

# Horse of the Americas Newsletter

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## HOA Names 2009 Distance Champs

The Horse of the Americas Registry proudly salutes its 2009 Distance Award winners:



Competitive Trail Riding Horse of the Year:  
**Cito Mocha Raton**

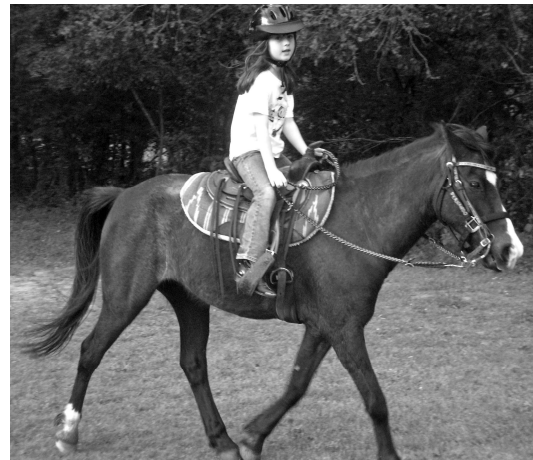
Mocha, a Spanish Mustang, came to me as a yearling. Being a city girl, I have never raised a puppy or a kitten, not to mention a foal, but thought "How hard can this be, she is little".

After 3 years of trial and error, mostly error, we began our NATRC career. Her first year as a 4 year old, I discovered she is afraid of everything and a crybaby. As a 5 year old I discovered she bites and kicks, mostly me. As a 6 year old I began seeing some maturity and continued growth. A hock injury ended her competition season

early. At 7 she not only competed with NATRC, but also gave "Extreme Cowboy" and ACTHA a whirl, trying new things is good.

Now into her 8th year Mocha and I shared many adventures and are looking forward to many more. Mocha will try her very best to whatever is asked of her, and never consider quitting.

Mocha is the "Heart" of team Trish and Mocha.



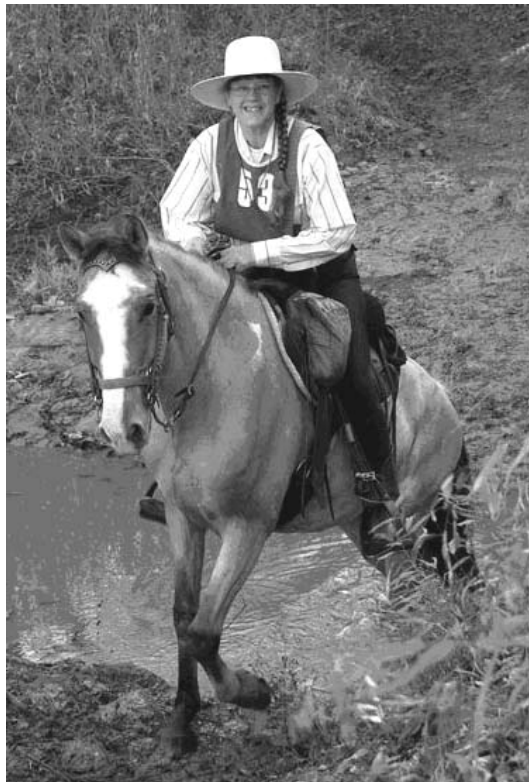
Competitive Trail Riding Horse of the Year:  
Limited Distance  
**Fernando**

Fernando once again carried a young rider to victory in 2009. Ashley Frazier rode the 17 year old faded black gelding by Choctaw Sun Dance out of Margerita to a Region 4 placing in NATRC.

Owner Tomlyn Grey has always been generous with allowing Karma Farms client kids to use "Ferdie" in competitions from Tejas Indian Horse Club shows and events to NATRC distance rides. Ferdie's buddy

Ashley has ridden him for years in shows and tried her hand for the first time in 2009 riding Ferdie in CTR, starting with the Arkansas Traveler, a ride in the rain that would have challenged any rider, much less a first-timer. After that, Ashley was ready to try it for the season, riding 3 rides and placing third in Novice Junior in Region 4 Year End.

Ferdie and his Karma Farms family wish Ashley luck in 2010 as she rides her own KF bred mare Amarillo Sky (King of Spain/Stairway to Heaven) in NATRC's Region 4.



