



The couple remained on horseback while the ceremony was performed.

## THE BRIDE RODE DOWN A PARK TRAIL

# Minnesota Couple Gets Hitched On Horseback

Gail Guebert and Michael Henderson spent their first date on horseback riding through a park so when they decided to get married, they planned the ceremony the same way - on horseback in a park in Eagan, Minn.

The wedding began with a 45-min. procession from the hobby farm where the couple's horses are boarded. Gail sat astride her horse wearing a flower head wreath and a long white western dress. Michael wore a dress vest, shirt, jeans and boots. Their horses, Trala and Robin, wore matching tack and had daisies in their manes. Nearly a dozen riders, including Michael's mother, followed Gail and Michael along back roads and cross country to an open area for the ceremony. The riders watched on horseback while a Justice of the Peace tied the knot.

"Riding horses is really my favorite thing to do," says Gail. "That's how Michael and I spend a lot of our free time together."

"Everything went smooth," adds Michael,



"We've spent so much time on horses it seemed the natural thing to do," says Michael.

a University of Minnesota student who shows horses and also rides them competitively in the Western Saddle Club Association. "We've spent so much time on horses that it seemed the natural thing to do. I'd attended other weddings where I couldn't wait to get out of a stuffy suit. This wedding was all natural. No one had to dress up."

## FARMERS PAINTED FLAG ON BARN AFTER READING ABOUT BARN WITH SOVIET FLAG

# Patriotic Paint Job Honors U.S. Flag

John and Tim McCarthy are patriots who want to let anyone passing by their Red Oak, Iowa farm know they believe in the flag and the things it stands for.

The McCarthy brothers got the idea for the patriotic paint job after seeing a television report about a barn in central Nebraska decked out to look like the Soviet flag. They decided it was time to send a message about their own symbol of national pride.

The bulk of the 50-year-old barn is covered with red and white diagonal stripes while the coupola is painted with stars on a blue background. They had to hang out windows on safety ropes to do the job, which took several days. Soon after they finished, the barn became a mini tourist attraction.

"People stop by all the time to photograph it and the Des Moines Register newspaper ran a story on it. We'll probably repaint it when the paint fades since so many people appreciate it," says John.



The main part of the barn is in red and white stripes while the coupola is painted with stars on a blue background.

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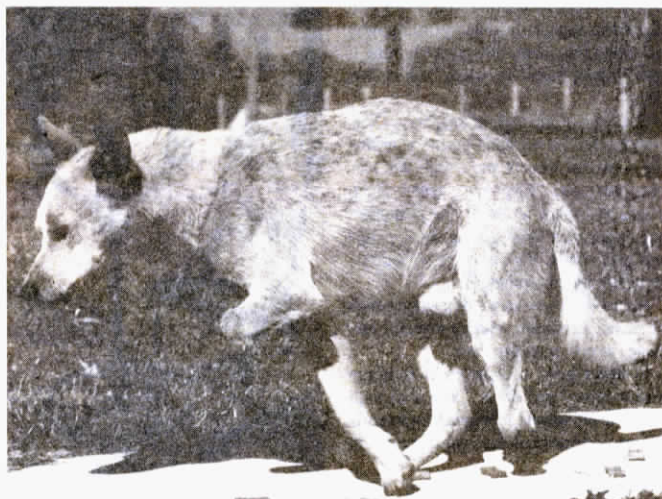


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Six weeks after he lost two legs in a mower accident, Rusty was up and running again.

## HE RUNS, STANDS ON TWO REMAINING LEGS

# Farm Dog Thrives After Losing Two Legs

After Rusty the dog got his legs cut off by a sickle mower, neither his owner Bill Davis nor the veterinarian who provided treatment thought the dog could possibly survive.

But Rusty surprised everyone, not only surviving but learning to run, jump and swim on two legs almost as well as he did before the accident.

Davis ran into the dog with his mower last July, leaving stubs on the dog's left side. The stubs swing back and forth when Rusty moves but don't touch the ground. He now appears to make use of his big tail for balance and to help get up and lie down. Davis says the dog can even stand in one place, carefully balancing himself.

The 3-year-old red heeler had lost a lot of

blood when Davis, who farms near Stuart, Iowa, brought him to the vet. They decided to try to pull Rusty through and if it didn't work out, they figured they could put him to sleep later.

At first when Rusty was recuperating, he'd get up and hobble along for a few steps before falling over again. But he kept improving and in about a month he was up and running. After six weeks he was able to jump up into the pickup bed again. Davis says he might be a step or two slower than he was before, but not much. He still helps move cattle, doing just as good a job as he did before the accident. The only thing he can't do now that he did before is jump a fence.