2026 SUMMER ICHO GAZETTE

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Welcome to the ICHO Gazette!

We have the ICHO Virtual Trail Class Awards inside and much more!

Sincerely, Joan Henning, ICHO President

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Please contact the office if you would like a 2027 Calendar spot on the ICHO Curly Horse Calendar!

GAZETTE AD DEADLINE

We now have a new Gazette ad deadline schedule for submitting ads as follows:

WINTER: Dec 15

SPRING: Mar 15

SUMMER: June 15

FALL: Sept 15

Ads that are received after the deadline will be run in the next following issue. Payments must also be made before the deadline. All ads and payment must be sent to the office. Thanks!

ARTICLES- We are always looking for interesting articles for the Gazette. The article could be about training, health tips, an interesting story about a Curly or anything of interest horse related. Please send all articles to the office before the deadlines. Awaken the writer within you!

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AMCHE "American Miniature Curly Horse Europe" by Valerie Pain

ICHO now offers DNA testing for:

Ancestral only	*TX A&M*	*$25.00*
Parentage Only	*U of KY*	*$35.00*
Curly Coat Genes		*$25.00 or 2 for $40.00*
Curly Horse Panel		*$99.00*

Visit the website for more info or contact the office.

Gazette Ad Specials!

Stallion Station Ad– *only* $10.00 per issue, $40.00 for the year, color ad.

Business Card Ad– *only* $10.00 per issue, $40.00 for the year, color ad

All color Ads at Black and White Prices! All Gaz Color Ad fees reduced!!

Full Page Color $40.00, 1/2 Pg Color $20.00, 1/4 Pg Color $10.00, Classified $10.00

Submitting ads: *Pay for ads online on our webpage– http://ichocurlyhorses.org

All ads must be copy ready in word doc format or jpg, png. Since we have reduced our prices we need the ads in ready to print format. For photos png is preferred since it has the best resolution. We can no longer accept pdf format because it does not insert clearly for the Gazette editing process.

All Ads must be sent to the office with payment. Ads also appear on the ICHO webpage.

Thanks! office@curlyhorses.org Gazette editor– Joan Henning

ICHO VIRTUAL CURLY HORSE 2026 SHOW

Drum roll please, on the Next page...

See the ICHO Virtual Show

Trail Class winners!

All other entries are in process with our esteemed USDF

Judge, Joanne Coy, and will be available soon!

FIRST PLACE TRAIL HOURS OPEN

-48 hours-

MELANIE HILTBUNNER and

CurlyStar Sioux's HARRY

Congratulations

Melanie and Harry!

FIRST PLACE TRAIL HOURS ICHO

-43.5 hours-

VERONICA SCHMID and

CurlyStar Sioux's GINA

Congratulations

Veronica and Gina!

SECOND PLACE TRAIL HOURS OPEN

- 34.5 hours -

MELANIE HILTBRUNNER and

CurlyStar FLASH'S DOMINO

Congratulations

Melanie and Domino!

The ICHO office is looking for a book keeper who knows QuickBooks Online. If you are interested in this position, please contact Bunny at

ichooffice@gmail.com

Announcement

PRICE INCREASE for Registrations, which will be effective January 1, 2027. The new Registration fee is $35.00 plus lab fees.

Thank you!

ICHO Office

JOIN US!

2026 ICHO AGM

OCTOBER 18, 2026

3pm est

Guest speakers:

Dr. Mitch Wilkinson

Bunny Reveglia

This is an electronic Google Meet meeting for all ICHO members and all interested Curly Owners. For adding any agenda items, please contact the ICHO office.

Please go to https://www.ichocurlyhorses.com/agm.html for Google Meet code to join the meeting.

Virtual Show winners will be announced!

A message from the ICHO President:

Hello! ICHO will be joining USDF as a business member and sponsoring the All Breed Awards for Curly horses. All Curly horses who were previously CSI registered for this program will be eligible by presenting the CSI proof of Registration certificate (copies are acceptable) and must be submitted to ICHO for such verification. In 2027, all registered Curly Sporthorses, any registry, may participate. ICHO has recently sent out ICHO CURLY SPORTHORSE seals to be adhered to your ICHO registration certificate. If you have not received one for your registered ICHO Curly Sporthorse or need clarification how a horse is determined to be an ICHO registered Curly Sporthorse, please contact the ICHO office.

