

# affiliations

## Gypsy

**Equine Journal gives a warm welcome to its new affiliate!**

■ Danni Showers and mare Tia. Tia won Grand Champion Gypsy Cob at the Royal Melbourne Show.

### Gypsy Horse Association

Its founding members would like to announce the formation of the Gypsy Horse Association (GHA), a full service registry and association dedicated to the Gypsy Horse breed, which is also known in the U.S. as the Gypsy Cob and the Gypsy Vanner. The Gypsy Horse Association is a member-responsive organization, and membership rights are safeguarded in perpetuity by its Articles of Incorporation and its Bylaws.

The GHA's founding was inspired by its membership's love of and admiration for the Gypsy Horse (GH), a versatile breed distinguished by both its beauty and its gentle demeanor, and the desire to provide a nurturing and cooperative environment for membership interaction. To accomplish these ends, the GHA will collect and share knowledge about the breed with both newcomers and current owners, provide support for demonstrating the horse's versatility, particularly in open shows, and be a forum in which admirers, enthusiasts, and owners can interact and learn from one another and simply enjoy the horse.

One of the GHA's most important roles is as a steward for the breed's pedigree and genetic information. Record keeping for the GH in its native U.K. is largely anecdotal. The GHA will, in a spirit of cooperation with the other Gypsy Horse registries, collect and preserve anecdotal pedigree and horse DNA information and will make these available for research on horse lineages. Collecting and maintaining pedigree and genetic information will contribute greatly to preserving the breed's value, because buyers will be better educated for their selection process.

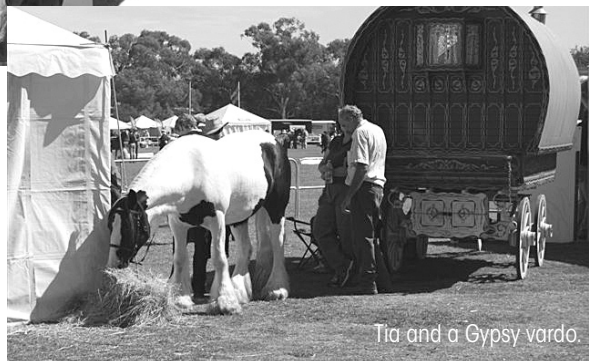
Show season is upon us, and GHA members intend to appear in full force at the first U.S. Gypsy Horse Show of 2008 – the National Gypsy and Drum Horse Classic to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park (Lexington, KY) on May 2-4, 2008. Please join us for three days of camaraderie, horses, and fun.

In Australia, the 2008 show season has already



Danni and Tia.

begun, and the first classes for Gypsies ever held in Australia occurred on March 12-15 at the Royal Melbourne Horse Show (National Equestrian Centre, Werribee Park). Attending was Danni



Tia and a Gypsy vardo.

Showers of Kintara Gypsy Cobs. Kintara took both the Gypsy Cob Championship and Reserve Championship. Tia, an imported mare, was Champion Gypsy Cob, and Kintara's stallion Tom of Brackenhill was Reserve Champion Gypsy Cob. Kintara also collected many firsts – in the stallion class (Tom of Brackenhill), colt class (Minstrel), filly class (Quillian of Surrey Springs), and mare class (Tia). Congratulations, Danni!

Please visit our web site at [www.gypsyhorseassoc.org](http://www.gypsyhorseassoc.org) for further information on the GHA and upcoming events.

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