November 2014

Dear Horse Enthusiast,

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

Alert - Western Canada - EIA cases continue to be reported in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northern BC and in Yukon.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY TRAINING
Dr. Gimenez returns as a speaker in popular eWorkshop

Last month's hands-on Equine Emergency one day workshop and three day Technical Large Animal Emergency rescue courses hosted by Equine Guelph were well attended by first responders and horse owners alike. The importance of improving safety during emergency situations for both people and their horses was made abundantly clear by world renowned leader in the field, Dr. Rebecca Gimenez (TLAER Inc.). To learn more about how attendees were trained in emergency preparedness, understanding horse behaviour and rescue techniques read the full story...

For those interested in future TLAER training opportunities please contact Susan Raymond at slraymon@uoguelph.ca or 519-824-4120, ext. 54230

Dr. Gimenez will return to share her vast knowledge as the
Featured Article

Full-Circle-Responsibility - 2014 Welfare Issues and Drug Use in Horses

In the management of horse health, injuries and disease, conscientious horse owners would never put their horse at risk; however, improper use of some commonly administered equine drugs can impact the health and safety of our horses more than we think.

Read full story...

In partnership with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, 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.

Colic Risk on the Rise in Fall & Winter

Determine Your Risk with Equine Guelph's Colic Risk Rater

Does your exercise program change with the onset of fall and winter? Sudden changes in diet and routine are among the top colic risk factors.

As horses shift from a high moisture diet (grass) to a low moisture diet (hay), the risk of colic is increased. Don't believe the absence of hot weather is a reason to make fewer trips to the water troughs or water buckets; horses will be seeking water to aid in the digestion of that dry hay.

Visit Equine Guelph's Colic Risk Rater to determine your horses level of risk and learn more about preventative measures you can take.
ROYAL HAPPENINGS

New for 2014 - Equine Guelph has partnered with the Ontario Equestrian Federation and is launching "Ticket to Ride" a program which offers youth an opportunity for a FREE introductory riding lesson at participating OEF member riding facilities. Come to the EquiMania! display for more details!

A special evening for the Girl Guide groups of Toronto area will take place Wednesday, November 12 from 6:00 - 9:00. They will participate in an exciting itinerary of activities working towards earning their Horse Power Badge! This will include visiting the stables to learn from the pros on how to tack up horses for riding or driving, learning about horse behaviour and care at EquiMania! and learning about breeds and grooming at the OEF booth. Their evening will culminate in a special presentation by OEF in the Animal Theatre.

Don't miss out on all the equine activities and be sure to visit the EquiMania! exhibit to learn about horse care and safety, participate in the EquiMania! Explorer game and purchase your Horse Health Check barn poster (makes a great Christmas present for your barn)!

ANOTHER BIG YEAR FOR EQUIMANIA!

Equine Guelph would like to thank our sponsors for making 2014 our best tour yet! Thanks to generous continued support from Greenhawk, Kubota Canada, Ontario Equestrian Federation, Shur-Gain, SSG Gloves, System Fencing, Workplace Safety and Prevention Services and Zoetis, Equine Guelph is looking forward to another busy year of touring with EquiMania in 2015!

Come visit us at our last stop for 2014 and check out the new Helmet Safety display!

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Toronto, ON Nov 7 - 16

Bring EquiMania! to your event! EquiMania! is taking event bookings for 2015 and recruiting volunteers.

contact eq4kids@uoguelph.ca

FREE CARING FOR YOUR HORSE AND FARM WORKSHOP
Offered by the Credit Valley Conservation this free Workshop is for horse farm owners within the Credit River watershed.

- Learn to manage horse manure, improve pasture quality and protect natural features on your property
- Discover programs that can assist you technically and financially
- Light lunch included

When: Saturday November 22, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Where: Caledon Community Complex, 6215 Old Church Road, Caledon East

Registration is required by Nov 10 at creditvalley.ca/events or contact Mark Eastman at 905-670-1615 ext 430.

FREE EQUINE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

Offered by the Grand River Conservation Authority this Equine Environmental Stewardship Workshop & Tour will help you learn about:

- Advanced manure composting
- Nutrient management
- Cost-share programs
- lunch provided

When: Saturday November 29, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Where: Langford Schoolhouse, 1694 Colborne ST. E. Brantford.

Registration is required.

Please call Sue Brocklebank at the GRCA:
1-866-900-4722 ext 2278 or email ruralwater@grandriver.ca

RESEARCH SURVEY

Equine Guelph and the University of Guelph are conducting a study on research awareness among members of Ontario's horse industry. By completing this survey, you would help us to evaluate and improve communication between equine academia and industry.

Thank you for your participation.

Survey open until Feb 1, 2015

Sign up for Equine Guelph Courses beginning Jan 13,