

In Memoriam 2013

They have provided transportation, comfort, pleasure and sport. They have helped build roads, log forests, and assisted in the development of many countries. They stand as an icon of freedom and inspiration. No animal has given more of itself to man than the horse.

Our annual tradition continues as HC pays tribute to the horses that gave us their all in 2013, and then left us.



Eagle Lion

Bruce Davidson's illustrious eventing horse Eagle Lion was a crossbred gelding by the German thoroughbred stallion Gipfel, and out of the Irish Sport Horse mare Stream Lion (by Ideal Water). He was owned by Dr George Strawberry.

Eagle Lion had numerous top placings both nationally and internationally. In 1995, Davidson and Eagle Lion were the first US pair to win the Badminton CCI4*. Between the years 1990 and 1998, Eagle Lion earned 1277 points. He is the only horse to complete the 4 star course at Badminton double clean (no jump penalties, no time penalties) four times.

Eagle Lion was immortalized in a statue by artist Jean Claggett, along with rider Bruce Davidson, at the Kentucky Horse Park in 2007. The sculpture depicts the pair jumping into the Head of the Lake at the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event. Eagle Lion passed the age of 27.



Bounce

Bounce, who was ridden by Vaughn Jefferis in three-day eventing, won the individual World Championship at The Hague in 1994, and was on the winning New Zealand team at the World

Championships in Rome in 1998. He was also on the bronze medal winning team at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Bounce, an unraced New Zealand-bred thoroughbred, was named European Eventing Horse of the Year in 1998. He had an enviable Badminton record, finishing second, third, fifth and 10th in four starts over five years from 1994 to 1998.

Bred by WM Harwood by the stallion Mr. Lee (Le Filou x Marion Belle) and out of Western Note (Great Western x Notable), he was bought by Vicki Glynn as an unbroken youngster. Bounce's registered name was Mr. Walter—thus his paddock name was Walter.

Jefferis bought Bounce in 1994. Their last international event was at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, and in their final competition later that year they won the three-star individual eventing title at Puhinui. Bounce was 18. He went on to live a long life in New Zealand, passing away at the ripe old age of 30.



Zucarlos

Canadian show jumper Zucarlos, who was Jay Hayes' mount for the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games, was a top international show jumper and breeding stallion at Hayes' North Ridge Farm in Orangeville, Ontario.

Only three riders ever competed with the spirited stallion; Jay Hayes for his entire career, Olympic Gold Medalist Eric Lamaze (who worked for and trained with Jay when Zucarlos was younger), and Lauren Hayes, who rode him briefly as her first junior jumper before he enjoyed a full retirement.

A truly modern, athletic, balanced, and careful horse, Zucarlos was full of scope, and always a crowd favorite with his trademark bucking.

"There are too many stories to tell, but one is at the Barcelona Olympics where there was a long approach to the first fence of the final individual qualifier. He started his bucking and did so all the way to the first fence! The Spanish crowd loved it and started chanting 'Olé' in rhythm to his bucking! He kept his focus; but he loved it," reminisced Jay.

Although a small horse, Zucarlos competed fiercely against the best, including the legendary Big Ben. Even with the bucking and his stature, he was



an accomplished horse who competed in and won many grand prix classes. He was a strong member of 15 nations cup teams, competed at the 1989 Tampa World Cup Finals, the 1990 Stockholm World Championships, and helped Jay become the top-placed Canadian at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Zucarlos also finished within the top three in 10 world cup qualifiers between 1988 and 1991, and was second in the 1992 Canadian Championships.

Zucarlos passed away at age 32.

E.T.

Between 1994 and 2003, the Hanoverian show jumper E.T. (Espri x Gracia by Garibaldi II), was number one in the world show jumping rankings for three consecutive years, and was twice a World Cup winner.

E.T. was a modern horse—light, rapid and nimble. Unfortunately, as this type of horse was not the standard in the Hanover region 20 years ago, he was gelded as a three-year-old, before anyone could foresee his exceptional qualities.

In September 2003, Hugo Simon, E.T.'s rider, and Eric Palmer, who founded the French company Cryozootech, started the cloning process while ET was still competing. E.T.Cryozootech-Stallion was born in 2006. Zangersheide Studbook and the AES studbook have approved him as a stallion.

Like the original, E.T.Cryozootech-Stallion has a blaze and two hind socks. A DNA test carried out by the official laboratory Labogena showed the pair was genetically identical. Although E.T. died at the age of 25, he lives on through his clone.



