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Summary

Pleasure Gaits has been established to promote the Tennessee Walking Horse and other gaited breeds all over the European continent. Sandra van den Hof was hooked after meeting the Tennessee Walking Horse in 1992 and is one of the few Tennessee Walker breeders in Europe. Based in Belgium, Pleasure Gaits promotes, imports, breeds, trains, and sells Tennessee Walking Horses with old bloodlines for what they are originally bred for. Sandra is a Centered Riding® Instructor Level II as well as a lifelong horse enthusiast. At Pleasure Gaits, she combines both of those passions to help others enjoy their horses.

Since a good balanced saddle is equally important as a good seat and riders skills, Sandra started to import Specialized Saddles in 2006 and became the Benelux distributor for that brand. In 2007 Sandra introduced HorseHairJewelry in the Benelux. This became a huge hit with many others copying her idea. Next to these products she also offered some other products like Balimo®, Rhythm Beads®, SMHN Slowfeeders, Metazoa Horsefeed and Healthy Dog.

Education

Worm research in horses <i>Muriel Broer, Wormfest - Rotterdam, The Netherlands</i>	October 2014
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Centered Riding Update <i>Robin Brueckmann, USA (Senior Level IV) - Rucphen, The Netherlands</i>	August 2009
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FOSH IJA Judging part I <i>Dianne Little, Bill Coon, FOSH - Rieden, Germany</i>	July 2008
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Centered Riding Update <i>Mitzi Summers, USA (Senior Level IV) - Rucphen, The Netherlands</i>	May 2008
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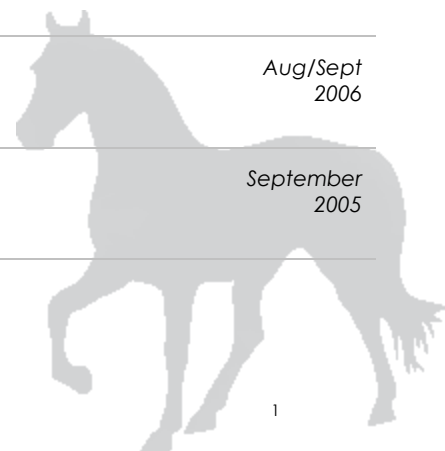
Quantum Touch <i>Marlies van Son, ANANDA - Vlijmen, The Netherlands</i>	January 2008
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EAGALA Level I, part I <i>Equine Assisted Growth and Association - St. Niklaas, Belgium</i>	July 2007
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Reiki I <i>Helioscentrum - Heerde, The Netherlands</i>	November 2006
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Centered Riding Instructors Training <i>Sue Leffler, Canada (senior level IV) - Rucphen, The Netherlands</i>	Aug/Sept 2006
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Update TWHBEA Instructors License <i>Nicole Carswell, TWHBEA - Alpenrod, Germany</i>	September 2005
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Recognizing and understanding of normal horse behaviour

Tinley opleidingen, Paardengedragstherapie - Lienden, The Netherlands
 Normal horse behavior and recognizing behavior. Medical causes of specific behavior, socializing a foal, learning principles and the effect on the horses.

June
2005

Paardenhouderij,

Nationaal Agrarisch Centrum - Diest, Belgium

Horse management, stable management, breeding, rules and regulations and how to maintain your land.

January
2005

Certified TWHBEA Instructor level I

TWHBEA - Shelbyville, Tennessee

License approved by American breed registry to give riding lessons with Tennessee Walking Horses.

October
2004

Certified Special TWHBEA/NHSC European Judge

NHSC + TWHBEA- Lich, Germany

License to judge European TWHBEA/NHSC shows with Tennessee Walking Horses.

2000

Gezondheidszorg voor de Paardenhouderij

Nederlands Hippisch Instituut - Breda, The Netherlands

General deceases, feeding and digestion, leg issues, general health, homeopathy, acupressure.

