

# Preserving Curly Horse Types- Fredell

## **Fredell Curly Line** (becoming very rare)

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A husband and wife team breeding Curly horses in Colorado differ from Mr. Dollison and Mr. Baer by knowing of the existence of other curly horses. Many of their horses are still alive among the curly horses known today. Their names are Francis and Dora Fredell of Boulder, Colorado.

"The Fredells were active horse breeders until ill health forced them to stop, and they sold the last eight curly horses to Gloria and Russ Bratcher in Oregon around 1983.

Mr. Fredell's history with curly horses goes back to his first curly mare presented to him as a gift from his father. At the time, Mr. Fredell's father bred horses with curly hair and kept up the line until Mr. Fredell was old enough to start up his own operation. "When Mrs. Fredell joined the partnership, Mr. Fredell was already producing a number of curly horses from his stock horses each year. The curly horses were not his only goal, so there were straight haired horses on his place as well. The curly horses at the time were typical stock horses from the old Spanish feral stock--small, quick, rugged and straight faced, and often rather rafter hiped.

"Mrs. Fredell's influence turned the breeding program more specifically toward American Quarter Horses. By the time the Fredells sold their last stock, their curly horses were 75 to 90% Quarter Horse according to Mrs. Fredell's calculations. The horses were most often sold at the Ft. Collins Auction and always with their pedigrees intact, so the new owner could register the horse in the American Quarter Horse Association. Mr. and Mrs. Fredell always liked the curly hair on their horses and thought the prohibition against such a characteristic for Quarter Horses was foolish. They did not, however, believe the curly horses were ever anything but descendants of the Spanish horses left to run wild over the last 400 years, so they chose not to register them with the American Bashkir Curly Registry.

"Mrs. Fredell described their breeding goal as producing horses with good deep chests and long pasterns to improve the horses' stamina and action. The round rump and Quarter Horse head were other typical features, although they occasionally got one with rafter hips or a slightly dished face. They never bred for size, sticking to the original Quarter Horse standards of 14 to 15 hands. They did breed for speed both on dam and

sire sides. The very fast little mare of barrel racing fame also introduced the chestnut pinto coloring among their horses. The other horses were of all colors with reds, sorrels, black, and palomino being common.

"A big issue in their breeding program was the horse's attitude toward humans. Mrs. Fredell was most fond of the calm and intelligence of the horses from the Quarter Horse lines of McCue and Oklahoma Star. She didn't feel that the curly horses were any better in their temperament than the straight haired horses, but then, the Fredells were aiming for all of their horses to have good dispositions. Some of the curly colts, she remembers, were difficult to handle because they became a one person horse too soon.

"The original black mare showed a thick double mane and this showed up often among their horses. Mrs. Fredell said the sparse mane and tail often cited by other curly horse owners did show up but not more than half a dozen times."Both Mr. and Mrs. Fredell have fond memories of their horses, curly and straight, and were pleased to hear that there were still so many curly haired horses in existence."

\*Though genetic testing we now know the Fredell Line carry the Curly Gene KRT25.

### **This line is extremely rare. Here are the historical horses:**

<u>Betty (Fredell's)*</u>	Unknown	Unknown	Mare	<a href="#">View Progeny</a>	
<u>Blondie (Fredell's)*</u>		Unknown	Unknown	Mare	
<u>Fredell's Blondie*</u>		Unknown	Unknown	Mare	<a href="#">View Progeny</a>
<u>Goldie (Fredell's)*</u>		Unknown	Unknown	Mare	<a href="#">View Progeny</a>
<u>Sorrel Curly (Fredell's)*</u>	Sorrel	Unknown	Unknown	Mare	<a href="#">View Progeny</a>

War Lord's Thunder\* ABC 357 (f)

Color: Chestnut  
Sex: Stallion  
Date of Birth: 07/20/1975



#### PEDIGREE

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<u>War Lord's Thunder*</u>	<u>Simitar Star AQHA 449700</u>	<u>Nite Troubles Jr. AQHA 207040</u>	unknown
			unknown
		<u>Starbound AHQA 2687711</u>	unknown
	<u>Betty (Fredell's)*</u>		unknown
		unknown	unknown
		unknown	unknown

La Creme Puff\* ABC 437 (f)

Color: Palomino  
Sex: Mare  
Date of Birth: 6/9/85

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<u>La Creme Puff*</u>	<u>War Lord's Thunder* ABC 357(f)</u>	<u>Simitar Star AQHA 449700</u>	<u>Nite Troubles Jr. AQHA 207040</u>
			<u>Starbound AHQA 2687711</u>
		<u>Betty (Fredell's)*</u>	unknown
	<u>Lark* ABC 369(f)</u>		unknown
		<u>Peter Star AQHA P-50871</u>	unknown
		<u>Goldie (Fredell's)*</u>	unknown

Boulder Beauty\* ABC 311 (f)

Color: Chestnut  
Sex: Mare  
Date of Birth: 1982



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<u>Boulder Beauty*</u>	<u>Simitar Star AQHA 449700</u>	<u>Nite Troubles Jr. AQHA 207040</u>	unknown
			unknown
		<u>Starbound AQHA 2887711</u>	unknown
			unknown
	<u>Sorrel Curly (Fredell's)*</u>	unknown	unknown
			unknown
		unknown	unknown
			unknown

Lark\* ABC 369 (f)

Color: Palomino  
Sex: Mare  
Date of Birth: 1965

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<u>Lark*</u>	<u>Peter Star AQHA P-50871</u>	unknown	unknown
			unknown
		unknown	unknown
			unknown
	<u>Goldie (Fredell's)*</u>	unknown	unknown
			unknown
		unknown	unknown
			unknown

Thunder's Jewel\* ABC 373 (f)

Color: Palomino

Sex: Mare

Date of Birth: 07/20/1984



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<u>Thunder's Jewel*</u>	<u>War Lord's Thunder* ABC 357(f)</u>	<u>Simitar Star AQHA 449700</u>	<u>Nite Troubles Jr. AQHA 207040</u>
			<u>Starbound AHQA 2687711</u>
	<u>Lark* ABC 369(f)</u>	<u>Betty (Fredell's)*</u>	unknown
			unknown
		<u>Peter Star AQHA P-50871</u>	unknown
			unknown
		<u>Goldie (Fredell's)*</u>	unknown
			unknown

**Buffalo Gal\***

ABC 335 (f)

Color: Chestnut

Sex: Mare

Date

of 1977

Birth:



**PEDIGREE**

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<b><u>Buffalo Gal*</u></b>	<b><u>Peter Star AQHA P-50871</u></b>	unknown	unknown
			unknown
		unknown	unknown
			unknown
	<b><u>Fredell's Blondie*</u></b>	unknown	unknown
			unknown
		unknown	unknown
			unknown

*If any Fredell line without mixed typed breeding can be found,  
breeding to QH would be a way to increase their numbers.*