

Preserving Curly Horse Types- Damele



Founding Sire of Damele Line Curly Horses- COPPER D

Damele Line, Nevada Curlies

This line of Curly's was first found roaming with the wild herds in NV in Roberts Mts area by the Damele family. The Dameles eventually crossed the Curlies with other breeds. Their best known other breed stallions were, Nevada Red, an Arabian and Ruby Red King, a Morgan. They also used QH and Saddlebred and draft to cross with their Curlies. Their Curly stallion Copper D was out of a Curly mare and unregistered palomino QH stallion called Toni. The Damele's found the Curlies to be tough and hardy and able to withstand harsh weather conditions so continued breeding them. Most Curlies today carry Damele horses in their pedigree. It was also reported by the Damele's that two horse buyers bought their stock regularly and took them to Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, California and surrounding areas to sell in the earlier days of breeding before 1950. At that time the Dameles had around 300 head of horses including straight haired and Curly horses. In 1950 Copper D was born. Copper D was the surviving stallion after the harsh winter of 1952 that killed off most the Damele stock. Copper D became the foundation stallion of the Damele horses today. After 1952 Benny

bought a Saddlebred stallion from Idaho and used him to sire horses along with Copper D to build up the herd. The Saddlebred was named Idaho. In 1961 the Dameles acquired Nevada Red the Arabian stallion, he was used until 1981 to sire many offspring including Curlies. After that time Ruby Red King, a Morgan was used as a sire. The Damele's are still breeding Curly horses in NV on the original Dry Creek and Aukerman ranches.

Joe Mead carried on the breeding of Damele stock and also acquired Ruby Red King. Joe also acquired a unique line of Curlies in Alaska called **Aishike**. We know little about the ancestors of this line of Alaskan Curlies.

*Though genetic testing we now know the Damele/Nevada Lines carry the Curly Gene KRT25.

To keep this line true to it's origins, breeding to other KRT25 Damele line horses and Mustangs in the area of Nevada would help preserve this line without becoming crossed with SP6 horses or horses from other states mustang areas.

Traditionally the Damele family used several breeds to breed Curlies to: QH, Saddlebred, Arabian and Morgan and some draft (Suffolk Punch). To increase their Curly numbers they had to use other breeds early on and the mustangs in the Roberts Mountain area. One could also use those breeds to cross with.



Dry Creek Ranch

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Benny Damele and Ruby Red King (Morgan)

