

# International Caspian Society

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## NEWSLETTER



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### *Letter from the Chairman*

Lawrence Alderson CBE

Following the low level of response to proposals by ICS to revise Rules & Regulations, and the negative nature of the responses that were received, we have continued to work towards a formula that will encourage a greater number of registrations for Caspian horses in ICSB. That depends on an increased level of registration in stud books of ICS members and we are encouraged by the positive responses to the questionnaire sent out recently which indicate an enthusiasm for the breed and belies the decline in registration. We will work from that foundation to find the best answers to obstacles and problems.

We are particularly concerned to re-establish a firm base for the breed in its country of origin

and current interaction with Iranian contacts leads us to believe there is a strong will in that country to support the Caspian and move forward. If any negative elements exist in any country they must not be allowed to thwart sensible progress or to prevent action by those who have the breed's best interests at heart.

### *Pat Bowles MBE*

We are deeply saddened to report the death on 27<sup>th</sup> September of Mrs. Pat Bowles, former Chairman of the Caspian Horse Society. Pat was responsible for planning the Conference held in Rutland in 2004, which was attended by Louise Firouz and Gus Cothran and attracted more than 100 people from Iran, Australia, America, Scandinavia, France and Germany.

Pat arranged stabling for the breed show, which was held on the day after the conference, and accommodation for everyone. She also arranged the funding that made it possible to invite so many interesting speakers.

Pat would have said that we all pulled together but in fact it was Pat who pulled us together. She was a pillar of the community in her home town of Grantham in Lincolnshire and for this she was awarded the MBE in 2008.

Having bred national hunt horses for many years, she bred her first Caspian foal in 1993, one of 36 pure-bred Caspians and quite a few part-bred Caspians. Many were broken to ride or

drive and she had a knack for finding working homes for them.

11 of these were by her favourite stallion,

Runnymede Felfel, bred by Rosemary Harris.

Sadly Pat wasn't able to watch the Caspian display at HOYs last year but she was extremely proud to know that several of her Bytham-bred Caspians and part Caspians took part.

Felfel's son, Bytham Justin Time had just been broken when he steered 6 year old Millie Bowler to represent dressage.

Bytham Abigail was ridden by another 6 year old, Annie Mason, displaying side saddle.

Bytham Churchill and Bytham Swallow gave an impressive display of Polo.

Bytham Lucy Locket, ridden by a 4 yr old made their contribution for Riding for the Disabled.

Runnymede Felfel also took part in the display, aged 26.



Pat with Justin as a foal



Justin – Champion at CHS Breed Show with Penny Walster and judge Ateshe Firouz

## Remembering Pat

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Pat Bowles recently - she will be sorely missed in the Caspian world. Pat bred some really lovely Caspians over many years, which have been much admired by Caspian breeders. The addition of such good quality Caspians to the gene pool means we have better quality Caspians with each new generation bred.

Please convey our condolences to Pat's family and friends.

Shauna & Gerard Swart

Australasian Caspian Society Inc.

I am sorry to hear this. A loss to the breed and the world.

Dick Kearley

USA

## Caspians at Ashby

Horses and riders plied for shade when Caspians were again invited to appear at Ashby on 15<sup>th</sup> July on what must have been one of the hottest shows in Ashby history. Janet Dediccoat's Lanhill Petit Niki won the class for stallions and geldings, whilst Angela Leadbetter's, Lanhill Antimay won the mare class. Bytham Lindsay was a very worthy winner of the part bred class. 8 year old Zara Clark, one of the stars of last year's Horse of the Year Show took first prize in a new class for best young handler, whilst 6 year old Millie Bowler, also a member of the 2017 HoYs team led Bytham Lindsay into second place. Zara also won the ridden class on the gelding Costessa Feysul. Show Champion was Lanhill Petit Niki, with reserve going to Costessa Feysul and best turned out to the particularly gleaming stallion Bytham Justin Time. Show Judge was Sue Hirons and the Chief Steward was Carol Broughton.



Champion Lanhill Niki Petit and Danielle Dedicat



Zara Clark and Costessa Feysul



Zara Clark and Costessa Feysul



Bytham Lindsay (part-bred Caspian) and Millie Bowler



Angela Leadbetter with Lanhill Antimay

## Junior Sports Personality of the Year

Amelia Waddicor was delighted to be shortlisted for the Baileys Horse Feeds of the Year Award, without any expectations, so she was astounded and thrilled when she was announced as Runner up. Well done Amelia, not forgetting Morag and Khoja.



