

## The Gaited Curly Horse

What could be better than a hypoallergenic Curly horse that also gives a smooth ride! The gaited Curly horse can do both. The soft gaits of a gaited Curly can be any of the intermediate 4 beat gaits that include the foxtrot, running walk, rack and stepping pace. The gaited Curly has been a popular horse for owners and breeders for years.

The Gaited Curly almost always traces back to Curly Jim and this line is often called the gaited Curly Jim line. Curly Jim is the foundation stallion of this line.

He was an unknown horse of unknown pedigree that arrived in Missouri from Tennessee. He was believed to be foaled in 1953. He was trained under saddle at 3 yrs old by Johnny Brooks of MO. Curly Jim looked like a foxtrotter and did a foxtrot gait.



Curly Jim- Unknown sorrel stallion.



Curly Jim was bred to mare called the Bradford Mare and the offspring, a mare named Blaze, who later produced the well known gaited Curly stallion Walker's Prince T.



Walker's Prince T widely used stallion.

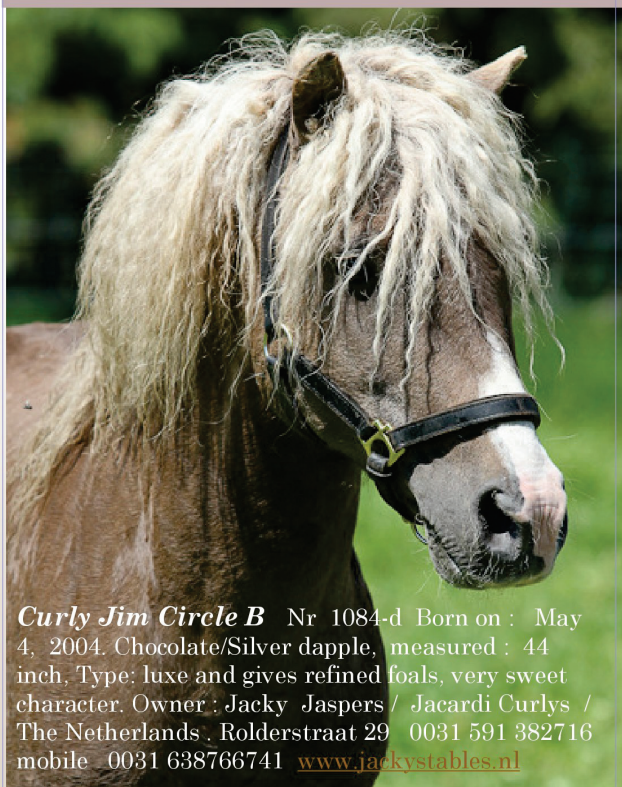
Walker's Prince T was a popular gaited Curly Stallion and was often used to breed with Missouri Fox-trotter mares which continues today. Many Gaited Curlies are also registered as MFTHBA horses as well as Curly registered.



Sir Patrick MJT, Curly gaited stallion also registered MFTHBA.

The Curly Jim line was also used in breeding some ponies by the McKay's, so many of the Curly ponies also carry Curly Jim line. This line of ponies is still being bred today and often to mini horses.

*Jacardi Curlys / The Netherlands / Jacky Jaspers*

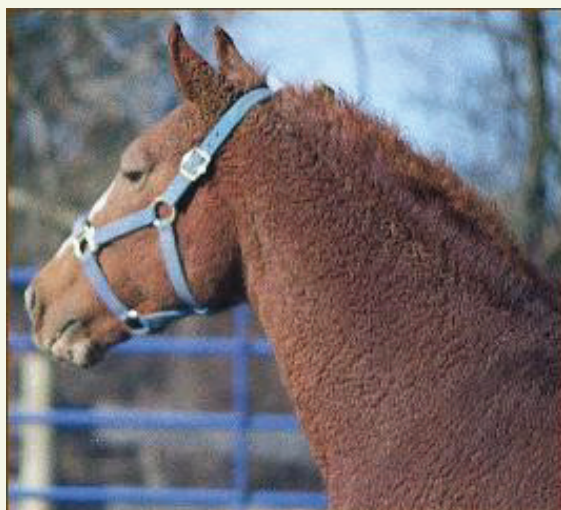


**Curly Jim Circle B** Nr 1084-d Born on : May 4, 2004. Chocolate/Silver dapple, measured : 44 inch, Type: luxe and gives refined foals, very sweet character. Owner : Jacky Jaspers / Jacardi Curlys / The Netherlands . Rolderstraat 29 0031 591 382716 mobile 0031 638766741 [www.jackystables.nl](http://www.jackystables.nl)



The Curly Jim line is the only Curly line that does not seem to shed it's mane and tail. Some Curly Jim line may get a shorter mane in summer but not all.

The micro curly coat is also a coined term to describe some of the Curly coats this line has. A micro curly has a short nappy coat that looks more like fuzz than curls. But on close examination the hairs are very very tightly curled, but often short of ½ in or less. The Brillo Pad hair coat is also a coined term to describe a coarse extremely tight coat found in Curly Jim line. The hair is longer than the micro curl coat and is like tiny tight coarser pin curls. In the Curly hair studies, the Curly Jim line tested the coarsest and the curliest of all other Curly lines.



Kreskin- micro curled coat



Many Curly Jim line horses were also tested for the Gaited Gene- DMRT3, those showing a consistent soft gait were homozygous for DMRT3.

We may never know where Curly Jim came from but what we do know is he gave us a wonderful line of Gaited Curlies that have always been sought after and enjoyed by Curly lovers the world over. Thank you Curly Jim who ever you were, you have impacted the Curly horse for years to come!



*the past.*

*Prince Charming T- Curly Jim line stallion from*



**Charming Prince- a well known Curly Jim line stallion.**

Below are two definitions from Wikipedia on the foxtrot and the ambling gait known as the "fox trot"....."a four-beat broken diagonal gait in which the front foot of the diagonal pair lands before the hind, eliminating the moment of suspension and increasing smoothness. Ambling is any of several four-beat intermediate horse gaits, all of which are faster than a walk but usually slower than a canter and always slower than a gallop. They are smoother for a rider than either the two-beat Trot or pace and most can be sustained for relatively long periods of time, making them particularly desirable for trail riding and other tasks where a rider must spend long periods of time in the saddle."



Gaited Curlies

ROCK!

