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STABLE TALK Fall 2017

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE *12-3pm* Sunday, December 17th, 2017



*Ho Ho Hope to see
 everyone at Pride
 Stables! C'mon down
 for Holiday cheer,
 Pony Rides and Treats!*

*Santa and
 Mrs. Claus*



Singing with Pride!
 Join the **Waterloo Country Carollers** between
 1:00 and 2:00 as they bring the festive sounds
 of Christmas to Pride Stables!

*Looking for that perfect gift for someone just as
 perfect? Pride Stables t-shirts, baseball hats,
 calendars, ornaments and more are available at
 the Open House ...*



New This Year!
 Pride Stables
 Back Packs!
 Only \$10
 Get yours today!

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.*



Adrienne and Danny

I'm thrilled to be part of the Pride Stables volunteer group. Heather and Jen should be very proud of the programs they have established, and how well the horses are cared for. I know I am. The icing on the cake for me is hearing the

beautiful sound of laughter when the kids trot, the rapport that I'm able to build with the kids and the staff of the organizations, all the wonderful volunteers I've met and the friendships that have resulted. And the horses; being able to groom them, getting to know each of them, being able to spoil them with carrots, and to spend time with them and the kids, especially outdoors. It's an opportunity for me to give back a little, although I feel like I get back more than I give.

Adrienne

Volunteer Voice

Approximately 3 years ago I stumbled across something that would forever change my life ... I found Pride Therapy Stables! They were looking for volunteers and I decided that I just might fit the bill. My first impression of the program was two fold ... #1. The staff was professional, caring, and extremely competent. I was beyond impressed ... #2. I was going to be able to participate in something that gave back to my community and made me smile every time I walked away from my class. I walk into the barn and am met with the friendly chatter of the

Deb with Paul riding Nahauni



volunteers, the soothing sounds of the horses and ponies, and the smell of the barn. I watch my instructor Jen working with the riders, horses and volunteers with patience, compassion, and expertise. I have met some wonderful people and made some very special friends that I will cherish for a lifetime. I remember coming home after a couple of classes and telling my husband what wonderful people I have met ... he said, "Deb ... these are people who volunteer their time to help others ... of course they are special."

To say that my time at Pride has enhanced my life would be a vast understatement ... it has given me purpose and a joy of giving back to those who need a helping hand. I am a better person because of what they have given me not what I have given them.

Deb



We Dig Plant Nite!

Plant your own Terrarium just in time for Valentine's Day!

Join us Wednesday, February 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 in the new viewing room at Pride Stables.

Bring a little Spring into Winter while playing with friends (and nature) during this care-free, fun-filled event.

It's a party, not a class! Fantastic party hosts will lead us step-by-step to create works of plant-art while we enjoy scrumptious refreshments.

Space is limited. Book online today by following this link...

<https://www.plantnite.com/events/-10028803>

Buy with Pride!

Do you shop at any of these retailers? If so, you can support Pride Stables through the purchases you already make!



By signing up for a monthly gift card subscription to the retailers you already shop at each month, a percentage of your purchases is donated to Pride Stables. It's called LoyaltyFunding and it really is that easy. You can provide food and supplies for the horses at our stables through the food you purchase for your family each month.

For more information on LoyaltyFunding and to start your subscription today, visit www.loyaltyfunding.ca/pridestables

A Round of Applause Please



**Many thanks to the
SAIL Staff!**

*Incredible gift of over
\$1,100
towards
Pride programs!*

*Check them out at
www.sail.ca*

Thank you Nay-bours!

For the third year, Deer Ridge Golf Club has generously supported us through their charity golf tournament.

***This year, we received a
whopping \$20,000!***

We are truly grateful the support of our incredible neighbours.

Thank you so much
Deer Ridge Golf Club!



HEY BATTER BATTER!

Another baseball season passes that saw another great team up with the Kitchener Panthers and Pride Stables. Our amazing volunteers ran the concession stand at the Jack Couch Park home games, the proceeds of which helped support our program. Thank you to our volunteers who ran the stand and cheers to the Panthers on another fantastic year!



The mobile dining experience continued this summer as we welcomed some delicious meals on wheels to the Stables.

Special thanks to *Schmuck Truck, Fo'Cheezy, Café Du Monde, Mango Chutney, The Wild Boar and Breakfast Blues and BBQ!* Completing an evening out with pony rides, the series brought \$1500 to our program. Thanks to all who came to enjoy the days - more feasting and fun will be had next year.



Wow! \$1,700 raised!

Thanks to everyone who participated in this yummy fundraiser for Pride.

Contact

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to re-order or check out
Epicure.com for more!*

E P I C U R E™



A Hole-In-One!

*Thank you Waterloo Knights of
Columbus Golf Tournament!*

We were once again the lucky recipients of this fantastic charitable event.

Great Day. Great People. Great Golf!
Many, many thanks!

