



STABLE TALK

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Fall 2018



Celebrate the holiday season with our favourite four legged friends and the Jolly Guy himself!

Join us for pony rides, a craft for the young ones, and delicious holiday treats.

*You are invited to our
Christmas Open House
Sunday December 16th
12 to 3pm*



The **Waterloo Country Carollers** will be bringing their festive voices to Pride Stables from 1-2pm

Looking for the perfect gift for the horse lovers in your life?
We will have calendars, ornaments, Pride Stables t-shirts, pony bags and more for sale!



Sponsorship 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 a 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*

This summer, Prides Stables was honoured to receive two awards from our community



Pride Stables Receives the *Gerald D Steinman Community Partner Award*

Jen Zielman (2nd from left) & Heather MacKneson (2nd from right) accept the *Gerald D. Steinman Community Partner Award* from Gerald Steinman, Langs' Founding Member (left), and David Cooke, Langs' Program Coordinator (right).

This award is given to acknowledge a community partner who has contributed to the success of Langs.

Langs writes: "The committee was pleased to hear that your organization has worked in partnership with our 7th Inning Education Program for over 15 years. Our students have the opportunity to participate in your program for 8 weeks every spring completing volunteer work including feeding and grooming the horses, as well as learning to ride horses, developing a relationship and learning empathy and trust. The Pride Stables experience is a major highlight every year for our 7th Inning students and this partnership is valued and treasured.

Canada 150 Award of Excellence

Marwan Tabbara, MP Kitchener South-Hespeler, visited Pride Stables to present Executive Director Heather MacKneson with the *Canada 150 Award of Excellence*. The award recognizes Pride Stables' contributions in promoting a diverse, inclusive Canada and in engaging and inspiring youth—like the summer camp volunteers behind Heather & Marwan in the sand ring!



Memories made at Camp Pride 2018



Telus Day of Giving

On June 6th, a group of *Telus* employees drove from near and far to spend a few hours spring cleaning our property. This group was instrumental in rehabilitating a section of the grass that had been dug up for some plumbing work and also in starting the rock garden outside the entrance to the barn that you may have admired. We thank them for helping Pride Stables to look its best!



Thank you Nay-bours!

We send a big THANK YOU our neighbours, **Deer Ridge Gold Club**, for another year of their support! As a recipient of proceeds from their annual charity golf tournament, Pride Stables received \$19,000.

Waterloo Knight of Columbus also generously supported Pride Stables once again with the proceeds from their annual charity tournament in August. THANK YOU for your incredible contributions of \$2,000! A great day of golf was had by all!



Congratulations Panthers!

Kitchener Panthers played a great summer of ball, finishing their 100th season by battling it out through to game 6 of the finals.



Prides Stables' proceeds from running the concession stand at home games totalled over \$12,000. **Thank you!**

Volunteer Voice



Carol-Ann, Amy and Beauty

Thanks to Pride Stables, I feel that now (in my retirement) I'm reconnecting with my farm-girl roots. My first day at Pride, as I walked toward the barn, one of the horses whinnied and my face involuntarily broke out in a huge, wide grin. It was like I was being welcomed home. Pride Stables is an incredibly positive place. The volunteers, the clients are all so happy.

The horses & ponies are contented and well cared for, and respond positively to the physical & social stimulation of their daily interactions. Gotta love those carrots! The riders are the happiest of all. The expression on a child's face when they are lifted from their wheelchair onto the back of a horse – feeling tall (taller than everyone in the room) & catching a glimpse of themselves astride a horse in the mirrors along the wall; the otherwise non-verbal rider hugging his horse at the end of class and saying its name. I will always be grateful to Pride Stables for allowing me to be part of these incredible moments.

Carol-Ann

Food Truck Nights

Delicious food was enjoyed, pony rides brought smiles, and face painting by *Fancy Expressions* enchanted those who came out to our Food Truck Nights in June and September.



With your support
we raised \$1820!



E P I C U R E™

This year for our fall fundraiser we featured the delectable food items, cooking products, and kitchen wares from *Epicure*. Yum!

Thank you to all of the riders and volunteers who participated!

With your help, \$1,930 was raised to support our programs.



**Dear Trouble,
How do you measure
the height of a
horse?**

I am glad you asked!

When we want to know the height of a horse we measure straight up from the ground at the front hoof to the top of the withers (not the top of their heads)!

In English speaking countries around the world, horses are measured not in feet and inches, but in "hands."

One "hand" is equal to 4 inches. If we take Queen for instance, her height is 13 hands.
 $13 \times 4 = 52$

You might understand 52" in "human height" as a bit over 4 feet tall: 4'4".

Trouble

Horse Happenings

This past spring we welcomed two new horses to our fields. Arriving on the same day, they quickly became fast friends.
Can you tell!?



Woody (left) is a 19 year old 14.3hh bay quarter horse gelding. This handsome man spent many years showing & was the overall champion of the Stratford Saddle Club for 3 years. Coming from the same home as our beloved Cody & Fritz he had a high standard to live up to. He has been nothing short of spectacular in classes.



