



# Horse of the Americas Newsletter

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## **2009 HOA Annual Meeting**

**Oct 9th, 10th and 11th**  
**Eagle Ranch Trails**  
**Collins Mo. 64738**

If you haven't made your plans for attending the Annual Meeting, you better get started. We are going to have a great meeting. We are planning a clinic on the Competitive Trail Riding. We have a couple members that are approved Judges for NATRC. As always, we will be have the conformation clinic, and if it works out, we will have some horses to inspect for registration. This is a great place for riding, so we are planning on time to trail ride.

Dr. Jerry and Kim Weil are handling the food. They will have breakfast on Saturday and Sunday for \$4.00 per person. They plan to fix pancakes and sausage, fruit juice, scrambled eggs and ham, etc. If you were at the meeting in Texas, you know how good their food is. Lunch on both days will be ham, chicken salad, potato salad, pasta salad, chips, desert, etc., all home made and for only \$6.00 a person. And of course, the coffee pot will be on.

Friday evening's meal is a Pot Luck supper. Kim is making chicken soup, so bring something to help fill in the menu. The

main course on Sat evening is as always on the HOA. Kim is talking about a smoked pork loin for us. Bring a side dish to go along with it.

Don't forget the HOA Auction after the dinner and meeting. Please bring something to contribute; horse related items are best. This is always a lot of fun, and we've had some great buys.



Check with the people at Eagle Ranch Trails about camping arrangements or cabins. The physical address is 9040 Southeast Hwy J, Collins, MO 64738. Their phone is 417-275-1105 and their email address is [info@eagleranchtrails.com](mailto:info@eagleranchtrails.com).



The electric hook ups are limited. You will need to call and reserve your spot. They will be trying to keep us together. They have plenty of primitive camping spots. You can go to their website at

[www.eagleranchtrails.com](http://www.eagleranchtrails.com) for more information. But you need to call for your reservation since this is a very popular place and fills up quickly. When you call, make sure you tell them you are with the HOA. They are holding some spaces for us.

This is the year for election of officers. The elected officers are the President and Vice President. Dianne Wolf is handling the nomination committee. If you're interested in running for an office, please contact her.

Looking ahead, the 2010 HOA Meeting will be in Florida. Look for more information on that in the future.

See you in October,  
Tom Norush



Richard and Callie Widon with *Napoleon Solo*, 2008 National Champion "O" and HOA Champion at halter.

## **AIHR/HOA Registries** **Announce 2009** **National Show**

by Patricia Leopold

The National Show for the AIHR/HOA National Show will be held in Henderson, TX on September 18th, 19th and 20th at the Rusk County Youth Expo Center. This will be the third year the National Show will be held at this

location. The Expo Center is located 80 miles WSW of Shreveport, 140 miles SE of Dallas, 180 miles North of Houston and 240 miles ENE of Austin. All entrants must be registered with the AIHR registry and the HOA registry to be eligible for the HOA awards.

Non-point events will be held on Friday night starting at 6PM. Non-point events will include Youth Indian Horsemanship, Gaited Pleasure and a bareback jackpot class, Trail of Tears, that will have entry fees split between the winner and the HOA Lido fund.

The show's Opening Ceremony will begin at 9 AM on Saturday with classes immediately following at about 10 AM. The first events will be the Frontier and Native American costume classes, followed by a break for lunch. After lunch will be the halter events for "O", "AA", "A", "M" and "Pony" Classes (Please see AIHR website [www.indianhorse.com](http://www.indianhorse.com) for horse class descriptions). The day will end with the Pleasure Classes for all age/experience groups. Pleasure classes will include Green (horse having competed for 1 year or less and never in the National Show), Green Pro (same as green, only brought along by a professional trainer), Papoose (rider to age 7), Youth (rider 8-12), Junior (rider 13-17), Adult (18 & Up), Senior Adult (optional 46 & Up).

Sunday events will again begin at 9 AM with the Trail Classes followed by the Speed events: Forest Escape Texas Style, Backfiring the Prairie, Torch Relay and Cherokee Ribbon Races.

The majority of the judging duties will be performed by Gretchen Patterson. All Papoose events will be judged by Vickie Ives. Vickie will also help out in the Halter classes along with Curtis R. George.

