Equine Guelph Offers Talks

20 – 45 minutes or longer depending on the event – Check out the 18 presentations on offer:
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**Educational Pathways** – Equine Guelph is a leader in online education with a range of online programs from general interest short courses on practical topics to 12-week courses leading to various certificates and an accredited Diploma in Equine Studies.

**The Horse Health Check** – This interactive talk will take you through normal vital, warning signs and red alerts. Everyone will have a chance to test out a stethoscope and perform tests on their peers that will translate into horse health knowledge every vet wants their clients to possess.

**An Interactive Tour through the Horse's Gut** – complete with a full size equine digestive system replica; this talk will put a stomach in your hands in a good way. The keys to digestive health are laid out for you to grasp with entertaining activities.

**Colic Risk Rater** – this talk comes complete with a demonstration of Equine Guelph’s free online healthcare tool that can help the horse owner assess their risk of colic.

**Do You Know the Code?** A look at the Code of Practice for Care and Handling of Equines in Canada.

**Welfare of your Senior Horse** - A talk focused on proper management to ensure aging horses remain happy and comfortable into their golden years and also guidance for some of the more difficult decisions that are the responsibility of every senior horse owner.

**A Comparison of the Human-Horse Anatomy** – Did you know that the shoulder of the horse does not have a bony attachment to the body as it does in a human? A sling of muscles supports the front legs! This talk is full of fun facts discussed while comparing how horses and humans are similar yet different and why that matters!

**Body Condition Scoring** - based on the 1-9 Henneke Scoring System this talk provides tips on how to systematically gain a good idea of your horse’s condition. You may be surprised if what your eye believes is proven untrue with a hands-on approach to determine your horses body condition score.
Introduction to Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training – heads and tails are not handles! A successful rescue lies in correct technique and training as you will discover in this introductory talk.

Fire Prevention & Emergency Preparedness – Education, preparedness and planning are the keys discussed to minimize your risks and help prevent panic during emergencies.

Equine Biosecurity – no need to start visualizing hazmat suits. This talk highlights the simple and practical steps for sickness prevention in horses.

Stable design and management - This presentation covers important aspects of running a horse-housing establishment, including considerations when first setting up a stable and reviewing current practices.

Farm safety - This presentation provides tools to take action to start creating a safe environment for you and your horse. You will also learn to identify safety and fire risks around the farm.

The Role of Forage – Hey, what do you know about hay? This talk helps you identify good hay and forage and start to understand its importance as the bulk of your horse’s diet.

Basic Nutrition – An introduction to feeding principles that relate to your horse’s health and welfare, considerations for balancing your horse’s diet and the nutrients required to promote good health.

Horse Behaviour & Safety- Understanding horse behavior and body language improves our level of safety when working with them. How horses perceive the world around them and communicate is discussed in this interesting talk.

The Cost of Horse Ownership - Calculating the annual maintenance and long-term budgeting plan to see if horse ownership is a good fit for you. Leasing, part boarding and other ways to be involved with horses are also discussed.

Needs of the Horse - The Five Domains & Quality of Life - Does good health equal good welfare? This talk comprises the basics of animal welfare, and explores (1) nutrition, (2) environment, (3) health, (4) behaviour and (5) mental state and the impact on Quality of Life for the horse.