Storm Cat

By Storm Bird and out of the stakes-winning Secretariat mare Terlingua, Storm Cat was bred and raced by William T. Young. During his racing career he captured the Young America Stakes (gr. I) and finished 2nd in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Stakes (gr. I) in 1985, on the way to \$570,610 in career earnings.

Storm Cat retired from racing in 1987 to stand stud at Overbrook Farm. Breeding his first book of mares in 1988 at a stud fee of \$30,000, he was pensioned in 2008 after a 20-year stud career that saw his fee rise to as high as \$500,000.

In early 2009, a new procedure developed at Texas A&M University enabled Storm Cat to continue breeding via AI. He remained at stud for quarter horse mares for a fee of \$20,000.

In the thoroughbred world, Storm Cat sired earners of over \$127 million, 8 champions and 108 graded stakes winners including winners of the Preakness Stakes, Belmont Stakes, Kentucky Oaks and five Breeders' Cup races, ranking second on the all-time Breeders' Cup sire list, along with numerous European Group 1 races. He topped the general sire list twice, the juvenile sire list a record seven times and was leading broodmare sire in 2012.

"Storm Cat was a once-in-a-lifetime horse and the key to the success that Overbrook Farm enjoyed. Overbrook Farm dispersed its thoroughbred operations in late 2009, retaining only a small racing stable. "The retirement of Storm Cat ended a phenomenal era at Overbrook," William Young said at the time.

Ric Waldman, who managed Storm Cat's stud career said, "Storm Cat was a major impact sire—a major impact on the future of the breed and a major impact on the lives of those of us at Overbrook."

The leading sire and Group 1 winner was euthanized on April 24 at the Young family's Overbrook Farm in Lexington, due to complications from infirmities of old age. Storm Cat was 30.



Cal Dorado (Flash)

From an inauspicious beginning, Cal Dorado certainly made his presence known. Given away as a four-month-old to Californian Barbara Parkening, "Flash," as he was known by his friends, became an international star.

The purebred Arabian was sired by the Bask son, Cal-OBask and born in February 1979. With two clubfeet and way too much white to suit his breeder, the sire's owner agreed to take him back. Barbara happened to go to the farm to visit Cal-OBask and spotted a weanling in a nearby corral. "It was love at first sight," says Barbara.

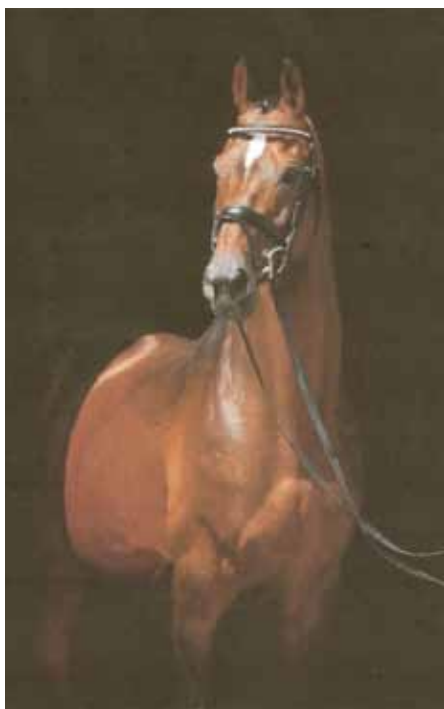
After taking on the little guy, Barbara hauled Flash long distances to receive corrective shoeing to improve his feet. Barbara recounts, "I started him under saddle and the put him on long lines. It didn't take him long to figure things out and he taught himself how to canter on three legs; we thought that was a pretty good trick."

Barbara taught the gorgeous flashy chestnut how to do high school dressage movements in long lines. He would walk down the centerline on his back legs, doing passage, piaffe, Spanish walk, pirouette, bow and much more. She used him in her "Dancing With Horses" traveling theatrical show.

When Flash was 17, Barbara went to her friend Hilda with a plan. She asked Hilda to make him a Grand Prix horse and win a National Championship on him.

Hilda showed him in open shows at Grand Prix, earning scores in the 60s. In 1997, they took Flash to Albuquerque to compete at US Nationals in the highest dressage level they offered at the time, Prix St. Georges. Flash and Hilda won the class with a score of 65.93%. They followed that up by putting on a dressage demonstration before a crowd of 5,000 spectators that earned a standing ovation.

Later, the years of walking on his hind legs caused him some soreness in his hocks, so he was retired from competition. Flash passed away at the lovely old age of 34.



Lauries Crusador

Influential thoroughbred stallion Lauries Crusador has been laid to rest at the German State Stud in Celle. He was 28.

