

# STABLE TALK

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# Bottle Drive

Bring us all your empties!
Drive-up drop-off at Pride Stables

Spread the word far and wide!

# Saturday, 10am-2pm May 28, Aug 13 and Oct 15

Thank you to everyone who donated empties in January. You raised \$1,300!



Looking for the perfect gift?

Wish to honour a special someone?

Consider a gift made to Pride Stables in their honour! You can even send them a digital card auto-magically!

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

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

# Special Notes from Riders

#### Dear Coal,

Thank you for being so amazing during my time with you, for the past week. You have been so cooperative, and my favourite part of riding you, was your constant neighing to your friends. I hope you have a great summer and enjoy eating hay and treats in the field!

Dear Tempi,

I liked having you as my horse. I'm going to miss you so much. I hope you and me will see each other again.



## Thank You for Your Support!



Heather MacKneson and Ron Caudle

Ron Caudle from Deer Ridge Golf Club drops off the proceeds from the annual charity golf tournament held last summer.

We are grateful to be partnered with such generous neighbours.

Thank you once again to the golfers and sponsors who participated!



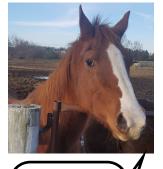
New Helmets! What a Wonderful surprise!

Bieman de Haas generously donated 56 brand new helmets.

We can't thank them enough for their Incredible donation



## Paddock Ponderings



Hey Charday! Why do we need volunteers?

Well Ryder, we take special folks for rides who need helping hands.



Wow Ryder. Volunteers are very special because they give their time freely from their hearts.

That's right Charday...aren't we lucky to be horses at Pride Stables.



# Volunteer Voice

I recently became a volunteer at Pride Stables and have been loving it so far! I learned about the stable through a friend and I am so glad that I signed up. The staff and volunteers have been so supportive and welcoming that it makes my week coming into the barn.

Grooming and getting the horses tacked is my favourite part of the experience. I really enjoy spending time around the horses, riders, and volunteers. Seeing how happy the riders are on the horses makes me feel good about helping the community. I look forward to spending more time volunteering at Pride Stables!"

Phoebe M

#### Welcome Dawn, Volunteer Coordinator

Dawn comes to us with many years of experience in the service industry and looks forward to interacting with all of our amazing volunteers in this capacity.

She has a deep love of horses and knows the joy they bring to both rider and volunteer.

She feels privileged to be part of Pride Stables!

## Volunteers! We couldn't do it without you!

THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who make our programs possible! Volunteers give more than 17,000 hours each year to Pride Stables and our riders. We are truly lucky to have over 350 wonderful volunteers. Your help during each lesson and filling in for 911 calls (which seemed to be a lot this session) is so appreciated.

Our volunteers brave the rain, mud, dust and cold to walk miles in a class either leading or sidewalking with our riders, and always with a smile.

Pride Stables' Volunteers help riders to reach their potential, build friendships and so much more!



## Sponsor-A-Rider

Our rider fund allows us to financially assist as many riders as possible so they can participate in therapeutic riding

With a commitment of \$35 per month, your donation gives a child an opportunity to join us for a full year and reap the benefits of interacting with others, playing games, challenging themselves and having fun in a group environment—all while receiving stimulating therapy.

\$420 (\$35/month) allows a rider to receive these benefits for one full year.

Email or call us to get started today!

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## Trouble's Tidbits



#### Dear Trouble,

Do horses laugh?

#### Dear Reader,

Sometimes, it looks as if they do! However, horses don't really laugh, or giggle, or chuckle.

Even though we've seen horses make strange expressions by curling their lips and showing us their teeth with a wide grin, it's not because they're enjoying a good joke - it's actually part of a special noseenhancing technique called the flehmen response. Horses pull these funny faces to direct scents in the air towards the olfactory glands, which are located at the end of their nasal passage. Your horse is actually just trying to figure out what you smell like.

Trouble



## **Our Horses in Art-Form**



CHARDAY









TEMPI



### **Fun Horsey Trivia!**

- 1. Do most horses prefer to live in a group, live with a friend or go it alone?
  - 2. Are full sized horses and standard ponies measured in Inches, centimeters or hands??
    - 3. Pound for pound, which is the strongest equine?

      The draft horse, Shetland pony or donkey?
  - 4. Are gray horses usually born gray, a darker colour or white?

    Answers on back page

#### Sponsorship Opportunities

Adopt-A-Horse Maintain-A-Stall Sponsor-A-Paddock Sponsor-A-Rider

(\$75 per month) \$900 \$1,200 (\$100 per month) (\$35 per month) \$420

\$4,200 (\$\overline{350} per month) 15 Horses are waiting for sponsorship 1 Horse stall is available for sponsorship No paddocks available for sponsorship (Hooray!) 263 Riders are hoping for your sponsorship





#### **Paddock Sponsors**

Front: Carol Unruh Gifting Fund

Side: Aden & Sheryl Frey

Back: Family of Margie Schenk

Horse	Horse Sponsors	Stall Sponsors
Awesome	Anonymous	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	Optimist Club of Twin Cities
Danny	Walk On, In Memory of Hayden Munz	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		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		
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
Theo (Teddy)		Doobay Family
Woody		Cambridge Highland Lions

#### **Rider Sponsors**

Amanda Neeb

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Hay & Shavings
Hay Cubes
Lg. Salt Blocks - blue & brown
Large Wheel Barrow
Fence boards & posts
Gift Cards (Walmart, Dollar Store, Michaels)
Washing Machine
Riding Helmets

Horse Fly Spray
Canadian Tire Money
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels (brown rolls)
XL garbage bags
Craft Supplies
Push Lawn Mower

A charitable tax receipt can be issued for most donations. Please call or email to discuss wish list items you'd like to donate!

## **VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR CAMP PRIDE**

### **Training dates planned for June 2022**

**12-2pm:** Thurs 16th, Tues 21st, Wed 22nd, Mon 27th, Wed 29th

6-8pm: Thurs 16th, Tues 21st, Wed 22nd, Mon 27th, Wed 29th

**12pm-2pm:** Sat 18th

One 2-hour training session is required for all volunteers.

Min. age: 15 yrs or older. No exceptions.

Pre-registration is required to attend training.

Email Dawn to get started! volunteering@pridestables.com or call 519-653-4686 More info: www.pridestables.com/volunteers

Quiz Answers: 1. Live in a Group. 2. Hands 3. Donkey 4. A darker colour

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