



# The American Gaited Mule Association

## WHAT IS IT?

The American Gaited Mule Association is a group of people who have gotten together for the following reasons:

- To have a good time
- To promote gaited mules.
- Sponsor classes or shows.
- Form a registry of gaited-mules, jacks, jennets, and mares.
- Train and supply judges.
- Interact with other horse and mule organizations.
- Educate the public on the virtues of the gaited mule.

The not-for-profit organization was founded in 1994 by nine people interested in the goals above. These people are from Tennessee, West Virginia, Texas, and Kentucky. Some have mules, jacks, horses, or a little of all. You do not have to have an animal to join the Association.

The officers and founding members of the American Gaited Mule Association are listed below. Feel free to ask them any questions you may have.

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## WHAT IS A GAITED MULE?

A gaited mule is any mule that has a smooth gait other than a walk, and one that is distinct from a trot. Some gaits are listed in the box below.

### Mule Gaits

1. Single-foot
2. Fox-trot
3. Rack
4. Running Walk
5. Stepping Pace
6. Paso Fino
7. Other

Whatever the gait may be called, its primary virtue is smoothness. The gaited mule can be ridden farther without discomfort from the bouncing one experiences at a trot, and at a more manageable pace than a canter. A gaited mule is great for trail-riding.

Many gaited mules are born from Tennessee Walking Horse, Saddlebred, or Racking mares, but some are out of Quarter Horses. For this reason, there is no requirement that the parents of a gaited mule be gaited.

## THE GAITED MULE REGISTRY

Gaited-Mules, mare, jacks, and jennets may be registered. For details, please obtain a registration form.

## HOW TO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION

Fill out the membership form and give to the person in charge of the booth at the Mule Celebration or mail it to our post office box, together with your membership fee. Address located below.

### Types of Membership

#### Founding Charter

- Founding Charter membership available to first 100 applicants. The basis of the organization!
- Fee \$300
- One free animal registration per year.
- Lifetime membership.
- Name inscribed on the initial charter plaque.
- Founding charter member and spouse names to be listed in the front pages of the rule book.

#### Life

- Fee \$300
- Name inscribed on charter plaque available to the first 100 applicants.

#### Regular

- Fee \$20 for single, \$25 for family membership.

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