



STABLE TALK

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Holiday Hello



Thank you for the support you have shown us through the past 20 months - whether it has been through volunteering your time, donations, or fundraiser support. We couldn't do it without all of you!

We wish you a happy and healthy holiday season with your friends and loved ones!

New Year's Bottle Drive

Save all the empties from your holiday & new years celebrations then bring them our way!



Drive-up drop-off:

10am-1pm



Saturday January 8th

**Location: 584 Pioneer Tower Road
Kitchener**



Are you searching for a perfect gift for that hard-to-buy-for someone?

Consider a gift to Pride Stables in their honour. You can even send them a digital card directly from our donation page. It couldn't be easier!

- ♦ \$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 for a year (\$35/mo) will sponsor a rider

Head to www.pridestables.com then click "How To Donate" in the menu





Memories of summer fun at Camp Pride



Hello I am Maya
 your Hoers
 rider. **I am**
Very Proud
of you Kenny
You are of the
 most adorabel,
 cute nice and
 prity. I love
 to brush
 your hair.

Dear woody
 I have had you tow time's
 You are so cent And you are
 Souper silly to you are such a fast
 troter. you are so nice to me when
 I ride you and pet you. out of all
 the hoorses I rode you are my
 favrite dont don't tell aueen and
 choper SHH.



A day on the green in support of charity

Thank you once again to the sponsors and
 golfers who participated in the annual charity
 golf tournament held by our neighbours at Deer
 Ridge Golf Club in the
 summer. We are grateful
 for the generous portion
 of proceeds that were
 directed our way and we
 hope you had a great
 day on the greens!



Thank you!

We would like to acknowledge the support we have
 received from Kitchener Waterloo Community Founda-
 tion. We are honoured to receive awards from the
 Brian & Irene Allison Fund and The Brian and Paul-
 ine Fisher Fund. These grants will support the opera-
 tions of the stables and our programs for children
 and youth at risk. Thank you!



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- Brian & Irene Allison Fund
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Dear Trouble,

Why do some horses wear horseshoes but others don't? Does it hurt to put shoes on?

Dear Reader,

Not all horses need shoes and none of our friends at the stables currently wear shoes.

Shoes might be needed if a horse has very sensitive feet or if they often work on hard or rough surfaces.

A professional farrier looks after horses' feet by trimming them regularly and shoeing them if needed. Nails are used to attach shoes. This might sound painful but the farrier makes sure shoeing is done right and doesn't hurt.

Whether they wear shoes or not, all horses need regular trims to keep their feet in top shape!

Trouble

Horse Happenings

We've welcomed four new friends to our fields!

Levi is a 15.3 hand, bay, quarter horse gelding. This friendly guy is full of personality and has re-joined old pasture mates Woody, Fritz, & Delilah here at the stables. Hopefully he follows in their hoof-steps and becomes an all-star therapy horse as well!



Candy is a stunning 15.2 hand, Canadian/Standardbred cross mare. She also rejoins some old friends Coal, Temp, and Kenny who have welcomed her to our program and can show her the ropes!



Theodore "Teddy" is a 10-year-old, brown, Exmoor pony who is almost as wide as he is tall! But don't let his size fool you. This guy is full of spunk and doesn't let anyone push him around in the field. He has quickly adjusted to his new job and is quickly becoming a favourite.

Elvis is a 20-year-old, 14.2 hand, paint gelding with one blue eye. He has made friends with our other recent arrival Teddy. They can often be found horsing around in the field. Elvis is sure to be a shoe-in to win the cheetah race in classes and likes to keep up his quick pace throughout a lesson!



Test your PrideStables knowledge:

(Answers on back page)

1. Who is the horse pictured on the front page? *Hint: She is pictured one other time in this newsletter.*
2. What is another name we use when referring to our side field?
3. The highest point on a horse's back is called the _____.
4. The height of full-sized horses and standard ponies is measured in:
a) centimeters b) feet c) inches d) hands

Student Reflections

My name is Emma and I am a secondary school co-op student. Co-op is a work experience program where I get to spend the hours I would spend at school working at Pride Stables. I really enjoy working with the horses and riders at Pride. Every day is a little bit different. I have a few different jobs that I do around the barn like cleaning stalls, making sure the horses have water and hay, and making sure that the arenas are clean. In the afternoons, I get to bring the horses in from the fields for their dinner and send them back out again once they have finished eating.

