

Commerce 2004 Awards Gala



The family owned Granite Ridge Golf Club was the recipient of the Business of the Year Award (25 employees or more). Shown here are (left to right) Ted Diamanti, Teresa Fay and Karl Fay.



Taking a quick photo op are (left to right) Father Mark Curtis, MPP Ted Chudleigh, Joyce Hagevik and Mayor Gord Krantz.



On hand to congratulate President's Award winner Don Joyce (second from left) were Debbie Baynton, Bob Baynton and Councillor Mike Boughton.

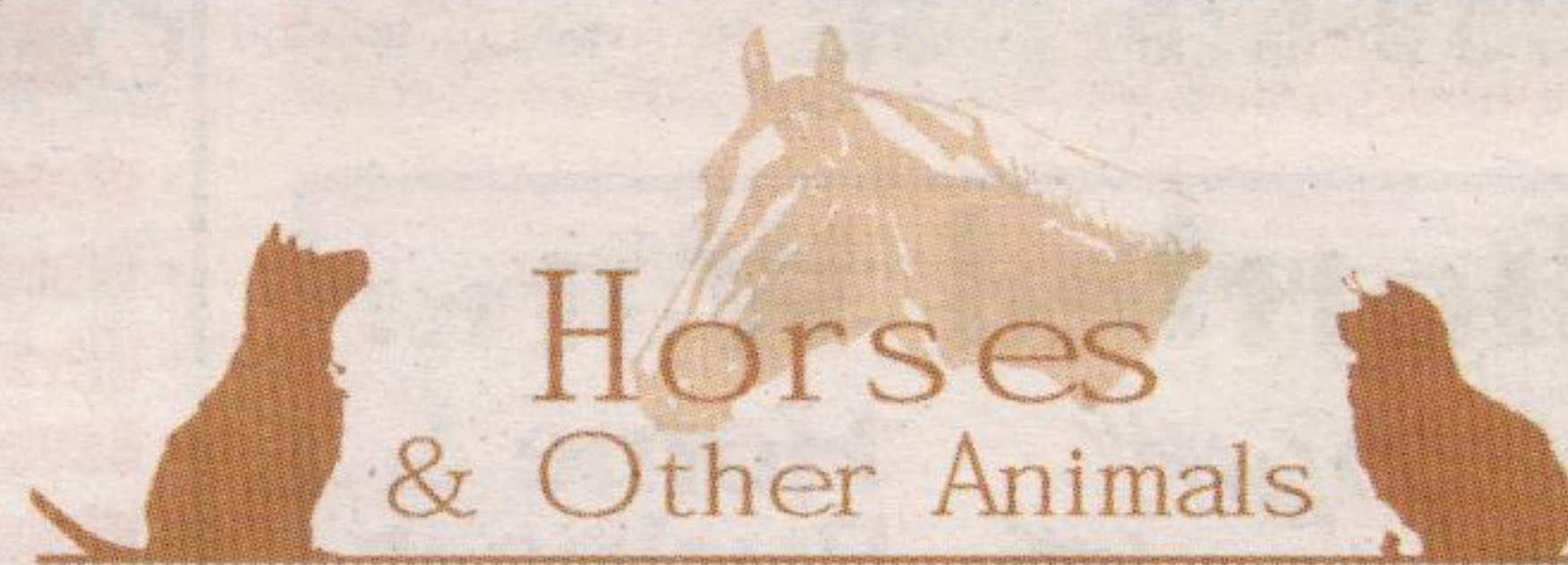


Henry Hildebrandt received the Citizen of the Year Award for Karl Reichert who was unable to attend the gala due to family commitments.



Business of the Year (25 employees or less) nominees were represented by Sandy Bennett (President Milton Springers Gymnastics Club), Carmen Mallozzi (Parkway Auto Trade) and Stephen Baker (owner and Publisher, The Halton Compass).

