Haflingers: All-Around Family Pony In A Pretty Package

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Breed standards set by the World Haflinger Federation dicate that the ponies can be a chestnut color in all shades from light to dark with light colored manes and tails.

Although they are fairly new arrivals to the U.S. (the Since the villages and farms in the Tyrol were accessible only by narrow paths, the ponies were agile and surefooted ponies. Artwork from the region from the early 1800s depict a small chestnut pony with packs and riders traversing steep mountain trails.

The first official documen-

turned.

The modern Haflinger is found all over the world, active in such varied uses as draft work, packing, light harness and combined driving, western and trail riding, endurance riding, dressage and jumping, vaulting and therapeutic riding programs.

The breed was first im-



In the pictures above and at right are a few of the 10 foals born on the farm this year. "The foals can be born one color but that changes a lot," said Allebach.

first Haflinger was imported in 1958), the American Haflinger Registry (AHR) represents more than 1.900 North American Haflinger owners and more than 14,000 Haflingers.

The organization was formed in 1998.

Breed History

According to information from www.haflingerhorses.com, the breed originates from the Southern Tyrolean Mountains of present day Austria and northern Italy. The Haflinger is named for the Tyrolean village of Hafling.

tation of the present day Haflinger was in 1874 when the foundation stallion "249 Folie" was born of the half-Arab stallion crossebred with a native Tyrolean mare.

During World War II, according to the website, pack horses were needed by

the military

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Haflinger fit

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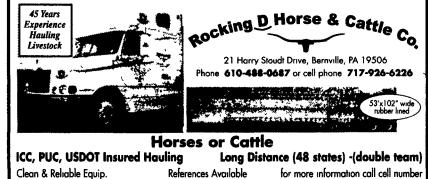
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ported to the U.S. for pulling contests.

All-Around Family Pony Since 1996 Wayne "Red" Deibler, owner, and Gerald Allebach, farm manager, have operated Spring View Farm, a Haflinger operation.

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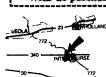
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