1999

Clinics**Connected Riding clinic**

Dianne Sept – Hechtel, Belgium

April
2014

Examiner clinic RMHA

Marianne Kephart Jolley - Heesch, Netherlands

May
2012

Shiatsu

Evy Macquoy - Hechtel, Belgium

April
2011

EAMM Mangalarga Marcador Judging clinic

Magdi Shaat, James Garcia – Essen, Germany

March
2011

Open Centered Riding clinic

Nelleke Deen (level IV) – Hechtel, Belgium

June
2010

Shiatsu basis

Evy Macquoy - Hechtel, Belgium

April
2010

Animal Communication, 3 days

Marta Williams - Hechtel, Belgium

October
2009

Open Centered Riding clinic

Nelleke Deen - Hechtel, Belgium

July
2009

Understanding your Gaited Horse

Elizabeth Graves - Hechtel, Belgium + Minnesota, USA

May/June
2009

Shamanic Horsework

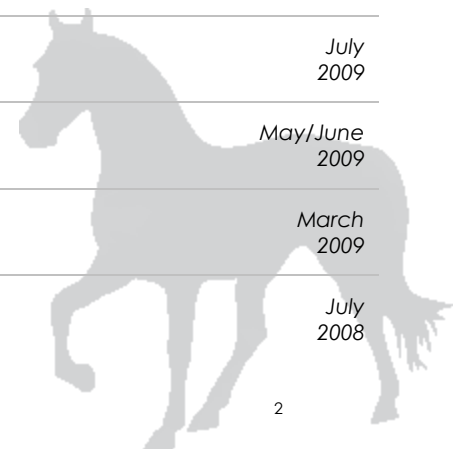
Irma ten Brink - Belgium

March
2009

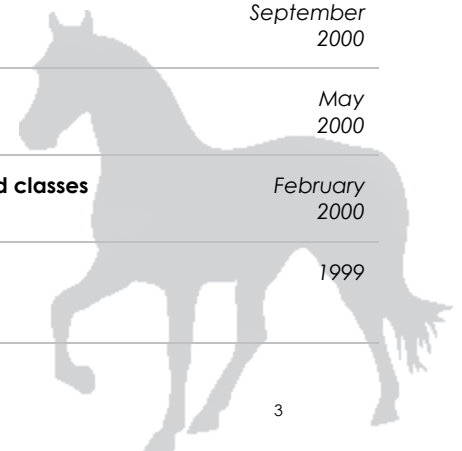
TTeam

Nelleke Deen- Hechtel, Belgium

July
2008



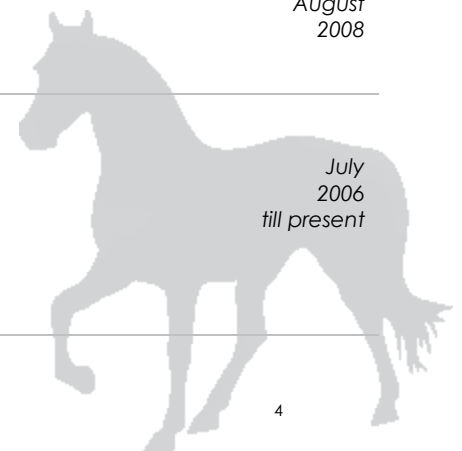
Understanding your Gaited Horse <i>Elizabeth Graves - Hechtel, Belgium + Bad Zwischenahn, Germany</i>	June 2008
Chris Irwin <i>Stal Mansour – Arnhem, Netherlands</i>	September 2007
TTeam, TTouch <i>Nelleke Deen - Hechtel, Belgium</i>	September 2007
Horse & Personality <i>Nelleke Deen- Hechtel, Belgium</i>	July 2007
Natural Feeding for Horses <i>Kris Marneffe- Hechtel, Belgium</i>	January 2007
Intuitive Development <i>Maasmechelen, Belgium</i>	November 2006
Communicating with Animals deel II <i>Natuurlijk Dieren Genezen – Loosdrecht, Netherlands</i>	July 2006
Communicating with animals deel I <i>Natuurlijk Dieren Genezen – Loosdrecht, Netherlands</i>	March 2006
Judging Equitation <i>Nicole Carswell, TWHBEA- Alpenrod, Germany</i>	September 2005
Open Centered Riding clinic <i>Robin Brueckmann, USA (senior level IV) – Rucphen, Netherlands</i>	June 2005
Judging for Horseshows – judging classes <i>Bobby Richards, TWHBEA- Alpenrod, Germany</i>	September 2004
Judges for Horseshows – judging classes <i>Bobby Richards, TWHBEA- Alpenrod, Germany</i>	September 2003
How to prepare for a championship <i>Bobby Richards, TWHBEA- Germert, Netherlands</i>	June 2003
Conformation, gait recognition and improvement <i>Bobby Richards, TWHBEA- Alpenrod, Germany</i>	September 2002
Conformation, gait recognition and improvement <i>Bobby Richards, TWHBEA- Gemert, Netherlands</i>	June 2002
Judging - Conformation, gait recognition and trail <i>Bobby Richards, TWHBEA – Niederzier Germany</i>	October 2000
Gait improvement <i>Nicole Schoppe – Gemert, Nederland</i>	September 2000
Judging for Horseshows – judging classes + certification <i>Nicole Carswell, TWHBEA – Lich, Germany</i>	May 2000
Judging for Horseshows – Conformation, Trail Pleasure & Lite Shod classes <i>Don Bell, NWAH - Lich Germany</i>	February 2000
Judging for Horseshows – gaits and conformation <i>Roger Hand, TWHBEA - Herxheim Germany</i>	1999