The Rusk County Youth Expo Center is a beautiful covered arena located in Henderson next to the airport. Horse stalls, both individual and larger to accommodate more horses will be available by reservation. On-site horse camping is allowed for a fee. A horse wash area is also available. Limited electric hookups can also be reserved. The Center has bathrooms with showers. Information and entry packets including registration forms will be available starting early July by emailing [aihrnatshowreg@hughes.net](mailto:aihrnatshowreg@hughes.net). No increase in fees has been implemented for 2009. Preregistration is available at a discount for all forms and fees post-marked by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**FEE SCHEDULE:**

(Checks payable to Tejas Indian Horse Club)

**Entry fees: \$60.00 per horse, one to all classes, including halter & color classes in one rider age division.**

**Discounts:**

**Pre-registration (postmarked & mailed by to 9/1/2009, non-refundable) for all performance, halter & color: Deduct \$10.00/horse.**

**Halter, Color, Green Pleasure/Green Pleasure Pro Class Only (no preregistration discount available): \$20.00**

**Bareback Pleasure/Lido Fund Jackpot: \$5.00**

**On-site camping/horse camping fees:**

**Stall rental: \$15.00/day first night/ \$10.00 each additional night**

**Horse camping on grounds overnight: \$5.00/night/horse (must clean/rake out area before leaving)**

**Electric hook-up: \$15.00/night**

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Completed entry packets and on-site registration will be available before the show starts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Hope to see you there.

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**Yuma (6) & Denim (8)**



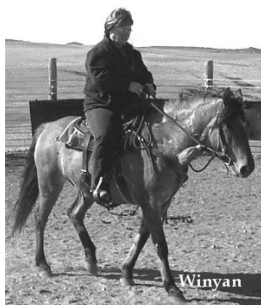
**Koche Kola (6)**



**Texas Ranger (6)**



**Dun Deal (3)**



**Winyan (8)**



**Eagle's Echo (1)**



**Two Strike (6)**



## **THE "A" FAMILY OF THE DOMESTIC HORSE**

by Beverly Burris Davis

Mitochondrial studies have been performed by various research groups to find out how horses are related and indirectly in an attempt to find the ancient Indo-European homeland. 652 Samples were taken for the first study, 343 Additional horses were added from a second study, and an unknown number was used for the third study. For the sake of understanding them and how they do and don't relate to Colonial Spanish horses, I've broken down the results:

**Type A1:** 9 Arabs (10%) 1 Holsteiner (1%) 6 Mustangs (8%) 2 Rhineland HD (8%) 1 Shetland (20%) 11 Sorraias (61%) 2 Lipizzans (15%) 4 EC samples 1 Danish Standardbred (100%) 3 Koniks (60%) 1 Mongolian (17%)

**Type A2:** Przewalskis Horse 100%

**Type A3:** 6 Arabs (6%) 1 Arab-Barb (14%) 2 Andalusians (14%) 1 Dulmener (10%) 3 Fjords (27 %) 5 Holsteiners (50%) 4 Lusitanos (44%) 18 Mustangs (23%) 2 Rhineland HD (8%) 1 Trakehner (20%) 1 Lipizzan (8%) 1 Cheju (14%) 16 EC samples

**Type A4:** 3 Arabs (3%) 4 Caspians (57%) 1 Konik (20%) 1 Mustang (1%) 6 EC samples

**Type A5:** 3 Exmoors (21%) 1 Mustang (1%) 2 Scottish Highlands (25%) 1 Welsh (50%) 1 Fell (50%) 6 EC samples w/o further breed information 1 Swedish horse w/o breed information.

*\*Irish archeological evidence shows that 3 of the 4 horse remains found were in the A family\**

*\*Irish draught horses are most closely related to the Caballo de Corro...A family breed\**

*40% Guan Mt. China horses were A family, 25% Russian Mesens tested, 55% Yakuts tested, 60% Vyatkas tested, 20% Mongolians tested, 37% Akhal-Tekes tested, and 66% Orlovs tested*

**Type A6:** 9 Arabs (10%) 1 Arab-Barb (14%), 1 Barb (8%), 1 Rottaler (11%) 1 Lipizzan (8%) 2 Exmoors (14%)

A family without a doubt descends from the 66 chromosome Asian horse. In fact A-2 is the last surviving member of the 66 chromosome horse. It is also the oldest mitochondrial line being younger than 100,000 years but older than 18,000 years.

