

## Cleveland Bay Extravaganza



Lisa Johnson on Legacy Clive, CB/TB. Lisa also owns Legacy Laurie, Clive's younger but bigger, brother.

## Canadian bred horses shine at the Kentucky Horse Park 'All The Queen's Horses' event

by Linda Yaciw

Photo by Gayle Heiring

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY – Between July 30th and August 3rd, three Canadian-bred Cleveland Bay partbred geldings participated at the Cleveland Bay Extravaganza at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky, USA. The Extravaganza was a show and exhibition produced on invitation of the KHP by the Cleveland Bay Horse Society of North America (CBHSNA). This was in conjunction with the museum exhibit, 'All the Queen's Horses' which showcases the British contribution to horses over the centuries.

The question of the day by most of the public was, "What kind of Warmbloods are they?"

The Cleveland Bay is a pure breed, and therefore not a Warmblood. The breed is endangered, having a population of approximately 700 worldwide. There are only seven purebred Cleveland Bay horses in Canada. HM Queen Elizabeth is credited with "saving" the breed through her purchase of CB stallion Mulgrave Supreme in 1963. At that time there were only four pure Cleveland Bay stallions worldwide. She opened her stables to pure Cleveland Bay breeders and helped to turn sure extinction into a slow but steady recovery. This native English breed is legendary for its prepotency and substance of bone. Cleveland Bays have been used extensively to improve many other breeds of horses, most notably the Warmbloods.

Partbreds have excelled in every Olympic discipline and make wonderful ranch and pleasure horses. Known for their kind, calm temperament they are a multi-faceted riding and driving breed with tremendous heart and stamina.

Lisa Johnson of Illinois presented her registered 5-year old gelding, Legacy Clive, a Thoroughbred cross. With a big grin, Johnson said, "It was interesting to compare Clive to other partbreds. He was definitely, at 16 hands, the smallest and the most TB-looking. He did best in his Introduction to Dressage Class where he took 3rd high point overall. He did well, especially since he had just been started under saddle and still has lots to learn."

Julie Garre of Wisconsin presented her registered 4-year old CB partbred gelding, Legacy Houston, a 17 hand Quarter Horse cross. Garre was equally excited about participating at such a prestigious event. She had brought a pure filly along as well as her partbred gelding.

The third Canadian bred CB/TB partbred competing at KHP was GHP Bugatti, a 16.2 hand gelding, used in the right wheeler position of a 4-up CB team. 'Bug' is now owned by Kathy and Brian Robertson of Owosso, Michigan, USA. He also drives Single, Tandem and Pair.



Julie Garre and Legacy Houston, CB/QH. Photo by Sam Garre.



He has competed successfully in Carriage and Combined Driving Events at Intermediate and Advanced levels, in the USA, Midwest, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Bug is also skilled as a cattle horse, and he jumps, having competed in Pony Club Combined Training and Show jumping. Kathy says, "There is no quit to him, when we get to a sticky situation. He makes us look good! Sure wish we had a couple more like him! Canada sends us really nice horse products!"

Legacy Houston and Legacy Clive are by 17.1 hand purebred CB stallion, Forest Fellow, owned by Linda Yaciw of Legacy Cleveland Bay Farm in Pouce Coupe, British Columbia. GHP Bugatti is by deceased CB stallion Harrington Spartan, who stood in Alberta and was owned by Paul Prince.

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Jane E. Scott, Keepsake Farm, 618 Dewey St. RR 3, Yarker, ON KOK 3NO jescott@kos.net The Cleveland Bay Extravaganza offered a wonderful opportunity for owners and breeders to show their horses and meet other owners. Enthusiasts arrived from all over North America and England to participate. The AGM, a stallion inspection, and fund-raising auction were also held.

"More and more people are discovering the wonderful attributes of this majestic breed," says Gabrielle Gordon, who heads up the Performance Awards Department for the CBHSNA. In the last several years, there has been a boom in the population of pure and partbred Cleveland Bays in North America.



Brian and Kathy Robertson of Michigan, USA, did yeoman service with their four in hand team of Cleveland Bay partbreds. They drove around the Park every day and attracted all kinds of attention. GHP Bugatti, the right wheeler, is a Canadian bred Cleveland Bay partbred by deceased Alberta CB stallion, Harrington Spartan. Far left is judge James Stephenson, Secretary of the Cleveland Bay Horse Society from York, England, and to his right is judge Margot Thompson, also from Britain for this event. Photo by Sam Garre.



(I-r) Legacy Clive, CB/TB owned/handled by Lisa Johnson of Illinois and Legacy Houston, CB/QH, owned/handled by Julie Garre of Wisconsin. Former pasturemates meeting again in Kentucky! Both geldings trace their lineage to Mulgrave Supreme, a Cleveland Bay stallion owned by HM the Queen. Photo by Sam Garre.