

# HISTORY & HERITAGE PROJECT 2000

“CANADIAN TIMES OF THE TWH”

## CHIC'S FAMILY by Brenda Baker, Calgary, AB

The 2004 Canadian Futurity was held on October 2 & 3 at the Calgary Stampede grounds. The winner of the Weanling Colt Class was Chic Magnet, owned by Brenda Baker. This tall black colt with a small indistinct star on his forehead is by Kit's Royal Pride and out of Chicklette. His full brother, Cruising for Chics, won the same class in 2002!

Chic Magnet's sire, Kit's Royal Pride is an honest 16:3 hh, 1400 lb. black stallion owned by Roger Coppock of Priddis, AB. This stallion (Go Boy's Crown Royal x Sundance Kit) was bred by Laverne Lundgard of Hines Creek, AB. He's been only lightly used as his owner was busy with other aspects of his life. Roger considers "Pride" to be one of those "once in a lifetime" horses. He is indeed a joy to handle and a pleasure to have around. Brenda has raised five other TWH, all colts, by this fine fellow.

Chic Magnet's dam, Chicklette (Calta Midnite Victry x Miss Chiquitita) is owned by Brenda L. Baker of Millarville, AB. A docile 1993 chestnut mare, standing 15.2 ½ hh, Chicklette was the third registered TWH that the Bakers raised. She was shown at the CRTWH Futurities all the years she was eligible, placing third in the Yearling Filly class, and sixth in the 2 Gait, providing Brenda with invaluable showing experience. Although she is an excellent broodmare, Chicklette is such a nice mount that Brenda's husband, Dave, considers her his best riding horse. Chicklette is only bred every 2 or 3 years so Dave can enjoy her when he tires of riding green horses. She is the dam of three foals including Trinkette, a 1999 chestnut mare, plus Cruising for Chics and Chic Magnet.

Chicklette's sire, Calta Midnite Victry (Midnight Jester E x Bell's Little Beauty) was a 15.2 hh black stallion owned and raised by Hilton Hack of Delecour AB. "Vic" was shown by both Hilton, and his daughter, Kirsten. He was an absolute gentleman in and out of the show ring. He won many awards on the Canadian show circuit. Meanwhile, at home he was siring many wonderfully gaited, sweet tempered foals. Tragically his life ended when he twisted a gut and although surgery was attempted, the damage was too great so Hilton had to make the right decision for his good friend.

Chicklette's dam, Miss Chiquitita, (He'za

Walker x Ima Dark Shadow) a 1979 15.1 hh chestnut mare was raised by Bill Gunderson, and was used as a guide horse by the wranglers on the Bates Bar J Ranch near Water Valley, AB, while she was owned by Barbara Bates. Brenda and Barbara did a little horse trading in 1988, and "Chic" became the first TWH that Brenda owned.

Miss Chiquitita, aka "Chic", is the dam of 11 foals, the fourth of which was Chicklette. Ten of these foals were purebred TWH and seven of them were shown at the Canadian Futurity. The nine registered TWH foals were: Heza Tony, Roadrunner, Chicklette (3<sup>rd</sup> Yearling Filly and 6<sup>th</sup> 2 Gait CRTWH Futurity), Midnite Fireball (2<sup>nd</sup> Weanling Filly at the CRTWH Futurity); all by Calta Midnight Victry. Tuxedo (2<sup>nd</sup> Yearling Gelding, 3<sup>rd</sup> Two Year Old Gelding CRTWH Futurity), Colt 44 (4<sup>th</sup> Weanling Colt CRTWH Futurity), Sheza Lady (2<sup>nd</sup> Two Year Old Filly CRTWH Futurity), and The Last Tango (4<sup>th</sup> Weanling Colt, 4<sup>th</sup> Yearling Colt, CRTWH Futurity) were all by Calta Commander. The last was Hot Rod, by Chance's Golden Yellow. Some of these offspring were shown after Brenda sold them and others were simply enjoyed as nice uncomplicated pleasure horses.

Brenda showed Miss Chiquitita in two shows the year she turned 20. These were Chic's first shows. It didn't make much sense to this fine old mare to be going around in circles - but she went along with Brenda's wishes and even won a few ribbons. Chic was a very consistent mount even in these unfamiliar conditions, but rider error determined how far from the red ribbon the team would place!

Eventually Brenda sold Chic to Sandi Hirsekorn near Leduc, AB where she is enjoying a nice retirement home.

We know there are many other very successful broodmares out there, but unless someone takes the time to write about them, we'll never know. The CD set, Picture the Millennium, has increased our awareness of how many TWH have been or still are in Canada. It would be great if we could read some history about each of the TWH that have lived in Canada too.

*(For a photo of Miss Chiquitita and her 6 hours old foal, The Last Tango, check the Triangle B cover ad on the back page of WHN.)*