



Caspian Horse Society

NEWSLETTER

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Photo: Caren Firouz



Brenda Dalton and Elizabeth Webster judged nearly 80 Caspians at Anzali, Iran.

Order your 50th Anniversary Calendar!

The exclusive 2016 Caspian Calendar you have read about on our website for over a year is now ready for its Launch in early October by Colin Barker and Farokh Khoroshi! It celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Caspian's discovery by Louise Firouz. Thousands of photographs have been distilled into just 12 unique images of the Caspian around the world. This poster-sized 'Work of Art' marks a milestone for the Caspian Horse and should earn valuable funds for the Caspian Gene Bank, a key topic at the International Conference. Thanks, Colin and Farokh, for all your hard work. Please support them.

Visit www.caspianproductions.co.uk to order your unique Calendar!

Performance Attracts Attention!

The show season doesn't end with Ashby. In fact it continues in full swing for several weeks afterwards – and of course, long before it! Taking your Caspian to shows spreads the word about Caspians and creates a realistic market for them.

Shows are not the only way to publicise your Caspian. Any form of outing or competition will earn your horse more points on his Performance Card and get him or her seen in public. To get one for next year, ask helenthirlby@gmail.com for a Points card and remember to have them signed at the show before you leave! NB *Send completed cards for 2015 to Helen during October*

Reminder from Registrar

Please note that a Caspian Stallion must be licensed **BEFORE** covering, or the resulting progeny and descendants will be entered in the X register of the Stud Book.

The 4th International Conference, Breed Show and 50 Year Celebrations

The biggest Caspian event of half a century attracted an audience of over 200, which included seven CHS members. Breeders, speakers and delegates from eleven countries met Iranian breeders and fans by invitation of the Equestrian Federation of Iran at Rasht, near the Caspian Sea, from 7th-9th September.

Two days of Conference were followed by the 'Caspian Breed Show and Beauty Contest' at Anzali. Nine classes, involving nearly 80 pure-bred Caspians, were judged before a large audience by Brenda Dalton, Elizabeth Webster and Iranian Judge, Babak Shaki.

(More in the next 'The Caspian' magazine)

More Entries than Ever at Ashby 2015!

Thirteen Caspians turned out this year for the Caspian classes, an improvement on last year!

Results in brief:

Lic'd. Stallion: Runnymede Felfel (P. Walster)
Pure bred mare: Edcombe Cassima (R. Shere)
Part-bred Caspian: Bytham Lindsay (P. Walster)
Ridden: Kineton Khoja (N. Waddicor)

Champion: Edcombe Cassima
Reserve Champion: Runnymede Felfel
Best Turned Out: Bytham Lindsay
Best Young Rider: Lizzie Sales (10 yrs old)
Best Young Handler: Ruby Roden (9 yrs old)
Judge: Mr Ian Woodward



Champion Edcombe Cassima and Rachel Shere - in the sunshine at last!

Caspian Welfare

It was heart-warming to see some of the rescued Caspians at Ashby Show this year and to welcome some new owners to CHS. Their kindness has transformed the lives of these Caspians. To find out more about the CHS Welfare Fund or donate, please contact our Registrar, Ruth Staines, at chs.registrar@dial.pipex.com

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Annual General Meeting 2015

This year's AGM took place by kind invitation of Mr John Oakley at Long Close Gardens in Woodhouse Eaves, Leics., (an NGS favourite). Several members took a tour of his beautiful garden, despite dull weather. Lunch was provided by Council Members and Dr Mim Bower spoke on *Ancient DNA and The History of Horse Husbandry in Central Asia*. The Chairman reported that more foals were expected this year and welfare rescues had brought in new Caspians and members to CHS. The 50th Anniversary Calendar is to be launched in London in October.

Update from our Registrar

We have 3 Anniversary foals in the UK, 1 in Belgium and 1 in the Netherlands. CHS is now the *only* DEFRA approved Caspian society in UK. CBS has given up issuing passports, and with the agreement of CBS and DEFRA, CHS now administers CBS-issued passports. *As always, paperwork completed promptly avoids complications later.*

Next CHS Council Meeting Autumn – October 25th

Please contact any Council member up to three days beforehand with any questions you would like to ask.

Our Magazine needs Sponsorship to Continue as Before...

Several members are disappointed that our next magazine will be produced in e-mailable form rather than as a booklet. (Paper versions in A4 will be sent to those without internet access). Vicki and Liz feel very sad, but CHS cannot continue to print and post our magazine at high cost without financial support. *If you'd like to help, information on advertising/sponsorship can be supplied.*

Copy Deadlines for 'THE CASPIAN' are 1st April/1st October

We welcome your contributions! Please send a maximum of 450 words plus photographs (as jpegs) in good time, to joint-editors v.shortis@sizzel.net and lizwebster08@gmail.com as soon as possible for the Autumn/Winter edition. *Note: Editors reserve the right to shorten or edit copy to fit space and context.*

Membership subscriptions help to support this rare and beautiful horse. Please forward this to a friend!

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