Competitive Trail Riding Horse of the Year:  
 Limited Distance  
**Reserve: One Dance Left**

One Dance Left is owned by Gretchen Patterson of T-P Ranch and was ridden in 2009 in CTR by Casey Hickman at the Arkansas Traveler ride. Casey is the niece of

HOA members Eric and Laura Christensen. Casey just started riding her 3 year old filly Angel Heart (Rowdy Yates/Miss Domingo's Shadow), and Angel will be four next year and ready for NATRC herself. Good luck, Casey!.

“Lefty Boy” always gives his best whether he’s carrying the Karma Kids, a dude rider or owner Gretchen, but he really shows his patience and abilities under Gretchen’s granddaughter Krysten Tinker. Krysten is riding and winning in Tejas Indian Horse Club shows with Lefty right now. Watch out for Lefty and “Pooh” when Krysten is 10, NATRC!



Endurance Riding: Limited Distance &  
 Competitive Trail Challenge  
Horse of the Year:  
**Thief of Hearts**

In 2009, a group of us got together to form NCTHA, the National Competitive Trail Horse Association ([www.nctha.com](http://www.nctha.com)), an organization that educates about, keeps records on, and promotes the sport of competitive trail riding. NATRC, TTC, STC, AERC, and other trail riding organizations are under the umbrella of NCTHA, uniting to form a stronger voice for competitive trail riding when needed trail advocacy and education. Although the

acronyms are confusing, the bottom line is that there is a trail riding competition to meet everyone's needs: a one day long distance ride with obstacles, a one day short distance ride with obstacles, a two day long distance ride with obstacles, and a long distance ride without obstacles. Information on all the organizations is on the NCTHA website.

In order to place in NCTHA, a rider must be a member and compete in at least three rides in any of the venues; extra points are given if you compete in at least three different venues, which brings me to the story of Thief of Hearts and I branching out and trying new riding skills. We rode AERC Limited Distance, NATRC 2 day, and Texas Trail Challenge rides. Our favorite ride was by far the Texas Trail Challenge at the Pole Canyon Ranch in Quitaque, Texas. The TTC's are only 6-10 miles long, with ten obstacles and unlimited time. We enjoyed having plenty of time to visit and graze along the way.

This awesome horse, Thief of Hearts, has allowed me to learn so much, meet so many new friends, and ride on places that I never would have been able to without him. I thank my lucky stars to have such a wonderful Horse of the America's horse; he is so steady, and he is willing to try anything I ask of him. Thank you to the HOA for your support of Competitive Trail Riding sports!

## **2010 HOA Annual Meeting!**

This year's HOA annual meeting is being hosted by Sacred Horse Ranch, located at 129 West Stage Coach Trail (CR 480),

Inverness, in southern Citrus County, Florida. The area is known as "the Nature Coast", due to it's high percentage of publicly owned lands. SHR itself is surrounded on three sides by the beautiful 43,000 acre Citrus Tract of the Withlacoochee State Forest, dubbed by the Sierra Club "one of the top ten coolest places you've never been". Just a few miles to the west is the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge, to the east Flying Eagle Preserve and the meandering Withlacoochee River.

Bring your horses and explore the 100+ mile network of dedicated horse trails right out our back gate. They'll take you through various Xeric Upland ecosystems, including hardwood hammocks of oak, hickory and sweet gum, pine sandhills and scrubby flatwoods. The terrain consists of gently rolling hills, and barefoot horses will have an easy go of it, as the footing is grass, clay or sand.

If you can't bring the ponies, you can still explore by hiking a spur of the Florida Trail, located just one hundred yards north of SHR. Investigate the "caves" in the local karst topography, or visit Lizzie Hart Sink, where wild coffee and rare terrestrial orchids thrive in the cooler temps.

The history of our Colonial Spanish horses is forever entwined with the history of Florida. When Juan Ponce de Leon set foot on the northeastern coast of Florida, at St Augustine, in 1513, he was the first European to land on what was to eventually become the United States of America. He returned to Florida by way of its western coast in 1521, and landed the first horses to set foot on American soil near Tampa Bay - 18 years before Fray Marcos de Niza rode

into present day New Mexico in search of the "Seven Golden Cities of Cibola".