As can be seen the Colonial Spanish horse appears in several of the A subfamilies. A1 which includes the Sorraia also includes Lipizzans and Mongolian ponies and Arabians. Its presence in Spain and Mongolia, two opposite ends of the world with no connection to each other leads me to believe these were among the first mares to enter Spain with the Celts around 900 BCE. JSO41, the other Sorraia line, appears to be more closely related to the Przewalski horse than any other mtDNA line, but this just shows the antiquity and relative isolation of the breed. Both

surviving mare lines clearly originated in Asia. This does not negate the influence of ancient European horses on the breed, and in fact a mustang line JMU126, an orphan line, may actually be a true ancient European mare line inherited from the wild horses of Iberia.

Professor Altimira in his history of Spain stated that the wild stallions stole domestic mares and introduced them to their herds. It is logical that the DNA of some of those ancient European mares survived into modern times, but they are not a part of A family. It's my belief that A family horses, that is 66 chromosome horses, were more plentiful and the ancient Indo-European and Indo-Iranians increased their herd sizes with these wilder mares. As was shown when the Tarpan was recreated in the early 20th century, the 66 chromosome horse sheds two genes and becomes the more common 64 chromosome horse when bred back to a 64 chromosome horse.

A-3 family contains mustangs and Andalusians. The Andalusian is a descendent of the great Nisean horse of Persia, introduced into Spain by Byzantine Emperor Justinian. Although more commonly associated with D family, the use of wild mares to increase herd size makes sense. That it is also found in a rare Korean pony further links it to an ancient mare line from Asia.

A-4 family contains mustangs but to date no other Spanish breed. It shares maternal origins with Arabs, Caspians and the Tarpan descended Konik pony. The Arabian in spite of

the mythology is a very recent breed and includes virtually all mtDNA lines making its origin hard to determine. The Caspian comes from Northern Iran, and it is also a recent breed with several mtDNA lines for such a small number of founding animals. My only idea is that this is an ancient Brythonic line of pony that dates back to the 1<sup>st</sup> millenium BCE in Central Asia, and whose relatives are still to be located in Spain. Should it be found in the Andalusian, Alter Real or Lusitano, then one might be able to place it in the Persian/Roman warhorse family. If it were not for the Tarpan, there could be a Phoenician connection, but these traders never made it to Poland as I understand it.

A-5 is clearly Brythonic Celt to me. Mustangs are found in this family, but the other members include British Island ponies. This one leads me to believe that early British ponies either in Virginia or out of Charleston, SC made their way into Eastern Native American pony herds and from there into the general populace.

A-6 has produced no mustangs to date, but Lipizzans are present so it is possible that this family might turn up in Colonial Spanish herds. This is a mixed lot of breeds and it is hard to point to any one group as being the source of its arrival in Europe. It could be Germanic or Celtic. With all the crusaders from Europe visiting North Africa and the Middle East, they could have easily left behind horses that found their way into the Arab or Barb family.

“A” family gave the Colonial Spanish horse its beautiful dun color and primitive markings. The ability to withstand hardships of weather and poor feed is its legacy. Even if the mtDNA of the horse is from another family, if it is a primitive dun, it’s showing off the beauty of those ancient mares and stallions that lived in Europe and Asia before the coming of the domestic horse.

### **Wild Horses**

by Ashley Frazier, HOA Youth  
Member, poems written 2007

**Wild horses with the  
wind in their mane**

**Wild horses can’t be  
tamed**

**Wild horses with the  
sun on their skin**

**Wild horses rely on  
their spirit within**

### **Amarillo**

*Haiku by Ashley Frazier*

*Amarillo is my horse*

*I use her shoulder for my  
pillow*

*I go on rides through the  
willow*

*Good Amarillo*

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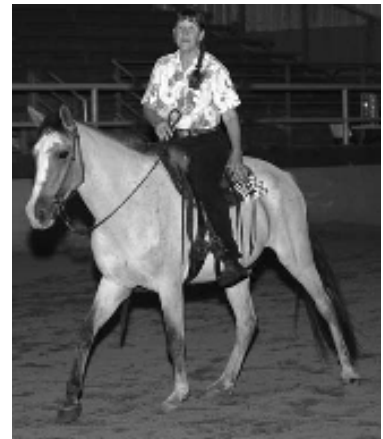


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# Ocular Squamous Cell Carcinoma and the Medicine Hat

by Vickie Ives, Karma Farms

As most know, I am a great fan of the mystic Medicine Hat, the horse color surrounded by Native American legends of magic and invulnerability. I have always thought that the stories of the power of the Medicine Hat stemmed from this horse's ability to produce the loud overos and sabinos beloved by the Plains Indians, even from solid colored mares. If the Medicine Hat was blessed by the Great Spirit so that it could make colorful paints with little visible help from the other parent, perhaps it also had other magic powers, they may have reasoned.