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)	18 Horses are hoping for sponsorship
Maintain-A-Stall	\$900 (\$75 per month)	9 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		Aden & Sheryl Frey	Daisy Fresh Cleaning Service
Beauty			Sail Outdoor Store Cambridge
Billy		Kiwanis Club of Elmira	
Black Velvet	Westfall and Hill Family Fund		<u>Rider Sponsors</u> Marion Jean Wellwood
Chopper		Rorabeck-Maricic Family	Optimist Club Lakeshore
Coal			Mitchell Mills Systems Canada
Cody	Kitchener Panthers	Optimist Club of Twin Cities	Optimist Club of Petersburg
Danny	Rotary Club of Kitchener– Grand River	Bobbi-Jo Bradley	Kinsmen Club of Kitchener Waterloo
Fritz		Friends of Screen Magic	City of Kitchener
Hercules	Peter Etril & Marilyn Snyder	Optimist Club of Twin Cities	City of Waterloo
Kenny			
Lyonel	Bridget Davidson	The Elcome Family	Elmira Maple Syrup Festival
Molly			Kitchener Sports Association
Mya		Ken & Gail	
Nahauni		Katy & Nick	Lyle S Hallman Foundation Kids to Camp
Peggy	Waterloo Knights of Columbus	Family of Mel & Peggy Hunt	Maycourt Club of KW
Percy	How Great Thou Art		Jim & Vikki Tait
Pipper		In Memory of Sandra Chris	City of Cambridge
Prince	Marion Jean Wellwood	The Elcome Family	Region of Waterloo
Queen		Daisy Chris	Optimist Club Kitchener West
Rachel			Ready Rivet Fasteners
Rainbow Black		Fred & Mary	Optimist Club Cambridge
Remington	George Chris		Kitchener Pioneer Lions
Rosie		Westfall and Hill Family	Doon Park Community Association
Ryder		Margaret Hill	Main Street Animal Hospital
Tempi			
Tiki	Pape Company Transportation Inc.	David & Brenda Walden	Silvia Burnett
Toby	Family of Margie Schenk	Family of Margie Schenk	

Trouble's Tidbits



As I get older, I see even more around the barn that I would like to share with you.

Welcome to
"Trouble's Tidbits"

Have you ever wondered why horses have long, flowing manes? (Lyonel excepted...)

There are a few reasons!

Protection from insects.

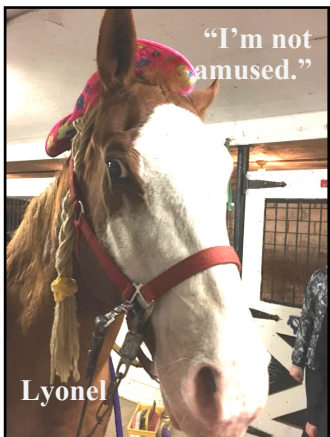
A horse will flick the mane to the other side of the neck with a shake of the head to swat at pesky bugs.

An umbrella.

The long hair drains water from the neck when it rains keeping the neck warm and dry.

I'm so Pretty!

It gives humans a place to attach flowers, hats, ribbons and bows.



Lyonel

Horse Happenings

We have not 1, 2 or 3 but 4 new friends to introduce!



Starting with the smallest of our new friends...

Kenny stands 12.2 hands tall. He is an 18 year old Welsh Mountain Pony. He is a handsome grey pony who gives our other grey ponies some tough competition when it comes to the dirtiest. His past includes working cattle events and pony rides at fundraisers so he is quite comfortable in his new role here.

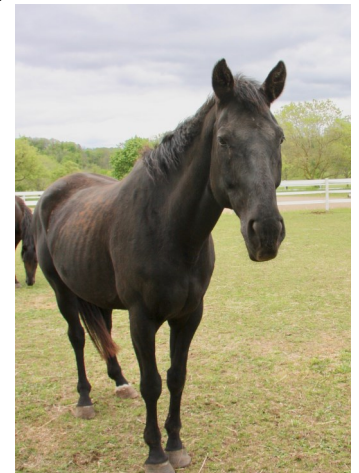
Tempestad "Tempi" for short is a lovely 16 year old, Bay, Paso Fino mare. She is incredibly smooth to ride. She is a gaited horse and looks like she is prancing around the ring. She may take short steps but she is tough to beat in the cheetah race!



Beauty truly is a beauty! She is a 15 year old Canadian mare that stands approximately 15.1 hands. With her sturdy build she is perfect to help with some of our bigger riders. She may have a slow saunter at times but if you get her moving she is tough to keep up with.



And last but certainly not least, the tallest of our new horse crowd and the tallest one in our fields, Coal is a handsome Black 16.1 hand Sport horse gelding. He is a 13 year old, Hanoverian Quarter horse cross. This big guy used to show hunters on the Trillium show circuit and spent time as a lesson horse. His calm, honest nature made him a barn favourite there and is fast becoming a favourite here.



Test your Pride Stables knowledge:

1. Who is the tallest horse at Pride Stables?
2. Why do we yell "door" when coming into the arena?
3. Do horses have facial expressions?

(answers on the back page)

Did you know...

The horse is one of the 12 Chinese signs of the zodiac. Anyone born in the year of the horse is seen to have the characteristics of the animal, namely intelligence, independence and a free-spirit.





Every Little Bit Helps

Hay
Utility wagon
Fence Boards & Posts
Shavings
Wintec Saddles
Covered Stirrups
Corn brooms & Push Brooms
Gift Cards (Walmart, Dollar Store, Michaels)

Shovels (Snow and Metal)
Canadian Tire Money
Copy Paper
Road Salt
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Dishwasher

A charitable tax receipt may be issued for some donations

VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU!

WINTER SESSION TRAINING DATES

Thursday, January 4 - 12 -2pm & 6-8pm

Saturday, January 6 - 12 -2pm

Tuesday, January 9 - 12 -2pm & 6 -8pm

Wednesday, January 10 - 12 -2pm & 6 -8pm

Watch our website for Spring Training Dates!

Winter Session

Day and Evening Classes
Begin January 15th

Spring Session

Evening and Saturday Classes
Begin March 19

Daytime Classes
Begin March 26

Registration is required for training.
Only one training session is needed.
Please register by calling the office at
519-653-4686 or emailing volunteering@pridestables.com

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

Answers: 1. Coal 2. For safety. To warn people that a horse or pony is coming or going. 3. Yes! (See Lyonel pg4)

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