



## WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION FOXTROTTER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION?

The *FOUNDATION FOXTROTTER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION* is a registry for a select group of Missouri Foxtrotting horses that have verifiable pedigree linkage to the original foundation horses registered with the Missouri Foxtrotting Horse Breed Association prior to 1970. Heritage horses also are selected by the amount of original blood in their pedigree by use of the V-Factor system. The V-Factor is a mathematical way of deciphering the relative percentage of pacing blood in an animal by determining the balance of Walking Horse blood within a pedigree.

The original Missouri Foxtrotting horse was developed primarily from Morgan and old time Saddlehorse and has been known in the Ozarks since approximately 1820. The Missouri Foxtrotter and the Tennessee Walking Horse were being developed at about the same time in history but from different stock. The early Foxtrotters were not developed from Walking Horse, however, much later some Walking Horse blood was added starting in the latter 1950's. Due to the lack of gaited Morgans and Saddlers by the end of the 1960's, larger numbers of Walking Horses were taken into the Missouri Foxtrotting Horse Breed Association. Many of these early Tennessee Walkers could foxtrot, but they represented a much closer genetic tie to hard pace through their heritage of Standardbred and Canadian Pacer. The influx of Tennessee Walking Horses brought along a change in style, conformation, and perhaps more importantly the balance of pace.

In 2006 a group of interested Missouri Foxtrotter breeders, owners and enthusiasts decided to form a group of foundation bred Missouri Foxtrotters for the purpose of preserving, promoting and reproducing the original type of Missouri Foxtrotter. Horses registered with the *FOUNDATION FOXTROTTER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION* must be fully registered with the Missouri Foxtrotter Horse Breed Association and have a V-factor of 128 or lower which constitutes 50% or less Tennessee Walking Horse blood.

As a family horse there is no better breed. The **Foundation Foxtrotter** is noted for its docile nature, gentle disposition and people friendly manner. Loyal and steadfast, the **Foundation Foxtrotter** is descended from the finest equine genetics and are traceable through more than three centuries. The typical **Foundation Foxtrotter** delivers a smooth foxtrot ride and remains serviceable for decades. Many **Foundation Foxtrotters** are still happily carrying their masters down the trail well into their mid to late twenties.

Because **Foundation Foxtrotters** come in a variety of conformational styles and sizes there is a horse for everyone within the group. **Foundation Foxtrotters** are athletic, sure footed, strong, and willing. The foxtrot comes naturally to them and is not trained on. Many are also multi-gaited with a speed gait to fill the range of speed between walk and canter without the need to trot.

The **Foundation Foxtrotters** exemplify the handy, working type, utility horse of the early Ozarks. With superior stamina and endurance these horses make splendid trail horses, stock horses, and athletic partners for sporting events of varied types such as field trials, competitive trail, running barrels or cow penning. **Foundation Foxtrotters** are built to work and excel in many different types of activities from gaited dressage to roping. If there is a job to be done there is a **Foundation Foxtrotter** able to do it!

The **Foundation Foxtrotter Heritage Association** will be developing a market and promoting the **Foundation Foxtrotters**. The Association is a member-friendly organization dedicated to listening to the members. The Association plans to enlarge the market share for the **Foundation Horses** via many different avenues with dedication, fairness and a strong will to work as a team for the betterment of all and the advancement of the breed. For more information please visit our web page at [www.foxtrotterfoundation.com](http://www.foxtrotterfoundation.com) or write to us at **P.O. Box 245..Oxford, Arkansas 72565**