

The Case of the Free Bay Roan Colt

(July 2015) I was told Carrie Freeland is still making public false charges against me, this time about a bay roan colt. She has me blocked so I cannot see her posts, and cannot respond directly. Public drama and reputation battles disgust me, but I will list relevant facts about this latest phase of my dealings with Carrie Freeland and Curly Horse Express regarding this free colt I gave her.

Fact 1) I owned a bay roan colt that was born 2013 in WA state, on Promised-Land-Ranch.com . (I live in Montana.) My mare was running there in one of their stallion bands.

Fact 2) The ranch owner, Joel Kretz (<http://houserepublicans.wa.gov/joel-kretz/>), a WA state representative, is an honest, reputable man, whose ranch was just recently featured in the Western Horseman Magazine. Joel is a friend of mine, and he and I have done horse business on a handshake, for years. Joel credits Michelle Thompson's and my site, HancockHorses.com (featured in the AQHA Horse magazine article; copy of that article is on my website: BuckingV.com), for some of Promised Land Ranch's global marketing growth & success in recent years. I am sure Joel would vouch for what really happened if you ask him.

Fact 3) The bay roan colt was found to have a less-than-2-finger hernia when weaned. By spring 2014, after Joel had fed this colt for me all winter, I offered this colt to the public for free, rather than euthanize him. I knew he was not saleable, but knew he would be hypoallergenic, and big, pretty & fancy when mature, so thought he'd make a great gelding for someone allergic who wanted to get the hernia fixed (which can be done by simply injecting iodine around the edges of any hernia that is 2 fingers wide or less - I was a vet tech for 7 years).

Fact 4) The yearling colt had been fed on hay in a ranch corral all winter with the other colts, and he was shedding with mud-balls in Carrie's photos. He looked pretty tough, but if you can see thru the mud and shedding hair clumps, he was normal weight for a young yearling being fed hay in a group. Joel doesn't overfeed his horses, as they are grown more slowly, on grass and hay, and are developed with foot & bone to be ranch ridden for a lifetime. They are not show horses or stall babies. If you do not agree with this approach, then we just agree to disagree.

Fact 5) This colt was spoken for and picked up in WA state by Carrie Freeland doing business as Curly Horse Express horse hauling. I believe she had other horses or livestock to pay for her trip and gas, so that she only had her time invested.

Fact 6) Carrie hauled the colt to IL where her daughter Nicol "Bobbi" VanderHeyden worked for Paul McCune, DVM, a veterinarian (I will gladly supply you with the contact info of that vet). I believe Dr McCune did not charge Bobbi, his employee, much to fix that hernia. Carrie told me later than Bobbi sold the colt for \$800.

Fact 7) I got a phonecall from a Mexican gentleman who is friends with the man Carrie and her daughter Bobbi sold this colt to. He told me that Carrie and Bobbi represented this colt as breeding quality, and sold this colt to his friend as a stallion prospect, without divulging that he had had a hernia repair. His friend felt angry & defrauded about this. As an aside, this gentleman also told me Carrie and Bobbi stole horse feed and hay from him when boarding their horses at his barn causing him to have to lock everything up. Then when he asked them to leave, they refused to pay their board bill, claiming that they had allowed his father to breed a mare to Drifter (Carrie's gaited curly stallion) and that was worth enough to cover her board debt.

Fact 8) I personally know of at least 2 other cases where she is or just was being sued in court for illegal or tort cases. (Goats lost by Curly Horse Express Transport, and, stolen rescue horses from a horse rescue non-profit)

Fact 9) Carrie Freeland, DBA Curly Horse Express, hauling livestock and horses for profit without a DOT, did steal a gelding from me, worth \$3500, that I had to hunt down and retrieve, all at my own expense, involving 2 cross-country trips over 4 months time period, plus a trip to Chicago and many court costs to defend myself against her vindictive claim. All costing me thousands of dollars.

Fact 10) I have not ever, nor would I ever, libel anyone.