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## Equine Guelph E-News



Care about YOUR horse? - Care about ALL horses. Help spread the message of Equine Welfare by forwarding this email to a friend.

March 2015

Dear Horse Enthusiast,

Welcome to this month's edition of Equine Guelph E-News.



**Alert - Waterloo, ON - [Case of Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy](#)**



## INTERCITY INSURANCE PARTNERS WITH EQUINE GUELPH ON COLIC PREVENTION

Equine Guelph is pleased to announce that Intercity Insurance is joining forces with Equine Guelph to combat colic - the number one killer of horses (other than old age).



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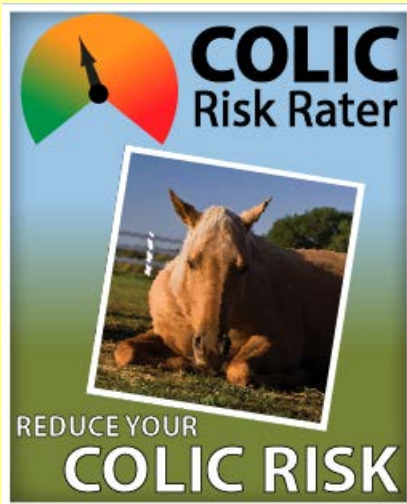
Fortunately, the majority of colic incidents can be avoided through preventative stable management strategies and that is where Equine Guelph's Colic Prevention programs, including the Colic Risk Rater and Colic Prevention eWorkshop, become indispensable tools.

[Read full story...](#)



## FULL-CIRCLE-RESPONSIBILITY - 2015 Facilities & Housing Part One

## Featured Article



[Intercity Partners with Equine Guelph on Colic Prevention](#)

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Apr 13 - 26, 2015

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The horse industry of today has changed greatly as have our expectations of the horse and its role in our society.

Societal expectations have also changed with respect to our management practices and the responsibility for supporting equine welfare and preventing pain, illness and suffering. A strong knowledge of management and disease prevention is the first step to implementing high standards of care for the horses in our care, whether it be the backyard horse or high level athlete. [Full story...](#)

Learn more about the Equine Code of Practice  
Visit - [Facilities and Housing](#)

Stay tuned for more about Facilities and Housing in the April e-news.

In partnership with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Equine Guelph is developing a 'Full-Circle-Responsibility' equine welfare educational initiative which stands to benefit the welfare of horses in both the racing and non-racing industries.



## COLIC EWORKSHOP April 13 - 26



The majority of colic incidents can be avoided through preventative stable management strategies.

The two-week Colic Prevention eWorkshop helps horse owners reduce the risk of colic in their

horses by increasing their knowledge of risk factors and developing sound management plans.

Student Natalie Price said, "This course is a must for all horse owners as knowledge is the first and best defense against colic!" Colic is the number one killer of horses other than old age!

Participants will learn about the different types of colic and how to implement practical ways to reduce the risks of colic in this two-week online short course.

Registration is limited - [ENROLL TODAY!](#)



## COLIC RISK RATER

Horse owners can play a major role in reducing colic risk through management. Owners must be aware of the risk factors, especially the ones we can manage such as feeding, housing, parasite control and stress.

Take 10 minutes to complete the free [colic risk rater tool](#) for more prevention






Photo: Henrietta Coole

Buy your barn the Horse Health Check Poster - a fantastic reference tool!

### Job Track

A job posting centre for the equine industry.

### Report on Research

University of Guelph researchers discuss current projects. 

### Hoofprints Tributes

Share photos & stories commemorating equine friends.

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Equine Guelph-OEF 'War Horse' Welfare Education Fund

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Product

Organize a Fundraiser

### EquiMania!

Bring EquiMania! to your Event!

Online Games for Kids

Become a Volunteer

### Sign up for E-News

Check out Equine Guelph's monthly news & Health Flash - 4 FREE seasonal healthcare reminders.

### Read our latest bi-annual Newsletter

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tips.



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Equine Guelph thanks Intercity Insurance for partnering with our Colic Prevention programs.



## PREPARING MARES & STALLIONS FOR BREEDING

Dr. Chenier explains steps one can take to increase the chances of a successful breeding season.

Topics include:

- diagnostics to check for uterine infections in mares
- good reproductive health
- how nutrition and age affects stallion management
- the use of frozen semen



Photo: Kathleen Kocmarek

[Tune into Research Radio to listen to this new podcast.](#)



## EQUIMANIA! CELEBRATES 10 YEARS AT CAN-AM!



Next stop for EquiMania! will be at Can-Am Equine All Breeds Emporium, April 3 - 5 at the new location of Markham Fairgrounds.

