



STABLE TALK

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Holiday Greetings



This year has brought many changes and challenges for every one of us.

We all have experienced the unfortunate cancellation of social gatherings and events large and small. On the chopping block for us has been our spring session of riding, summer evening riding classes, food truck night fundraisers in June and September, and sadly, our annual Christmas Open House leading up to the holidays this year.

We will miss the smiles and company of our visitors, the warm cider, the harmonies that *Waterloo County Carolers* bring to our gathering each year, and of course the jolly Mr. & Mrs. Claus.

We are thinking of you all and wish to share our gratitude for the holiday donations many of you have made to Pride Stables recently!

We look forward to the new year with optimism and hope to see you all again at the barn when the time is right!

Are you wondering what to give someone special on your list this year?

Consider gifts made to Pride Stables in their honour! You can even send digital card directly from the donation page to notify them of your gift. It couldn't be easier! Some suggestions:

- ♦ \$25.00 will buy five bales of hay to fill the loft
- ♦ \$40.00 will feed our friends in the pony field for a day
- ♦ \$60.00 will buy 3 bags of grain for our horses
- ♦ Just over a dollar a day (\$35/mo) for a year will sponsor a rider



Get started at www.pridestables.com then click on "How To Donate" in the menu

Camp Pride 2020

Day camp this past summer is one that will not soon be forgotten! While camp ran in July & August at a reduced capacity, it didn't stop us from having a safe, successful, FUN summer!

Hats off to our volunteers (many of them brand new!) who stepped up to the plate and diligently followed the new protocols we had in place to keep everyone safe. This summer was one for the books!

"The boys still talk about camp. I think it's safe to say we'll be repeat campers! Thank you so much to the team at Pride Stables for everything you did. It was so well organized, everyone was enthusiastic and so patient with our boys. Tate said that riding a horse made him feel strong and powerful. Cameron said it was just so much fun, lol! Caleb felt like a leader. They had a blast!"

- Sara, mom of 2020 camper trio

Camper Caleb rides Charday with the help of volunteer Doug >>



Birthday Donation

Birthday boy & rider Mason was excited to collect Canadian Tire money and other donations for his favourite pony Kenny and friends at the stables.

Thank you for thinking of us as you celebrated your 9th birthday Mason!



COVID didn't stop folks from enjoying a socially-distanced day on the green in support of Pride Stables which brought in \$18,075!

We tip our hat in thanks to all the golfers, donors, and sponsors of Deer Ridge Golf Club's annual charity golf tournament. We are grateful for your continued support!



Holiday Blooms Fall Fundraiser

Pride Stables embraced the digital world and went fully online with our fundraiser this fall! It was a great success and we hope you found it as smooth as we did!

In conjunction with holiday donations made via this new online platform, the sale of poinsettias, cyclamen & amaryllis plants brought in over \$2,000!

Thank you for your support and for spreading the word to your friends, neighbours & colleagues!





Dear Trouble,
I see you sleeping a lot. Maybe that makes you an expert. What can you tell me about horses and sleep?

Dear Reader,
Have you noticed me curled up in my new cozy bed? I spend about two thirds of my day sleeping, just like other cats out there.

Most humans sleep for a single long stretch – about 8 hours or so – each day.

Adult horses on the other hand are a different story spending only about 3 hours in a day sleeping.

Roughly 5 to 7 hours of a horse's day is spent resting, but actual sleep usually happens for them after the clock strikes 12 when it is nice & dark – long past my bedtime!

Trouble

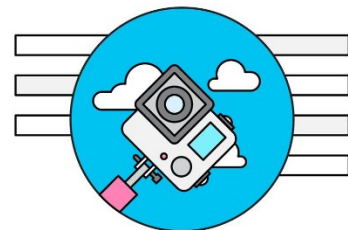
Staying in Touch

You may have noticed the newest section on our website: **Staying in Touch**. This has been created stay connected and engaged with YOU during these challenging times.

It has been a tough year and we have missed interacting with you all as we normally would! Keep checking back on this page (and on Facebook too)! You will find fun posts and activities like colouring pages, horse quizzes, snapshots of our equine friends in the fields, and video updates.

