

Preserving Curly Horse Types- Canadian

Canadian Skjonsberg and Cypress lines

The Skjonsberg line first came into Alberta with a mare caught at a watering hole (Dakotas) by a fellow (Johnson was his last name) in 1902 or 1903. This Johnson fellow was Ole Skjonsberg's grand father. Ole himself started raising curlies in the 1930's and very few, if any, records were kept. As close as I can find out there were two pockets of curlies in Alberta many years ago that I don't think were necessarily related. One was Skjonsberg's and area, and the other one being somewhere around the Cypress Hills. One old timer remembers seeing curlies working the fields here in Alberta when he was very young. I know there were Curlies in the wild in both Montana and North Dakota many years back. I have trained curlies, caught wild in Montana, in the forties, and owned a curly in the sixties.

Bob Pollock along with two brothers arrived in the Cypress Hills area of Saskatchewan in 1883 from Winnemucca, Nevada with at least one curly horse. This seems to be the start of the Curly influence to the eventual "Cypress" curlies. The curlies that George Naismith raised came from Bob Pollock originally and Ken and Marg Perrin got their breeding stock from George. Ken and Marge were the ones that registered their curlies with the "Cypress" label.

by Ron Gale

*Though genetic testing we now know the Canadian Lines carry the Curly Gene KRT25.

This line heavily bred to QH or TB's in Canada. To preserve this line without mixing other Curly lines, breeding to QH or TB maybe an option to increase numbers.

Some original Canadian line Curlies:

Roy Olepeter * ABC 386 (f)

Color: Black
 Markings: Tobiano,
 Sex: Gelding
 Date of Birth: Jul/15/82



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<u>Roy Olepeter *</u>	<u>Banner *</u>	unknown	unknown
			unknown
		<u>Echo *</u>	unknown
			unknown
	<u>Comanche</u>	unknown	unknown
			unknown
		unknown	unknown
			unknown

Cypress Nicker* ABC 117 (f)

Color: Buckskin
 Markings: Dun, Crème,
 Sex: Stallion
 Date of Birth: 1978

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<u>Cypress Nicker*</u>	<u>Nicker Too AQHA 210,397</u>	<u>Domino Nick AQHA 64311</u>	<u>Nick W AQHA P-14,947</u>
			<u>HJ Skipalong AQHA P-31206</u>
		<u>Earls Belle AQHA P-63771</u>	<u>Snake River AQHA</u>
			<u>Palo Alto Belle AQHA</u>
	<u>Cypress Nostalgia* ABC 57(f)</u>	<u>Violet's Mauna JC 8896</u>	<u>Mauna Kea Thoroughbred</u>
			<u>Burrs Violet Thoroughbred</u>
		<u>Buckskin Curly (Naismith's)*</u>	unknown
			unknown

Cypress Curly Babe* ABC 1776 (f)

Color: Red Dun
Markings: Dun,
Sex: Mare
Date of Birth: 1993



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<u>Cypress Curly Babe*</u>	<u>Cypress Nicker* ABC 117(f)</u>	<u>Nicker Too AQHA 210,397</u>	<u>Domino Nick AQHA 64311</u>
			<u>Earls Belle AQHA P-63771</u>
		<u>Cypress Nostalgia* ABC 57(f)</u>	<u>Violet's Mauna JC 8896</u>
	<u>Krispy Krunch* ABC 956(f)</u>	unknown	<u>Buckskin Curly (Naismith's)*</u>
			unknown
		<u>Krispy Kreme* ABC 127(f)</u>	<u>Socks</u>
		<u>Cypress Glory* ABC 126(f)</u>	

Jay Jay* ABC 10-1/2

Color: Brown
Markings: Overo,
Sex: Stallion
Date of Birth: 5/23/92

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<u>Jay Jay*</u>	<u>Roy Olepeter* ABC 386(f)</u>	<u>Banner*</u>	unknown
			<u>Echo*</u>
	<u>Lucky (Skjonsberg's)</u>	<u>Comanche</u>	unknown
			unknown
		unknown	unknown
		unknown	unknown