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The Legend of the Gypsy Cob

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Long, flowing manes and tails, copious amounts of feather, and strongly muscled bodies make these horses a spectacular sight. But who are these Gypsy Cobs, seemingly so much a part of history, yet mostly unknown in North America today?

Most of their story has been passed down by the spoken word of the nomadic Romany people of the United Kingdom and Ireland. Some historians trace the horses back to 200 AD when the Roma travelled the country with their families. Carefully chosen characteristics such as the horses' strength, endurance, and even-tempered personality were especially suited to pulling living wagons (called

Veardos) to each village. The horses were considered an integral part of the family.

Today Gypsy Cobs are in high demand for many performance disciplines and pleasure riding. Breeders "discovered" Gypsy Cobs only as recently as 1997 and it is estimated there are only 100 Gypsies in Canada. Some of these 100 Gypsies, including two top imported stallions, call North Fork Gypsy Cobs of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan home. Owners Dale and Cheryl Nygaard both breed and import Gypsy Cobs and hope all come to know their beauty, intelligence, and versatility.

For more information on the breed or North Fork Gypsy Cobs, visit www.northforkhorses.ca.

Stallion Clononeen Tumbleweed, known throughout England and Ireland as one of the best "getters" or producers in the Gypsy Cob breed, was imported to Canada and now stands at North Fork Gypsy Cobs.

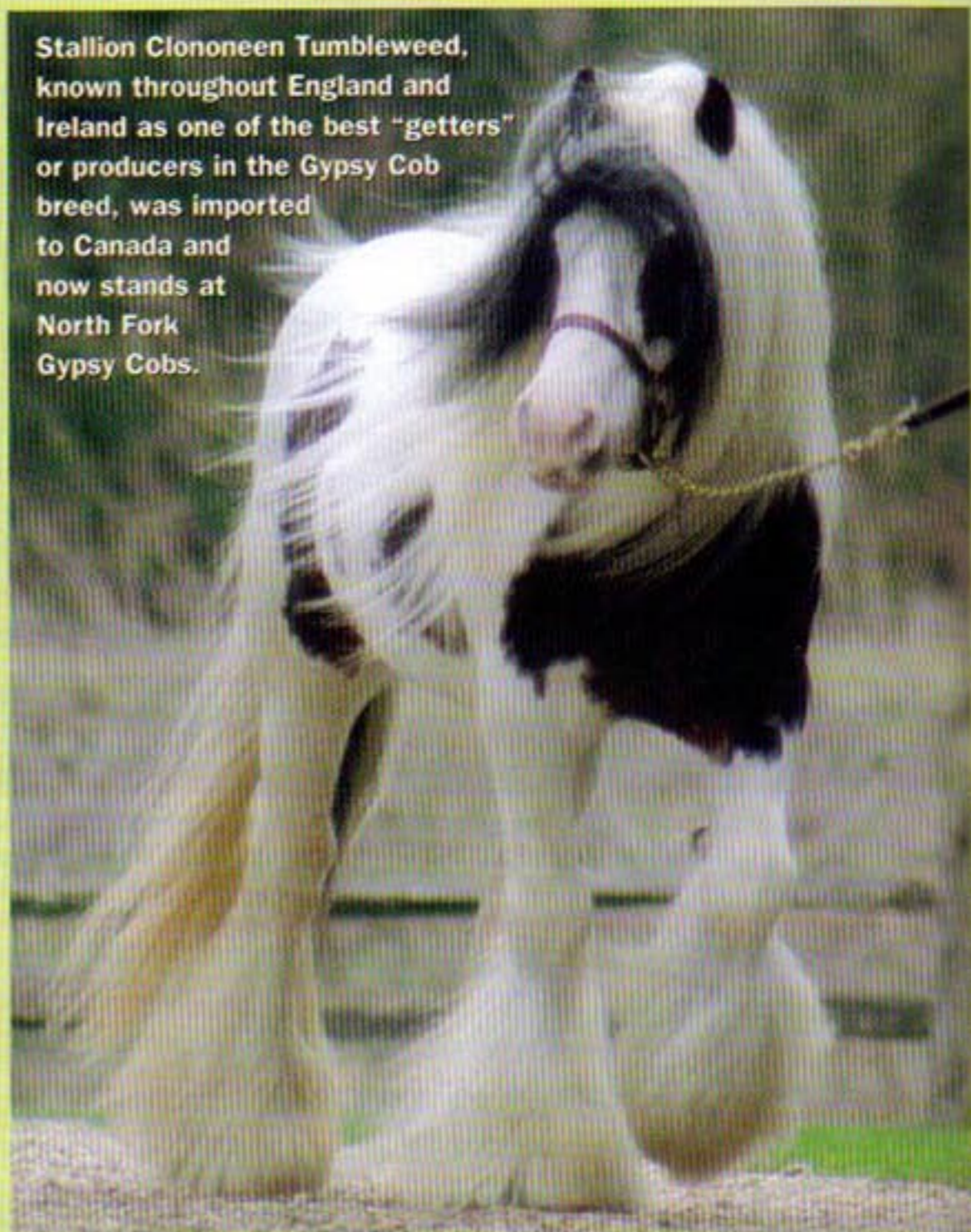


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