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2019 has been a very big year for Budenny horses in North America, and 2020 is set to be even more exciting!

WELCOME TO the North American Budenny Horse Registry's 2019 Newsletter! In 2018 and 2017, we published short bulletins. I am happy to report that we have so much more to share with you that from now on, we will be publishing a full newsletter.

Our Board Members have been especially hard at work, and I would like to highlight some of their great accomplishments: Dawn Mackenzie (Director of Membership, Registration and Events) launched our new membership application with a special survey for pilot members using advanced Qualtrics software. By the end of the year, horse registration forms will be made available as well. Dawn is also working on the digitization of our database. Anne Lamoriello (Director of Press and Publicity) has secured a feature article in the Chronicle of the Horse Untacked magazine on our organization and the Budenny horse breed and we look forward to its release! During the summer, Karen Chillcott (Director-at-Large) participated in a radio interview about her farm and horses, and shared information about Budennies with the show's listeners. Our website was also redone this year, and includes many new features including alternate language options and member-only pages.

Read on for updates on upcoming events featuring Budenny horses in North America, our 2019 census report, current international conservation efforts, a mini feature on why rare breeds matter, and a book review of John Ure's "The Cossacks"!

Sincerely,

Karina Rapp

NABHR President, Pictured at right with Budenny mare Kometa

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Photo by Margo Saunders

2020 GOALS

OUR CURRENT goals for the North American Budenny Horse Registry include the further development of our database, horse registration, and incentive programs; the encouragement of more mares bred in the 2020 season for foals born in 2021; expanded breed promotion and the attendance of events; the recruitment of more board members; and the general continued cooperation with promoters of Russia's Golden Horses for breed revival of the Don and Budenny horse breeds worldwide.

ON THE COVER

Dawn Mackenzie's "Total Surprise"
Budenny Gelding, born 2004
(Kaled x Ro Anne's West*)



Photo by Dawn Mackenzie

OUR NEW STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- Establish the North American "breeding core" through breeder support, recruitment, and incentive programs.
- Encourage dual registration with VNIK (the parent studbook) and the NABHR for population management and quality control.
- Manage genetic diversity by facilitating access to frozen AI and Russian bloodstock.
- Monitor any defects for exclusion from the breeding core through DNA testing and performance standards.
- Encourage ambassador activity, event/competition participation, and youth membership through an achievement awards program.
- Participation in worldwide Budenny and Don horse breed conservation, education, and promotion.

PROPOSED INCENTIVE PROGRAMS



WE WANT to make the NABHR a great organization, and you can help us by becoming a *free* pilot member in 2020! As a member, you and your horse can become eligible for special awards and benefits.

The following programs will be further developed in the coming year, with year-end awards beginning in December of 2020. Contact us if you would like to help us develop these programs, or if you have any special requests for benefits or prizes that you would like to see us offer.

- Breed Ambassador
- Youth Ambassador
- Youth Champion
- Youth Scholarship
- Halter Champion
- Producer of Merit
- Lifetime Performance Champion
- Hall of Fame

In addition we hope to offer special breed awards through organizations such as USEF and USDF, and special discounts or coupons for members through businesses such as Dover Saddlery and SmartPak.





UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT YEAR will be exciting in terms of events. We have submitted a request to attend BreyerFest in July, which is a huge event (over 30,000 attendees) featuring model horses and horse enthusiasts. It is held annually at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. If we receive the invitation, three to seven Budenny horses will attend in order to meet fans and demonstrate the best qualities of the breed.

Date & Location: July 10-12, 2020 / Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY

Plans are also underway to hold a breed promotion booth at the Equine Affaire in West Springfield, Massachusetts in November, complete with a horse attendee for meeting the public and for exhibiting in the main arena. **Date & Location:** November 12-15, 2020 / Eastern States Exposition in W. Springfield, MA

At present, we also hope to have a representative at next year's annual conference for the Endangered Equine Alliance (an initiative of the Livestock Conservancy, of which the NABHR is a member). **Date & Location:** Fall 2020 / TBD



CURRENT CENSUS numbers place the total number of living Budennies and Budenny part-bred horses in North America at 41.

