"A Steal of A Deal"

Every little girl dreams about getting a horse for their birthday - I never once dreamed it would be me. Evidently saving horses for one's offspring without their knowledge has gone back to the beginning of our family's history with the Creams. Now being a third generation Cream owner, I am very excited to do my part in the association and carry on the tradition of a breed that is so sentimental to me. Along with many other important lessons, working with Creams has taught me that it is not always about where you end up (possibly Canada if you follow Frank to dinner - Vermont 2008) but rather who you meet along the way.

Maggie Lupkes
Greetings to all of our ACDHA Members & Friends!

We trust this Newsletter finds all of you still Healthy and in good Spirits after months dealing with this COVID Pandemic. It’s created quite a bit of turmoil in every aspect of our day to day lives across this Country.

In the Equine part of things, virtually every single event has either been shut down or postponed. The 2020 ACDHA Annual Meeting in Spokane, Wash. which is postponed until July 9th & 10th, 2021. Be sure to reset your 2021 Calendar to attend the (76th& 77th) ACDHA Annual Meeting in 20/21. It will definitely be worth the long wait to get together again!

Good News coming from so many Horses hanging out at Home these days. Hearing of several Mares who have been confirmed settled in foal. It’s a very positive result of Folks having some extra time to devote to their Horse programs.

Your ACDHA Secretary & Directors have continued meeting Monthly via Conference Calls to keep pace with all activities of your Association. The Livestock Breeds Conservancy has verified they have received three applications toward ACDHA Youth Scholarships that will be Awarded following the Oct. 17th Entry deadline. Too late to submit your Project for 2020 but follow the guidelines for 2021! The ACDHA Board Election results have now been tallied by a Non-ACDHA Member who is a neighbor of Kerrie Beckett. Congratulations to Members: Wendell Lupkes and Sue Engel who will be returning for another round as your Directors.

Out here in the West we’ve put time into two of the “Cream’s” who completed their Driving training this summer. We made it to a Wagon Campout in the High Sierras keeping all the Wagons and most Horses six feet apart. Trips are always a good time and can expose new Folks to the marvelous qualities of the American Cream Draft Horse breed. Personal Driving time at Home has been somewhat limited by the thick smoke from many Fires in the area. Not healthy for Humans or Horses to physically work in that nasty environment.

The ACDHA Membership is a very passionate and diverse group who all share in the common goal of lifting up a Horse that is a precious part of this Equine World.

Let’s all continue to work together and provide the “Creams” the proper standing they deserve among all the Horse Breeds!

Happy New Year!
John Schwartzler
President
Maggie's Hands On Training of her Own American Cream Draft

Paula’s Advantage of Owning American Cream Draft Horses

A disclaimer is on file with the company of Dewey Cheatum and Howmuch (DC&H) that no money was received from any seed companies, the Federal Government or any foreign government to influence the results as reported of this study.

In this test no animals were miss treated or injured. The lead certifying Agent for D C & H was Algonquin J Colhoun.

Betty S was not available to take the photos. She and Cheryl M are busy working on the 2022 meeting in Virginia.

This research was named "A Study to Simplify Seeding Tomato Plants"

N.W.W.H.H. (Now what we have here)

Photo 1. This is Paula’s Chicken Palace used in the study. Every 3 or 4 days it is drug to a new spot with weeds and a pile of manure, credit for the manure goes to Quigley for having his stallion piles. Improves the flavor of the manure

Photo 2 N.W.W.H.H. This is what the prepared ground looks likes after 3 or 4 days. Cleaner than any spray would do.
Introducing...

a new addition to the Lupkes barn

Foal: Lupkes’ F.C.’s Autumn
Dam: Lupkes’ O.Y.’s Ginger
Sire: Evergreen Clayton

“New Year’s Eve, where auld acquaintance be forgot. Unless, of course, those tests come back positive.” — Jay Leno

“Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.”
— Helen Keller
Youth incentives for American Cream Draft Junior Members

2020 LC Youth Scholarships

I’m pleased to report that three ACDHA youth members have or will receive $500 scholarships from The Livestock Conservancy this year:

Katherine DePietro
Lillie Tuckerman
Maggie Lupkes

The young people represent the future of the American Cream Draft horse breed. Please join me in congratulating them!

Charlene Couch
The Livestock Conservancy

cont. from Paula’s Advantage

Photo 3 N.W.W.H.H This is one of the many boxes of split and soft spotted tomatoes given to us by a local vegetable stand along with cantaloupe to feed to the chickens and horses.

Photo 4 N.W.W.H.H is two of the clumps of hundreds of tomatoes plants after approximately two months. The horse and the resident deer did not eat or walk on them. The post on the ground in the background is 8 ft long. Those tomatoes are flowering and setting fruit. If we don’t get frost we will have plenty of green tomatoes for frying and ripe ones.

-Frank Tremel
**One more thing in 2020... E.P.M**

This has been an extraordinary year, and then along comes EPM, Equine protozoal myeloencephalitis. This is a condition resulting from the action of a protozoa, a parasite primarily distributed in the feces of opossums that affects the central nervous system of horses. It can be difficult to diagnose until the condition causes atrophy of the rear quarters, and an un-coordination, primarily in the hind quarters.

The horse I was caring for showed a weight loss prior to foaling in late May. She came to me for rebreeding with a foal by her side in mid-June. At the time I thought perhaps it was a combination of maybe some end of last year’s hay, possibly combined with teeth that needed work. I also didn’t give enough attention to the difficulty the mare had turning around in my trailer, after all, she’s a big girl and my trailer is only 6 feet wide. But looking back these were clues to the correct diagnosis of EPM.

