

**PRIDE  
Stables**



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# STABLE TALK

Fall 2014



## CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2014 12:00PM-3:00PM

We hope you will join us to celebrate  
the Holiday Season with our  
favourite four legged friends!

Pony Rides, crafts, draws, food & warm  
drinks, music and the jolly guy himself are only some of the  
special holiday treats!



*Not sure what to get that special horse-loving friend in the family?*

Calendars, t-shirts, decorations and much more  
will be available for purchase!



### Monthly Giving Moves Us Forward!

Did you know...

\$4,200 (\$350 per month)

- Sponsors one horse for a full year

\$420 (\$35 per month)

- Sponsors one rider for a full session

\$1,200 (\$100 per month)

- Maintains one paddock for one year

\$900 (\$75 per month)

- Maintains one stall for a full year

\$120 (\$10 per month)

- Buys 40 Bales of hay
- Buys one safety helmet
- Buys 6 bags of grain for our horses

*Join our easy and convenient monthly giving program.  
Please call Heather at 519-653-4686 for details or  
visit [www.pridestables.com](http://www.pridestables.com).*

## Ask Max



Dear Max,  
I often hear people referring to the height of a horse in the measurement of "hands."

What does that mean?  
-Paul

Dear Paul  
The "hand" is a unit of measurement that originated from the width of a man's hand. It was later standardized to 4 inches in length. Horses are measured from the base of their front feet to the top of their withers. For example, if you have a horse that is 60 inches tall it is equal to 15 hands high or 15hh.

-Max

Have a question for Max? Email them to [info@pridestables.com](mailto:info@pridestables.com)

## Breaking Into 30 Years!



In 2015, the Waterloo Roadbreakers Road Hockey Tournament will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Game on!

Over the past 20 years the tournament has donated over \$320,000 to Pride Stables.

Every year it has been our largest fundraising event! Allowing us to boost our program and our riders to heights never imagined. It is a partnership that has turned into a true friendship.

The Roadbreakers have broken records, broken ground, and have had kids, parents and volunteers break out in giggles and smiles for the thrill of road hockey and the chance to give back to their community.

From humble beginnings, the tournament now welcomes the children of the children who played in those early games. The three university students who mulled over the possibility of a road hockey tournament never imagined the success of their idea.

This year, OURGOAL is to break the Guinness Book Record we set in 2007 of over 300 teams. YOU can make this happen!

We need: event sponsorship, team prizes, auction prizes, ideas and volunteer support!

Are you a Waterloo Roadbreakers Alumni? We are looking to possibly include an alumni event with this year's tournament.

For more information about this event please visit the event website: [www.roadbreakers.ca](http://www.roadbreakers.ca) or e-mail Heather at [info@pridestables.com](mailto:info@pridestables.com)



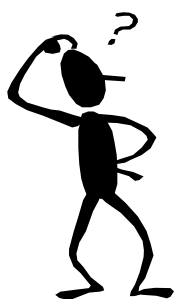
## In Loving Memory

On July 30, 2014, Stephanie Burnett, age 27, passed away peacefully in her sleep. Stephanie had been riding at Pride Stables for 14 years and it was one of her favourite activities. In fact, she was riding the night before she passed.

## Kitchener Panthers

It was another great baseball season at Jack Couch Park. Pride Stables teamed up for the second year with the Kitchener Panthers during their home games to run the concession stand. All proceeds from the concession were used to support our program. After a great season of baseball, we raised close to \$7000 for Pride Stables!

Congratulations to the Panthers on an awesome season and thank you to all of our



## Did you know...

The tallest horse on record is Big Jake, a Belgian Draft who measures at over 20 hh

## Test your Pride Stables Knowledge!

1. What birthday did Pride Stables celebrate in June 2014?
2. Which of our former therapy horses was part of the RCMP prior to coming to Pride Stables?
3. What Anniversary does Waterloo Roadbreakers Road Hockey Tournament celebrate in 2015?
4. Which stall can you find Max sleeping in on a cold day?

