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# STABLE TALK

Fall 2010

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## Christmas Open House Sunday, December 19th, 2010 12:00-3:00pm



Bring family and friends for a fun day of  
Christmas celebration! Crafts, Pony Rides,  
Meet Santa and Mrs. Clause, Stall  
Decorating Contest, Snacks and more!

### 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

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Please call Heather at 519-653-4686 for details or visit  
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# HORSE HAPPENINGS



We are excited to introduce the newest members of our Pride family!

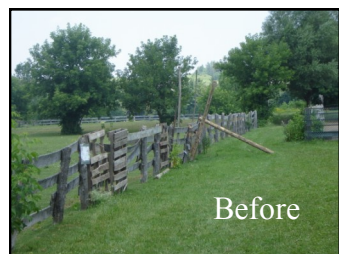
Queen is a 17 year old Haflinger who has just recently stepped into her new role this past summer. She has entered the program with absolute grace and kindness. Our riders have already fallen in love with this palomino mare!

Prince also a palomino Haflinger arrived with his life long friend Queen and has settled into his new home easily. Though he is not quite ready for his new job yet, he is working hard to get there. Prince is a ladies man, always flirting with the mares in the paddock, but it's Mya who has his heart.



To look at Mister you would think he is Skye's twin! This handsome white, Arab cross is 20 years old and he marched right into Camp Pride this past summer. His slim build is perfect for our smaller riders whose muscles are a little more stiff and they never have to worry as he always keeps them safe!

Nahauni is a 16 year old bay mare with lots of energy! This Arab x Percheron x Standardbred cross has already begun a few classes during fall session and seems to be loving it! Her energetic walk keeps the kids giggling and volunteers trying to keep up. She has also joined the "mares club" in the pony field. We often wonder what Nahauni, Molly and Angel talk about when they aren't working?



Before

## Pride's Paddock Face Lift!



Summer 2010 brought a face lift to Pride's paddocks! After we discovered the horses and ponies had found a new game of escaping from their fields, we decided it was time to make a change. We were very fortunate to have received a bit of help from The Steele Family Foundation and Highland Fencing to buy materials and repair the damaged fences! We also send a huge thank you to the KW Regional Police and Conestoga Rovers for their hard work in helping install the new vinyl rails and paint all of the posts!

The horses are now staying on the inside of their paddocks!



After



## Tree Planting Day!



After saving our Loonies and Toonies all Summer during our Toonies for Trees Fundraiser we were able to purchase over 75 trees! September 15th, 2010 the sun was shining as 20 volunteers from Deloitte arrived shovels in hand. After many hours of sweat, labour and smiles, all 75+ trees were planted! Thank you Deloitte for all of your hard work and thank you to everyone who helped us raise money for Toonies for Trees!



# Provincial Dressage Championships & Prince Phillip Games



September 4th, 2010 Pride Stables hosted the Provincial Dressage Championships and Prince Phillip Games. Riders from all over Ontario came to show off their skills and compete for gold! If that wasn't pressure enough, they also had to face Mother Nature's cold winds and rain all day!

We were fortunate enough to be able to have a PPG team compete this year in a series of relay races against SARI, a Therapeutic Riding centre from London, Ontario.



Danika Blackstock, Faith Austin, Megan O'Brien and Trevor Mains kept us on the edge of our seats as they crossed the line in a photo finish putting them in second place!



We would also like to congratulate Danika Blackstock and Charlene Yoshida for their 4th and 5th place ribbons for their Grade 1A Dressage tests. The girls worked hard this summer memorizing the 12 step pattern and passed with flying colours! Way to go Girls!

We would like to thank all of our volunteers for their help during this special event without you our riders wouldn't have been able to make their dreams come true!

Thank you also to Starbucks Coffee for donating the day's coffee and to Elmira Poultry for helping us provide lunch.



## THANK YOU CCGRA!

We would like to thank the Central Canada Gay Rodeo Association for their on going support of our children and horses! For the past few years CCGRA has been sponsoring "Shasta" one of our program horses. Through their sponsorship our program has been allowed to grow and flourish allowing even more children to have the ride of their lives.



## The Annual Mark Livingstone Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament



PLAY BALL! The Annual Mark Livingstone Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament had another successful year. Teams came together this September to not only play ball, but also raise money for Pride Stables and Nutrition For Learning! It was a rainy cold day, but it didn't dampen the spirits as you heard jokes, laughter and

cheering throughout the park. We would like to send a big congratulations to all the teams who played and to also say *Thank You!* We are excited to have The Mark Livingstone Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament sponsoring Hershey, one of our program horses this year!