Norman Cob



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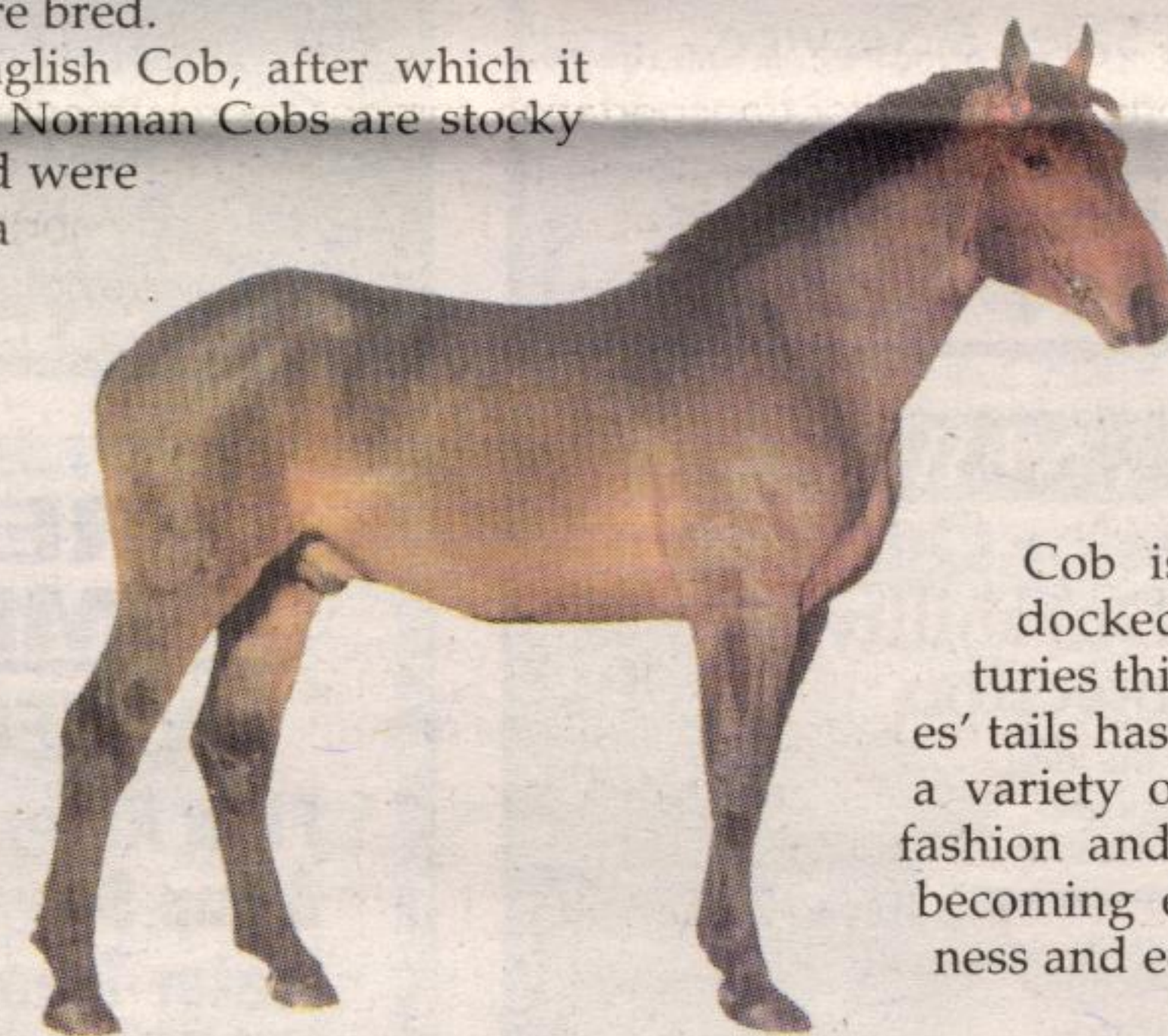
The Norman Cob is a light draught horse, still in use on small farms in Normandy. This region of France has long been famed for its horse breeding, notably at the historic studs of Le Pin (founded as a royal stud in the mid-seventeenth century) and Saint-Lo, where the ancestors of the modern Cob were bred.

Like the English Cob, after which it was named, the Norman Cobs are stocky and compact and were developed as a distinct breed at the beginning of the twentieth century. It was at that time that the breeders of half bred horses first began to distinguish between those animals suitable for use as riding horses, particularly for the army, and those of less quality and sturdier build, more than suited to light draught work.

The Norman Cob, as the heavier type was subsequently named, became a popu-

lar workhorse, especially in the La Manche region - even the powerful Percheron failed to supplant it there.

Over the years there has been a tendency for the Norman Cob to become heavier, to cope with the work required of it. It lacks the massive stature of the true heavy horse and has never lost the energetic action, particularly at the trot, characteristic of the half-bred horse.



The tail of the Norman Cob is still traditionally docked. Down the centuries this mutilation of horses' tails has been carried out for a variety of reasons including fashion and to prevent the tail becoming entangled with harness and equipment.

Breed description: height; 15.3 - 16.3 HH, colour; chestnut, bay or bay - brown, grey or red roan, Conformation; strong, compact and stocky build with short, well-proportioned limbs.

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