



ABCR DISTRICT 9 NEWSLETTER

ENGLISH VERSION – OCTOBER 2013

1) WELCOME CANADA!

I am soooo happy to welcome the ABCR members of Canada! The board has appointed me to serve also as a District 8 rep, and I happily accepted. I love your wonderful country a lot, and I appreciate the great Curly Horse breeders that reside in Canada. I have some wonderful personal friendship with some of your guys over there.

This is a bi-monthly newsletter sent out to the District 8 and District 9 membership. It shall keep you informed about the news in general and especially in your own district. Please let me know any concern you have, or just share your little stories with me, or just come around to say "Hi"☺. I appreciate all of this.

2) 43RD ABCR CONVENTION IN TEXAS

This was such a nice convention. Thanks to Angie Gaines, for being our wonderful host! Everything was perfect. We had intense discussions going on. Dr. Gus Cothran gave in-depth insights into the latest research of the Curly Horse gene. This was really one of the biggest highlights at the convention. Next day, filled with wonderful presentations, from chiropractor to Western Dressage champignon. Next day, more business. The minutes will be available in the membership section soon. In addition, we had so much fun! I understand, due to economy etc. that not so many members could join. However, consider joining next year in Kentucky! It is well worth it.





3) SHOULD THE REGISTRIES JOIN?

This question was answered by 75 % of ABCR/ICHO members with “Yes”. However, discussions are going on. It seems that a lot of folks are hurt by former actions of people that have been in charge then. I am personally happy that the discussion gets more objective and fact based now. We will seek the discussion with ICHO actively and let you know about further development.

4) NEW STUDY ABOUT THE CURLY HYPOALLERGENIC TRAIT!

Dr. Wolfgang Mitlehner, a German ABCR member, has performed a new study about the hypoallergenic characteristic of the Curly Horse. You can find an overview here. The full study can be found in our members section:

Summary

Objective:

To test the hypothesis that Curly horses possess hypoallergenic properties making them suitable for horse-allergic riders.

Methods:

The feasibility of a standard horse prick test, compared with the Curly horse scratch test, was first studied on 4 prestudy phase patients. Subsequently, ten horse-allergic riders, who had previously stopped riding because of horse allergy with resulting bronchial asthma and/or allergic rhinoconjunctivitis, underwent basic lung function diagnostics: allergy testing (standard horse, Curly horses) and spirometry (or body plethysmography). Independently of the allergy test result, an escalated Curly horse contact program was conducted beginning with riding and later on brushing Curly horses while measuring lung function during and after horse contact.

Results:

The prestudy phase data show comparable results between the standard horse prick test and the scratch test using material of a German riding pony and a defined Curly horse mare (ABC 2563). In the main test phase, the skin test with Curly horses resulted in mostly reduced reactions compared to the standard horse prick test. The ten horse-allergic riders did not react significantly to exposure to the horses or reacted very slightly. Nine of 10 patients were found not to react significantly after brushing Curly horses.



Conclusion:

We conclude that Curly horses seem to be suitable for horse-allergic riders who want or need to continue riding.

. . . A PERSONAL NOTE

Molly will be taken home next week. She survived that bad disease she had. I am as happy as can be. She will be with us, that is all that counts!

Kindest regards

Caren Schumann