

## IMPORTANT DATES IN MORGAN HISTORY

- 1789 Justin Morgan, the breed's foundation sire, was foaled in Springfield, Mass.
- 1857 D.C. Linsley's book "Morgan Horses" was published. It is one of the earliest books documenting the history of Justin Morgan and America's first breed
- 1894 Volume 1 of the "American Morgan Horse Register" was published by Colonel Joseph Battell
- 1907 The American Morgan Horse Farm was established in Weybridge, Vermont, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the breeding and preservation of the Morgan horse
- 1909 The Morgan Horse Club was formed at the Vermont State Fair. This was the first time that certificates of registration were issued by the Morgan Horse Club
- 1921 To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Justin Morgan, the Morgan Horse Club presented to the U.S. Morgan Horse Farm the Justin Morgan statue, which is still exhibited there today
- 1927 The Morgan Horse Club was incorporated as a membership corporation under the laws of the state of New York
- 1939 The first National Morgan Horse Show was held in Woodstock, Vermont
- 1941 Owen Moon Jr, of Vermont started the Morgan Horse Bulletin, now known as THE MORGAN HORSE magazine
- 1949 Otho Eusey of Massachusetts became the printer of THE MORGAN HORSE magazine, a duty he fulfilled until retiring in May of 1980
- 1951 The U.S. Morgan Horse Farm was taken over by the state of Vermont, becoming the University of Vermont Morgan Farm
- 1952 The Morgan Horse Show division was recognized by the American Horse Shows Association
- 1971 The Morgan Horse Club, Inc. was renamed the American Morgan Horse Association, Inc
- 1973 The First Annual Grand National Morgan Horse Show was held in Detroit, Michigan
- 1976 The AMHA was recognized as a member of the National Bicentennial Sports Alliance, and the Morgan was recognized as the Bicentennial Horse
- 1981 The AMHA received an official invitation to participate in the Presidential Inaugural Parade for President-elect Ronald Reagan
- 1982 The First Annual Membership Convention and Seminar was held in Los Angeles, California, February 12-14
- 1985 Morgan Horses represented the United States in the World Pairs Driving Championships in Sandringham, England
- 1985 The U. S. Postal Service issued commemorative stamps depicting the Morgan horse
- 1988 The headquarters of the AMHA were moved to Shelburne, Vermont
- 1989 The Morgan breed celebrated the 200th anniversary of Justin Morgan's birth
- 1991 The October issue of THE MORGAN HORSE magazine celebrated its 50th anniversary