Lauries Crusador (Welsh Pageant xx/High Top xx) was bred in England where he started life as a racehorse. Well-known horse expert and stallion owner, the late Maas J. Hell, discovered the bay horse, and in 1991, Lauries Crusador xx became an active breeding stallion for the German State Stud.

In 2006, Lauries Crusador was named the 15th "Hanoverian Stallion of the Year" in one of the highlights of the year's Stallion Licensing in Verden. It was the first time that a thoroughbred stallion had been honored with the award.

He had 2,713 foals, with 264 of his daughters being named state premium mares, and he also had 55 licensed sons from the Hanoverian Verband, among them the exceptional stallion Londonderry and his highly successful son, Londontime.



Bonfire

Bonfire, one of the most successful dressage horses of the modern era, was Anky van Grunsven's Olympic gold medal dressage horse.

The Oldenburg son of Welt As (by Weltmeyer) was born in March 1983, and was bred by Karl Bernd Westerholt of Lemwerder, Germany. Bonfire was out of Warnie, by the thoroughbred Praefectus.

Van Grunsven's father bought Bonfire, who was at first quite hot which affected his paces. But he was a fast learner and picked up advanced moves such as piaffe and passage, so van Grunsven continued to work with him. By the time he was seven, he was competing at Grand Prix level.

With van Grunsven, he won one gold medal and four silver medals at the Olympics and one gold and three silvers at the World Equestrian Games, and several World Cup dressage finals. He was also national champion in The Netherlands nine times.

Bonfire was retired from competition after the 2000 Olympic Games. He lived out his days on the van Grunsven farm. He died at the age of 30 from complications due to laminitis.

There is a statue of Bonfire in van Grunsven's hometown of Erp in The Netherlands.





Unbridled's Song

The 17hh 20-year-old son of Unbridled stood his entire career at Taylor Made Stallions in Nicholasville, Kentucky. "Unbridled's Song was majestic from the beginning. Rarely are there horses that are supposed to be great from the beginning and actually are," said Taylor Made President & CEO Duncan Taylor.

Unbridled's Song has sired 730 winners from just over 1000 lifetime starters to date, with nearly \$90 million in career progeny earnings. Earlier in 2013, his leading older horse Graydar impressively captured the Donn Handicap (G1) at Gulfstream, giving Unbridled's Song 100 career stakes winners as a sire—a landmark of triple-digit stakes winners that only 26 other stallions in North American history have accomplished.

As a racehorse, Unbridled's Song was also top class. The most accomplished son of Unbridled, the talented gray earned respect as a leading 2-year-old and 3-year-old of his generation. He captured the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) at two before going on to win the Florida Derby (G1) and Wood Memorial (G2) at three. Unbridled's Song earned \$1,311,800 before retiring to stud at Taylor Made in 1997.

Unbridled's Song proved to be one of the most popular commercial sires of all time. His \$298,118 lifetime yearling average is best among all North American sires and ranks third all-time in North America among sires by gross yearling sales with \$198,844,653 in gross sales.

Bred in Kentucky by Mandysland Farm out of the Caro (Ire) mare Trolley Song, Unbridled's Song had recently completed the 2013 breeding season at Taylor Made Stallions, where he was bred to about 90 mares and stood at stud for \$60,000. He died at the age of 20.



Little Tiger (Frostie)

The 15.1hh grey mare by Java Tiger finished 15th overall at Burghley in 2008 and won the Best Mare title, adding to her superb clears around both Badminton and Bramham. She was also one of the highest graded mares in the 2007 Sports Horse Great Britain Mare Gratings.

"Frostie" was retired from eventing in 2011 at the age of 16 and had been hunting and team chasing since.

She was bred by embryo transfer and her progeny includes Don't Stop Me Now, a six-year-old mare by Catherston Liberator. Little Tiger was also bred to Mill Law and Classic Primitive.

Frostie was originally bought by vet Polly Taylor to compete on at a lower level, but Frostie's talents very quickly presented themselves and Polly gave the ride to professional event rider Phoebe Buckley, who produced the mare from Pre Novice to Advanced. Little Tiger passed at the age of 18.



Reiki Tyme

Canadian Pan American silver medal team dressage horse, Reiki Tyme, was a Hanoverian gelding ridden by Roberta Byng-Morris, after she bought him as a four-year-old in 2003.

"I purchased Reiki Tyme as a four-year-old in 2003 with the goal of one day achieving my lifelong dream of becoming a member of the Canadian Dressage Team," she said.

"It was Reiki who gave me the strength to carry on when my husband Dawson Mizener passed away in 2009. Reiki taught me that whatever happens in life you have to keep believing."