Amelia Waddicor (right)

## Caspian in the Family

Liz Webster's long awaited new book 'Caspian in the Family' is finally in print. Liz, along with her mother, Jaffa and their partner, 'Griff', imported most of the horses that founded the breed outside Iran today.



Photo courtesy of Richard Drewe

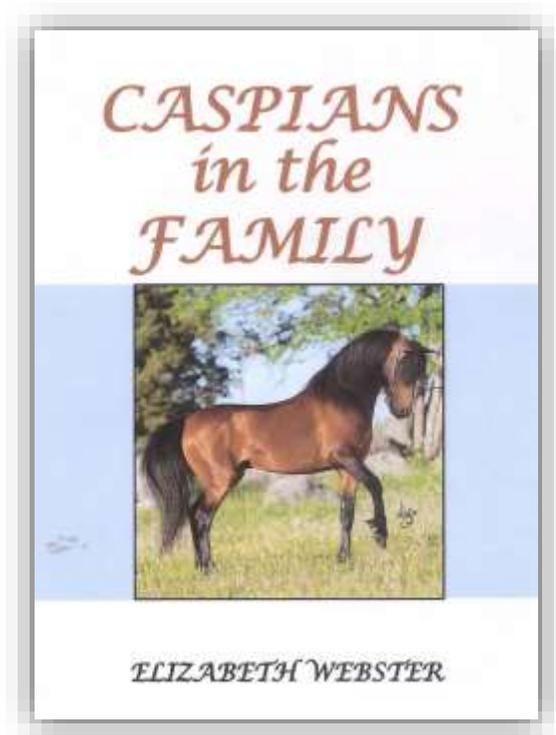
In the early years they bred, publicised, displayed, trained and took on the general responsibility of cementing the Caspian breed and Liz has worked tirelessly for the breed ever since.



As she says in her book, importation rules were virtually written around those early imports and this fascinating book relates the many trials and tribulations that stood in their way. Please find an order form on the CHS website and on the 'Books' page of the ICS website.

[www.caspianhorses.org](http://www.caspianhorses.org)

[www.caspianhorsesociety.org.uk](http://www.caspianhorsesociety.org.uk)



## News Release

### NEW BOOK ON THE CASPIAN HORSE LAUNCHED

Back in the 1960s, the world was totally unprepared to meet an elegant pony-sized equine with all the attributes of a

horse and a history that pre-dates most of today's hot-blooded horse breeds. 'CASPIANS IN THE FAMILY' is Elizabeth Webster's book about the triumphs and trials of introducing the unique Caspian Horse to Britain and the rest of the world in the 1970s.

Liz Webster paints a fascinating picture of this amazing little horse and the breed's struggle to survive over the centuries. She describes its rediscovery in Iran in 1965 by the American, Louise Firouz, the arrival of the first few in England from the early 1970s and how the Caspian Horse has since become recognised worldwide.

Her illustrated account of those involved, especially her indefatigable mother Jaffa, and the dramas, disasters, triumphs and intrigues they encountered amply show how people of passion can move mountains and keep the reader well entertained throughout this amazing story.

*CASPIANS IN THE FAMILY* (£15 + p/p £2.50) is available from the Caspian

Horse Society website

[www.caspianhorsesociety.org.uk](http://www.caspianhorsesociety.org.uk) or from the author: [lizwebster08@gmail.com](mailto:lizwebster08@gmail.com).

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## IRAN

The Caspian Conservation Society of Iran

The Caspian Registry has now become the Caspian Conservation Society of Iran.

This is what Louise Firouz had striven for during her lifetime and it has finally been officially approved and has received permits from the government to function as an NGO.

### *Iran - Fahimeh Vaezi*

Fahimeh is now in France, where she is hoping to train Caspians and encourage their use in the way that she has done in her riding school in Iran, which continues in her absence. These photographs show just how much the children

and parents appreciate and enjoy their native breed.