Funding for the GoPro camera and our *Staying in Touch* initiative is supported by the Youth in Recreation Fund - Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation Fund and the Lisa Schurter Memorial Fund held at Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation.

Visit: pridestables.com/staying-in-touch **Facebook:** facebook.com/PrideStables



Student Reflections

As a Conestoga College Recreation and Leisure student, I had an awesome and unique opportunity here at Pride Stables!

Working with horses is not something I envisioned for placement but I could not be more happy with it and it gave me a new opportunity that I enjoyed.

The horses are very friendly & easy to work with. The staff, volunteers and participants at the stables were all terrific and treated me like an equal rather than just a student. I wish all the best to everyone at Pride Stables! - Will

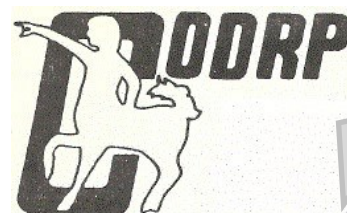
< Will on his last day with Awesome



Test your Pride Stables knowledge:

(Answers on back page)

1. What else do we call the horse field?
2. What is another name we use when referring to the "back field"?
3. Which horse sports her very own "sunglasses" to protect her eyes?
4. Who is the smallest paint-coloured friend in our fields?



Blast from the past!
Check out our original logo from 1978!

Volunteer Voice

Pride Stables has been in my life for a little over three years. I learned of this place from a friend so I gave volunteering a shot and loved it!

As an individual with a disability I know how much independence and freedom means to our community. I believe Pride Stables gives each rider this opportunity. The supportive network that's built amongst teachers, volunteers, riders, and parents/caregivers, who all want each other to succeed, is one of the most welcoming environments I've ever been a part of. This fall I worked with a large spectrum of lovely people and riders. Whether we shared an in-depth conversation or lots of smiles, it never failed to make my day.

I've accomplished things that, as a teen, I never would have dreamed I'd be able to do like handling large animals, and it's the encouragement from everyone each week that made me feel safe enough to try. I'm now looking into lessons and more equine activities as I've found a passion for it and it started here. I look forward to being involved at Pride Stables in the future! - Sarah



Sarah with Toby at Hallowe'en

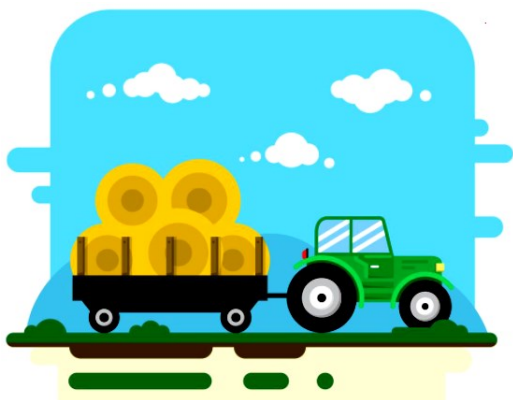


Quintin picking up poinsettias

I have been volunteering at Pride Stables for a few years. We've been neighbours of the stables for over 17 years & I have fond memories of pushing my son in his stroller to come see the horses. Once he could, he attended Camp Pride every summer and then volunteered. I found myself drawn here by my love of animals, the memories with my son, and my desire to give something to my community. I have made some great connections while volunteering which has helped fulfill my life and gives me a sense of purpose.

I really enjoy connecting with the horses - Woody in particular has a special place in my heart. I see the animals connect with each rider, the joy this brings into their lives, and how success is recognised in many different ways by each rider attending the program. After class, returning the horses to the fields in wet weather is a fun task. Make sure your boots are well connected to your feet or the mud sucks your boot off!

Thanks to Pride for providing the opportunity to connect volunteers & riders with so many varied needs & capabilities, and for the wonderful work Pride does every day to help individuals in our community live better lives.
- Quintin



New tractor coming our way!

We are very excited to share the news that a new tractor will soon be under our roof!

Thanks to an incredible grant from the Shantz Mennonite Church, we will be able to purchase a new tractor to help us around the property. This will allow us to maintain and improve our facility for riders and horses alike. Keep your eye out for the new wheels in our field!