Gait improvement <i>Scott McGregor, USA – Heusden, Netherlands</i>	November 1999
Judging Seminar - conformation <i>Dr. Dave Whitaker and Dr. Doyle Meadows, University of TN - Lich Germany</i>	May 1999
Gait improvement <i>Diane Gueck, USA – Hoeven, Netherlands</i>	October 1998
Gait improvement <i>Marilyn Orr, USA – Hoogeloon Netherlands</i>	May 1998
Gait improvement <i>Scott McGregor, USA – Hoogeloon, Netherlands</i>	October 1997
Gait improvement, biting, shoeing <i>Marilyn Orr, USA - Netherlands</i>	November 1996
Gait improvement <i>Russell Walker Keyser, USA – Venray, Netherlands</i>	1995

Career History & Accomplishments

IHWHA Head of examiners	April 2015
Presentation Heritage TWH at first European TWH Conference, Germany.	August 2014
Gaited horse clinic, France.	August 2013
Gaited horse clinic, Belgium.	June 2012
Gaited horse training, France.	June 2012
RMHA examiner	May 2012
Gaited horse Clinic, France.	May 2011
KMSHA examiner	November 2009
Judge ETWHA championship Germany	August 2009
Judge ETWHA European Championship, Kreuth, Germany	August 2008
Launch workshops, Hechtel, Belgium <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction Tennessee Walking Horses. 2. Gait recognition Gaited Horses. 3. Balance & Understanding. 4. Consiously towards Balance 	July 2006 till present



Co-founding Natural Walking Horses	July 2006
Judge ETWHA championship <i>Germany</i>	May 2006
Gaited horse Clinic, Grenzau, Germany	July 2005
Judge ETWHA championship <i>Germany</i>	May 2005
Gaited horse Clinic, Israel	June 2004
Gaited horse Clinic, Switzerland.	April 2004
Gaited horse Clinic, Switzerland.	November 2003
Co-founding TWH Heritage Society	2003
Assistant Judge European TWH Championship, Alpenrod, Germany	2003 2004 2005
TWHBEA Director Region I, TWHBEA <i>Organizing clinics, European Championship, helping TWH owners registering and transferring their horses, promoting the breed on exhibitions, keeping TWHBEA members informed.</i>	2003 2004 2005
Secretary NTWHA, Netherlands <i>Board NTWHA, promoting the breed on exhibitions, giving demonstrations, putting together member journal Southern Comfort, bringing in new members.</i>	1998 1999 2000

Memberships & Affiliations

- Founding member of the Tennessee Walking Horse Heritage Society
- Founding member Natural Walking Horses
- Member, TWHBEA (1996 till 2015)
- Member, FOSH (2004 till present)
- Member, ETWHA (2004 till present)
- Member, NTWHA (1997 till July 2007)
- Member, Centered Riding © (2006 till present)
- Member, NVBP (2007 till 2009)
- Associate EAGALA (2007 till 2009)
- The Bitless Bridle Associate Clinician
- Member RMHA (2009 till 2014)
- Member KMSHA (2009 till 2015)
- Board member IHWHA (2015 till present)

