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STATUS OF HORSES IN THE USA

C. Quence with his dam, Simply Rose. Photo by M. Saunders

Greetings everyone, and happy 2018. I'm excited to let everyone know that this year is our 10th year of operation (from the North American Budenny Society 2008-2017 to the North American Budenny Horse Registry 2017-2018). I hope it has been a good year for you all. Time for an annual update on the status of our Beloved Budenny! 2018 has been a very tumultuous year, with both ups and downs and some very important changes that could impact the future of the breed both in the USA and worldwide.

First of all, I'd like to congratulate Dr. Margo Saunders on the birth of her healthy and handsome dark bay part-bred colt, C. Quence, sired by the Belgian Warmblood stallion [C.Quito](#) out of the Budenny mare

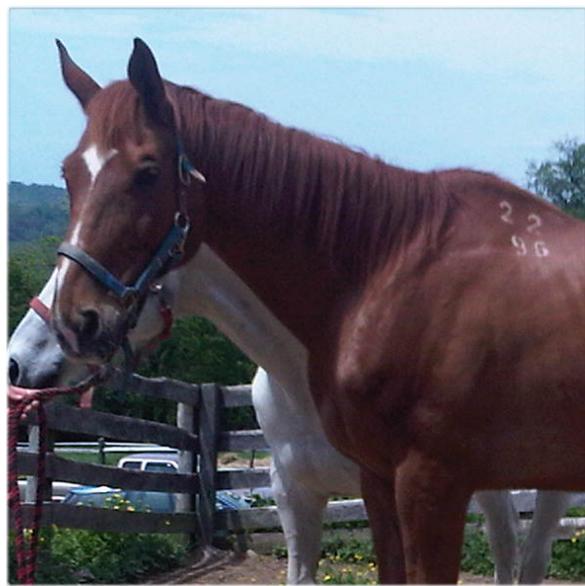
OUR AMERICAN ALL-STARS BOTH PAST & PRESENT

- **FREGAT**: FEI Grand Prix Special
- **RUBICO**: USDF 4th Level Dressage
- **DEYCH**: USDF 4th Level
- **RUSLAN**: USDF 2nd Level
- **ROZLYN**: 1.0 m Jumper Champion
- **KINAJA**: 0.70 m Jumpers Grand Champion and 0.75 m Jumpers Reserve Grand Champion
- **RAISA**: AERC 125 lifetime miles of competitive endurance riding
- **RHYTHMICAL**: 2000 Olympics in Show Jumping
- **PASSOP**: 1968 Olympics in Show Jumping

Simply Rose (Kaled x Cash's Image). Born on August 24, 2018, we are sure he will live up to all expectations. His half sister by the same dam, Rozlyn, is already an experienced and repeated 1.0 m Jumper Champion who wins ribbons for Margo at every show. Welcome to the world, C. Quence!

I would also like to congratulate Liz Morgan on the successful pregnancy of her lease mare, Kometa. She is expecting a July 2019 foal sired by the Champion Akhal-Teke stallion Anikit.

Sadly, since our October 2017 Bulletin, we have lost two precious Budennies.



Nate in 2013 upon his rescue. Photo by J. Robinson

SynteZ, affectionately known as Nate (1996-2017), was humanely euthanized in 2017. The golden chestnut 16.1h gelding was 21 years old and suffered from complications with navicular disease. Nate was rescued in 2013 and was able to live out the rest of his days well-loved and in relative comfort until the pain in his tendons became too much. He was branded and

this allowed us to trace his ancestry with the help of VNIIC. He was imported from Yulovsky Stud in Russia to the USA between 1998 and 2002, and he was sired by Rubikon and out of Neposeda. Sometimes we are not always successful in identifying imports, but this was a success story. Our condolences to his rescuers and forever family.



Kinaja with Hunter in 2017. Photo by D. Anderson

Kinaja (2007-2018), the iconic mare who began me on the journey to developing the NABHR, was humanely euthanized on July 25, 2018. The golden chestnut 15.3h mare was 11 years old and taken too soon from this world by that deadly foe, acute colic caused by a twisted gut. She was born in the USA to EuroHorse Stud, sired by the Budenny stallion Kaled and out of the Thoroughbred mare Sucha Gal. I owned her from her birth year until 2017, when she became a beloved addition to the Anderson family. Hunter rode her to great success and she was his 0.70 m Grand Champion Jumper. Our condolences on this tragic loss to the Anderson family.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It's time to review our board of directors for the NABHR. It will continue to remain an open list available to anyone interested in being involved in the promotion and support of the breed. This is our TEAM of actively involved individuals who want to be at the forefront of developing the breed in the USA.

