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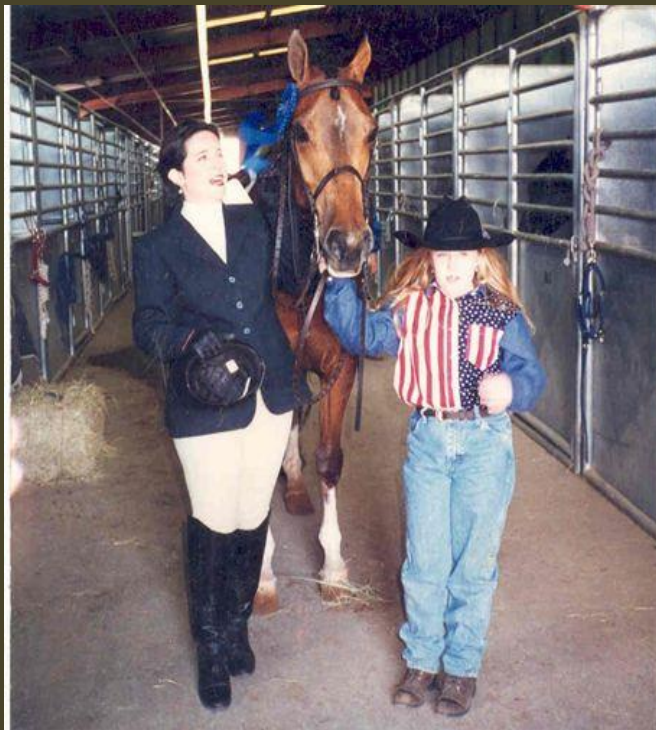


JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

Thanks to all of you who have added your horses to our database. Currently we have over 600 horses listed and the success stories are starting to roll in!

SUCCESS STORIES

HRS-301 – FOUND AFTER FIVE YEARS! SMR Konkord, an Arabian gelding, was sold in 2003 and his former owner heard he had been sold again but was unable to locate him. With our help, she learned that he is in a wonderful home. “Your help was invaluable--thank you so much--I'm now in touch with his owner and we're happily emailing stories and sharing pictures back and forth. Best wishes and all our thanks to you, from Becky and Konnor.”



HRS-444 – FOUND AFTER 12 YEARS! “I posted my horse on horsereunions.com after sending a letter to the last known owner per the Arab registry and it was returned to me. Well I got an email yesterday directing me to a nice riding facility in North TX where my old show horse is now a happy fat semi retired lesson horse (intermediate as he is still as spunky as ever) with a permanent forever home. This is the best Christmas present ever! She is going to email me more pictures of him, he has allot of extra white now, but heck so do I! They love him and plan on keeping him forever, but I let them know if that ever changes to contact me too. Thank you!!!”

FOUND AFTER 10 YEARS via the HorseReunions.com Forum - "I was able to locate my old horse, Shah-Q-Dazzler. I sold him in 1998, and I've been worried about him since then. He's probably the reason that I'm involved in horse rescue today. Amazingly enough, Que (now called Dazzler) ended up with a wonderful home (the best possible!) in Roseburg, Oregon. He was abandoned at the boarding stable where I kept my horse, and my family took him on. He was malnourished and neglected by his first owner and vets said that he would never mature to a normal size. Well, he looks just fine from the pictures! And he's being shown in lower-level dressage. Not bad at all! I'm going to visit him in a couple weeks, before I go back to school in Minnesota. Thanks for this site! I hope I can find all the other horses I've known and loved, too!"



I've posted all of my own former horses in an attempt to either find them or receive updates and I got a great one about Anita Mosquito, an AQHA mare I sold around 1994. I knew she had remained with the hunter/jumper barn I sold her to until her death from EPM last year, but I was looking to hear about the rest of her life from some of the students who enjoyed riding her.

I got some great updates and pictures including the one on the left. "Biscuit was a favorite horse show partner and really loved going to the spa (the show). She did really great at shows, looked beautiful all groomed and braided, and won ribbons and championships for many kids who would never have had the chance to even get in the ring without her skills."

Thank you to Apple Ridge/later Vintage View Farm for giving this mare such a great home for the rest of her life!

Got a success story? Please e-mail cathy@horsereunions.com – we'd love to feature YOUR happy ending on our site!

RESEARCH HELP

Make sure to check out the main page for articles on how to find your horse or research his history, among other information. If you have a question on tattoos or tracking down

information, it's almost sure to be answered there and if it isn't, just come to the Forum and we will help you there!

I also received this for anybody trying to track a Standardbred's history:

I was wondering if you could add Standardbred Canada's TrackIT system to your "Equine Tattoo Research" page. They too allow a free trial period for anyone here in Canada who wants to look up their O.T.S.B.'s information. Then, if the person wishes to subscribe, they can. Here is their link:

<http://www.standardbredcanada.ca/content/trackit-pricing-options.html>

THE RESPONSIBLE BREEDERS' LIST

The Breeders' List, our showcase of breeders who will take back or help their homebreds if they are in danger, is in the process of being updated – sorry for the delays but we do that part manually so sometimes it takes a little longer. Again, please remember that we are merely a listing service. It is up to you to reference-check any prospective home for your horse. Do not merely rely upon someone sounding good on the phone or having a professional looking web site. I have an article on how to find a truly good home for your horse on the main page and I'm hoping everybody will read it and consider using my guidelines. We want to keep horses safe but we can't check out every individual ourselves – *please* do your own research before placing a horse. A reputable person who is a good home will not mind providing references or allowing you to visit (within reason).

ADVERTISING

HorseReunions.com is growing by leaps and bounds! After launching just six weeks ago, we are already being visited by almost 3,000 unique viewers per month. 66% of our traffic comes from those with an income of \$60,000 or more.* Advertising is now available. For more information, please send an e-mail to advertise@horsereunions.com.

THE FUTURE OF HORSEREUNIONS.COM

Our shop will be up and running within a few weeks! We will be offering hats, t-shirts and sweatshirts with the horsereunions logo. This is a great way to spread the word about the site at horse shows, trail rides, clinics and just around your barn.

The classifieds section is under development and so is a more advanced search that will make it even easier to find the horse you are looking for if he or she is listed. We'll keep you up to date

on improvements as they happen and we are always interested in hearing your feedback on the site and how to make it as user-friendly as possible, as well as suggestions for informative articles you'd like to see on our main page! You can send an e-mail any time to cathy@horsereunions.com or if this is about a technical issue, to webmaster@horsereunions.com.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Want to help us spread the word about HorseReunions.com and help horses find their way home? Please put a link to us in the signature that you use on horse-related message boards, on your personal blog, or at the end of your personal e-mails. The more people see HorseReunions.com, the more likely that a horse will be located!

*Traffic Stats from Quantcast as of January 25, 2009