But however the Native Americans believed the Medicine Hat got its power to protect its rider, we know today that its magic is little protection for the inherent weakness that most Medicine Hats must contend with: ocular squamous cell carcinoma. The Medicine Hat isn't alone among horse colors in having this inherent susceptibility to damage by sunlight. Any horse with extensive white markings that leave the eyes surrounded by pink, unpigmented skin may suffer from the development of such tumors. Sun burn is a precursor of later problems—if the horse tends to burn, then it has a real risk for this type of cancer.

A good protection for horses with this coloration is a fly mask. Wearing the mask during the day keeps the horse's eyes "in the shade", protecting them from the worst of the sun's rays. Unfortunately, many Colonial Spanish

Horses are just too smart for the type closure on these masks. The velcro straps are just seen as a challenge by these guys. Some won't rest until they have it off by scratching, rubbing or even lowering their head to the ground and tugging the mask off with their hooves. But even so, if a horse is kept on a small enough piece of ground to rescue lost fly masks, this can be a good option.

Another option is zinc oxide ointment. Commonly used for diaper rash or sunburn, this white salve provides waterproof protection if applied regularly to any area on the face where the horse tends to sunburn. It can be applied with the fingertips and is safe to handle—after all, its main use is for diaper rash, and what's more delicate than a baby's bottom? Any good generic will do, but Desitan is the common brand name most of us know.

For those who commonly keep their horse stalled, restricting turn out times to late evening and night is another good defense against the sun damage. I have also heard of tattooing the area around the eye to provide the pigmentation Nature forgot, but I haven't heard much follow-up about the effectiveness of such protection.

Why am I so concerned with this cancer? Our famous stallion **Choctaw Sun Dance** was treated for it 3 times in his life, including having his cancer irradiated in his last treatment session. The cancer was in complete remission when we lost him to other causes. But even more recently, we put down our beloved **Locomotion** with advanced cancer in the eye, socket and lid and symptoms beginning in the other eye. Loco was diagnosed by our great local

vet who sent him to Texas A&M when he saw a mass in his eye. However, when we got him to A&M, the vets there couldn't find anything and told us that it must have been a fat mass that was nothing to worry about. I loaned him to friends in Mississippi where he stayed for two breeding seasons.

When I brought Loco home, I noticed that his eye tended to tear now and then with no obvious cause. Then one day I was riding him along a roadside after a heavy rain. The bar ditch was filled with fresh rain water, and he stopped and lowered his head to have a drink. In the reflection in the little pool, I could see something under his eyelid, running across the inside of the entire lid, about 1/3 of the way down from the top of his eye. On examination, it appeared that the "fat mass" was, in fact, now a large tumor that covered the entire width of his eyelid. There was no saving the eye with the tumor in this advanced state.

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We opted not to take his eye as the other one was showing some symptoms as well. We simply made him as comfortable as we could and raised some wonderful foals until the condition of his affected eye made an unpleasant choice necessary. We said goodbye to him just a few short weeks ago and sent him on his way to join his illustrious dad across the Rainbow Bridge. It still hurts to think that there will be no more Loco foals with their striking colors and myriad gaits, no trick horse at all until time and desire convinces me to train another. He did his dad's tricks; he had his dad's loving nature, and thanks to the coloration that made him so desirable, he lost his battle with his dad's demon.

Yes, we kept a wonderful Loco son, **Under the Sun**, a flaxen red dun overo out of **Lady Madonna**. He's a beauty—but no pink skin around the eyes. Maybe I'll have another Medicine Hat one day, but I'll have to think about it long and hard. I wanted you to have the facts, so you can think about it too.

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**Blown Flame**, the dam of both of the started horses we have available for sale right now.  
Both are by **Tate Waken**. **Cara’s Spitfire** is 3 yrs old this spring, is bigger than his year  
old appaloosa colored full brother **Burn Baby Burn** now. We think he will end up at 14  
hands or so. He is very mellow, though still a stallion.



**Left:**  
**Cara’s Spitfire**



**Right:**  
**Burn Baby Burn**

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