The vet was out to preg-check a couple of other mares, so I had him look at this mare briefly while he was there. Without any suspicion of EPM, we discussed possible causes of the weight loss, which had begun prior to foaling. We decided to try deworming, probiotics, and a high calorie diet and see if there is any gain. However, as time went by, I noticed her irregular movements in the barn. Instead of backing when I’d walk past, she’d lean back without moving the back legs, or lift or swing the head to keep from moving backward. I then called my retired vet, Dr. Phil (not the one on TV), and we discussed the situation at length. He said we could test the mare, but 60%-80% of horses would test positive. My vet came back out and we did a stability test, I led the mare while he pulled laterally on her tail. She would give to the pressure in order to keep her balance, and walk with her rear about 45 degrees out of line. We decided to start a month of special drug, Ponazuril Marquis was the brand name, specifically compounded to fight the protozoa. It’s an expensive treatment, $500 for 32 days, but since the patent went off the Marquis brand, it’s less than the $800 a month it used to be. We also did a second month of treatment, and during the second month, the colt was weaned, which helped dramatically with regaining weight.

Most healthy horses can defend against the parasite with their immune system, but weak or stressed horses may not be able to fend off the invaders. This mare and her daughter were in the same pasture, eating the same feed, drinking from the same waterer, and both were positive when tested for EPM. One was not able to withstand the parasite and exhibited the atrophy and un-coordination, while the other did not.

Looking back at the combination of indications, I could have started treatment earlier, and perhaps achieved a full recovery. Right now, I’d say the mare has recovered about 85%, which is better than expected, with almost 100% on the condition side, but still not quite the same on the back wheels.

According to another vet clinic near the owner, they have had nearly 70% more cases of EPM in the past two years, compared to the previous six years. So, it’s out there, and can have devastating effects if not diagnosis early and treated aggressively. The most important lesson I learned was not to let the unknown continue for any length of time. I believe it was Sherlock Holmes who said “When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth”

by Wendell Lupkes
Please join us in welcoming

Full Members

Come join us in 2021

Associate Members

Important Bits and Pieces from our Secretary

**Important:**

ACDHA is moving in the direction of going electronic. If you prefer to have your mail sent via USPS mail, YOU must notify us!! Thank you!

**Website NOTICE:**

For Sale Ads are free for members on the website. Contact Kerrie Beckett, secretary to place an ad. Please note, ads will run for 3 months. Owners of ad will need to notify Kerrie if they want the ad to stay up longer than 3-months, make changes, etc., otherwise it will be removed (no notification).

**REMINDER:** Stallion Reports and Foaling Reports are due if you have not sent them in already. Please send them to the secretary, Kerrie. These are an important way to help us keep up to date with our records. Thank you if you have already sent them in!!

Based on the voting at our annual meeting, there is a change to our by-laws effective 01 January, 2020 for new registrations of any horse. It is stated on page 6 of our by-laws:

Section IV. Application for Registration or Tracking Registration

G. Effective 1/1/2020, new registration applications on all horses shall be accompanied by the DNA-parentage (individual profile) test results on that Horse.

The lab that was selected to be used is Animal Genetics, and they have given us a discount on the DNA-parentage testing (though they do call it DNA Individual Profile testing, it is the same thing in this case). They have also been kind enough to provide us with additional discounts if you choose to do other testing with them. JEB testing (if your horse is not already known to be N/N by parentage) can be tested at a discount (NOTE: your horse is not required to be tested if you already know him/her to be N/N). Color tests have also been discounted, and they have offered us package deals as well. Forms for Animal Genetics can be found on our website or send the hair sample PLUS the payment to Kerrie Beckett, secretary. (Payment must be included to be processed by the lab.)
Heritage Breeds Coming on a New Postage Stamp

In 2021 our horses will appear on a United States Postal stamp. An example of a rare American breed. An honor fitting Molly the mare who is of remarkable character and stature. How I got mixed up in all this I’ll never know. I am one lucky farmer. The photos taken for the Modern Farmer Magazine article titled “Harness the Power of Draft Horses” published on Dec 16, 2015 by Brian Barth is from where that stamp is based on.

by Roy SG Nilson

From the USPS: These stamps pay tribute to heritage breeds, preindustrial farm animals that are enjoying renewed attention for their versatility, adaptability and unique genetic traits. This pane of 20 stamps includes photographs of 10 heritage breeds: the American Mammoth Jackstock donkey, the Narragansett turkey, the Cayuga duck, the San Clemente Island goat, the Mulefoot hog, the Cotton Patch goose, the American Cream draft horse, the Barbados Blackbelly sheep, the Milking Devon cow and the Wyandotte chicken. Zack Bryant designed the stamps with photographs by Aliza Eliazarov. Greg Breeding served as art director.
Dear youth members and associates of the American Cream Draft Horse Association,

The Livestock Conservancy is offering $500 scholarships to youth who ride and/or work with Cream horses again in 2021. The application process is simple:

- Write a paragraph or two about who you are, how you work with Creams, and what you would like to learn, research, participate in with Cream horses this year.
- Describe how your scholarship would be used to achieve your goals. How would the money be spent?
  - Include a photo of you with your Cream horse.
  - Include your parent’s email address or phone number for parental permission to receive the scholarship.
- Send your application via email to Charlene Couch— ccouch@livestockconservancy.org

Thank you!

Charlene

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**We still have 75th Anniversary Polo Shirts Available**

Shirts are a beautiful royal blue with silver embroidery. They are $30 each and shipping is included in the price.

Sizes available are men’s small, medium, large, extra-large and 2x-large, others are available by special order but the price will be higher since these were bought in quantity.

Send the size information, quantity and payment to Kerrie Beckett, 226 Schellinger Rd, Poland Spring, ME 04274.