



"Please forward this to a fellow horse lover!" APRIL 2012



WAR HORSE TORONTO EXTENDS PROMOTION WITH EQUINE GUELPH TO JUNE



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Recognizing the ongoing need for equine welfare awareness, War Horse Toronto has extended the duration of its partnership with Equine Guelph until the end of June.

Mirvish Productions will generously donate \$10 to the Equine Guelph-OEF 'War Horse' Welfare Education Fund for each War Horse ticket purchased by OEF members for performances between February 10 – June 30, 2012.

As a special thank you, at the performance, OEF members will receive a complimentary CD (one per order) of the music of War Horse.

To order tickets, call 416-872-1212 or 1-800-461-3333 or go online at www.mirvish.com and indicate this special benefit code – WHFUND.

Over 160 passionate horse lovers helped raise funds for horse welfare education programs at War Horse on March 8th during the Equine Guelph Fundraising Gala. The evening was a huge success and attendees were mesmerized by the enchanting puppets!

Congratulations to Lesley Kahan of Etobicoke; prize winner of a luncheon with Equine Guelph director, Gayle Ecker and Equine Guelph co-chair of research, Dr. Jeff Thomason plus a tour of OVC and Civic Museum featuring OVC's 150th anniversary display.

Equine Guelph will be hosting another special evening on May 10th, 2012 for its students and avid horse enthusiasts interested in horse welfare education.

Don't miss out on Equine Guelph's second and final War Horse Gala:

- Premium orchestra seating can be purchased for \$100 – \$140
 - A pre-show reception with delicious appetizers will be held at 6:30 pm before the show
 - Attendees will be entered in a raffle to win tuition for the Equine Guelph, 12 week online Equine Welfare course (over \$600 value) which begins September 2012
 - Breyer (through Kroeger Distributing in Canada) has donated a limited number of Traditional 'Joey' model/War Horse book box sets (limited collectors' edition of 3,500) as an additional fundraiser for Equine Guelph's evening at War Horse. These special collector items, signed by David Mirvish himself, will be (available on a first come first serve basis) for \$50. All proceeds will be directed toward the Equine Guelph-Ontario Equestrian Federation 'War Horse' Welfare Education Fund
 - Enjoy a talk given by University of Guelph professor of veterinary anatomy, Dr. Jeff Thomason, explaining the mechanics of movement in the horse which the puppeteers have learned to perform
- Support Equine Welfare through Education and experience the enchanting War Horse theatrical experience at the Princess of Wales Theatre.
- Tickets for the May 10th Gala can be purchased by cheque only through Equine Guelph.
- Contact Jackie Bellamy, jbellamy@uoguelph.ca or call 519-824-4120 ext 54205 for your opportunity to be a part of this very special evening.

FIND OUT WHY BIOSECURITY IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR HORSE



Thanks to a grant from the Knowledge Translation and Transfer Program under the OMAFRA-U of G Partnership.

Equine Guelph launches its fourth "Report on Research" and "Help for Horse Owners" video series.



University of Guelph Researcher, Dr. Scott Weese, discusses the importance of Biosecurity on Horse Farms.

For News Story... [How Can Horse Farms Practice Biosecurity?](#)

SIGN UP FOR BIOSECURITY E-SESSION (April 16 – 29)



"Beat the Bugs" with Biosecurity

- Protect your horse from infectious diseases
- Identify risks of infectious disease in your barn.
 - Apply practical ways to reduce your risks of disease
 - Reduce the chances of sickness in your horse



Don't miss out - register before April 10 for this two week e-Session \$75 + HST

For more information about Equine Guelph's [biosecurity program](#) or

Contact Susan Raymond at sraymon@uoguelph.ca

DANGER DETECTIVE IS NOW ONLINE FOR KIDS!



The hugely popular 'Danger Detective' workbook has come to life online at EquiMania.ca.

Interactive flash activities and videos make learning about safety on the horse farm fun! Kids can click their way to a printable certificate after completing online games in five categories: rider safety, safety around the horse, safety around equipment, safety in the barn and safety outside.

[for full story...](#)

PREVENTION IS PARAMOUNT



Equine Guelph offers Vaccination Equi-Planner



Springtime! A time for renewal, growth – and it's breeding season. Unfortunately, mares are not the only things being bred. Disease should always be a concern if you are a horse owner and spring serves as a reminder to check your horses' vaccination records.

Equine Guelph's Vaccination Equi-Planner, sponsored by Merck Animal Health, is a useful tool designed for horse owners to generate personalized immunization schedules for their horses.

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To access, go to [Vaccination Equi-Planner](#)

EQUINE CANADA RELEASES: THE ECONOMICS OF HORSE RACING IN CANADA



Ottawa, Ontario — The Ontario horse racing industry is contributing **\$4.5 billion or 77 per cent** of the total annual economic contributions from racing in Canada, according to a new study released today by Equine Canada and Strategic Equine. *The Economics of Horse Racing in Canada*, an in-depth report on the horse racing industry on a province by province basis, identifies the significant economic contributions realized through horse racing in Canada – the industry generates more than 47,000 full-time equivalent jobs and \$5.7 billion annually to the national economy.

For the [full news story...](#)

You can [download the study](#) free-of-charge from Equine Canada's website

PRESERVATION OF FARMLAND ONLINE SURVEY



What is your awareness of farmland loss and farmland preservation in your community? How should land be protected?

Let Ontario Land Trust know your thoughts by completing a confidential 10 minute online survey! Don't miss out on this opportunity to present new ideas and shape future research, education, policy and programs that protect farmland and the business of farming in Ontario.

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HEALTHY LANDS FOR HEALTHY HORSES



Caring for your Horse Farm: An Environmental Stewardship Workshop

During this workshop you will find out about:

- Nutrient Management Act
- Environmental and economic benefits of an Environmental Farm Plan
- Natural methods of protecting streams, drainage areas and woodlots
- Equipment and services available to assist your small farm operation
- And meet your funding Conservation Authority Saturday April 14, 2012 - 9am - 4pm

WHERE: REACH Huron, 169 Beech Street, Clinton, ON.

CALL: 519 482 3998 or EMAIL: admin@reachhuron.ca

COST: \$20.00/participant (including lunch)

*** Preregistration required by April 5, 2012. SPACE IS LIMITED ***



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! - UPCOMING EVENTS



- May 7th - July 29th, 2012
Equine Guelph Online Courses
(Early Bird Registration until Apr 7)
- February 10th - June 30th, 2012
War Horse OEF Members Promotion
Princess of Wales Theatre, Toronto
- April 13th - 14th, 2012
EquiMania! at Southern Cross Equestrian
Burford
- April 16th - 29th, 2012
Biosecurity e-Session
Online
- April 21st, 2012
Equine Guelph Anatomy Wet Lab
Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph
- April 22nd, 2012
Advanced Equine Functional Anatomy Wet Lab
Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph
- April 21st - 22nd, 2012
EquiMania! at the International Horse Show
Omaha, Nebraska
- May 10th, 2012
Equine Guelph Student Night at War Horse
Princess of Wales Theatre, Toronto

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