This includes:

- A breeding core of 10 high-blood mares
- 1 pureblood imported stallion
- 1 Arab-Budenny colt
- 29 non-breeding horses (part-bred and geldings)



Lineages represented in the breeding core include the dam line of 616 Kazachka 161 by way of the imported stallion 998 Kaled 10 (70% mares), and the sire line of 556 Rubin 5 by way of the imported stallion Rubico—registered name Rinit (Rok-n-Roll) 82 (30% mares).

Early in 2019, we sadly lost two wonderful horses, the imported mare Nanuba and the imported gelding Ruslan; they were humanely euthanized due to age-related ailments. It has been a tough year for our Board of Directors, as these precious horses were owned by two of our board members.

NANUBA (May 6, 1998 - April 10, 2019 RIP)

Nanuba was our grand dame Budenny mare in the US; she sadly passed at 21 years young. Nanuba was imported from First Cavalry Army Stud in the Zernograd District, Rostov Region, Russia at an unknown date. Sired by Gabion and out of the mare Nubiia (Nabat genetic group) she was described by VNIK as the best-pedigreed horse in all of the US. Her passing is a tremendous loss for her owner and to the breed. Her legacy includes Rasputin, a pureblood Budenny gelding by Rubico; Nadya, a part-Budenny filly by Rostropovich (sadly passed); and Vladimir, an Arab-Budenny stud colt by VAR Poznan. Our deepest condolences to her loving owner and our Director-at-Large, Karen Chillcott of Victory Alliance Ranch.



Photo by Rusty Bug Photography

RUSLAN (Aug. 1, 1989–June 14, 2019 RIP)

Ruslan was the beloved horse of our Press & Publicity Director, Anne Lamoriello. He passed at the age of 30. Ruslan was an exceptional gentleman with a truly golden character. The chestnut gelding was imported from Russia at an unknown date, and enjoyed a happy life and many accomplishments as a show horse. He was retired from competition at the grand age of 24; Regina Downey rode him to 2nd Level Dressage, and he competed up to Intermediate I in his heyday. The name “Ruslan” is a Russian variant of the Turkic word “arslan/aslan” which translates as lion. He was a kind and forgiving soul, a shining ambassador for the Budenny horse breed with the true heart of a noble lion. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten. Our deepest condolences to Anne and to all the people whose lives he touched.



Photo Provided by Anne Lamoriello



Photo by Cheyenne Steele Ferrier

On June 24, 2019, the losses of this year were countered by a special birth. We happily welcomed one new addition, **Ofir**, a beautiful homozygous black Budenny/Akhal-Teke colt. Congrats to Liz Morgan on the birth of this healthy and handsome part-bred colt. He is sired by the champion Akhal-Teke stallion Anikit of Shenandoah Farm and out of Kometa, one of the USA's precious VNIIC-registered and US-born high-blood Budenny mares. This maiden mare foaled early and without help like an absolute champ, and the colt was up and running in no time. Please welcome this special boy into the world! He has a bright future ahead of him as an ambassador for two rare breeds, the endangered Budenny and rare Akhal-Teke. His name means “gold” or “treasure”, and he is just as valued by his owner.

