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## Cleveland Bay Breed Is Fit For A Queen

It's likely you have never seen a Cleveland Bay horse, unless you've seen them on television pulling the Queen of England's carriage. The Queen is one of a small number of horse breeders who own the 500 purebreds left in the world, with 200 of them in North America. The breed was common and owned by English peasants in the 1800's but is now critically endangered.

They have a gentle nature and are worth preserving, says Anna Cohen. She and her husband are among the few producers of purebred breeders in the U.S. and own several purebred Cleveland Bay horses on their Round Hill, Va., heritage breeds farm.

Averaging 16 to 16.3 hands, they are bigger than thoroughbreds and are large boned. They are loyal, level-headed and have a strong worth ethic.

"They do just about everything you ask of them. They carried artillery into battle, took families to church on Sunday and plowed fields," Cohen says. They are suitable for dressage and hunting and jumping sports.

Their easy going and loyal temperament made Cleveland Bay horses sought after as cavalry and artillery horses. Many were taken to war – not many came back.

Cohen learned of the breed after they started to raise heritage animals. They wanted to be part of saving the rare Cleveland Bay breed and purchased their first horses in 2003.

"They are very hardy and easy keepers.

Ours were imported from Wales so they like rain. They don't like the heat," Cohen says, noting they do well with simple field shelters.

All are bay colored, she says, with black points – black legs, black mane, tail and forelock. Small white markings on the forehead are acceptable. They are known for their longer than standard-sized ears.

"They are thoughtful, not like any horse I've ever met," Cohen says. "They are also a bit stubborn and clever. Some people find them difficult to train. Cleveland Bay horses need to be challenged, and you have to make them think it's their idea."

Thoroughbred owners like to breed them to their horses for the Cleveland Bay's temperament, level-headedness and sure-footedness.

Only a few purebred foals are born each year so they are quite valuable, ranging in price from \$5,000 to \$20,000, depending on the breeder.

Cohen is treasurer and chair of marketing/advertising for the Cleveland Bay Horse Society of North America, an organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the breed. Anyone interested in learning more about the breed should contact the society, she says.

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## Giant Musical Wind Chime

Randy Kurtz converted an old glider frame into a giant "musical wind chime" that stands 9 ft. tall. It's complete with sixteen 2-in. dia. aluminum pipes that range from 23 to 63 in. long and make different tones.

The pipes hang from a cable at the top of the glider frame and gradually get longer toward the middle. Four metal pendulums, shaped like musical instruments, strike the pipes. Sixteen metal notes mount on a large music staff at the top of the frame and represent the hymn "What a friend we have

in Jesus".

"When the pipes chime, it's music to our ears," says Randy. "The pipes make a low bass sound that's unique."

The pendulums are shaped like an accordion, trumpet, drum set, and saxophone. The glider frame is painted white and the notes and pendulums are painted black.

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## Brothers Built A Texas-Style "Little" Red Wagon

The "little red wagon" that Brandon and J.P. Frazier built makes a big impression at local parades and events.

"We got in a bit over our heads, and it took more time and money than we planned," Brandon Frazier says with a laugh. But the response from people, and prize winnings, have made it well worth it.

The brothers and their father, Jackie, have restored about 20 antique tractors. They wanted something to pull in local Texas parades. The result is a Texas-sized Radio Flyer wagon built on an old Deere running gear.

"It's all wood with 2 by 4 walls and sheet metal wrapped around it to look like stamped steel," Frazier says. They painted it red, and a friend took a 2-in. decal and enlarged it to create a giant decal for the lettering.

"The wagon is about seven times bigger than a toy wagon. It's 7 ft. tall, 8 ft. wide and 20 ft. long," Frazier says. "The wheels are off a semi truck."

The handle, made of pvc pipe, is 15 ft. long, but is for looks only and needs to be



Texas-sized Radio Flyer wagon measures 7 ft. tall, 8 ft. wide and 20 ft. long and rides on the wheels off a semi truck. It was built on an old Deere running gear.

removed whenever the wagon is transported on a trailer.

One challenge was making the tire hubs. Flowerpots at a home improvement store fit the bill and when painted red look just like the caps on the small wagon, Frazier says.

The Fraziers equipped it with a generator and lights for a night Christmas parade to carry the grand marshal. They paired it

with a 1960 630 Deere tractor and earned trophies for best float. The wagon earns its keep transporting 30 or more people at a time to events at a local tractor show. It has also served as a collection box for a toy drive.

The giant wagon made its biggest splash in Dallas when the Fraziers transported it there for the Tailgate Wars before a Cowboys football game. It won a couple of money

prizes.

The Fraziers plan to "play" as much as possible with their red wagon this year. Brandon laughs that J.P. has a crazy notion to build a giant tricycle to pull it.

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