Ranger (right) is a 20 y/o 15hh paint gelding who is calm, curious and friendly. Ranger is full of silly antics and adds some colour to our pony field joining our other "cow look-a-likes" in the field. Once settled into his new home here at Pride, he took learning his job very seriously and he is a great guy to have in class.

Test your Pride Stables knowledge:

1. Who is the handsome pony posing with Mr & Mrs Claus on the front page?
2. Who is the tallest horse in our fields?
3. Who is the shortest? *(Answers on the back page)*



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 these benefits for one full year.

291 riders are currently waiting for sponsorship.
Call or email the office to find out how you can get started!
519-653-4686 info@pridestables.com

Sponsorship Opportunities

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| Adopt-A-Horse | \$4,200 (\$350 per month) | 18 Horses are hoping for sponsorship |
| Maintain-A-Stall | \$900 (\$75 per month) | 8 Horses stalls are available for sponsorship |
| Sponsor-A-Paddock | \$1,200 (\$100 per month) | 1 Paddock available for sponsorship |
| Sponsor-A-Rider | \$420 (\$35 per month) | 291 Riders are hoping for your sponsorship |

Paddock Sponsors

Front: Daisy Fresh Cleaning Service

Side: Aden & Sheryl Frey

Back: available for sponsorship

Rider Sponsors

Amanda Neeb

Bobbi-Jo Bradley

City of Cambridge

City of Kitchener

City of Waterloo

Dave & Caitlin Jenkins

David Spiegelman

Doon Pioneer Park Community Association

Elmira Maple Syrup Festival

Enid & Charles Emery

John Lengyell

Kinette Club of Preston

Kinsmen Club of Kitchener/Wloo

Kitchener Pioneer Lions

Kitchener Sports Association

Lois & Dr. Thomas Schultz

Lyle S Hallman Foundation
Kids to Camp

Main Street Animal Hospital

Marion Jean Wellwood

Maycourt Club of KW

Mitchell Mills Systems Canada

Mitchell Plastics

Optimist Clubs of Cambridge

Ready Rivet Fastener Ltd

Region of Waterloo

Rorabeck Maricic Families

Silvia Burnett

| Horse | Horse Sponsors | Stall Sponsors |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Awesome | | Aden & Sheryl Frey |
| Beauty | | Laurie Farrow |
| Billy | | Kiwanis Club of Elmira |
| Black Velvet | Westfall and Hill Family Fund | Fred & Mary |
| Chopper | | |
| Coal | | |
| Cody | Kitchener Panthers | Optimist Club of Twin Cities |
| Danny | | Rotary Club of Kitchener– Grand River |
| Fritz | | TMTA Waterloo Region |
| Hercules | Marilyn Snyder & the late Peter Etril | Optimist Club of Twin Cities |
| Kenny | Waterloo Knights of Columbus | |
| Lyonel | | The Elcome Family |
| Molly | | The Willar Family |
| Nahauni | | Katy & Nick |
| Percy | How Great Thou Art | |
| Pipper | | In Memory of Daisy & Sandra Chris |
| Prince | Marion Jean Wellwood | |
| Queen | | Ken & Gail |
| Rachel | | |
| Rainbow Black | | Family of Mel & Peggy Hunt |
| Remington | George & Beverley Chris | |
| Rosie | | Westfall and Hill Family |
| Ryder | Estate of Margaret Elizabeth Hill | David & Brenda Walden |
| Tempi | | Cambridge Shrine Club |
| Toby | Family of Margie Schenk | Family of Margie Schenk |
| Ranger | | Trillium Mutual Insurance Company |
| Woody | | Cambridge Highland Lions |

Every Little Bit Helps!

Timothy/ Alfalfa hay cubes
Laminating Machine
Rainbow Reins
Flat-back Water Buckets
Fence Boards & Posts
Shavings
Covered Stirrups
Gift Cards (Walmart, Dollar Store, Michaels)

Wheelbarrow
Wintec Saddles
Canadian Tire Money
Plain Printer/Copy Paper
Toilet Paper, Paper Towels
Dishwasher
Shovels (snow & metal)
Corn Brooms

A charitable tax receipt may be issued for some donations

VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU!

WINTER ORIENTATION TRAINING DATES

Jan. 7th, Jan. 9th - 12-2pm or 6-8pm
Sat. Jan. 12th - 12-2pm

Winter Session - 6 weeks
Starts the week of January 15th
daytime & evenings; Saturdays

SPRING ORIENTATION TRAINING DATES

Sat. Mar. 2nd - 12-2pm
Mar. 5th, 7th, 11th, 13th - 12-2pm or 6-8pm

Spring Session - 8-10 weeks
Starts the weeks of March 18th & 25th
Mon-Fri daytime & evenings
Saturdays

Minimum age: Volunteers MUST be 15 or older
Pre-registration is required to attend a training session.
Only one 2-hour training session is needed.
Please register through the office:
volunteering@pridestables.com 519-653-4686

Quiz Answers: 1. Kenny with his red halter matches the Santa & Mrs. Claus nicely!
2. Coal at 16.1 hands 3. Rainbow Black

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