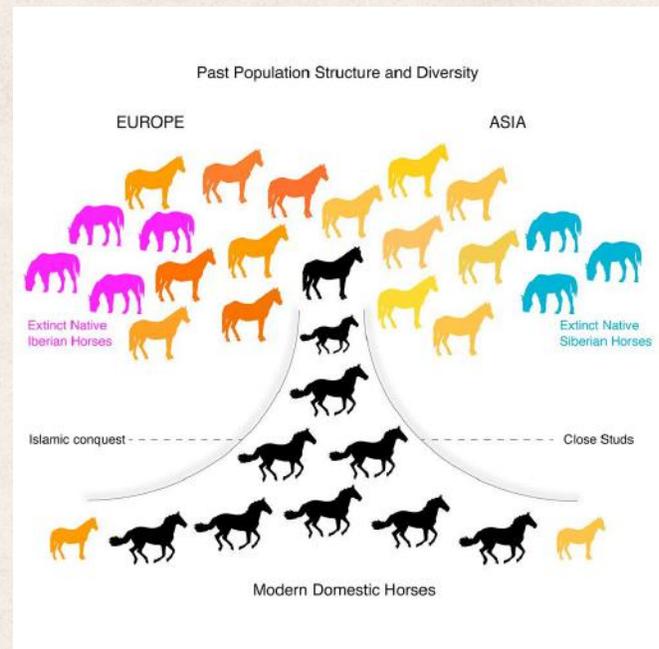
WHY DO RARE BREEDS MATTER?

by Karina Rapp, First Published November 4, 2019

GENETIC DIVERSITY is VITAL to the future of the horse industry worldwide. In 2019 the Pegasus Project released results of genetic studies that track over 5,000 years of horse management and discovered that the development of modern horse breeding practices has caused a dramatic drop in genetic diversity in the last 200 years. This coincides with major cultural and technological shifts that followed the 2nd Agricultural Revolution and the Industrial Revolution of the 17th to 19th centuries when people began to view animals as a means of profit and production instead of a vital part of everyday life. The development of closed stud farms and the heightened mentality of breeding for a purpose resulting in certain traits being selected for again and again, as is seen in the development of the modern Thoroughbred racehorse which occurred at this time.

Choosing only the most popular stallion lines for breeding has massively decreased Y-chromosome diversity and increased genome-wide mutations and the accumulation of negative variants (such as HYPP and NFS) which can cause disease and major health issues. See the infographic for an illustration of just how limited and restricted modern horse breeding genetics have become. Each of those colors represents a genetic lineage and its variants, almost all of which have been lost.

Rare breeds possess genetic traits, resistance to disease, and special adaptations NOT present in the 'popular' pool of breeding animals and can dilute mutations present in other breeds; they are therefore integral for maintaining population health and stability. This is true for all species of rare breeds, including other livestock such as pigs, cattle, and chickens.



From Fages et al. 2019. 'Tracking Five Millennia of Horse Management with Extensive Ancient Genome Time Series', *Cell* 177(6), 1419-1435.

Projects like the Livestock Conservancy in the United States and the Rare Breeds Survival Trust in the United Kingdom are dedicated to making sure that the important rare breeds of yesterday are not forgotten or lost for tomorrow. Pictured is Kometa, a US-born Budenny mare, and her 2019 half-Akhal-Teke colt Ofir. There are only 400 Budenny mares worldwide, making for an incredibly endangered breeding core. Akhal-Tekes, while having made a good comeback, are still rare and in need of careful protection. How can you help? Learning more about rare breeds is the first step, and educating others about what you have learned is the second! Contact organizations such as the NABHR or the ATAA (Akhal-Teke Association of America), especially if you are interested in acquiring breeding stock and becoming part of the solution! Dedicated breeders and fans are essential to the survival of these rare and important genetics which are integral to the health of the future horse population worldwide.



Photo by Cheyenne Steele Ferrier



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RELATED LINKS

- Pegasus Project: orlandoludovic.wixsite.com/pegasus-erc
- Livestock Conservancy: livestockconservancy.org
- Rare Breeds Survival Trust: www.rbst.org.uk
- NABHR: www.budennyhorse.com
- ATAA: www.akhal-teke.org

A SUMMARY OF BREEDING SPECIFICS

WITH 400 Budenny mares and 180 Don mares worldwide, the Golden Horses of Russia are in dire straights. So how do we breed for more Budennies when there are so few of them, especially in the United States?