Sponsorship Opportunities

Adopt-A-Horse	\$4,200 (\$350 per month)	11 Horses are waiting for sponsorship
Maintain-A-Stall	\$900 (\$75 per month)	3 Horse stalls are available for sponsorship
Sponsor-A-Paddock	\$1,200 (\$100 per month)	No paddocks available for sponsorship (Hooray!)
Sponsor-A-Rider	\$420 (\$35 per month)	272 Riders are hoping for your sponsorship



Paddock Sponsors

Front: Daisy Fresh Cleaning Service

Side: Aden & Sheryl Frey

Back: Family of Margie Schenk

Rider Sponsors

Amanda Neeb
ATS Automation Tooling Systems
Bennett Equine Veterinary Services
Cities of Kitchener & Waterloo
Crystal Rebekah Lodge
Dave & Caitlin Jenkins
David Spiegelman
Elmira Maple Syrup Festival
Enid & Charles Emery
Hendry Family
Kinsmen Club of Kitchener-Waterloo
Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club
Kitchener Sports Association
Lois & Dr. Thomas Schultz
Lyle S Hallman Fdtn Kids to Camp
Main Street Animal Hospital
Family of Margie Schenk
Marion Jean Wellwood
Maycourt Club of KW
Mitchell Mills Systems Canada
Motz Family Endowment
Optimist Club of Cambridge
Optimist Club of Lakeshore Village Waterloo
Optimist Club of Petersburg
Ready Rivet Fastener Ltd
Silvia Burnett
Smith Family
Stone Road Physiotherapy
Weiland Family Foundation Fund

Horse	Horse Sponsors	Stall Sponsors
Awesome	Costco Wholesale Canada (Waterloo)	Aden & Sheryl Frey
Beauty		Jasleen and Family
Black Velvet	Westfall and Hill Family Fund	Fred & Mary
Charday		The Willar Family
Chopper		KW Community Spirit Lions Club
Coal	In Memory of Sonnet	
Cody		Optimist Club of Twin Cities
Danny		Rotary Club of Kitchener– Grand River
Delilah	Wallenstein Feed Charitable Foundation	
Fritz	The Cowan Family	
Hercules		Optimist Club of Twin Cities
Kenny	Waterloo Knights of Columbus	Screen Magic Ink Inc.
Lyonel		In Memory of Daisy, Sandra, & Ted Chris
Nahauni	Ava D	Katy & Nick
Percy	How Great Thou Art	Elmira Kiwanis Club
Prince	Marion Jean Wellwood	Kirby Svorkdal & family
Queen		Ken & Gail
Rainbow Black		Family of Mel & Peggy Hunt
Remington	George & Beverley Chris	Rorabeck Maricic Families
Rosie		Westfall and Hill Family
Ryder		Precision Pools
Tempi	In Memory of Debbie Marquis	Cambridge Shrine Club
Toby	Family of Margie Schenk	Family of Margie Schenk
Woody	David & Brenda Walden Family Foundation	Cambridge Highland Lions

wishlist

Every Little Bit Helps!

Hay & Shavings
Hay Cubes
Lg. Salt Blocks - blue & brown
Winter Ice Road Salt
Fence boards & posts
Gift Cards (Walmart, Dollar Store, Michaels)

Horse Fly Spray
Canadian Tire Money
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
XL garbage bags

A charitable tax receipt can be issued for most donations
Please call or email to arrange drop-off of wish list items

VOLUNTEER TRAINING & WINTER SESSION

With our region in the red zone as of late November, we have cancelled volunteer training sessions planned for December. The status of our winter riding session is also on hold for now. We will re-asses as needed and schedule training dates in the new year for volunteers if we are able to run our winter session.

Watch the website for updates:

pridestables.com/volunteers and pridestables.com/home/covid-19-update



Did you know some employers offer a grant/donation program when you volunteer?

How these programs are run differs between companies, but typically you simply track and submit your hours. Once you reach a certain threshold and your hours are verified, then Pride Stables would receive a donation from your company to honour your volunteer time with us!

Does your employer offer this benefit!? Ask them today!

Quiz Answers:

1. side field 2. pony field 3. Delilah 4. Percy

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