Answers on page 6





## HORSE HAPPENINGS



Trip

We would like to introduce our newest four legged friends in the barn, although they are slightly smaller than our normal new additions. These two kittens, Trip and Trouble will be joining Max full-time in the barn. Their job descriptions include hunting for mice, climbing on volunteers cars and parading through classes. Originally coming from a barn they have spent the last couple months living in the office so we aren't sure how much barn is left in the barn cat.



Trouble

### Giving Our Riders A Voice - What Does Riding Mean to You?

*Would you like to share what riding means to you? Send us your story!*

#### Thank you Steele Family Foundation!

For the last 8 consecutive years the Steele family Foundation has provided funding to support our riders, horses, fencing, and a host of other items to meet our needs over the years. Thank you so much for your generous support over the years!

I am very pleased to be asked to tell you about my experience at Pride Stables. I have spent a lot of time at Pride Stables over the last few years. Therapeutic horseback riding is an amazing experience!

I love the freedom of riding and I love to be around the horses who seem able to understand how I am feeling. I really prefer riding in the warmer weather- when I don't need mittens or a coat. Sometimes they feel like they just get in the way.

The volunteers who walk beside me are great! I really appreciate that they talk to me and not at me. I am not able to hold the reigns or to grab things, so I only use my thigh and core muscles to stay up on the horse. Everyone always comments on how well I can keep my balance without using my hands.

When we trot- and I LOVE to trot (the faster the better) Ashley has to hold on to my leg and run beside me. I feel very safe at Pride. To have Pride Stables means I have somewhere to go on a regular basis where I know that I belong.

Follow Aleksandra on her blog at  
[www.interdependencecreatescommunity.blogspot.ca](http://www.interdependencecreatescommunity.blogspot.ca)



Thank You Pride Stables!  
Love Aleksandra Tataryn

### Sponsor-A-Rider



Are you looking for other ways to help? For \$35/month, you can give a child the chance to receive the benefits of therapeutic riding. Each week, that rider will not only have the chance to ride, but the opportunity to interact with others, play games, laugh and have fun in a group environment. All this while receiving a stimulating therapy.

\$420 (\$35/month) allows a rider to receive the benefits of therapeutic riding for one full year.

296 riders are currently waiting for sponsorship.

Call the office at 519-653-4686 to find out how you can get involved!

### Sponsorship Opportunities

Adopt-A-Horse	\$4,200 (\$350 per month)	16 Horses are hoping for sponsorship
Maintain-A-Stall	\$900 (\$75 per month)	6 Horses stalls are available for sponsorship
Sponsor-A-Paddock	\$1,200 (\$100 per month)	Paddocks available for sponsorship
Sponsor-A-Rider	\$420 (\$35 per month)	296 Riders are hoping for your sponsorship

Horse	Horse Sponsors	Stall Sponsors	Paddock Sponsors
Angel		Cambridge Highland Lions	Cambridge Shrine Club
Awesome			
Billy	Waterloo Roadbreakers	Central Canada Gay Rodeo Association	Daisy Fresh Cleaning Service
Chopper		Rorabeck-Maricic Family	
Cookie	Kitchener Panthers	Waterloo Roadbreakers	<b>Rider Sponsors</b>  Ready Rivet & Fastener Ltd Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club Culleen & Donald Kurt Foundation Martin Mills Inc. Kitchener Waterloo Civitan Club Linda & Cecil Rorabeck Marion Jean Wellwood Steele Family Foundation Kitchener Panthers City of Kitchener City of Cambridge City of Waterloo Region of Waterloo
Danny	Rotary Club of Kitchener– Grand River	Bobbi-Jo Bradley & Lockdoor Canada Ltd.	
Flicka		Optimist Club of Twin Cities	
Hercules	Peter Etril & Marilyn Snyder	Robert Cassidy	
Hope		Optimist Club of Twin Cities	
Ivy			
Lyonel		The Elcome Family	
Molly			
Mya		Ken & Gail	
Nahauni		Kiwanis Club of Elmira	
Peggy		Family of Mel & Peggy Hunt	
Pepper		Ken & Gail	
Pipper	Steele Family Foundation		
Prince	Marion Jean Wellwood	The Elcome Family	
Queen	Rick and Norma Brock	Daisy Chris	
Raz		Fred & Mary	
Remington		George Chris	
Skye			
Tass		The Kinette Club of Preston	
Tiki	Pape Company Transportation Inc.		