Horses did not return to the mainland until Hernando de Soto landed on Florida's west coast, again near Tampa Bay, in 1539, along with 600 men and some 200 horses. Heading north in search of gold, de Soto's route brought him through Citrus County, following the western border of the meandering Withlacoochee River.

For a brief chronicle of Florida's own Colonial Spanish, and State Heritage Horse, the Florida Cracker Horse and their relationship to Florida's history can be read in this University of Florida publication: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/an216>

For those who'd like to stay onsite, following are our camping fees and HOA member discounts:

A limited number of electric hook-ups \$25/night, (\$20/night for HOA members), unlimited primitive camping \$10/night, (free for HOA members).

Open stalls are \$15/night (\$10/night HOA members). Set up your own portable paddock or corral \$5/night per horse (free for HOA members).

Available for rent on premises:  
32' furnished fifth wheel trailer with three sliders -queen sized bed, queen sized sofa-bed, shower, bathroom, oven, stove and microwave, air conditioning, \$95 per night, three night minimum, or \$550/week. (20% discount to HOA members)

For reservations, please contact Linda Gasparini:  
Email: [sacredhorseranch@yahoo.com](mailto:sacredhorseranch@yahoo.com),  
Phone: 352-637-5775.

### **Local Motels:**

Holiday Inn Express (19 miles)  
903 E Gulf to Lake Hwy  
Lecanto, FL 34461  
(352) 341-3515  
(pets welcome)

Central Motel (16 miles)  
721 US Highway 41 South  
Inverness, FL 34450-6031  
(352) 726-4515

Holiday Inn Express Brooksville West (16 miles)  
14112 Cortez Boulevard  
Brooksville, FL  
(near intersection of SR 50 & Sun Coast Hwy.)  
(352) 597-4540

### **Shopping:**

Publix Supermarket - (8 miles)  
9525 South Suncoast Boulevard  
Homosassa, FL  
(352) 382-1149

Walmart SuperCenter (15 mile)  
2851 East Gulf to Lake Highway  
Inverness, FL  
(352) 637-2400

### **Major Airports within 1.5 hours of SHR:**

Tampa Int'l  
Orlando Int'l  
Gainesville Int'l

### **Come early, or stay longer, and visit our wonderful local attractions:**

#### **Florida Carriage Museum and Resort**

Every cart and carriage on display is in full working order, and used regularly! Highlights include a fully furnished chuck wagon, early racing sulkies and a meticulously restored Imperial



Coach belonging to Emperor Maximilian of Mexico  
[www.fcmr.org](http://www.fcmr.org)

### **Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park**

Along with many other native species, the park is home to a pair of critically endangered Whooping Cranes, as well as Manatees, or "sea cows" as they are known locally.

[www.homosassasprings.org](http://www.homosassasprings.org)

### **Weeki Wachee Springs**

Home of the world famous Weeki Wachee mermaids!

[www.weekiwachee.com](http://www.weekiwachee.com)

### **Rainbow Springs**

Archeological evidence suggests that people have been using this spring for 10,000 years. Rent a canoe or kayak and see why this crystal, clear river is our favorite summer adventure!

[www.floridastateparks.org/rainbowsprings/default.cfm](http://www.floridastateparks.org/rainbowsprings/default.cfm)

### **Crystal River State Archeological Site**

This site served as an imposing Native American ceremonial center for 1,600 years.

[www.crystalriverstateparks.org/](http://www.crystalriverstateparks.org/)

### **Paynes Prairie**

"Biologically, geologically and historically unique", it was part of Rancho de la Chua, the largest ranch in Spanish Florida, covering ten counties. 18th century Naturalist William Bartram called it "the Great Alachua (de la Chua) Savannah". Today, it is home to a state-owned herd of Florida Cracker Horses.

[www.floridastateparks.org/paynesprairie](http://www.floridastateparks.org/paynesprairie)

### **Withlacoochee River**

Take an airboat ride and explore the beautiful "Crooked River" that defines the

north and east borders of Citrus County. Alligators and cypress stumps guaranteed!  
[www.wildbillsairboattour.com/ride.html](http://www.wildbillsairboattour.com/ride.html)

## **Billy Jack at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games!**



Drumroll please! The contract is signed and its official! Billy Jack (HOA/SMR/AIHR/AHHA registered son of Dakotah Blue x Miss Chato by Chato) will be part of the 2010 World Equestrian Games at the Kentucky Horse Park from September 25th thru October 10th.

