

Hogan may be old . . . but he's still foxy

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If he were a member of Homo Sapiens, instead of Equus Caballus, he would be approaching his 100th birthday. For an almost-centenarian, Hogan is in very good shape. Not everyone reaching the 100 mark still has his own teeth, and no trace of disability or gray hairs.

As readers may or may not know, one human-sized year is

equivalent to three horse-sized years. Since Hogan is about 32 years old, he will be celebrating his own centennial about the same time as Sandy celebrates its centennial.

"Hogan is kind of a strange horse, but he still has spirit," commented Mrs. Allen Anderson. Hogan lives with the Anderson family, on Firwood Rd., which also includes Kim, Garland, and dad, Allen. Anderson sells cars for Carlson's Chevrolet.

Hogan was a birthday gift for daughter Kim in June of 1963. She rode him for several years, and remembers many interesting experiences.

Once, while riding in a logged-off area, Kim jumped Hogan over a log. A neighbor boy had been hiding behind it, and scared the horse. According to Kim, Hogan did a complete somersault, and landed upright. Hogan is a little camera-shy, and had to be coaxed to have his picture taken. Anderson was privileged to have the job of coaxing him. It took three days in all, of trying to catch him, according to Anderson. The job turned out to be hazardous.

"I almost got him once, but

when I got up behind him, he kicked me. I had to have stitches!"

Finally, Anderson outsmarted Hogan, by stringing wiring across the field. Since Hogan doesn't like fences or wires, that was his undoing. Once outmaneuvered, he was so docile that Anderson was able to ride him.

"Anybody he could buffalo, he'd do it, but once he knows he's caught, he'll follow you anywhere," explained Ivan Barker, who owned Hogan before the Andersons.

Barker bought Hogan from a Mr. Snook, who had bought a pair of horses from the Barrell-racing circuit in Oregon around 1948. Hogan was about seven years old.

Barrell racing, for those uninformed, was done on an obstacle course, on which were placed wooden barrels. The horses had to weave around the course, turning sharply at the obstacles.

"Hogan loved to turn sharply," says Mrs. Anderson. "If anything came up when you were riding, he'd suddenly make a sharp turn. He always had to be ahead—very competitive."

This trait came in handy when Barker owned him. He had bought Hogan to ride deer hunting.

"He was the best walking horse ever to hit the country. He could outwalk any of them."

Barker tells of one hunting trip in the Wallows, when Hogan was carrying two deer on his back. The trail was straight up and down, and the deer started to slip.

"He didn't panic; he just



THOUGH OLD, Hogan is far from senile, and gave his owner, Allen Anderson quite a struggle when he was trying to catch the horse. Not one to be buffaloes by a horse, Anderson seems to be forgiving Hogan here. (Post photo)

waited for us to get them off of him."

On another trip in the Wallows, Hogan's rope broke, and he took off. Luckily a companion also had his horse, and could chase the errant equine. He was found peacefully grazing in a field nearby.

"He wasn't mean, just foxy," explains Barker.

The former owner could recall only one instance of misbehavior . . . when his "foxy" mount threw him. However, Barker likes to give Hogan the benefit of the doubt, and thinks the mishap was caused by a malicious bee.

According to Barker, Hogan is something of an aristocrat among horses. His dam was a quarter horse, and his sire, a thoroughbred.

Status notwithstanding, Hogan is very democratic and enjoys the company of the other horses boarded at the Andersons. Says Mrs. Anderson, "If we take one of the other horses out, he'll whinny for hours."

She added that he very definitely prefers the society of

females, both equine and human, even though a gelding. As if to prove her point, Hogan disdained the interview in favor of socializing with a pretty mare in the pasture.

Old age hasn't caught up with Hogan yet. He is too busy feeling his oats. Or is it busing his oats? Anyway he has, so far, avoided the senile slump.

To what does he attribute his youthful vigor? He declined comment.

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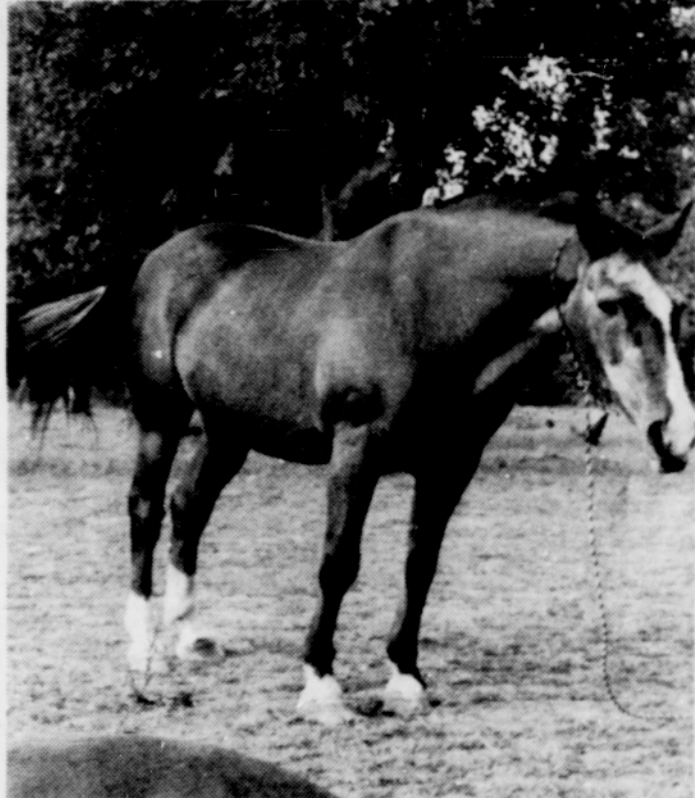
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"WHAT'S A nice horse like me doing in a place like this?" wonders Hogan, as he tries to figure a way to free himself of the rope, and get out of the barbed-wire-fenced field. (Post photo)

Alums may hold dance

How many Sandy High Alumni are interested in perpetuating the annual Scholarship Dance? According to chairman, Betty Penner, more help is needed to keep this traditional activity going.

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Barlow Road trek part of class

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The class, which will include a trek from Barlow Summit to Oregon City, will be taught by Clare Belsher and Mary Goodall in cooperation with the Mt. Hood Community college "After 6" program.

Mrs. Goodall is the historian from Oswego Heritage

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