## *New Zealand*

TeAra Bergstrom reports that Tristan is now on loan to a friend who is thoroughly enjoying riding him and they are getting on well together. He and Ethan meet up occasionally and are always pleased to see each other! Tristan is now riding Cyrus and often competes in mounted games.

## Swedish Caspian Horse Association

This year's national show for the Caspian horse was settled at the beautiful Toftinge Farm, Vaddö in collaboration with Roslagens Pony Breeding Association.

The Judge was Håkan Erlandsson.

We also had Gudny Johansen, a judge visiting from Norway, who wanted to see and learn more about the Caspian horse.

Winner 2018 and the title Best in Show 2018 went to the brown stallion MOHTAT \* with 40 points of which a 9th on the walk. Born 2005 in Iran.

Owner: Margareta and Emma Lindahl, Nordiclighs Stuteri.

Report from the newspaper Tidningen Ridsport <https://www.tidningenridsport.se/riksutstallning-for-kaspisk-hast-mohtat-blev-best-in-show/>

The title Reserve BIS 2018 went to the three-year chestnut mare ASTIZ KAPRIÑA with 39 points.

She also won the awards Young Horse

Championship and Best Mare Caspian national show. E: Rosmeaar Ashok U: Rosmeaar Sholeh.

Breeder and owner: Asta Bergström.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Other participants were

Ann's Zamiro 39p. Gelding, roan, born 2008. E: Maks Zpirit U: Darkhorse Shara Candy. Breeder: Ann Hagström. Owner: Lena Carrasco.

Astiz Inez 38p. Mare, bay, born 2012. E: Henden Namdar U: Sulay. Breeder and owner: Asta Bergström.

MCC Tabriz's Sham 37p. Mare, chestnut, born 2004 in the United States. E: Spark Tabriz U: Woodstock Taliyeh II. Owner: Margareta and Emma Lindahl, Nordiclighs Stuteri.

Qveiars Anosseh Bahareh 37p. Mare, roan, born 2015. E: Henden Hector U: Fredens Padideh. Breeder: Anna Pihl-Kviegård. Owner: Asta Bergström.



[www.kaspiskhast.se](http://www.kaspiskhast.se)

## Falsterbo Horse Show

Alisa Kurkinen shows her Caspian gelding Tuff (2002, bred by M. Klingstedt, Sweden. By: Kineton Houdini. Out of: Henden Kirsty) together with other western riders during the evening show at Falsterbo horse show, Sweden's largest rider's event.

[www.falsterbohorseshow.se](http://www.falsterbohorseshow.se)



Alisa Kurkinen and Tuff

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

News from our Australian Societies reminds us that we are not as young as we used to be. Shauna tells us that Gerard Swart broke his shoulder in February and as it could not be plastered or pinned it is not healing very quickly. In the meantime he is undergoing many physio visits, x-rays and scans. We hope you get well soon Gerard.

She has reported from the SACA that she has seventeen Caspians – the oldest two being Astara Khiam and Astara Omar. Astara Khiam has been returned to her after years of being used at Pony Club and as a children's Riding horse. His owner has moved to a smaller property so Shauna agreed to take him back.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Sue Eiffler reports a sad decline in the breeding of Caspians in the Caspian Preservation Society of Western Australia.

She also reports that Ray has been very ill on and off for the past eighteen months, and has spent a lot of time in hospital, though, happily, he is slowly recovering. We wish him well.

They bought Soraya back this year although she had already been living with Sue and Ray for the last 5 or 6 years.

Sue still has twelve Caspians.

Clause 2.4.2.a will allow breeders in Iran to catch up with registrations. They will not have an easy task as parents and two offspring will need to be located and assessed in order to be recorded and registered. After ten years this will be impossible for many but there are devoted breeders with unregistered stock, often descended from Louise's herds, or stock that she had approved and this will give them two years to sort out the muddle that has been created over the last ten years. This clause will also apply to the Pre-foundation register.

## LATE ICS NEWS

The amendment to clause 2.1.5 will allow the stock from X registered stallions which later obtain a licence to be upgraded to the full International Caspian Stud Book

Clause 2.4.1 of the current rules still allows Caspians born before 2015 without DNA to be registered. Clause 2.4.1 will allow these to be placed in a 'pending' register for a limited two year period. After this period DNA will be mandatory. We are also hoping that it will encourage owners who have not yet registered their stock.