Billy Jack, along with my Nokota Moonshine, received an invitation from WEG's Equestrian Director in February. The WEG organizers were seeking authentic Native horses for the Native American Group to use in the Opening Ceremonies and the Equine Village. In addition to Billy Jack and Moonshine, 6 other Nokotas are preparing to be part of this Native Village Group.

This is a back-door invitation for our horses.

Most breed organizations participating at WEG's Equine Village have paid \$15,000 for the priveledge - just for a 10 x 10 booth. In our case, we will not have a booth in the Equine Village. But in exchange for preparing and loaning our horses, we will have the opportunity to participate in breed-specific events throughout our stay.

Although Nokotas make up the majority of the Native Village Group, I am doing everything in my power to assure Billy Jack and the SM/CS breed have their moment to shine. I've enlisted the help of John Steven Hockensmith, author of "Spanish Mustangs in the Great American West" for several SM/CS specific breed presentations. The Equine Village schedule is currently in-progress, so we'll know more as time goes on.

#### **What is WEG?**

WEG is the horse-equivalent of the Olympics, held every 4 years, for the 8 FEI-recognized disciplines: Dressage, Eventing, Show-Jumping, Endurance, Reining, Driving, Vaulting and Para-Equestrian. By the numbers, WEG 2010 will be 900 horses and 800 competitors representing 60+ nations to decide 8 world championships in 16 days. 2010 is the first year WEG will be held outside of Europe.

According the Kentucky Horse Council, the 2010 Games are expected to have a statewide economic impact of \$150 million, and current sponsors include Alltech, Rolex, John Deere, Ariat International, Inc., Meydan and UK Healthcare.

In addition to the 600,000 spectators expected on-site, millions more will have the opportunity to watch on NBC Sports, as the network provides an unprecedented six and a half hours of coverage over three Sundays. According to NBC's press release,

this will be "largest major network broadcast of equestrian sport in U.S. television history". Or you can just watch the video here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4rmvS39O6c>

In closing, I'd like say I'm thrilled and honored the WEG organizers have given us this opportunity. Given the popularity of reining, the AQHA will have a huge presence at WEG. And the other American breeds such as Tennessee Walkers, Morgans, Standardbreds and Saddlebreds, as well as the BLM, will be there with big budgets to dazzle visitors from around the world. I wish them all well.

However, I admit this feels like the equine version of David and Goliath. Unlike the other breed organizations, we have no big budgets or committees orchestrating our participation, just a very small group of dedicated folks giving up precious time and money to make this happen.

It's an overwhelming undertaking. But Billy Jack and Moonshine earned this invitation through their countless hours logged exhibiting at the Kentucky Horse Park. They established their reputation as 'can-do' horses in any conditions. But we already know this about our horses, right?

Words can't express how proud I am. We should all be proud. Because Billy Jack and Moonshine represent what we love about our horses. And now they can show it to the world at the World Equestrian Games! Thanks and wish us luck!

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Paris, Kentucky  
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## **EQUINE GENETICS: B AND C FAMILIES**

by Beverly Burriss Davis

B family covers a broad range of breeds, but it seems to be most concentrated in the Arabian and in several Germanic breeds. Its presence in the Barb, Andalusian and Lipizzan means it could pop up in Colonial Spanish blood.

B1 family of recent origin

1. 05 Arabs – 05%
2. 01 Shire – 10%
3. **01 Lipizzan – 08%**
4. 15 EC samples without breed information

B2 family

1. 14 Arabs – 15%
2. **01 Andalusian – 07%**
3. 01 Barb – 08%
4. **01 Friesian – 50%**
5. **01 Mongolian – 17%**
6. **01 Viking horse – 13%**
7. **01 Fjord – 09%**
8. 02 Holsteiners – 20%
9. 01 Noriker – 25%
10. 07 Rhineland Heavy Draft – 29%
11. **01 Cheju – 14%**
12. 01 Thoroughbred – 20%
13. 7 EC samples with no further breed information

*30% Russian Mesens tested belongs to this family, 16% Orlovs tested*

C family ranks as one of the most important mare lines of all time, second only to D family. This is the Celtic horse family, and the color that marks it most clearly is the tobiano pinto. Many horses and ponies descended from this line are also gaited. That it came into existence just before the Indo-Europeans left the

grasslands of east central Asia is of interest to some historians trying to locate the homeland of the Indo-European peoples.