Roberta achieved her dream when she and Reiki represented Canada in the 2011 Pan American Games in Mexico. Together they helped the team win the silver medal."

Reiki Tyme died at the age of 14.

Korona

Canadian Pan American Games dressage silver medalist Korona, a Dutch Warmblood gelding, was the beloved partner of Canadian Equestrian Team dressage rider Shannon Dueck.

"Korona was a talented, powerful, yet elegant international competitor, whose charisma in and out of the competition ring was legendary," said Equine Canada President Michael Gallagher. "Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the Dueck family and all of those who had the privilege of knowing this great horse."

Dueck and Korona had many domestic and international successes, including the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, where they proved extremely competitive and, in spectacular fashion, won the Freestyle competition and claimed the individual silver medal for Canada.

"Korona (Kees) came to me as a wild three-year-old, and together we proudly represented Canada at the 1999 Pan Am Games, the 2002 FEI World Equestrian Games in Jerez, Spain, and the 2003 World Cup Final in Göteborg, Sweden," said Dueck. "He was a very special spirit embodied in a plain bay horse body. We had to make the wrenching decision to put him down—he was in a lot of pain from laminitis. I don't know where great horses go when they die, but I know he is there and I know he is royalty." Korona was 21.



Colonels Smoking Gun (Gunner)

Laminitis claimed the life of renowned reining horse sire Colonels Smoking Gun, known simply as "Gunner."

The 20-year-old National Reining Horse Hall of Fame inductee and \$5 Million Sire, was owned by the McQuay family of McQuay Stables in Tioga, Texas.

The reining world fell in love with the diminutive sorrel with the floppy ears and white tail. After tying for the NRHA Futurity Open Reserve title as a 3-year-old, he went on to win the US Equestrian Team Reining Championship in 2001. He was immortalized as a Breyer Horse and finished his career with earnings over \$177,000.

The McQuays have owned Gunner since 2005, and in those ensuing years, his record as a sire elevated him to legendary status. His outstanding offspring include 2009 NRHA Futurity and 2010 Derby Open Champion, Gunnatrashya. Gunner has sired numerous Futurity and Derby finalists and champions, in both the Open and Non Pro divisions, including 2012 NRHA Open Futurity Champion, Americasnextgunmodel, 2012 NRHA Open Futurity Reserve Champion, Gunners Tinseltown, and 2012 NRHA Non Pro Co-Champion, Customized Gunner. Gunner has also sired Gunners Special Nite, winner of the individual Gold medal at the 2010 World Equestrian Games.

As word spread of Gunner's demise, his owners immediately began to receive texts and calls from all over the globe, further evidence of the great stallion's popularity and impact. Tim McQuay said: "We appreciate everyone who supported Gunner through his career—he had a great team and we will truly miss him." He will be laid to rest next to Hollywood Dun It at the McQuay farm.

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Erin Go Bragh

One of the most well known Connemara event horses of his time, Erin Go Bragh's career culminated with successes at the Advanced level in 1998 and 1999. His pairing with rider Carol Kozlowski was the subject of the highly acclaimed children's video, *The Little Horse That Could*.

Owned by the late Edward and Jacqueline Harris, Go Bragh flourished as a driving horse before Carol began competing him in 1988. Competing all over the east coast and in Canada, "Go Bragh" quickly became a crowd favorite. His diminutive size (15.1hh) often made him an underdog, but his triumphs included such top events as Ledyard Three-Day, Southern Pines, Groton House Farm and Morven Park.

Go Bragh's career included playing a significant role in changing the international rules for three-day eventing. Harking back to the sport's origins as a test for the ideal cavalry officer's mount, all horses were required to carry a minimum of 165 pounds (including tack) for the speed and endurance portion of the competition, which was comprised of roads and tracks, steeplechase, another section of roads and tracks, and then cross-country, making the total overall distance around 16 miles, with the toughest portion being the last four miles, at speed over varied terrain and solid obstacles.

Horses with petite riders had to carry lead to bring them up to the required weight, which was not too terrible for big horses, but added a substantial burden for smaller mounts such as Go Bragh. Carrying and jumping with dead weight is not at all the same as having an active rider.

It was Carol and Go Bragh who put this issue in the spotlight before the Atlanta Olympics, where the weight requirement was reduced to 154 pounds in deference to the heat. The rule was quietly abolished at the FEI general meeting in Switzerland the following spring, with Carol receiving a call in the middle of the night telling her of the ruling.

