

'The International'



newsletter of the International Caspian Society

New Website and on-line International Stud Book

We are delighted at last to be able to introduce the new Website and on-line stud book.

This has been made possible not only through the fees paid for registration but on a much greater scale by the generosity of members of the CHS Council in the UK.

We also want to thank an overseas member, without whose overwhelming contribution the final phase would not have been possible for a considerable time.

A great deal of consideration was given to the best way to proceed with a programme which would give breeders not only an on-line stud book but which would also make it possible to calculate the amount of inbreeding (or lack of inbreeding) present. After researching the possibility of using a pre-written,

commercial programme it was decided that the best way of safeguarding the information in our database, and allowing greater flexibility for our own individual needs, was to have the software written around it, therefore preserving the database and allowing it to be downloaded for calculations and manipulated and updated in any way that we wish in the future.

Using our own software has enabled us to include information that is exclusive to the ICSB e.g. the X registered stock from stallions without a licence.

The pedigree not only includes the lineage of the animal but also their ICSB number and will automatically include the inbreeding coefficient.

The programme also allows us to link to any one of the

horses in the pedigree by simply clicking on the name.

Another exciting feature is that breeders can also create a hypothetical breeding and calculate the likely inbreeding coefficient.

There will also be the opportunity to print out a copy of the stud book.

There will essentially be a fee of £15 p.a. for people who wish to use this facility, which is payable by Paypal, amongst other methods.

The ICS would welcome comments about any difficulties that you encounter and we hope you will thoroughly enjoy using it.

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THE ICS FORUM

Why not log on to the ICS Forum for more information and the opportunity to chat with other Caspian owners, breeders and enthusiasts?

[http://groups.google.com/
group/ICS_Caspian_Horse](http://groups.google.com/group/ICS_Caspian_Horse)

STUD BOOK UPDATES AND PREFIXES

The Registrar is looking forward to the opportunity to update information in the Stud Book i.e. owners, exports, deaths, geldings. Please note that the Registrar is unable to use information directly from the owner or keeper. Please e-mail your national Registrar, copying to the ICSB Registrar, any amendments required. The contact e-mails appear on the website.

It is essential that the ICS is notified of your Prefix BEFORE you use it. If it is duplicated in another country, the second user will have to re-register all their stock under a different prefix!

CHS EVENTS

The Bytham Caspian Stud

The Bytham Caspian Stud held two Open Days on June 13/14 from 10am to 5pm each day at Castle Bytham nr Grantham, Lincs UK.

Exeter SW Equine Fair

6th December 2009
Pandora Best and Elizabeth Webster exhibited the mares Khomet and Kansei

THE TWO YEAR RULE

It is a strict rule that Caspians should be registered with the ICS by the age of two years. This rule was not introduced for flippant reasons but to ensure that subsequent purchasers are not left in the impossible position of trying to register a horse whose parents have not been registered and may even be deceased.

However, if there are circumstances that have made it difficult or im-

possible to register a horse within two years of birth it is possible to appeal to the ICS, who may allow the registration with a late registration fee, dependent upon the circumstances surrounding the late registration.

Brenda Dalton

Registrar



Australia Events planned for 2010

Equitana to be held in Melbourne, Victoria in November 2010.

Adelaide
The first Breeder's Crown Equine Extravaganza in April 2010.

RECOMMENDED READING

Hope for Animals and their World

Isbn: 978-0-446-58177-6

Grand Central Publishing

How endangered species are being rescued from the brink. Contains a small section on the Caspian - **Jane Goodall**

Google Jane Goodall Institute for further information

'Impressions'

by **Saskia Klaassen** from the Netherlands is written in German and English and is based on the various strains of the Arabian horse, including the rare Iranian Asil. The book can be obtained from Saskia at 4823ma48@hetnet.nl

Led by the Grey

New Equine Novel by

Peter DeCosemo,

International Dressage Trainer

The book is based around the Cavalry in London

PAARD EN KOETS (HORSE AND CARRIAGE)

Nanda Smit-le-Pol

HOLLAND

21/22nd November 2009

This weekend at Paard en Koets (Horse and Carriage) was very busy. The days were long and a lot of people wanted explanations about the breed.

