

Interesting facts about John Henry ...

John Henry, born in 1992, is 1/2 Percheron and 1/2 American Mammoth Donkey, 16-2" and weighs 1,400 lbs, wears a size 82" blanket, a 6" bit and a size 1 shoe.

John Henry was the first mule in the nation to complete 2,000 recorded combined hours under saddle and driving for the North American Saddle Mule Association [NASMA].

In 1998 John Henry was the National Champion Pleasure Driving Mule - American Donkey and Mule Association.

Articles and pictures of John Henry have appeared in over 45 newsletters, magazines, catalogs and newspapers. He was the 1999 representative of the American Donkey and Mule Society to the Western Horseman All-Breed issue.

In 1999 John Henry was the first mule to compete at the USET Headquarters in Gladstone, NJ. In the Gladstone Spring CDE, he won Training Level. That same year he also won Training Level at the Garden State CDE in NJ. Both of these are national level Combined Driving Events.

In 2000, John Henry was the first mule to compete in the New York State Horse Council Pleasure Driving Championship class at the NYS Fair. He won the most points competing at local shows in the qualifying classes and was awarded the year-end High Point trophy at the Fair. Those who qualified did so by accumulating a certain number of points. These equines were invited to compete in the Championship class at the Fair. JH was Reserve Champion of that class.

At their annual meeting for 2000, The American Horse Shows Association voted to admit mules in all levels of combined driving in part because of the competition successes of John Henry and Mariah Carry, another mule competing on the west coast at ADS sanctioned shows. The AHSA has had a 50 year ban on mules competing against horses at AHSA sanctioned competitions. Now it is up to all mule owners to go out and demonstrate just how nice their equines are!

In 2001 and 2004 John Henry was featured in the beautiful Mischka Farms nationally distributed Mule Calendar.

Bonnie Shields, a nationally known western artist and sculptor, is in the process of creating a resin sculpture of John Henry the size of a traditional Breyer model. It will be a limited edition signed and numbered sculptor available to the public and model collectors. Bonnie chose John Henry as her next subject because her fan club chose him and because of his national reputation as the nicest mule competing against horses in the country.

In 2004, John Henry was Reserve Champion of the Commercial Division at Walnut Hill, the very best pleasure driving show in the United States. It was also the first time that a mule was allowed to compete at that show.

John Henry is proud to be sponsored by:



Shocktamer Pads

Equine Technologies
416 Boston Post Rd
Sudbury, MA 01776
978 443-8078

John Henry
c/o Kathleen Conklin
22 Venezia Ave
Albany, NY 12203



John Henry



THAT mule!

Kathleen Conklin
22 Venezia Ave
Albany, NY 12203
518 456-1098 / FAX 509 479-2681
conlinkkathleen@yahoo.com
<http://john.henry.org>

John Henry is a multi-talented mule with great crowd appeal...



Coon jumping -
He starts from a standstill and lands standing still!

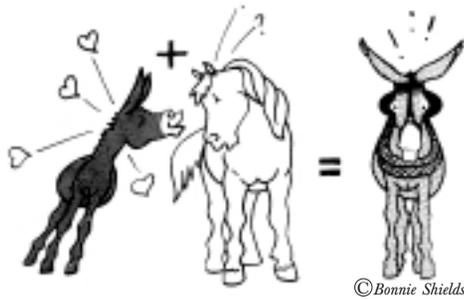


Canadian Carriage Driving Classic 2000



Cracker Jack and John Henry in the Coach Dog Class
at Walnut Hill in 2004

What IS a mule?....



©Bonnie Shields

Mules are a hybrid equine produced when a donkey stallion [Jack] is bred to a horse mare. The result is a mule. Both mare [Jenny] mules and stallion [Jack] mules are infertile. Stallion Mules are gelded very early and are then referred to as John [gelding] mules. Most mules in the United States are bred from riding mares, usually Quarterhorses, Appaloosas, and most of the gaited breeds. John Henry is unusual for a riding and pleasure driving mule in that his dam was a Percheron. This gives him his great size [16-2"], weight [1,400 lbs], and calm disposition.

Articles about John Henry's accomplishments and his picture have been published in every issue of the Brayer from Fall 1996 to the present. The Brayer is the Official Publication of the American Donkey and Mule Society and is mailed bimonthly to 7,486 members in 50 states and 18 foreign countries. Since 1999 John Henry has written his own "Ask John Henry" column in the Brayer.



Lorenzo Driving Competition - 2002



Jumping -
Opening Day of fox hunting - Old Chatham Hunt



This is the beautiful Butcher's Cart used for the first time at the 2004 Walnut Hill Farm carriage driving show.



Packing with my husband David Juron in the Adirondack Mountains accompanied by Tigger