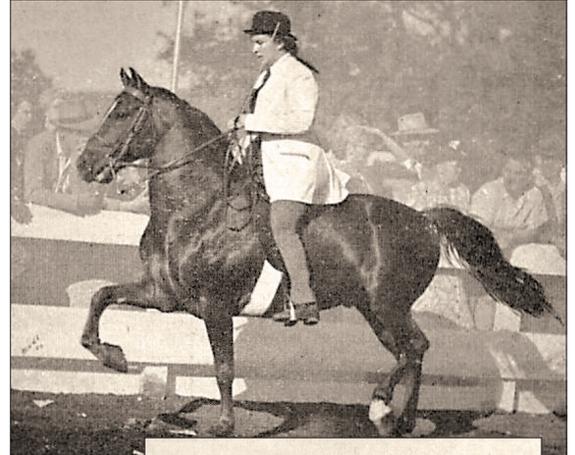




Lippitt Mandate

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Lippitt Mandate 8331 (Mansfield x Lippitt Kate Moro)



Chestnut, star, strip, snip, left hind ankle white, 14.2h, 1,000 lbs. • **Foaled:** May 14, 1940, Green Mountain Stock Farm, Randolph, Vermont • **Died:** December, 1969, Harolyn Hill, Tunbridge, Vermont • **Eight Generation Coefficient of Inbreeding:** 6.42088651657104% • 7 crosses to Peters' Morgan 405; 9 crosses to Morgan Hunter 2nd 342 • **Bred by:** Robert Lippitt Knight • **Owned by:** Marilyn C. Childs • **Registered Morgan progeny:** 43 colts (23 gelded), 34 fillies.

Lippitt Mandate resulted from an experiment—in the late 1930s, Robert Lippitt Knight, a respected breeder of high-percentage Morgan horses, agreed to put his three best mares, Lippitt Trilby Ash, Ne Komia and Lippitt Kate Moro, to Mansfield, chief sire at the government farm in Middlebury, Vermont. Six colts resulted. Lippitt Trilby Ash foaled Lippitt Byfield (1939) and Lippitt Trilman (1940). Ne Komia foaled Lippitt Scofield (1939) and Lippitt Nekoman (1940). Lippitt Kate Moro produced, in 1939, the great endurance stallion Lippitt Morman and, in 1940, Lippitt Mandate.

Lippitt Mandate had energy to burn. His breeder, Bob Knight, called him “The most troublesome stallion we’ve ever raised.” Yet once the young Mandy was purchased by his lifelong owner, Marilyn Carson Childs, he became one of the greatest good-will ambassadors the Morgan breed had ever seen. “To me fell the task of performing as a champion show horse, of hunting with recognized hounds, of pulling guests in sleighs and buggies, and—best of all—of being my mistress’s favorite mount for the ruggedest trails or the fanciest shows. Perhaps this was my ‘mandate’ in life—to do it all, just as our forebear Justin Morgan did.” Marilyn Childs put these words in Mandy’s mouth in the “autobiography” she wrote for him, *Mandate for a Morgan Horse* (1967). Mandy never had a court of mares—he accompanied Marilyn wherever she moved—Massachusetts, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Vermont—demonstrating his versatility in open shows, foxhunting, and on the trail. His first

foal arrived in 1945; his last three in 1969. The year the most foals he sired arrived was 1951—two colts and four fillies. Probably his most influential sons were 1954’s Mr. Showman 11171 (x Lippitt Sally Moro), foundation sire for the Vonas’ Joselene Hills breeding program, and 1967’s The Statesman 17840 (x Major’s Lass), foundation sire for Lynne Shpak’s Statesman Farm.

Lippitt Mandate was an outstanding athlete—taking part in three Green Mountain Trail 50-Mile Rides, hunting with the Beaufort Hunt in Pennsylvania, and winning show championships in saddle, fine harness, stock, roadster and jumping classes. Except for the National Morgan Show in Northampton, Mandy showed the open circuit—from the Waterloo (IA) Cattle Congress, the Illinois State Fair and the Lexington (KY) Junior League Horse Show to local weekend gatherings. Retired from the ring at age 15, he spent another 14 years on trails and in training rings, teaching young riders their ABCs.

Mandy was profiled in books (Peggy J. Pittinger’s *Morgan Horses*, Susanne Scharf’s *Famous Saddle Horses* [vol. III], Pat Johnson’s *Horse Fever*, and John W. Patten’s *The Light Horse Breeds*) and in articles in equine publications in the U.S., Canada, England, and China. His obit in the March 1970 issue of *The Morgan Horse* relates: “Mandate could scarcely wait to be mounted and to start down the trail; on his last day, he was as eager to give his all as he had been all his life.” ■

Above: Lippitt Mandate with Marylin Childs as well as taking the three eldest of the Childs family for a drive.