Some recognized me from other events and that means I am doing my job.

We had a very good time and Adinda was a perfect horse.

Karel de Lange gave a lecture about movement and the way a horse is built.

He could predict by just seeing a horse standing in the ring, how it moved. I brought Adinda to him and he told everyone about the Caspian breed and how this little pony is a little horse because the way Caspians are built. Unfortunately he did not get the time he wanted to explain more, but I was very happy with the attention given to the Caspian breed.



Nanda also held a Breed Show in early August at her home in northern Holland.

The Show was combined with an Open Day where members of the public were able to view a herd of Highland Cattle, Miniature horses and rare breed sheep amongst other animals.

U.K—CBS at Horse of the Year Show—2009 Holly Dale

The Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) is one of the most prestigious and highly attended events on the equine calendar and so the Caspian Breed Society was thrilled to be taking part this year! Fleur Scott, Dale Linney and I were situated in the Interactive Feature Area, where members of the public can meet examples of rare and unusual breeds as well as visiting the breed society's stand. We decided to take Lanhill Minoo, a three year old Caspian filly, to have on display and she displayed the perfect Caspian temperament despite the long hours and constant flow of people! The Feature Area was situated in the middle of the retail village which ensured we had a continuous flow of people throughout the day and there was rarely a quiet moment. The stand was directly opposite the stables and we usually had one person on the stand and one by the stable. We had lots of interest

in the breed, from people who had never heard of the Caspian to



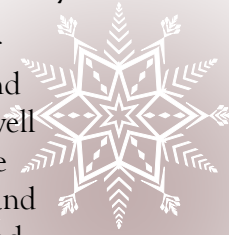
those **Henden Troy—Film Star!** that already owned them or had read about them. There were certainly surprises, from a man who studied Iranian stone carvings and was delighted to finally see a real 'live' Caspian to a lady who had ridden with Louise Firouz in Iran! We were one of the smallest breeds on display and this worked in our favour as the children came back again and again throughout the day to stroke Minoo.

Tracey Hammond, from Dengie, who have been such a support to the Society, also visited the stand and was pleased to see us so busy. Dengie have also kindly provided us with an embroidered rug

and saddlecloth for when we are out and about at shows as well as raffle prizes and free food samples for the Breed Show. We were not allowed to sell any merchandise but we did

give out nearly a thousand leaflets (and could have given out a thousand more!) and hundreds of stickers as well as talking to many people about the breed. It was also an ideal opportunity to network with other breed societies as well as show organisers, tradestands and sponsors.

Overall, the show was a great success for the Society. HOYS is the perfect place to boost interest in the Caspian as it is a busy, exciting show which thousands of people attend every year and it would be wonderful if we were invited back next year.



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Henden Troy and Holly will appear in a film to commemorate the life of Louise Firouz

Please send news of your events for inclusion in the next Newsletter

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Don't forget to inform your Registrar of any deaths, changes of ownership, geldings. etc ; please copy to the ICS Registrar—daltonb@talk21.com

Ekka Report – 2009 by Jenne Timbs of Jasenna Stud, Queensland, Australia.

At 12 midday sharp, on Thursday the 6th August 2009, the people of Queensland, Australia, had their first presentation on the Caspian Horse. With a roving mic fitted snugly behind my ears and our 5 year old mare Ningana Bella on my right, I stepped into the sand filled ring of the Horse Breeds Expo. Behind us Shauna Mills-Swart led Bella's 7mth old colt Jasenna Meshek (Precious) on his first ever outing. My opening words went something like this: "Today you are seeing a lot of firsts as we step into this ring, this is the first time these horses have ever been to a show, this is the first time we have ever shown horses and for most of you I can guarantee that this is the first time you have ever seen a Caspian horse." I then went on to fill our 30 minute slot pointing out the Caspian conformation, telling the history of the breed, and sharing personal stories, both my own and others that Caspian breeders have kindly shared with me. For the last few minutes we led the horses over to the edge of the ring and invited the children to come and pat them. Over the 10 days of the Ekka we did 7 such presentations and by the last one my 30 minute ad lib talk (I had not had time to prepare anything) flowed smoothly without having to repeat any details. We also participated in the horse breeds night time parade around the main arena and on another day the Grand Parade.