## Sponsorship Opportunities

Adopt-A-Horse	\$4,200	10 Horses are hoping for sponsorship
Maintain-A-Stall	\$900	7 Horses stalls are available for sponsorship
Sponsor-A-Paddock	\$1,200	Paddock will be available for sponsorship
Sponsor-A-Rider	\$420	296 Riders are hoping for your sponsorship

Horse	Horse Sponsors	Stall Sponsors	Paddock Sponsors
Angel	Deer Ridge Estates Community Association	Kinette Club of Preston	Cambridge Shrine Club
Apple Jack	Peter Etril & Marilyn Snyder	Eileen & Owen Huck	
Cookie		Waterloo Roadbreakers	
Danny	Rotary Club of Kitchener– Grand River	McCordick Glove	Daisy Fresh Cleaning
Flicka	Steele Family Foundation	Twin City Optimist Club	
Hercules	912 Ontario Ltd.		
Hershey	The Mark Livingstone Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament		Waterloo & Halton Regions Elks & Royal Purple Lodges
Hope	Deer Ridge Golf Club Spaghetti Night	Twin City Optimist Club	<b>Shelter Sponsors</b>
Leo		Dante & Erminie Pocrnich	
Mister			
Molly			K-W Civitan Club
Mya	Rotary Club of Kitchener– Westmount	Ken & Gail	
Nahauni			
Olliver	Waterloo Region Police Service	Cambridge Highland Lions Club	Waterloo & Halton Regions Elks & Royal Purple Lodges
Peggy	KW Region Elks & Royal Purple Lodges		
Pipper	Steele Family Foundation	The Zinger Family	
Queen			Rotary Club of Kitchener-Grand River
Raz		Fred & Mary	
Remington		George Chris	
Shasta	Deer Ridge Charitable Foundation	Central Canada Gay Rodeo Association	Gardens Courtesy of Harvey & Kathy
Skye	Kitchener Waterloo Civitan Club	John & Diana Spearn	
Tass		Kinette Club of Preston	
Tiki		The Optimist Club of Lakeshore– Waterloo	
Tootsie	Marion Jean Wellwood	Bright Water Services Inc.	



# What does it mean to Sponsor a Rider?



Bethany was a cheerful, little blonde four year old girl. She showed up to Pride Stables her first day dressed from head to toe in pink, with the wheelchair to match. She also wore pink flowered splints on her arms. Bethany has cerebral palsy. She has poor muscle control and spastic movements. Bethany did not have the core muscle strength to sit-up on her horse. Her mom was a little hesitant about sending her to ride with her class, but with encouraging words from her daughter's teacher, she agreed.

Bethany was going to be riding Peggy. Peggy walked into the arena decked out with a teddy bear blanket on her back and a surcingle around her belly. This was to allow Bethany to lay down while riding. The heat given off from Peggy allowed for Bethany's tight, spastic muscles to relax.

After a couple of weeks, Bethany starting sitting up on Peggy for a short period of time before returning to her lying position. Each week Bethany arrived with a huge smile on her face wiggling around in her chair waiting for it to be her turn to get on her pony. The classes were close to ending before Bethany's mom could make it out to see her ride. Her mom couldn't believe her eyes when she walked into the arena and saw her little girl sitting up on her little grey pony happily chatting and laughing with her volunteers. Bethany was then switched to go back to lying down on Peggy to relax her muscles.

At the end of the lesson, her mom came over and lifted her off her pony and held her completely relaxed daughter in her arms. Mom turned to Bethany's volunteer with tears in her eyes and said "I can't remember ever being able to hold Bethany and give her a hug without getting knocked in the head from the spastic movements of her arms." Bethany has continued to ride ever since, is now strong enough to sit-up on her horse for the entire class and has been able to give her mom hundreds of real hugs!

***Do you have a Story You Would Like to Share? Email them to [info@pridestables.com](mailto:info@pridestables.com)!***

## Thank you Rider Sponsors and Special Friends!

George Chris  
Deer Ridge Community Assoc.  
The Steele Family Foundation  
Rotary Club of Cambridge N.  
Doon Pioneer Park Community  
Association  
The Royal Canadian Legion—  
Branch 50  
M&M Meat Shops  
Manulife Financial  
Debra Underwood  
Elmira Poultry  
Mark Jolkowski  
Sun Life Financial  
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Cambridge Shrine Club  
Annual MLM Tournament  
Waterloo Road Breakers  
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Thank you Optimist Club of Twin  
Cities for your generous donation  
of \$1,500.00 towards our program!



## **Every Little Bit Helps**

**Hay, large round and square bales  
Hay Cubes– Timothy/Alfalfa Mix  
Fence Boards & Posts  
Shavings  
Bird Seed  
Snow Fencing  
Horse & Pony Girths all sizes  
Lg. Salt Blocks– Blue & Brown**

**Wintec Saddles  
Shelving Units  
Shovels  
Peatmoss  
Canadian Tire Money  
Copy Paper  
Folding Tables  
Zehrs Tapes**

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

## **VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU!**

### **WINTER SESSION TRAINING DATES**

**Thursday, January 6th from Noon-2pm & 6-8pm  
Saturday, January 8th from Noon-2pm  
Wednesday, January 12th from Noon-2pm & 6-8pm**

**Please check our website [www.pridestables.com](http://www.pridestables.com) to confirm  
winter and spring training dates.**

*Volunteers MUST be 15 years old and able to commit to a minimum of one  
class per week for an 8 week session.*

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