Please let me know by email if you would like to join or continue to be a part of our 2019-2020 BOD. I will be wiping the slate clean to make sure that only active members remain on the board.

Email me at: info@budennyhorse.com

2017-2018 BOD

- Karina Rapp
- Margo Saunders
- Alex & Sarah Owen
- Karen Chillcott
- Dawn Mackenzie
- Anne Lamoriello



Kasha, Budenny mare. Photo provided by T. Floyd.

I would like to give a special shout-out to Liz Morgan (breed show), Karen Chillcott (public education), and Anne Lamoriello (journalism assistance) for their wonderful work in assisting the promotion of the breed in 2017-2018! Thanks ladies, you are awesome.

FIRST CAVALRY ARMY STUD



Berber, an at-risk aged stallion from First Cavalry Army Stud. Sire of Brendon. Photo provided by M. Chin.

This August, Maria Chin of Lotus Performance Horses visited Russia and came back with some disturbing news. She reports the following:

“Unfortunately some changes happened and one of the main Studs of the Budenny breed is literally falling apart. The new director of the First Cavalry Stud does not want to dedicate time to the selection of the Budenny horses as in her opinion the breed is no more useful and has no requests. She intends to start breeding the Budenny broodmares with European show jumping stallions (like Holsteiners, KWPN etc.) and unfortunately this is the straight way to the end of this breed. In four months many promising colts, two years old and youngsters were sold to Kazakhstan to

slaughter, half of the breeding stallions with rare bloods, some are the last carriers of the old, important and foundation lines, are also on their way to nowhere.

After evaluating the situation with my partners we came to the conclusion that unfortunately there is not much to do as the First Cavalry Stud is owned by a company which is the property of the biggest investing company of Russia, and the investors that have shares in the company own all the property with a different target, the stud is just a small part of the property and they literally have no interest in it, so the director is basically free to do everything she wants. Anna Nikolaeva, who is responsible for the Budenny breed in the VNIK registry, is trying to reach the investors, but I'm afraid this is pointless due to some factors.

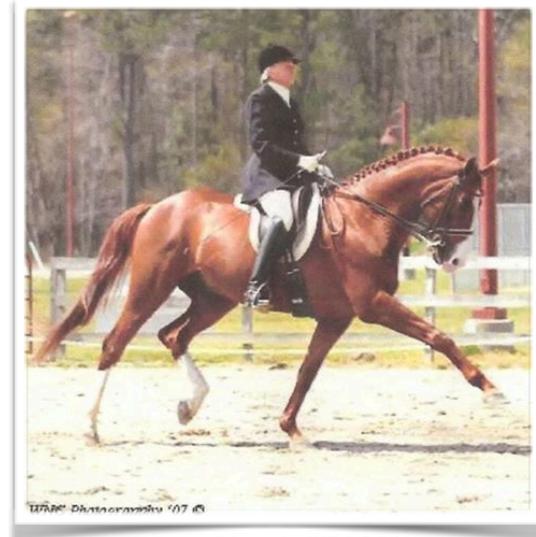
We are now in contact with some of the workers of the Stud and are hoping that the information about the breeding stallions will come out and other Studs like Tselina or Budenny Stud will have a chance to



Brendon, son of Berber. Owned by M. Chin.

purchase them. Although the situation is like this, we had a chance to meet and come to an agreement with the new director of First Cavalry Stud. We now have access to all the Budenny youngsters of the stud if we want to purchase them.”

The Budenny horse is a special Russian breed with growing popularity as a sport horse in America, with the potential to reach the same heights as the Akhal-Teke. Preserving varied bloodlines for the breed's



Rubico in 2007. Photo by WNC Photography.

continued success is integral to its survival. Our second most influential breeding stallion in the USA, Rubico, aka Rinit (Rabat x Norka) was from First Cavalry Army. He was a 4th Level dressage horse; this is the highest level of competition a horse can reach in the United States Dressage Federation. He is now deceased, but he left behind a legacy of competitive horses performing at A-rated hunter-jumper shows and combined training/eventing on the East coast of the United States.