The horse breeds Expo at the Brisbane RNA is one of a kind in Australia – it showcases approximately 20 breeds (several are on the waiting list) and has been running for 15 years. Each year the standard improves. Some of the display booths were amazing, with the Australian Draft horse stand reproducing a small outback shack complete with a slip rail yard, every inch crammed with memorabilia. Though the photos and information on our stand were of a high quality, and the kids loved filling in the 'post it' hearts to "tell us what you love about horses" and sticking them on the wall, Shauna and I were both brain storming what we could do to make a bigger impact next year - possibly grand columns and increasing the Iranian feel – that is of course if our application is accepted.

Many of the ring presentations also include the horses performing – dressage, vaulting, jumping, lunging, in harness, pulling old farm equipment etc depending on the breed. The appaloosa stallion is painted as a war

The organiser of the Heritage Section of the Vintage Tractor Show saw an article about me and the Bytham Stud and has always wanted to own a Caspian so she came over to see me and twist my arm in having a stand there at pretty short notice. I felt my stand at show days were over after having done so many for so long but Tony and later John (Sansome) were quite keen so I bowed to them!

We set up the stand on the Friday afternoon. The conditions were pretty rough but adequate, we took Runnymede Fel Fel and part bred Bytham Lindsay up to be on the stand and they had nice big boxes with lots of straw to wallow in. They were both very good and settled in very quickly. Fel Fel is used to parties but Lindsay had never been off the premises. He took everything in his stride and loved all the attention and licked everyone that made a fuss of him including an autistic boy in a wheel chair. I hope to get a photo of this. There were several people very interested in him.

Fel Fel looked super not having been near any mares this year. He is 18 and lost a lot of condition last year covering mares and has been on a lot of special food all summer. Unfortunately on the stand right opposite there was a huge white donkey and a mare in season and considering the proximity he did behave very well but he did run up light after the first day due to the total lack of consideration by the people on the stand they even tried to hitch the mare up to the trap along side his pen and only grudgingly moved it further away. I had to request the mare was taken out of the parade on the first day as there was an enormous Irish Draught Stallion also a Cleveland Bay!!

On the first day I took over the commentary on the spur of the moment when he was parading but on the Sunday an excellent commentator took over and spent a good five minutes on him and Caspians which was really good – specially as she had never heard of them!!!

We gave away a lot of brochures. I have given out over 1000 since we have had them ***. Our stand got a Highly Commended Certificate!! Also one thanking us for attending. We were looked after very well and they did not charge for the stand or stables and bedding and gave a £10 worth of vouchers for food. But my was it cold although the weather was good. A lot of people now know about Caspians although a lot were non horsey.

Pat Bowles—CHS—UK

and his rider wears full Indian costume. The Percheron stallion was dressed for battle and ridden by a female knight in chain mail. Next year the aim is to have our horses doing more than just being led around the ring.

We had lots of positive comments, especially from the kids that passed our Caspian(s) stabled beside our display booth. "Isn't she cute", "I want one like that!", "Is she really fully grown?" etc. We also had some lengthy discussions with the adults: a couple of elderly brothers who had been around horses all their lives and break ponies to harness came back several times and were very interested in the conformation of the Caspian. Another lady who used to own and run a foaling down establishment took our business card in preparation for buying a future horse for her as yet unborn granddaughter. Though the numbers attending the Ekka were down to 500 000 this year due to Swine flu and the economic downturn it is still estimated that approx 200 000 – 300 000 people would have walked through the horse breeds expo shed, so we can safely say that many Queenslanders have now seen a Caspian horse in the flesh.

We are very grateful for all who helped us with photos, stories, proofreading etc - we could not have done it without you. Special thanks goes to Shauna who took 6 days out of her hectic life to fly up from South Australia to help - show-



Louise Firouz and Shahram Dordari

ing us how to prep our horses for the ring, and telling lots of stories from her years of involvement with the breed – what a great time we had together!

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