Budenny and Don horses can be crossed to solid-colored, non-gray Thoroughbreds and Arabians. "Blood purity" fractions indicate the amount of tribal, or native blood compared to TB or Arab blood. $5/16-3/4$ or lower = a Budenny horse with strong amounts of native blood $13/16$ = a high-blood Budenny $7/8+$ = not tribal (these can be crossed back to Don or Budennies to create further generations of Budennies)

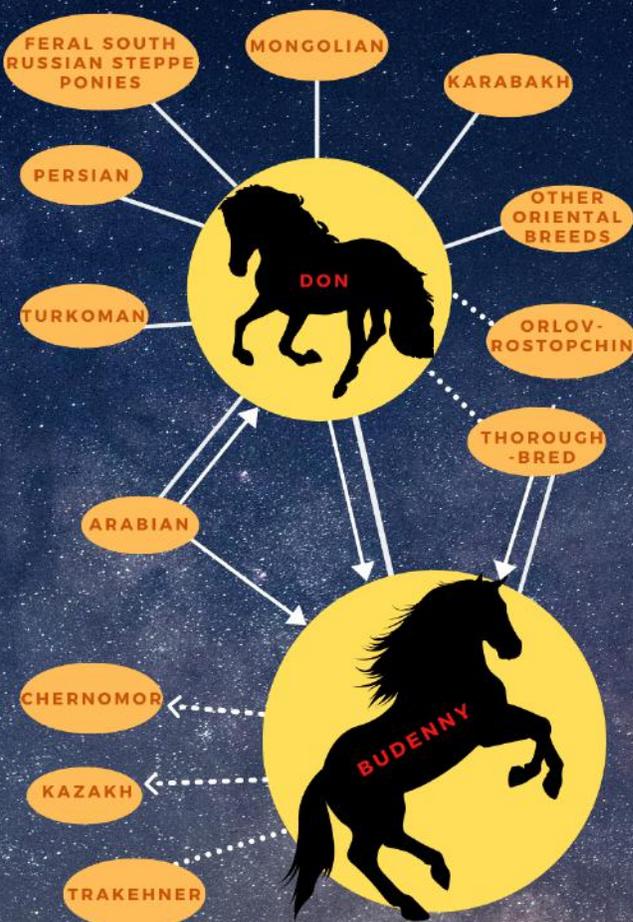
Breeding Options:

1. **Don or Budenny + Budenny** = Higher Tribal Blood Budenny --> Pureblood
2. **Don + Arab** = Arab-Don--> Acceptable Breeding Stock, especially mares
3. **Budenny + TB** = High-Blood Budenny--> Good Breeding Stock
4. **Budenny + Arab** = Arab-Budenny--> Acceptable Breeding Stock, especially mares
5. **Budenny or Don + Any Other Breed** = part-bred Budenny or Don--> Great Ambassadors!

Outcrosses to Thoroughbreds and especially Arabians should occur rarely and be chosen carefully. The use of outcrossed stallions on native mares is always better, but in the United States, this isn't currently possible.

BUDENNY & DON HORSE "FAMILY TREE"

— Founding Bloodlines
← Current Improvement
..... Previous Minor Improvement
←..... Failed (Reverse) Improvement



BEING **FORGOTTEN** IS THE GREATEST THREAT TO A RARE BREED'S SURVIVAL.

less than **400** MARES WORLDWIDE

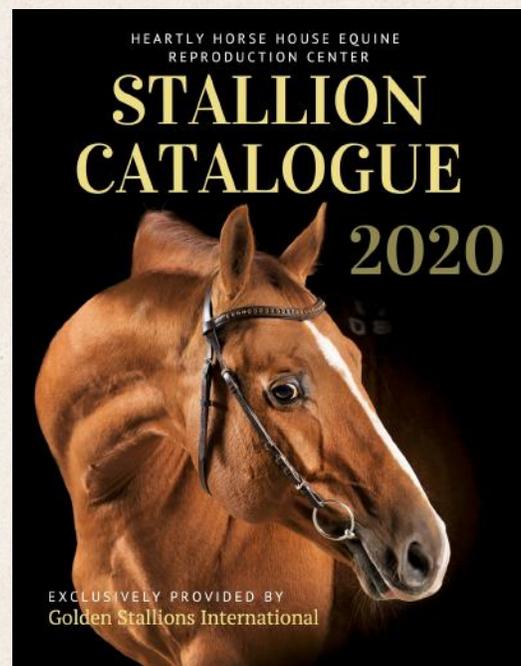
BUDENNYHORSE.COM



GOLDEN STALLIONS INTERNATIONAL

NEXT YEAR we hope that more mares will be bred so that the breeding core and genetic diversity of Budenny horses in North America will expand.

