

**BREEDING MORGANS - A DREAM COME TRUE**  
**ANDALEA MORGAN FARM, BERGEN, NY**  
**Owned by Bea and Fred Dunham**  
**by Mary Arnold**

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Youth is full of dreams - Bea Dunham, as a child, was no exception. She had a dream, - horses! The work-horses on her grandfather's farm were gallant chargers to her, an it seemed for a while as though her childhood dream of breeding and raising many fine horses would never come to pass.

Bea's first real earnings were spent buying an old dappled grey mare; for 10 years the mare and Bea spent many happy hours together, until finally the old mare grew sick and had to be put down.

The old dream of breeding registered horses recurred but as often happens, her "dream idea" was not shared by her husband. Fred wasn't at that time a horse lover so the breeding idea went by the board and they purchased another grade horse; over the period of a few years, they acquired 4 grade horses and a pony.

Now any sensible husband knows when to give up. If you can't fight 'em, join 'em! Fred became interested in helping Bea to train three of their geldings and discovered trail riding was really great fun.

In 1965 Glenn Gabel of Citadel Acres in Albion became the Dunham blacksmith. As he shod, he talked about his Morgans. This interested Bea very much, as she then owned a grade Morgan mare and wanted to breed her. At Glenn's encouragement, the Dunhams made a trip to the N.Y. All-Morgan Show in Syracuse that year. While there they saw Mr. Gable's stallion Raeta's Rajah (Fleetwing X Royal Rose). Bea and Fred were both spellbound at the show with the beauty, style and grace of the Morgan horses; they were truly a magnificent sight. They were persuaded, then and there, that as long as they wanted to start a breeding program the horses would just have to be Morgans.

The result of the breeding to Rajah was a cute little stallion, foaled in 1967. The Dunhams have enjoyed watching him grow and training him to walk and trot on a lead rope. They believe, rightly, in loving and handling a foal from the moment of birth. The foal became their son David's 4-H project, and he has done most of the work with him. This is a good time to mention that Andalea Farm raises youngsters also; David, now 13 Anita 11, and Allen 7 years old.

After meeting the well-known Morgan breeder, Mr. Fritz Eisenhard, Warsaw, NY, the Dunhams were lucky enough to get him to lease them the young stallion, O-At-Ka Carl Marshall (Lippitt Field Marshal X Townshend Lady Sealectafield). For Bea and Fred it was a case of love a first sight, and this year Carl was bought from O-At-Ka Farm, and officially and finally joined the family. At Mr. Eisenhard's suggestion, the Dunhams attended the John Smigel Morgan Dispersal Sale. There they had final bid on L'ghorn's Henrietta (L'ghorn's Sealect X L'arriette Jane). In May 1967, they purchased Princess Pieretta (Kane's Show Boy X Jubilee's Princess) from Mrs. John Noble, Three Winds Farm, Pa.

Later, they secured the Morgan mare Broadwall Patty Sue (Broadwall St. Pat X Broadwall Susie Q). Bea and Fred are grateful to Mr. Eisenhard for his guidance and encouragement; finally, their dreams were beginning to come true.

September 30, 1967 --- a day that Andalea Farm will never forget! David and Bea were cleaning stalls in the basement of their barn. Suddenly the two younger children were excitedly calling that the barn was on fire. Could anything be more terrifying for horses and horsemen? The tractor and spreader were backed up in front of the stallion stall; David got on the tractor and drove them away. Bea got a lead rope on Carl; by this time the smoke was pouring into the basement. Bea said, "Come on Carl, lets get out of here"! It never occurred to her that Carl might not go. When she thinks of her confidence in her Morgan and his trust in her, she feels quite humble. It was too, perhaps a bit of the luck of the innocent. A fine example of a Morgan horse's trust in humans, and a level head typical of his breed, a breed that likes and trust people who love them. At any rate, Carl acted as though it was something he did everyday. Bea and he walked up along the side of the barn with fire and smoke pouring out all over. She led him into the back yard and walked him in a circle until Fred could take over. As the sirens screamed and the firemen rushed about, Carl just munched grass.

A new barn has since been constructed at Andalea Farm. This last spring, the magic that comes hopefully to every Morgan breeder arrived there in double force, - Carl's 1st foals, both fillies and lovely ones. This fall the filly from L'ghorn's Henrietta was sold to Fritz Eisenhard. Other late news at the farm, would include Carl's training with Glenn Gable at Citadel Acres. At Andalea, four foals are due in the spring. Three registered and one grade Morgan. Mrs. Dunham confesses that they are still very much amateurs but that they have gained experience from every horse they have owned.

That's how you do it folks, that's how you make a dream come true! Quite a bit of perseverance, quite a bit of work, quite a bit of love, and mix with a breed called, - Morgan!

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*The Dunham's lost Carl Marshall a few years ago. He was a wonderful stallion with a heart of gold and he passed quietly one night. Currently they only have one Morgan in the barn, Anda's Pocima (O-At-Ka Carl Marshall x Princess Pierette) who was the other foal born in 1968. Bea had bought her back a few years ago, and her grandchildren are learning to ride on her. Today at age 28 she is going strong and can still strut her stuff.*

*We extend our prayers and sympathy to the Dunham family at this time of great sadness.*

*Bea was a wonderful woman and will be missed by all her NYSMHS friends.*