Although most closely associated with the ponies of the British Isles, the Mongolian pony contains just as many members of this line as the British, Irish and Spanish ponies. When Dr. Victor Mair, one of the foremost experts on Indo-Europeans in China, saw the Icelandic pony for the first time, he said they reminded him of the Mongolian ponies that he had seen in Asia.

The give away color of this line is the tobiano pinto. As a hereditary color it goes back in an unbroken line over 5,000 years. Quite an awesome accomplishment.

C1 family (younger than 8,000 but older than 1,500)

17 of 19 documented C1 are northern pony breeds, 14 of 27 undocumented are ponies

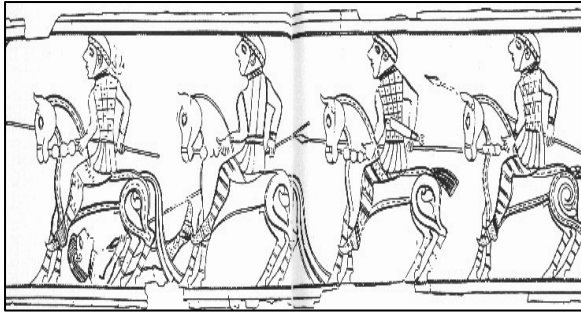
1. **09 Exmoors – 64%**
2. **03 Fjords – 27%**
3. **03 Icelandics – 38%**
4. **02 Scottish Highland – 40%**
5. **Connemara – in an EC sample with no further breed information.**
6. **02 ancient Viking horses**
7. **03 Mustangs – 04%**
8. 03 Arabs – 03%
9. **01 Lipizzan – 08%**
10. 01 Rottaler – 11%
11. 02 historical samples – 25%

C2 family

1. **01 Icelandic – 13%**
2. **01 Caspian – 14%**
3. **02 Mustangs – 03%**
4. 02 Rhineland Heavy Drafts – 08%
5. 01 Scottish Highland – 13%

6. 01 Arab – 01%
7. 01 Noriker – 25%
8. 30 EC breeds without further information

*25% Russian Mesens tested belonged to C family, 25% Mongolians tested, and 10% Orlovs tested*



## **FROM THE SULPHUR CORNER...**

by Duane White



There is a fire sale on Sulphurs!

A lot has happened in the Sulphur world since I have last made a contribution to the HOA Newsletter. Just recently the BLM has decided to have auctions at all or most of their locations and suddenly there were Sulphurs all over the country that were made available to adopt while the clock was ticking. I am very happy to say old and new Sulphur enthusiasts all over the country came out to adopt and caused the BLM to haul Sulphurs to several more satellite

adoption sites, which proved very successful in placing Sulphurs.

I am especially proud of the job a few of us managed to do at the last minute mainly at the Ewing, IL facility. On a whim Lisa and I had decided to go down and see the 3 Sulphurs one Friday and much to our surprise there were over 25 there. We quickly scrambled and got all of the Sulphurs numbers and evaluated as many as we could before we had to leave for the day. We had singled out 7 of the top 25 which ended up to be 2-4+ year old mares, 3-2 year old fillies and 2-2 year old stud colts. Before we could get BLM approval the 2 -4 year old mares were adopted out and 2 were adopted out but still available if anybody wanted them. We did and all told we were able to adopt 5 out of the original 7 and I have to give most of the credit for dealing with the BLM and haulers to Sid Hawkins of South Carolina. All I have to say is if I ever become famous, Sid is negotiating my contract!

The Sulphurs are at a critical stage and it is feared that getting a range bred Sulphur may soon become a thing of the past so acquiring as many as possible for genetic viability reasons is crucial in our efforts for preservation in the future!

I am still worn out from jumping through hoops but at the risk of forgetting someone I should thank the BLM employees Karen and Debra for helping out our cause. Sid Hawkins in South Carolina, Rob Martin in North Carolina, Jess Wagner and Tammy Melvin in Illinois and Charlie Harper in California who made this all happen!