Golden Stallions International was launched on November 12th of this year; it is a personal project by myself (Karina Rapp) but with the goals of the North American Budenny Horse Registry to maintain genetic diversity firmly in mind. Frozen semen from Elite and champion Budenny and Don stallions will be imported from Russia to the United States with the cooperation of Heartly Horse House Equine Reproduction Center and Draumr Hesta Knabstruppers & Frozen Import Services.



There are currently two Budenny stallions and three Don stallions available for pre-order, and we hope that the project will be very successful! It may even open the door to a Don horse breeding core in North America (there are currently no Don horses here). There are plans to include other rare breed stallions in the future as well, paving the way to improved global breed conservation and cooperation with other rare breed communities.

"SAVE A BREED & BREED A CHAMPION!"



PILOT BREEDERS WANTED!

Two doses per stallion are being offered at dramatically reduced rates as an introductory special and to help us establish an American breeding core. **NABHR is eager to see new breeding programs develop in North America, and this is an amazing opportunity to represent brand new lineages in the country.** All of these stallions are Elite and/or accomplished champions of their disciplines.

Contact Karina at GoldenStallions.intl@gmail.com
Visit the 2020 Stallion Catalogue at: issuu.com/budennyhorse



PROJECT "GOLD OF THE STEPPES"

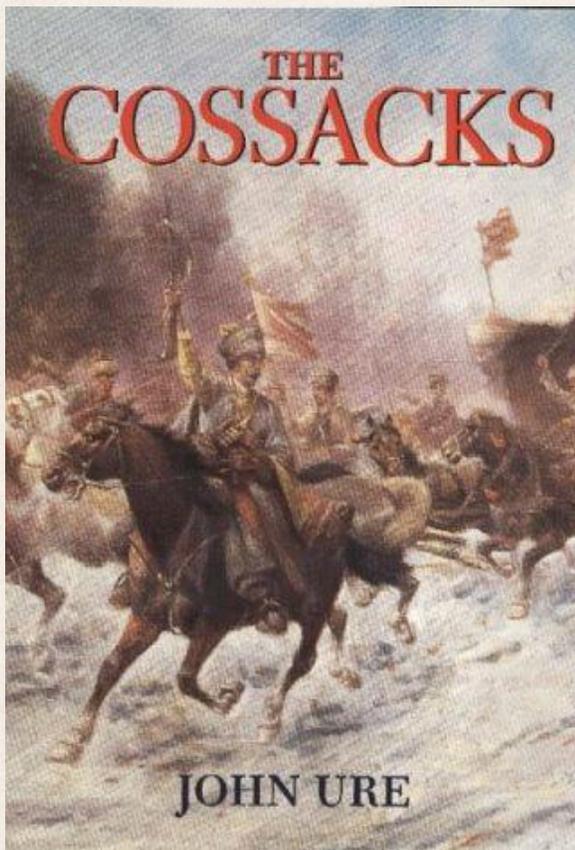
THE PROJECT "Gold of the Steppes" (aka Project of Resurgence of Don and Budenny Breeds "Gold of Steppes" or Проект возрождения донской и буденновской пород "Золото Степей"), began in 2019 to help revive the Don and Budenny horse breeds in Russia. The team is led by Maria Kolkova, and the ultimate goal is to promote Russia's Golden Horses worldwide through sponsorship and participation in various horse shows, including events such as Equine Russia, the Golden Horse Exhibition, and Equiros. They regularly publish articles on the agricultural portal AGROXXI.RU and translated copies of some of these will soon be made available to us (these will be re-posted in English by the NABHR).