If you have been sitting on the idea of importing or acquiring your very own Budenny prospect from abroad, now may be the perfect time to do so. First Cavalry Army Stud is in a crisis and many people are working hard to save as many horses as possible from tragedy. Young stud colts and aged stallions are particularly at risk due to the stud's unfortunate change in direction.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES WITH AI

New opportunities with artificial insemination have the potential to give the Budenny population a great boost in the USA over the next 10 years. The lack of USA stallions, the difficulties of exporting piroplasmosis-free animals and dealing with Russian stud farms has slowed the breed's expansion, but with the NABHR's continued partnership with Lotus Performance Horses and the recent opening of a new breeding center in Moscow, we are confident that this marks a new era for the Budenny horse.

Hartley Horse House Reproduction Center in Starikovo (Shakhovskiy District, Moscow Region)



opened its doors April 2018. It is the only reproduction center of its kind in Russia that we are aware of. They are equipped

with all of the latest modern reproductive technologies and can accommodate collection on site and mobile, breeding with fresh, cooled, and frozen semen, and they have a cryobank for



Lankaster Budenny stallion. Photo by Hartley Horse House.



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frozen storage. At this time, they have never shipped to the USA before. They are currently looking into what it would cost to make that happen for us.

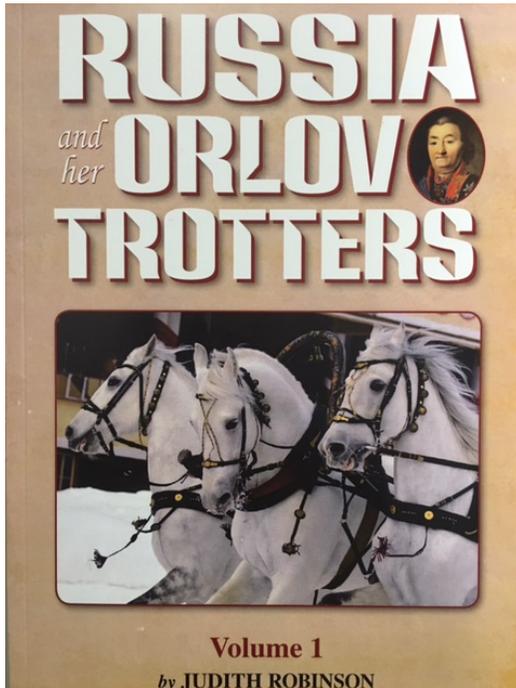
They have one Budenny stallion collected and available for AI, Lankaster. Lankaster is a multiple champion of the breed, a jumper who competes at 1.2 m and has some of the best show jumping lines in his pedigree.

See more: <http://horsefarm.ru/lankaster>

There is a possibility that some of the endangered lines from First Cavalry Army Stud may be preserved at the Hartley Horse House. We sincerely hope this is the case. And as the center grows, it will likely have many more Budenny and Don stallions added to their roster at the cryobank.

In Germany and Italy, **Lotus Performance Horses** is developing several colts and has put them into training as stallion prospects. If the horses are successful in competition, there will be even more opportunities and choices for AI breeding.

If you are interested in AI for the near future, please let me know and I will keep you apprised of any new developments.

“Russia & Her Orlov Trotters” by Judith Robinson

As a final treat, I would like to highlight a series of books written by a fellow Russian horse and history enthusiast. Judith Robinson is a promoter of the Orlov Trotter, a breed of horse made famous by the iconic three-horse “troika” common in Russian folk art. She has written three volumes on the breed to date, the first of which is available from the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame.

About Volume I: “An extraordinary book delineating the evolution of the famous horses that have powered Russia's "troikas" since the 1700s. Known as the "Orlov Trotters" after Count Alexei Grigorevich Orlov, who developed the breed at his enormous estate, "Khrenovskoy", in Central Russia, these horses radiate beauty, strength and charisma. They have become the enduring symbol of our Russian culture.”

Museum Bookshop: <https://harnessmuseum.com/content/russia-and-her-orlov-trotters-vol-i>

As always, thank you all for your continued support. Your love for the breed makes this all possible. If you have any questions or comments about anything in the bulletin, please send us an email or message us through Facebook!

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