Go Bragh's direct part in this decision was his participation in the weight trial study conducted in Geneseo by Dr Hilary Clayton, a world-renowned equine kinematics expert. Go

Bragh was one of six horses in the study that was assigned 40 pounds of lead and then monitored/video-taped over a 3-foot, 7-inch table to study the impact the weight had on their jumping style. The results of Clayton's study proved conclusively that carrying large amounts of dead

weight negatively impacted horses' jumping style. With this finding, the rules were quickly abolished over humane concern for the wellbeing of the horse.

Most young riders today have no idea what riders Carol's size and horses Go Bragh's size went through to comply and compete. Thanks to them, they never will.

Go Bragh's notoriety led to a Breyer model cast in his image in 1998, when he was named "Breyer Horse of the Year." Breyer made just less than 22,000 model Go Braghs in the 1998 limited edition run. Go Bragh was also included by the Chronicle of the Horse in their top 100 Horses of the 20th century.

His talent didn't go unnoticed by breeders and he sired more than 225 offspring during his breeding career in Geneseo, New York.

Determined to preserve Go Bragh's sterling record, Jacqueline and Carol agreed he should be retired at the top of his game. At the age of 16, an emotional retirement ceremony was held for this champion at the 1999 Genesee Valley Hunt Race Meet, less than a mile from his home. He enjoyed his retirement and loving care at Hideaway Farm, receiving visitors and fans from all over the world.

Carol describes him as one of the very special horses in her riding career.

"I've ridden horses with more talent, but none that tried harder. He came into my world at a perfect time and the incredible adventures that he took me on were life changing.

"I'm just grateful that I had the good fortune to be his partner, and I so appreciate everything the Harris' did for him when he was competing and in his golden years of retirement. Knowing he had such wonderful care and left us peacefully was such a comfort when it came time to say good bye to him."

The "little horse that could" passed away from a full life at the age of 30.



Kostolany

This champion black stallion, named Stallion of the Year in 2009 by the World Breeding Federation of Sport Horses, produced many elite offspring and was the grandsire of Totilas.

Kostolany was the Champion of the stallion approvals in Neumünster and has stood at stud for his owners, the Langels family, ever since. He is one of the most influential Trakehner stallions of the past years and has had significant impact on other warmblood breeds through various sons.

He sired the Neumünster Champion stallion E.H. Gribaldi, who not only enjoyed an international Grand Prix dressage career with Edward Gal, but also is one of the leading dressage sires in the world today. His sons Painted Black and Moorland's Totilas are among the top Dutch dressage horses of the late 2000s.

Kostolany was by Enrico Caruso (Mahagoni x Elchniederung) and out of Kapstadt (Falke x Ibikus).

He was trained up to Grand Prix level but did not compete at high-level events, but was famous for his Phantom of the Opera demonstration with trainer Otto Langels.

Kostolany also sired the premium stallion Tolstoi, an influential sire in Germany and represented at the Langels Stud by his champion son Freudenfest. Kostolany is also the sire of the FEI dressage stallion Silvermoon, who sired Blue Hors Matiné, who in 2006 ruled at the World Equestrian Games in Aachen.

Kostolany has sired more than 150 registered broodmares for the Trakehner breed in Germany. He was 28 when he passed.



EA Cygnus

US Grand Prix Arabian dressage horse EA Cygnus and Mimi Stanley made history together, being among the top 50 horses of all time for number of USDF Grand Prix tests completed—75. Their last test together was in September 2013, in which they performed in a snaffle, earning a 61.915%.

Owned by the Stanley family of Prairie Rose Training Center in North Dakota, Cygnus is the only Arabian to earn a USDF JR/Young Rider Grand Prix Horse of the Year Award. He is

also the second horse in the country to earn a USDF Horse Performance Certificate at every level of dressage. He also won four National Championships and five Reserve National Championships.

Cygnus died at the age of 23.



America's Wild Horses

The cruel, illegal and inhumane roundups of our wild horses continue and 2013 was one of the worst years for wild horse deaths at the hand of the BLM and the contractors who chase them down with helicopters.

At the Palomino Valley Holding Facility alone, there was a staggering 577 wild horses that died under the care of the BLM in 2013.

Held in pens with no shelter from the intense heat in the summer or the numbing cold of winter, without windbreaks or adequate water, our wild horses are dying in numbers that the BLM tries to hide from the public.

Hundreds and hundreds of wild horses will continue to die under the horrible mismanagement of the BLM unless enough public pressure is put on the government to cease this wasteful and illegal roundup. Make your voice heard in 2014 before the last of these icons of our western heritage are wiped off the face of the earth.