They now have an assistance program to help foreign buyers find their perfect horse, including consultation, traveling to stud farms or private farms for horse selection, the taking of photos and videos, and arranging transport from Russia. They also list available horses from private owners and stud farms on their Facebook page. In the future, they plan to develop a training and sales program at a special equine facility. Contact Maria directly at kagal@bk.ru and follow their updates on Facebook @ProjectGoldOfSteppes.



"THE COSSACKS" BY JOHN URE

A Book Review



THE BUDENNY horse originated from the Don horse, a hardy breed developed by the Don Cossacks in the Rostov-on-Don region of Russia. Where did these horses come from? Who were the people who developed them? Research indicates that the Don horse was a combination of native Russian steppe ponies and the horses of the people who the Cossacks came into contact with.

Have you ever wondered who the Cossacks were and where they came from? This book answers those questions to the best that they can be answered, in an engaging format that makes for a great read—I personally recommend it! You don't need to be an academic or a historian to love Sir John Ure's style—he is a celebrated travel

writer (as well as a former diplomat and British ambassador to Russia and guest lecturer in Russia and Central Asia).

From the book's description: "The word "Cossack" conjures up different images to different people. To some, these ruthless riders from the steppes of Asia—with their spectacular fur hats and flashing sabres—are the romantic embodiment of dash and daring; to others, they are horsemen from hell—alternately rebels against the Romanovs and vicious instruments of Tsarist repression. Both images are equally true. [...] John Ure brings them vividly to life—in dramatic words and pictures—mining the most dramatic stories from the rich vein of Cossack legend and lore. The Cossacks emerge from this narrative in all their brilliant glory: dashing and cruel, unpredictable and immensely brave."

HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

"Missing" Budenny Horses in America

WE HAVE lost contact with these Budennies and we would love to welcome them and their owners to the NABHR so that they can take advantage of our support network and ambassador opportunities. Please contact us at info@budennyhorse.com if you recognize any of them! With a rare breed, every single individual counts.



Juliette 2007 Dark Bay Mare
(Rubico x Justina Day)



Rubies & Gold 2008 Chestnut Mare
(Rubico x Moore Gold)



Kali 2005 Gold Chestnut Mare
(Kaled x Sucha Gal)



Time After Time "Ty" 2003 Bay Gelding
(Kaled x Phyllis C)



Traveler 2003 Dark Bay Gelding
(Kaled x Heart of Malice)



Tempest 2004 Dark Bay Gelding
(Kaled x Guilford Mis Ruf)



Rustam "Rusty" 2005 Chestnut
Gelding (Rubico x Ro Anne
West)



Rurick the Red "Ricky" 2006 Chestnut
Gelding (Rubico x Ro Anne West)



Rasputin 2008 Chestnut Gelding
(Rubico x Nanuba)

HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

"Missing" Budenny Horses in America...Continued



Romeo 2008 Bay Gelding
(Rubico x Justina Day)



Zarina 2007 Gold Chestnut Mare
(Rubico x Zaznoba)



Labusha 2007 Chestnut Mare
(Rubico x Laika) Budenny/Dutch WB



Lizette 2008 Chestnut Mare
(Rubico x Laika) Budenny/Dutch WB



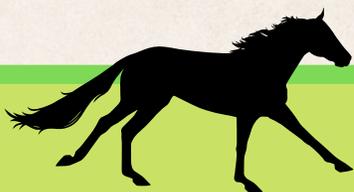
Zaznoba 1993 Chestnut Mare
(Fason x Zabava)



Kay 2001 Chestnut Gelding
(Kaled x Relikvaya)

Horses Without Photos:

- Kaper/KC/Kay Cee 2012 Mare (Kaled x Joys Best)
- Merlot 2005 Dark Bay Gelding (Kaled x Kerwin)



DID YOU KNOW?

VNIHK has an online horse database of 13 different breeds of horses! It even has an English-language option. It is free to make an account and free to search for horses by name, sire, and dam, and to look up complete pedigrees, lineages, breeders, and ownership changes. Learn more about your Budenny at www.base.ruhorses.ru.