Since it was too late for the All Breed Letter of Agreement for 2026 when we learned of the dissolution of CSI, we were unable to participate for 2026. But, we can recognize any CSI Curly horses that may have been awarded for 2026 with our own private recognition. Additionally, we will be fully participating in 2027.

In summary:

1. If you have a CSI horse that you want to be considered for the USDF All Breed Award, please send the ICHO office a copy of the Curly horse's registration from CSI.
   Send your CSI registration certificate copy to ICHO at ichooffice@gmail.com.
2. ICHO will sponsor USDF All Breed Awards for Curly horses, starting in 2027.
3. ICHO will recognize any awarded 2026 USDF All Breed Curly horses with a private ICHO award.
4. Contact the ICHO office if you need clarification for Sporthorse eligibility for for your ICHO Curly horse.

If you have any questions, please contact the ICHO office or myself. We are excited to offer this opportunity and look forward to USDF All Breed Curly Awards!

Sincerely, Joan Henning, ICHO President

AMERICAN MINIATURE CURLY HORSE EUROPE

Building a Stronger Future Together

By Valérie Pain, President of AMCHE

The American Miniature Curly Horse is still a rare breed, but its future is full of promise. Across Europe, an increasing number of breeders, owners, and enthusiasts are discovering the remarkable qualities of this unique breed and sharing a common desire to see it develop responsibly and sustainably.

It is with this vision in mind that American Miniature Curly Horse Europe (AMCHE) was created.

Our goal is simple: to bring people together around the future of the American Miniature Curly Horse.

AMCHE was created to provide a place where breeders, owners, enthusiasts, and anyone with an interest in the breed can connect, exchange ideas, share experiences, and contribute to the development of the breed.

Whether you are an experienced breeder, a new owner discovering the breed, or simply someone who has developed a passion for the American Miniature Curly Horse, there is a place for you within our community.

Although AMCHE is rooted in Europe and was created to support the development of the breed across the European continent, membership and participation are open to people from anywhere in the world. We believe that the future of this breed should not be limited by borders. Every country, every breeder, every owner, and every experience can bring something valuable to the wider community.

One of our priorities is to encourage communication and collaboration between European breeders, while also strengthening connections with the international American Miniature Curly Horse community.

We believe that sharing knowledge can only make us stronger.

Breeding practices, genetics, health, temperament, education, training, welfare, and the experiences of owners are all subjects from which we can learn. By exchanging information openly and respectfully, we can help one another make better decisions and contribute to the long-term development of the breed.

Preserving genetic diversity is also an important part of this vision. As a rare breed, the American Miniature Curly Horse requires thoughtful breeding decisions and a willingness to look beyond individual breeding programs. Collaboration between breeders, countries, and generations will be essential if we want to build a healthy and sustainable future for the breed.

But AMCHE is not only about breeders.

We also want to support owners and people who are discovering the breed for the first time. A new owner should not feel alone when beginning their journey with an American Miniature Curly Horse. Access to information, experience, and a supportive community can make a tremendous difference in creating successful and lasting partnerships between horses and humans.

Education is therefore at the heart of our mission.

We want to encourage the sharing of knowledge, promote responsible ownership and breeding, and help develop a better understanding of what makes the American Miniature Curly Horse so special.

We also believe that promoting a breed is about much more than simply presenting its physical characteristics.

The American Miniature Curly Horse has the opportunity to build a strong reputation based on health, temperament, versatility, welfare, and the quality of the relationship it can develop with people.

That reputation will be built through the experiences of the horses themselves and the people who live and work with them.

Every breeder has a role to play.

Every owner has a role to play.

Every person who shares accurate information, supports another breeder, welcomes a new owner, or simply speaks positively about their experience contributes to the future of the breed.

The future of the American Miniature Curly Horse will not be built by one breeder, one association, or one country.

It will be built by a community.

A community that is willing to share rather than compete.

A community that values knowledge and continued learning.

A community that respects different breeding programs and experiences while remaining committed to the health and well-being of the breed.

And above all, a community that understands that we are all working toward something bigger than ourselves.

AMCHE is therefore an invitation.

An invitation to European breeders, owners, and enthusiasts.

An invitation to our international friends and colleagues.

And an invitation to anyone, anywhere in the world, who believes in the future of the American Miniature Curly Horse.

We may live in different countries and have different experiences, but we share the same passion.

Together, we can strengthen our community, share our knowledge, support one another, and help the American Miniature Curly Horse find its place in the world.

Because together, we are not simply promoting a breed.

We are building its future.