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Summary

Pleasure Gaits has been established to promote the Tennessee Walking Horse 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.

A strong advocate for humane treatment of horses, Sandra has cared most of her life for animals who needed special care or attention. Sandra's interest in horsemanship developed as a result of her work to help improve the plight of show horses. What began as a commitment to the simple respectful treatment of horses became a dedication to teaching horses and riders to enjoy each other without artificial barriers. The positive training methods at Pleasure Gaits are applicable to any gaited breed of horse, any age rider, and any riding style. All you need is an open heart.

Education

Centered Riding Update Robin Brueckmann, USA (Senior Level IV) - Rucphen, The Netherlands	August 2009
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FOSH IJA Judging part I Dianne Little, Bill Coon, FOSH - Rieden, Germany	July 2008
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Centered Riding Update Mitzi Summers, USA (Senior Level IV) - Rucphen, The Netherlands	May 2008
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Quantum Touch Marlies van Son, ANANDA - Vlijmen, The Netherlands	January 2008
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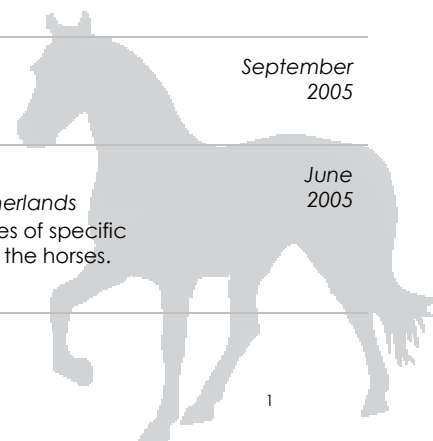
EAGALA Level I, part I Equine Assisted Growth and Association - St. Niklaas, Belgium	July 2007
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Reiki I Helioscentrum - Heerde, The Netherlands	November 2006
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Centered Riding Instructors Training Sue Leffler, Canada (senior level IV) - Rucphen, The Netherlands	Aug/Sept 2006
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Update TWHBEA Instructors License Nicole Carswell, TWHBEA - Alpenrod, Germany	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
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Paardenhouderij, January
Nationaal Agrarisch Centrum - Diest, Belgium 2005
 Horse management, stable management, breeding, rules and regulations and how to maintain your land.

Certified TWHBEA Instructor level I October
TWHBEA - Shelbyville, Tennessee 2004
 License approved by American breed registry to give riding lessons with Tennessee Walking Horses.

Certified Special TWHBEA/NHSC European Judge 2000
NHSC + TWHBEA- Lich, Germany
 License to judge European TWHBEA/NHSC shows with Tennessee Walking Horses.

Gezondheidszorg voor de Paardenhouderij 1999
Nederlands Hippisch Instituut - Breda, The Netherlands
 General deceases, feeding and digestion, leg issues, general health, homeopathy, acupressure.

Clinics

Shiatsu April
Evy Macquoy - Hechtel, Belgium 2011

EAMM Mangalarga Marcador Judging clinic March
Magdi Shaat, James Garcia - Essen, Germany 2011

Open Centered Riding clinic June
Nelleke Deen (level IV) - Hechtel, Belgium 2010

Shiatsu basis April
Evy Macquoy - Hechtel, Belgium 2010

Animal Communication, 3 days October
Marta Williams - Hechtel, Belgium 2009

Open Centered Riding clinic July
Nelleke Deen - Hechtel, Belgium 2009

Understanding your Gaited Horse May/June
Elizabeth Graves - Hechtel, Belgium + Minnesota, USA 2009

Shamanic Horsecwork March
Irma ten Brink - Belgium 2009

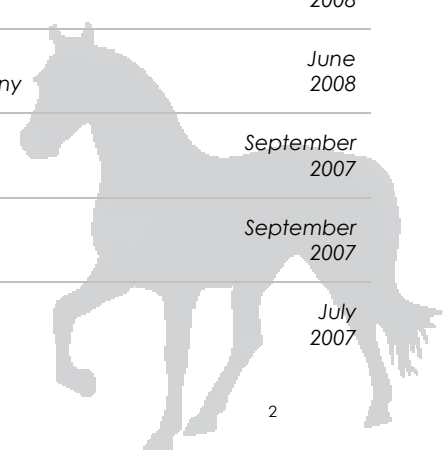
TTeam July
Nelleke Deen- Hechtel, Belgium 2008

Understanding your Gaited Horse June
Elizabeth Graves - Hechtel, Belgium + Bad Zwischenahn, Germany 2008

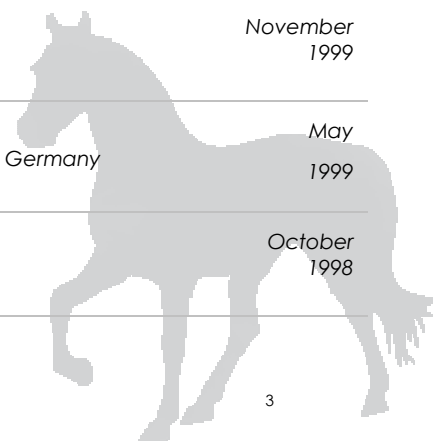
Chris Irwin September
Stal Mansour - Arnhem, Netherlands 2007

TTeam, TTouch September
Nelleke Deen - Hechtel, Belgium 2007

Horse & Personality July
Nelleke Deen- Hechtel, Belgium 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- Gemert, 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, NWHA - 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 May
Marilyn Orr, USA – Hoogeloon Netherlands 1998

Gait improvement October
Scott McGregor, USA – Hoogeloon, Netherlands 1997

Gait improvement, biting, shoeing November
Marilyn Orr, USA - Netherlands 1996

Gait improvement 1995
Russell Walker Keyser, USA – Venray, Netherlands

Career History & Accomplishments

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 July
2006
1. *Introduction Tennessee Walking Horses.*
2. *Gait recognition Gaited Horses.*
3. *Balance & Understanding.*
4. *Consiously towards Balance*
till present

Co-founding Natural Walking Horses July
2006

Judge ETWHA championship Germany May
2006

Gaited horse Clinic, Grenzau, Germany July
2005

Judge ETWHA championship Germany May
2005

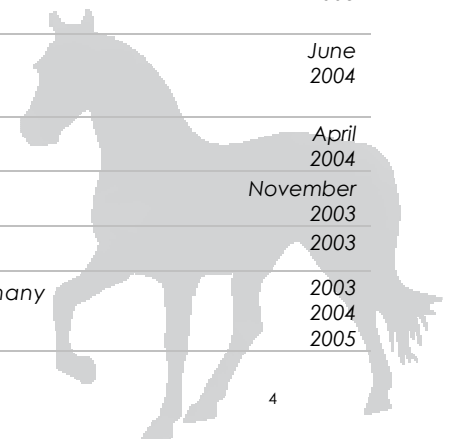
Gaited horse Clinic, Israel June
2004

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	2003
<i>Organizing clinics, European Championship, helping TWH owners registering and transferring their horses, promoting the breed on exhibitions, keeping TWHBEA members informed.</i>	2004
	2005

Secretary NTWHA, Netherlands	1998
<i>Board NTWHA, promoting the breed on exhibitions, giving demonstrations, putting together member journal Southern Comfort, bringing in new members.</i>	1999
	2000

Memberships & Affiliations

- Founding member of the Tennessee Walking Horse Heritage Society
- Founding member Natural Walking Horses
- Member, TWHBEA (1996 till present)
- 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 present)*
- *Member KMSHA (2009 till present)*