Help us celebrate our 10th year at Can-Am! Bring the kids to enter a new colouring contest (up to age 10).

For horse enthusiasts new to riding, the Ticket to Ride program will trot out again. Brought to you by Equine Guelph and the Ontario Equestrian Federation, "Ticket to Ride", offers youth an opportunity for a free assessment lesson, discounted lesson package or free introduction to horses barn tour at participating OEF member riding facilities.

Pick up your Explorer Passport at the EquiMania! display and let the learning begin!

[Read full story...](#)



## EQUINE CARE AND WELFARE - LIFE STAGES SEMINAR

Equine Guelph presents, a free seminar as part of their Full-Circle-Responsibility program for 2015! Topics include: Nutrition, Reproduction, and the New Equine Code of Practice for Welfare and the Horse Health Check.

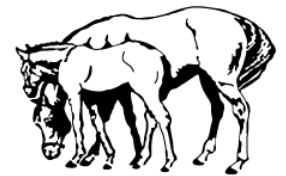
**WHERE:** Perth East Recreation Complex, Milverton, Ontario

**WHEN:** Tuesday March 17, 2015

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

- Don Kapper, PAS, Director of Nutrition and Technical Services, Progressive Nutrition
- Doug Nash, Glengate Farms
- Gayle Ecker, Director of Equine Guelph

Space is limited and registration is required. Please phone 519-824-4120 ext 56678 or e-mail [Gayle Ecker](mailto:Gayle.Ecker@EquineGuelph.com) to RSVP.



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[More information and a description of topics...](#)



## NUTRITION FOR THE PERFORMANCE HORSE

Equine Guelph presents, another free seminar as part of their Full-Circle-Responsibility program for 2015! Topics include: Balancing the Diet PLUS Replacing the Nutrients Used Up During Exercise: How, Why and When.

**WHERE:** Lifetime Learning Centre,  
University of Guelph

**WHEN:** Wednesday March 18, 2015

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Don Kapper, PAS,  
Director of Nutrition and Technical  
Services, Progressive Nutrition



[More information and speakers bio ...](#)



## UNIQUE ANATOMY LAB

In the past, Equine Guelph has hosted a one-of-a-kind workshop appealing to individuals looking for opportunities to learn more about how a horse functions. We are currently collecting expressions of interest for a future hands-on dissection wet lab led

by Dr. Jeff Thomason at the Ontario Veterinary College.

**WHERE:** University of Guelph

**WHEN:** TBA

**INTERESTED?:** Contact  
[jbellamy@uoguelph.ca](mailto:jbellamy@uoguelph.ca)

[View past workshop ad](#)



## EQUINE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

### [Caring for your Horse and Farm](#)

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2015 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

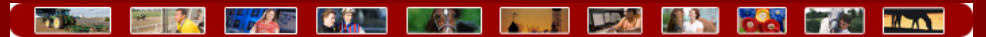
Location: Beeton Library, 42 Main St West (County Rd 1), Beeton, ON

Equine Environmental Stewardship Workshop

A free environmental stewardship workshop for horse farm owners. Learn to manage horse manure, improve pasture quality and protect natural features on your property such as ponds, wetlands and streams.

Discover programs that can assist you technically and financially. A light lunch will be included. Registration is required.

Contact: Shannon Stephens 705-424-1479 ext 239 or  
[sstephens@nvca.on.ca](mailto:sstephens@nvca.on.ca)



## Sign up for Equine Guelph Courses beginning May 2015

Find out more about Equine Guelph programs, offered three times a year, through the University of Guelph.

Learn why equestrian professionals and horse enthusiasts are choosing them!

## COURSES

### STUDY ONLINE

Award  
Winning  
Programs

These courses will begin :  
**May 11, 2015**

Early-Bird:

**April 11, 2015**

SIGN UP FOR:

- *Management of the Equine Environment*
- *Advanced Equine Behaviour*
- *Equine Nutrition*
- *Exercise Physiology*
- *Equine Functional Anatomy*
- *Equine Event Management*
- *Equine Finance & Risk Management*



[Visit our Education Page](#)

Equine Guelph also offers two-week online courses: [April 13 - 26, 2015 next offering of Colic Prevention.](#)



## eWORKSHOPS

### HOT TOPICS



*Behaviour & Safety*



*Colic Prevention*



*Equine Biosecurity*

[find out more now](#)

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