderful job with his horses. The only small problems were that each of us has different nuances that we use to drive, but all of this was soon worked out. Dave took Ben and Buz to 5th place in Men's cart, with about 15 other entries all from the big hitches. And Carol took 6th in Ladies' pairs with the wagon and about the same amount of entries.

It was a very good exposure for the breed. We all had a great time. Shaun and Jennifer McKinley and another couple (whose names I do not remember) each had a two-year-old to show in halter, and the Schwartzlers brought four creams so the breed was well represented at this show also.

I cannot tell you how good it felt to go to two big shows and see so many creams. When I first started showing Barney we would be the only cream or zebra in the pasture and nobody knew what they were. I must admit when we lined up for my pairs class I had tears streaming down my cheeks as the creams received the loudest roar from the crowd of all the hitches present in the class. This happened over and over again. It is so good to know we really are making a difference, and that is what all this hard work is all about.

Hope you all are doing well.

Carol Pshigoda  
Cream Acres Ranch  
Bend, Oregon

## CLASSIFIED

### CREAMS FOR SALE

\*Ackerman, Jack (contact Donna Ackerman, 210 Fulton Street, St. Charles, MI 48655, (517) 865-9532). Hockett's Cap's Danny Boy #265, light cream, pink skin, white mane and tail, amber eyes, white strip length of head, four white feet. Sire: Ead's Cap #209, Dam: Hockett's Misty Buttercup #213.

\*Arthur J. Gebel, 18507 Booness Lane, Glencoe, MO 63038, (636) 458-3832. Gebel's Esmeralda #429, light cream, pink skin, white mane and tail, amber eyes, blaze. Sire: Hockett's Bill #255. Dam: Gebel's Sunshine #292.

\*H-N-J's Hammond & Johnson, 14231 Bullick Road, Three Rivers, MI 49093, (616) 273-9051. H-n-J's Dick's Joe #433, 1999, light cream, pink skin, white mane and tail, amber eyes, full blaze. Sire: Clar Ann Dick #243, Dam: H-n-J's Julie #300.

\*Merle R. Pope, Route 5, Box 75, Chariton, IA, 50049, (515) 766-6709. Merle's Katie #427, 1998, light cream, pink skin, white mane and tail, amber eyes, blaze, four white stockings. Sire: Billie #273, Dam: Clar Ann Dick's June #264.

\*Donald C. Johnson, 511 East First Street, Huxley, IA, (515) 597-3311. Merle's Duke #356, 1996, medium cream, pink skin, white mane and tail, amber eyes, blaze, four white

socks. Sire: JD's Dee Jay #283. Dam: Clar Ann Dick's June #264.

\*Roger Villines, 4450 Factory Creek Road, Waynesboro, TN 38485, (931) 722-5856, has bred mares and weaning foals for sale.

\*Rueben and Crist Nisely, 21955 Butler Road, Butler, OH 44822, no phone. Ask that you write them if you are interested in the two fillies they presently have for sale. Be sure to include your phone number and they will phone you. These fillies are eligible for registration but are not registered. The secretary will be just a few miles from Butler when attending the Breed Secretaries and President's meeting at the end of May. If the opportunity presents itself, I will photograph the fillies.

A second filly out of Captain's Midnight Missy #245. Sire: Forevergreen Eddy #383. She was foaled 8-4-99, is dark to medium cream, pink skin, amber eyes, blaze and one white sock. She has a few reddish hairs in her mane and tail, but Rueben believes they will shed out. Both of these fillies out of Missy are of extra good conformation.

The third filly is lighter cream, white mane and tail, pink skin, amber eyes and a star. She is out of Hockett's Ester Villa #309. Sire: Villines Yellow Hammer #333. Foaled 2-19-99. She is not as big boned or as sturdy built as the first one.