I also get to help out with some of the lessons that happen during the day. This involves grooming the horses, putting their tack on, and then either leading the horse for the rider or walking next to them for the lesson. I really enjoy meeting the riders and interacting with them and seeing how they improve over the weeks. I am very happy that I got to do my co-op placement here and I think it was very helpful for me. The barn and Pride team is a wonderful, friendly environment and I really love working here. - Emma



Emma with Awesome



<< Ryan with Mathew on Charday



I started volunteering through my placement at Conestoga College in September and it has been an awesome experience. I came into it not knowing a thing about horses, where now I feel as if I have been working with horses a long time. This is because of the great training and the endless support that is provided in the program.

Since I started, I built some awesome relationships with many other volunteers and all of the riders I have been assigned to. It was super special for me to be a part of this amazing and inclusive program. I am looking forward to getting involved in the future. - Ryan

Fundraising Updates

Thank you for your support of our holiday blooms/poinsettia fundraiser! This fall we raised \$1,669 in donations & sales. We hope you enjoy your plants this season!

We are also happy to report our three bottle drives over the summer were a huge success, raising an incredible \$5,590! **Don't forget to save your bottles & cans for January 8th!**



<< Some young neighbours helped dad to bring over a load in their trusty red wagon. Thanks you friends!

Sentiments ^{from} the Saddle

"I like horseback riding. Horseback riding is fun! I like trotting on my horse. Ryder and the other horses go on trail walks near the barn.

We go up and down hills and lean forwards and backwards.

Jen and the other teachers are very friendly. I love going every Saturday.

The end." - Nathan

Nathan is pictured here on Ryder with volunteer Sarah >>



Sponsorship Opportunities

Adopt-A-Horse	\$4,200 (\$350 per month)	15 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)	260 Riders are hoping for your sponsorship



Paddock Sponsors

Side: Aden & Sheryl Frey

Front: Carol Unruh Gifting Fund

Back: Family of Margie Schenk

Rider Sponsors

Amanda Neeb
 Cities of Kitchener & Waterloo
 Daisy Fresh Cleaning Service
 Dave & Caitlin Jenkins
 David Spiegelman
 Doon Pioneer Park Community Assoc.
 Elmira Maple Syrup Festival
 Emmanuel United Church
 Enid & Charles Emery
 Janet Foote
 Hesson Family
 Karen Wilson
 Kinsmen Club of Kitchener-Waterloo
 Kitchener Sports Association
 KW Countertop
 Lily & Family
 Lois & Dr. Thomas Schultz
 Lyle S Hallman Fdtn Kids to Camp
 Family of Margie Schenk
 Marion Jean Wellwood
 Mitchell Mills Systems Canada
 Optimist Club of Cambridge
 Optimist Club of Lakeshore
 Village Waterloo
 Optimist Club of Petersburg
 Rorabeck Maricic Families
 Silvia Burnett
 Smith Family
 Witmer Family Fund

Horse	Horse Sponsors	Stall Sponsors
Awesome		Aden & Sheryl Frey
Black Velvet	Westfall and Hill Family Fund	Fred & Mary
Candy		Optimist Club of Twin Cities
Charday		The Willar Family
Chopper	Waterloo County Revolver Association	KW Community Spirit Lions Club
Coal	In Memory of Sonnet	
Danny		Rotary Club of Kitchener– Grand River
Delilah		Colleen Moore & Family
Elvis	Family of Margie Schenk	Family of Margie Schenk
Fritz		Lily & Family
Hercules		Optimist Club of Twin Cities
Kenny	Brenda & Dave Walden	Screen Magic Ink Inc.
Levi		Optimist Club of Cambridge
Lyonel		In Memory of Daisy, Sandra, & Ted Chris
Nahauni	Westfall and Hill Families	Katy & Nick
Percy		Kiwanis Club of Elmira
Prince	Marion Jean Wellwood	
Queen		Ken & Gail
Rainbow Black		Family of Mel & Peggy Hunt
Remington	George & Beverley Chris	Rorabeck Maricic Families
Ryder		Precision Pools
Tempi	In Memory of Debbie Marquis	Cambridge Shrine Club
Theodore (Teddy)		
Woody		Cambridge Highlands 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 - brown rolls
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

Winter Session Volunteering

We hope our winter season of riding will get off without a hitch in mid January! Once we have determined the class schedule, an e-blast will be sent out to volunteers so keep your eye on your inbox! Simply reply to that email with your class preference(s) and we'll get you signed up!
Watch website for updates/training dates for new volunteers: pridestables.com/volunteers

Tip: Be sure to add "volunteering@pridestables.com" to your safe/approved senders list so the e-blasts from our bulk mailing system don't land in your spam/junk folder!



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. Charday 2. the horse field 3. withers 4. (d) hands

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