This is exciting times for us at Raw Edge Ranch here in Wisconsin and we are so thankful that so many of us were able to come together and help this wonderful horse!

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**Proposal for THE HORSE OF THE  
AMERICAS:  
COLONIAL SPANISH PART-BRED  
DIVISION**

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Colonial Spanish Part-Bred Division is not to encourage, promote or endorse the cross-breeding of our critically endangered stock. The sole purpose of the Part-Bred Division is to formally recognize the genetic contribution of the Colonial Spanish parent on a cross-bred offspring.

**Requirements for Registration**

A horse may be registered as a Colonial Spanish Part-Bred with the Horse of the Americas Registry, if the following requirements are met:

1. One parent of the horse is registered with any or all of the following registries and recorded in the Horse of the Americas-sanctioned database:

Horse of the Americas (HOA)  
Spanish Mustang Registry (SMR)  
Southwest Spanish Mustang Association (SSMA)  
Original Section of the American Indian Horse Registry (AIHR)  
Spanish Barb Breeders Association (SBBA)  
International Barb Horse Registry (IBHR)  
American Heritage Horse Association (AHHA)

2. If the parent does not appear in HOA-sanctioned database, owner will be required to provide copy of parent's registration papers.

3. A mule, hinney, or any animal other than a horse is not eligible for registration.

4. The offspring of a registered Part-Bred is

NOT eligible to be a registered Part-Bred, unless the other parent is a registered Colonial Spanish Horse from one of the approved registries.

5. An application for registration, on the appropriate form provided by HOA, has been completed, signed by the appropriate recorded owner(s) and filed with the HOA.

6. The registration fee has been paid.

NOTE 1: Fees for Part-Bred registration will be same as existing fees.

NOTE 2: Registered Part-Breds are NOT eligible for the HOA Awards Program. Interested parties are encouraged to cross-register with AIHR, Section AA, for AIHR Award Program opportunity.

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**The following are editorials written by HOA members and present the “Vote Yes” and “Vote No” views about HOA opening a Partbred Colonial Spanish Horse Division. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A BALLOT ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER. HOA members with Individual memberships have 1 vote, Family and Farm memberships have 2 votes. Remove the ballot from this newsletter, check once for Individual and twice for Family or Farm memberships and return it to:**

**Linda Gasperini, HOA Election Judge  
129 W. Stagecoach Trail  
Inverness, FL 34452**

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1/8 page or business card= \$15

## **In Support of the Part-Bred Colonial Spanish Division**

by Margaret Odgers

The debate over the creation of a Part-Bred Division with HOA is a subject that has sparked high emotion among the CS community, including mine. On the HOA website forum, the topic spawned not one, not two, but multiple passionate, and sometimes heated threads. What I have learned is any topic remotely related to strain purity is THE hot button issue in this preservation effort, thereby explaining the proliferation of registries among this numerically challenged horse.

To put the subject in context, even in the heyday, CS horses never commanded much more than a break-even price. In today's economy, CS owners and breeders are struggling even more. Too many of us are just one job loss or personal tragedy away from dispersing our stock.

With the aging of the baby-boomers who drove the recreational horse market after WWII, subsequent generations are much smaller and less interested in equine endeavors. Add to this our current economical upheaval. The result is a global horse industry experiencing severe and sustained downward pressure. There has probably never been a time when the preservation of rare breeds has been more in jeopardy.

So why a Part-Bred Division? Part-Bred Registries are a time-proven, successful concept among breeds – from the popular Arabian to the rare Cleveland

Bay – to broaden the base of support. These organizations have proven that rather than drive interest and effort away, it brings new blood and support to the parent breed. Whether acknowledged or not, part-breds will happen. Under current conditions, when those offspring are successful, there is no benefit, or reflection of glory, upon the CS, since their parentage is not recognized by certificate.

Why under HOA? As the most inclusive registry, HOA is best positioned to control, contain and give integrity to a Part-Bred division by verifying parentage. Given the passion for purity, it makes more sense than the formation of an independent registry without the same resources or organizational structure. And furthermore, as pointed out by noted authority Dr. Phillip Sponenberg, a Part-Bred Division “can help to prevent/avoid fraudulent registrations of part-breds as purebreds.”

