

# **Stable Talk**

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# HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

This year has witnessed the return to a sense of normalcy for all of us. We are so happy to have had such an amazing response from our riders and volunteers. The hustle and bustle around the barn is fantastic! We are excited to welcome a new member to the Pride Family. Jen's little boy Jaxon has been promoted to big brother with the safe arrival of Jason. To fill in for Jen while she is on her maternity leave, we welcome



Emily to the Pride Family. Emily comes to us with many years of experience with horses and people. We know all of our riders and volunteers will be happy to know her! We are looking forward to the New Year with continued optimism and hope and we also wish to share our gratitude for the holiday donations made to Pride Stables.

# COME ONE, COME ALL! GET YOUR 2023 PRIDE STABLES CALENDAR.

To order please contact Dawn at volunteering@pridestables.com





Thank you **MINUTEMAN PRESS** for printing our calendar!!

## **BOTTLE DRIVE**

Bring us all your empties!

Drive-up and drop-off at Pride Stables.

Saturday 10am-1pm

January 14, 2023

Thank you to everyone who donated this Spring, Summer and Fall!
You raised close to \$1800.00!!



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

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

Our volunteers enjoy sunny days filled with laughter. They also 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!







# Camp Pride 2022/Volunteer Voice

Pride Stables had an amazing Camp Pride 2022 that just exploded with activity. Our riders were fantastic and our volunteers helped make the experience memorable for our campers! Here are some words from our Camp Pride volunteers about their experience this summer.



"Volunteering for Camp Pride this summer has been an exceptional experience, we got the chance to meet new people and learn more about horses. I loved getting to know the young riders I had throughout these two weeks, as well as getting to know the two ponies I got; Black Velvet and Danny. Each horse has its own personality, and it's amazing how they communicate with you even if they can't talk. The staff and volunteers were all very kind and they helped us if we had any questions or concerns. Volunteering here was a great chance to help out and give back to the community. I'm glad that we got the opportunity to be here this summer, I know I'm going to miss it!" Nicole and Mateo

"Pride Stables is a fun place to work for animal-lovers. I enjoyed getting to work with the horses and learning about them. It's nice to help the kids and see them enjoy horse-back riding. The instructors are very friendly, knowledgeable, and helpful. I would 100% recommend people to volunteer here anytime."





"My experience volunteering at Pride Stables was incredibly enjoyable and helped me step outside my comfort zone. The horses were all incredibly well behaved and sweet, and the kids were wonderful to work with and to get to know. Pride Stables is definitely a place I'd like to return to for future volunteer work, as I enjoyed myself so much." Cas Cooper

#### **New Tractor!**

We here at Pride are very excited to announce the purchase of a new tractor! Thanks to an incredible grant from the Shantz Mennonite Church we were 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. Many thanks once again for this kind donation!







Jordana (on the left pictured with Jen) donated over \$500.00 from her birthday to Pride Stables. Elvis loves a photo op!







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. 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!

'For my kindness project I have chosen Pride stables. I would like to contribute and help children with special needs build physical and mental skills along with helping animals as I take interest in that subject. I really like and support Pride Stables because it helps people in our community using equine-assisted therapy. I appreciate how it also concentrates on horses and gives them a safe environment with purpose. "





Megan (age 13).

Not only did Megan contribute to our bottle drive, she held a Lemonade Stand & Bake Sale Fundraiser. Between this and her Bat Mitzvah she donated \$900.00!!

# 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 a 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

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

## Trouble's Tidbits



Dear Trouble, Do horses hiccup? Dear Reader, We have all had a case of the hiccups, but did you know that horses can actually get hiccups as well? Equine hiccups are more commonly referred to as "Thumps", but are scientifically known as Synchronous Diaphragmatic Flutter (SDF) Trouble



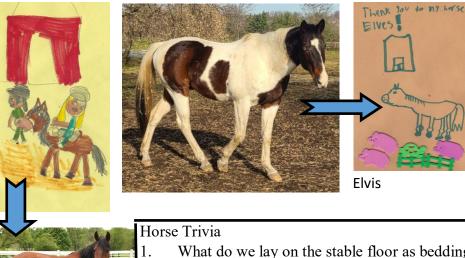








### Memories from Summer Camp 2022



Tempi

- What do we lay on the stable floor as bedding?
- B. Grass C. Straw D. Hay
- 2. How many toes does a horse have on each foot?
- B. Five C. Two A. One
- B. Do Horses have collarbones?
- Yes B. No

Answers on back page



#### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

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

\$4,200 (\$350 per month) 12 Horses are waiting for sponsorship (\$75 per month) \$900 (\$35 per month) \$420

1 Horse stall is available for sponsorship \$1,200 (\$100 per month) 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

#### Rider Sponsors

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Horse	Horse Sponsors	Stall Sponsors
Awesome	Anonymous	Aden & Sheryl Frey
Black Velvet	Westfall and Hill Family Fund	Fred & Mary
Candy	Ken and Gail	Optimist Club of Twin Cities
Charday		The Willar Family
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Coal	In Memory of Sonnet	Optimist Club of Twin Cities
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Delilah		Colleen Moore & Family
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Queen		Blatchford Family
Rainbow Black		Family of Mel & Peggy Hunt
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Ryder		Precision Pools
Tempi	In Memory of Debbie Marquis	In Memory of Debbie Marquis
Theo (Teddy)		Doobay Family
Woody	In Memory of Tom Moser	Hazan Family

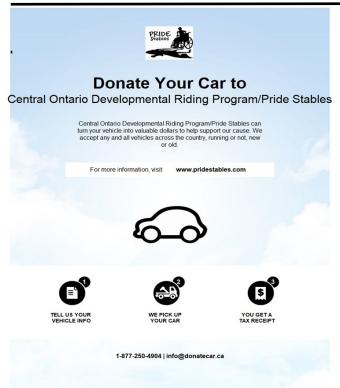


Washing Machine
Hay & Shavings
Hay Cubes
Lg. Salt Blocks - blue & brown
Large Wheel Barrow
Fence boards & posts

Canadian Tire Money
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels (brown rolls)
XL garbage bags
Gift Cards (Walmart, Dollar Store, Michaels)

## **Every Little Bit Helps!**

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



Registration for the Spring session will be mailed the third week of February.

We look forward to seeing you!

(Please note the Winter session is cancelled)

#### **VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

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

Answers 1. Straw 2. One 3. No

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