Dear Horse Enthusiast,

Welcome to this month's edition of Equine Guelph E-News.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO OUR LOYAL READERS!

2015 - the Full-Circle-Responsibility program widens

We wish you and yours peace and joy throughout the season and in the year ahead.

Equine Guelph would like to give thanks to each of our loyal readers. Your positive feedback on the Full-Circle-Responsibility program launched this year has been greatly appreciated.

In the New Year, Equine Guelph will be expanding the Full-Circle-Responsibility program to include the 'CODE DECODER' Your key to the National Code of Practice for the care and handling of equines will be distributed monthly in our 2015 e-communications.

Here is a New Year's resolution you can keep! We challenge each of you to 'widen the circle' and forward Equine Guelph's welfare messages to reach all the horse lovers in your life.

FULL-CIRCLE-RESPONSIBILITY - 2014
**Second Careers for Racehorses**

With super versatility and work ethic, a retired racehorse can be hugely rewarding. Read how elite eventer Jessica Phoenix has transitioned racetrack thoroughbreds into successful eventers.

This article explores everything from finding the right horse to working with your vet and the rewards of patient and progressive training.

**Read full story...**

In partnership with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Equine Guelph is developing a 'Full-Circle-Responsibility' equine welfare educational initiative which stands to benefit the welfare of horses in both the racing and non-racing industries.

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**EQUINE GUELPH INTERACTIVE HEALTH CARE TOOLS**

The best gift for your horse is good health. Master your horse's health care program with FREE online interactive healthcare tools.

Thank you to all our generous sponsors for making the following tools possible:

- **Biosecurity Calculator** - Vétoquinol
- **Colic Risk Rater**
- **Journey through the Joints** - Zoetis
- **Lameness Lab** - Zoetis
- **Senior Horse Challenge** - Boehringer Ingelheim
- **Vaccination Equi-Planner**

Visit Equine Guelph's [Healthcare tool page](#) for interactive education and pdf fact sheets.

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**A TIME FOR GIVING!**

Equine Guelph would like to thank all our donors, partners, sponsors, committee members and volunteers for their continued support as we welcome the year ahead and continue in our mission of 'helping horses for life'.

Giving Tuesday was a huge success! Over 7,000 was raised for horse health by the UofG50 Fundraising Challenge. A special thanks to Equine Guelph's first chair, [Byron Beeler](#) who got the ball rolling with a $2,500 matching donation.

Consider the gift of education --- eWorkshop dates now posted! and 12 week online courses begin Jan 13, 2015 (early bird discount before Dec 12)

Need something for the barn? The [Horse Health Check poster](#) is a perfect $10
gift that will be appreciated by all.

Donate to Equine Guelph - **you can donate** to Research, Education or area of greatest need - online, by mail or over the phone and join the circle of horse lovers 'helping horses for life'

Check out **Equine Guelph’s donation page** for many other ways to give by running fundraisers, volunteering, leaving a legacy gift or donating products.

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**RESEARCH RADIO**

Grab your hot chocolate and comfy chair. **Research Radio** has **11 postings** since its inception this year. Found both on Equine Guelph's web page under the **research tab** and on **Standardbred Canada's website** - Trot Radio's Norm Borg has teamed up with Equine Guelph to deliver podcasts on the latest in equine research.

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**ROYAL SURVEY RESULTS**

Survey winner Stephanie Ventresca says she had a wonderful time attending the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback outlining why you enjoy reading Equine Guelph e-communications.

Many of you said you could not choose just one reason:

- 86% Horse Health Updates
- 58% Research Updates
- 55% Alerts for educational opportunities
- 42% Special event notices

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**EQUINE WELFARE SURVEY**

Calling amateur riders over 18 and interested in improving equine welfare:

Your valuable input would be much appreciated in this short survey about equine learning theory. This research has been approved by the University of Edinburgh ethics committee and anonymity is ensured.

If you are an amateur rider over 18 please take 5 -10 minutes to complete this **survey**.

The results of this survey will be used for the completion of a Master of Science Degree and may be published.
Sign up for Equine Guelph Courses beginning Jan 13, 2015
Hurry - early bird discount ends Dec 12, 2014

Find out more about Equine Guelph programs, offered three times a year, through the University of Guelph.

Learn why equestrian professionals and horse enthusiasts are choosing them!

Visit our Education Page

Equine Guelph also offers two-week online courses: Feb 23 - Mar 8, 2015 next offering of Behaviour & Safety.