I will point out that in the heated forum debates over Part-Bred division, HOA members heard from a few, new voices – all current owners of Part-Breds - in support of its creation. Those new voices quickly went silent under the onslaught of strongly worded opinions and clashes among more established members from both sides. And that is very regrettable.

Coming into this project, I underestimated the resistance a Part-Bred Division would meet. Now the question becomes whether the objections are from a vocal few, or the silent majority. Is the membership ready to embrace a progressive idea, or will status quo prevail? Will a Part-Bred Division bring new support or

undermine the fundamental principles of the preservation effort?

You decide.

## **Part Breds: The NO Side is the Right Side**

by Sid Hawkins

Several centuries ago the arrival of the Spanish/Iberian explorers began the return of horses to North America.

These horses were spread to various geographic areas by the explorers themselves, by shipwrecks, hunters, traders and soldiers, churchmen, and eventually by various Indian tribes as well as others. Some were taken up the east coast, some into Mexico, and some later to California. From these introductions these horses found their way to a significant part of North America.

When many Indian tribes turned to the horse culture, the superior attributes of the little Spanish horses were immediately recognized by them. Early cowboys also knew their value.

By the middle of the twentieth century many people had been awakened to the historical and genetic treasure that was these horses. Organizations were formed and horses were needed and selected from various sources. Some feral, some ranch horses of known heritage, many from several Indian tribes that had kept the Spanish intact were used for the foundation of these registries.

Then comes the HOA. The HOA was painted with a somewhat broader brush.

Eastern North American Spanish blooded horses were included with the western blood that made up most other registries. The mission and message of the HOA remained steadfast. We must

preserve and work hard to promote this treasure. This IS and HAS BEEN the most important business of this registry.

The HOA, like most other Spanish groups, is relatively small both in financial status and human and horse resource. There is much work to be done within the HOA with our horses, partly because of the greater scope of our organization. Therefore it is all the more important that we maintain our focus to preserve what we HAVE rather than what is "possible" or "may" happen.

Recognition- Assertions that my part bred is by a Spanish stallion will cause swaps in allegiance and a rush to breed is a pretty big stretch in my world. If I told you I had a part Mercedes and part Ford, would you demand a manufacturing facility to produce these? There are reasons why Fords are Fords and Mercedes are Mercedes. I have been a professional involved in design, marketing, and selling for most of my life and I have seen some strange things. But I do not expect to see the above happen. Is there some market for part bred? Probably..... so here we go.

AIHR-- Let's get down to the nitty gritty. Those who wish to promote part bred already have a good vehicle to do so and they know it. The push for the HOA to do this involves two words: Indian Horse. The connotation "Indian" or "Indian pony" is more than some part

bred supporters can bear. The fact is that Indian horses are an integral part of the woven fabric of our Colonial Spanish horses. To deny this is snobbery at best and dishonesty at worst. The AIHR is very closely aligned with the HOA and is set up to do exactly what the part bred supporters say they want.

Now you know the reason for the introductory paragraphs. NO vote supporters urge all members to consider our real mission of preserving the best of the best SPANISH TYPE and BLOOD and to stay true to our efforts to do that.

Sincerely and for the horses,

**Sid Hawkins and his Indian horses**

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***Registrar's Report—July, 2010***

by Gretchen Patterson, HOA Registrar



**One Dance Left, HOA-1081**

For the past few years, I have been collecting and building a database of all known Colonial Spanish Mustangs/Horses. At this writing, this database is now available on CD-ROM disc to our HOA members for \$12.00 plus \$3.00 shipping. At this time, the database contains the names of 6,182

horses and is by no means a finished product but it contains enough information to help breeders and members look up names, colors, bloodlines, strains and other known facts. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the database.

As of 2010, I will be recording the colors of the horses in the pedigrees listed on the back. Gilbert Jones and Darlene Rickman started doing this many years ago in SSMA and I will continue that tradition. I have found this information useful while compiling the Colonial Spanish Horse Database and information that breeders may find helpful when mating stallions and mares.

Another one of our early registration innovations was to print each horse's picture directly on the certificate—one on the front; two on the back. You may submit pictures in one of three formats: regular photographs; digital scans on photographic paper or via email. I would like to stress that digital pictures must be printed on glossy paper. I cannot use pictures that are printed on regular copy paper.

