

MSFHA Gaited Morgans Roundup Buffalo

Vice-President of the Morgan Single-Footing Horse Association Brent Skidmore his son Jared of American Fork Utah, returned to Antelope Island again this year for the 25th Annual Bison Roundup. As volunteer wranglers, Brent and his Jared were mounted on their hardy gaited Morgans as the herd of 600 free roaming Bison was rounded up and driven from the southern tip of the island in the great Salt Lake to the corrals at the north end. State Veterinarians and Biologists, weigh, vaccinate and perform other health checks on the herd, and select around 200 to be sold at public auction, keeping the herd population in check.

Interesting facts about these bison:

- Birth weight: 25-40 pounds
- Average cow (female) weight: 700 to 900 pounds
- Average bull (male) weight: 1400 to 1600 pounds
- The largest bison we've weighed was 2,100 pounds
- Bison can run up to 40 miles per hour!

Brent and Jared found themselves, as usual, on the horses covering the most ground. When gaited Morgans are found riding among others, they stand out in the crowd as the movers, the brave, and the hardy. As has been written, a single-footing horse was often the choice of cowboys and ranchers having a lot of ground to cover, and all day to spend in the saddle.

Read the complete wild story and see all the photos from Brent's Trails of Adventure and exciting Buffalo encounters found in the next issue of the Morgan Single-Footing Horse Association Newsletter.

Reviewing the Interesting fact about size and speed from above one could see how a cowboy and his mount a little excited during a roundup. What an adventure.

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