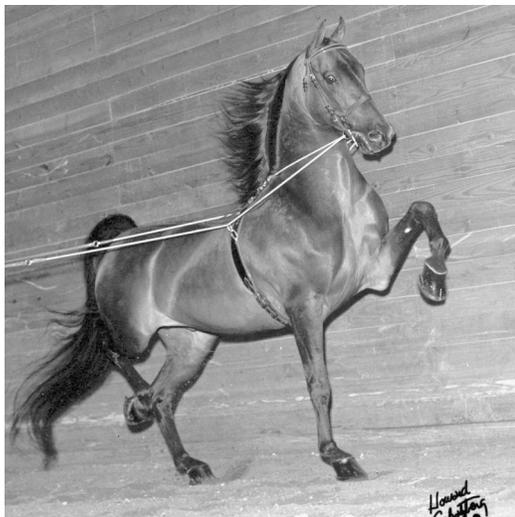


# 'Sale For Future V' set for May in KY

*Kohler Stables legacy  
began in 1970  
with purchase  
of stallion Vigilmarsh*



Herbert V. Kohler, Jr. became interested in the Morgan breed while looking for a family hobby. He purchased his first Morgan, a stallion named Vigilmarsh, at the Val's Dispersal Sale in 1970 and thus, the modest beginnings of the present day Kohler Stables.

The expansive main facility is located in LaGrange, KY, however the operation began on a much smaller scale in Kohler, WI. With Vigilmarsh, Kohler began a small program, breeding mares primarily during his lunch hour. In 1977, Thomas Caisse was promoted to manager/trainer. Armed with a breeding plan, the Kohler/Caisse team began selecting the highest quality mares the farm could acquire.

Within a relatively short time, they began to see results and over the years the HVK prefix has become a major presence in the Morgan industry. In 1985, Kohler and Caisse began looking for a second stallion to add to the breeding program.

Their search eventually led them to Kentucky and the purchase of a weanling colt: Noble Flaire. Caisse began showing the colt as a yearling in 1986. In 1991, the year he retired from the show ring, Noble Flaire was named WC not once, but twice: WC Stallion and WC Park Harness for an unprecedented third time.

His previous two Park Harness titles were in 1988 and 1989 and throughout his show career he captured numerous other World and National Championships in Park Harness and In-Hand divisions.

Noble Flaire's impact on the Morgan Horse industry has continued well beyond his retirement from the show ring. His WC offspring include such famous names as HVK Bell Flaire, HVK Vibrance, HVK Courageous Flaire and Nostradamus.

These first generation Noble Flaire sons are continuing his legacy by producing their own World and National Champion progeny. And for the first time, in Morgan history, three generations of stallions – father, Noble Flaire; son, HVK Bell Flaire; and grandson, Mizrahi – were named as three of the 2003 top-ten producing Morgan stallions in the world.

With Noble Flaire as the benchmark of Kohler's current breeding program, the Kohler/Caisse team continues to work with the same creativity, determination and energy that first earned Kohler Stables its place in Morgan history. And although Noble Flaire does not stand to the public, in May of 2004 the Morgan fans will have the unique opportunity to purchase offspring by Noble Flaire, and other Kohler studs during the Sale for Future Part V.

The sale is once again being held at the Tatersalls Sales Arena, Lexington, KY and will feature many young show prospects as well as high-quality breeding stock for purchase.

*Top: Stallion Barn, Kohler Stables, LaGrange, KY  
Below: Many-time World Champion Noble Flaire*