If you send pictures via email, they should be no larger than **800 kb** and should be saved as a **.tif** or **.jpg**. Picture files saved as a **.gif** extension have been compressed and do not reproduce well. If you send pictures by email, please notify me in advance that you will be sending picture file attachments.

All photos should be taken in open space, preferably in the morning or early afternoon. Pictures with lots of shadows do not scan well, and the horse's true color is difficult to reproduce. Trees or other busy landscape should be out of the background whenever possible. I require pictures of both sides as well as a front, a rear and a good facial. If a horse

has unusual white patterns on the head, a close-up photo is also needed.

For more information, please contact Gretchen Patterson, 202 Forest Trail Rd., Marshall, TX, 75672 or by email: [tpranch@marshalltx.com](mailto:tpranch@marshalltx.com) My telephone is 903-938-2908. You can also leave me a message on the HOA Message Board.

## MY HORSE HOUDINI



by Makayla Miller

My name is Makayla and I am eleven years old I received my first horse when I was 9 years old. When I saw him I was so shocked I didn't know what to say. I just stared at him with my mouth wide open. Also I was feeling joyful like never before. His name is Houdini. He got that name because when he was a baby, he could get out of the smallest of places.

After we got him from my Aunt Terri and Uncle Donny that's when the real

fun started. I would always bug my mom to take me to see him. Every time that I saw him I had some trouble trying to pet him. One day when I was in the pen with him I was trying to catch him and give him some treats. But he wouldn't let me. So my mom said to just sit and let him come to me on his own. So I did and it worked!

My mom told me that we were going to start going to my uncle's house to start the training. So the next day after school I went to their house and they said that the training was already started. I asked how and they said that me spending time with him was the first step. The second step was to coach him and start the ground work. So the following day after school my mom and I went with Uncle Donny up the hill and caught Houdini.

We started working with him and giving his head and teaching him command on how to move and turn. I worked hard and Uncle Donny said when Houdini was all finished I would get to go with him and ride him in the parades.



We started training him to ride and with only 6 rides on him I was able to

take over on my own. Since then I have learned how to ride the proper way using my legs and balance to stay on. Houdini and I have learned how to care for one another on the trail at all times. We have been in many parades, including ones with guns behind us being shot and



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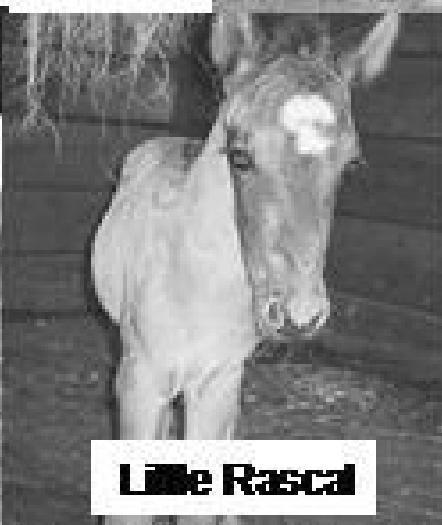
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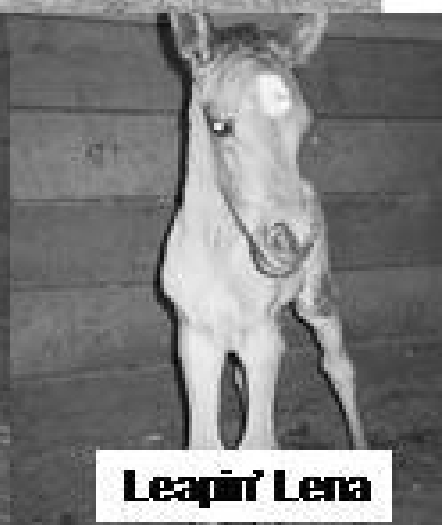
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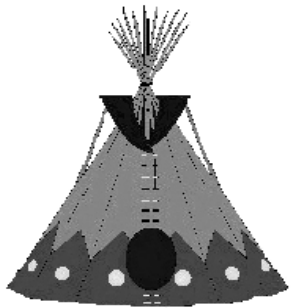
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