# Thank You for Celebrating 40 Years with Us!



Jen Ziegler, Head Riding Instructor, and Sheila Badry, Instructor, congratulate Samantha.

On June 21, 2014 we woke up to blue skies and the perfect day to celebrate our 40th anniversary with a Family Fun Day and horse show for our riders and friends!

Walking through the 40 Years of History Tent filled with pictures, news clippings and stories was like taking a trip back in time.

We would like to say a special thank you to Val Baker who was kind enough to share her own Pride Stables story with our guests.

We would also like to say thank you to all of our donors and volunteers who made this day possible!

As friends and family played games and made crafts, the air was filled with nervous excitement as our riders prepared for their horse show and the chance to show off their skills.

Congratulations to all of our riders on a job well done. We are very proud of you!

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our donors and volunteers who made this day possible!



Madison is congratulated by Board Member, Gerhard



Danika demonstrates dressage

## *In Loving Memory Continued...*

Stephanie loved animals, especially horses. She would often “hug” her horse, but then sit up tall and ride with great joy. When we were getting ready to drive down to Pride Stables, Stephanie, who was non-verbal, would click her tongue to make the sound of the horse’s hoofs.



Stephanie riding Hope

She would sometimes click that tongue all the way down the parkway in anticipation of her ride. For the last couple of years, she rode with her Sunbeam Day Program friends.

Stephanie had a full and happy life. Besides her day program, she participated in speech therapy, music therapy, Weekend Social Club and the Waterloo Down Syndrome Society Buddy Choir and Pizza Pals.

Just 4 days before she died, Stephanie had a wonderful birthday party with 20 of her close friends and family. She will be remembered for the special way she touched the hearts of everyone she met.

We would like to thank all the teachers and volunteers at Pride Stables for their support and kindness towards Stephanie. Her life was truly enhanced by your wonderful program.

*Valerie Nunn, Gord Burnett and Emily Burnett*





## Every Little Bit Helps

Hay  
Hay Cubes– Timothy/Alfalfa Mix  
Fence Boards & Posts  
Shavings  
Lg. Salt Blocks– Blue & Brown  
Wintec Saddles  
Covered Stirrups

Corn brooms  
Shovels  
Canadian Tire Money  
Copy Paper  
Cat Food  
Riding Helmets

\*A charitable tax receipt may be issued for some donations\*

## VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU!

### WINTER AND SPRING SESSION TRAINING DATES

#### Winter Session Training 2015

Wednesday, January 7th 12-2pm & 6-8pm  
Saturday, January 10th 12-2pm

\*\*Please call the office 519-653-4686 in the event of bad winter weather to check on any cancellations

#### Spring Session Training 2015

Wednesday, January 14th 6-8pm  
Wednesday, January 21st 6-8pm  
Wednesday, January 28th 6-8pm  
Wednesday, February 4th 6-8pm  
Wednesday, February 11th 6-8pm  
Wednesday, February 18th 6-8pm  
Wednesday, February 25th 6-8 pm  
Wednesday, March 4th 12-2pm & 6-8pm

Saturday, March 7th 12-2pm  
Tuesday, March 10th 12-2pm & 6-8pm  
Wednesday, March 11th 12-2pm & 6-8pm  
Thursday, March 12th 12-2pm & 6-8pm  
Wednesday, March 18th 12-2pm & 6-8pm  
Thursday, March 19th 12-2pm & 6-8pm  
Wednesday March 25th 12-2pm & 6-8pm

*Volunteers MUST be 15 or older for regular program and 14 or older for Camp*

Answers from page 2:

1. Pride Stables celebrates 40 years in 2014 2. Turf 3. Waterloo Roadbreakers celebrates 30 years in 2015 4. The Hay stall

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