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CNE, Toronto, ON
July 31 - Aug 18

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.

May 2016

Greetings!

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



Advisory: Equine Herpesvirus-1 as horses return from the south details in Ontario Animal Health Network quarterly report

Want up-to-the-minute information on Health Alerts?
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**AVOIDING A LAMENESS EXAM
with a well planned training program**

The sun is shining, birds are singing, flowers are blooming and the temptation is to launch full-on into your horse-training endeavours.



You may have kept fit throughout the winter on the ski slopes or at the gym but what about your horse? Unless you had access to an indoor arena or migrated south for a few months with your four legged friends, chances are your horse's fitness level is not quite sufficient for competition or strenuous outings yet.

While there is no fool-proof way to avoid all circumstances that could necessitate a lameness exam, there are precautions every horse owner can take to reduce the risk of injury. As with every great fitness program,



Featured Article

A Well Planned Training Program

Reduce the chance of lameness and setbacks by learning exercise physiology.

Short Courses

Behaviour & Safety

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the key to success is a logical progression and controlling the factors you can control such as footing, stable management and horse health care.

Read the [Full Story...](#)

Sign up for the [Equine Guelph 12-week Exercise Physiology course](#) beginning May 9.



2016 - THE YEAR OF BIOSECURITY Cleaning and Disinfecting



Clean is not a matter of just soap and water when it comes to biosecurity. The importance of **hand hygiene** is often overlooked.

Beyond hand hygiene, consider all the areas of the barn that require different agents to clean and don't forget the vehicles and trailers. [Check out this list to see if you are covering all the surfaces.](#)

More Information for your barn or racing stable is available in the new National Farm-Level Biosecurity standard. Including the following tips:

1. optimize ventilation to help remove moisture and irritants
2. ensure wash stalls are well drained, cleaned and disinfected
3. avoid sharing tack and equipment between horses and when necessary clean and disinfect between horses
4. cleaning must precede disinfection because disinfectants are typically ineffective in the presence of organic material
5. power washing can spread pathogens and should be avoided
6. effective disinfection requires the use of a disinfectant that can kill the relevant pathogens, is used at the appropriate concentration, and for the appropriate contact time
7. Thoroughly cleaning surfaces removes the majority of pathogens and is the most important step. Only apply disinfectants to clean surfaces and follow the manufacturer's label directions



EQUINE WELFARE COURSE NOW AN ELECTIVE!

Equine Welfare is now an elective in the Equine Studies Diploma!

We are excited to announce our response to the popular request of students wishing to choose Equine Welfare as an elective within the Equine Studies Diploma is absolutely YES!

Our team feels Equine Welfare is a great



Photo: Henrietta Coole

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



Buy yourself an awesome new APP Horse Health Tracker by Equine Guelph




Save over \$55 on first aid supplies with the Equine Guelph First Aid Kit available at Greenhawk

Job Track

A job posting centre for the equine industry.

Report on Research

University of Guelph researchers discuss current projects. 

Research Radio Podcasts



addition to the diploma and aligns with the increased importance of welfare to the health and performance of horses.

Next offering of Equine Welfare is May 9th



RECAP OF EQUINE RESEARCH DAY Research for Riders



On March 3, 2016, the University of Guelph's Bachelor of Bio-Resource Management (BBRM) Equine Major students, in partnership with Equine Guelph, hosted the first annual Equine Research Night.

This inaugural event featured presentations about some of the equine industry's hot topics to a sold out lecture hall at the University of Guelph. [Dr. Jeff Thomason](#) discussed [footing](#) and its effect on how horses move as well as how footing can impact the type of injuries horses develop. [Dr. Katrina Merkies](#) presented [her research on whip use](#) in Quarter Horse racing, highlighting strong evidence of the success of whip-free racing in other countries and her own research's evidence against the effectiveness of whip use. Dr. Wendy Pearson spoke about equine nutrition.

Equine Guelph's director, Gayle Ecker, made a special presentation on barn fire safety. [Video replay available.](#)

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Share photos & stories commemorating equine friends.

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Equine Guelph-OEF 'War Horse' Welfare Education Fund

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

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The BBRM students and Equine Guelph thank the Equine Research Night presenters, sponsors and all those who attended the event both in-person and online. [Read full story...](#)



CALLING ALL EQUINE RESCUES

Equine Guelph is inviting Equine Rescue organizations, volunteers and staff to participate in a 15 - 20 minute [survey](#) open until May 31, 2016.

Equine Guelph has been listening to, and serving the needs of the horse industry for the past 10 years and we are asking you what we can do to help you and your rescue organization.

Results from this survey will:

- Assess challenges facing equine rescues
- Help Equine Guelph develop free educational resources that are in highest demand by equine rescue organizations.
- Enhance communication of horse-related information to equine rescue organizations



Participants will have the option to enter a draw to win a gift certificate for a [two-week online course](#) of their choice (valued at \$75.00). Choose from Horse Safety & Behaviour, Colic Prevention or Equine Biosecurity.

Please forward survey link to volunteers, staff and equine rescue facilities that may be interested in participating.

https://uoguelph.eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bDbZSfpr887ecbb

If you have any questions or concerns about your participation, contact Diane Gibbard (519) 824-4120 ext 53457 or Gayle Ecker: ext 56678
By email: dgibbard@uoguelph.ca or gecker@uoguelph.ca



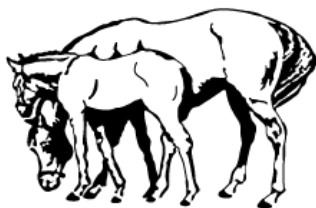
THE ANIMAL WELFARE FOUNDATION OF CANADA
(FONDATION DU BIEN-ÊTRE ANIMAL DU CANADA)

Investment in this project has been provided by the Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada - Fondation du Bien-Être Animal du Canada



THANK YOU FOR THE E-DONATIONS

Thank you for your contributions in response to last month's e-donation drive and for sharing our passion for programs supporting equine welfare.



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Online donations are not the only form of giving to Equine Guelph.

Visit our website to learn of opportunities for legacy gifts, tribute donations, volunteering, donation of products or running a fundraiser like the one below...



WINSONG FARM 2016 FUNDRAISER In Support of Equine Guelph

WHEN: Sunday, June, 26, 1:00 - 3:00

WHERE: Winsong Farm, King Township, ON

Ice cream social and horse spectacular to raise money for Equine Guelph's welfare education program. See horses portraying characters from Downton Abbey.



Register with a \$10 minimum donation contacting Winnie Stott by [email](#) or phone 905-859-6282 [More information...](#)



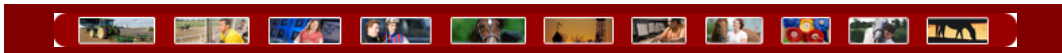
SHARE DATA WITH THE HEALTH TRACKER APP

Proceeds for the upgrade on the Horse Health Tracker App go back to the development of future welfare tools and educational programming of Equine Guelph.

Enjoy the convenience of syncing healthcare appointment reminders with your smart phone calendar and share your health tracker data with your veterinarian, farrier or other members of your team. Can track up to 50 horses!



Get the APP




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STUDY ONLINE *Award Winning Programs*

Courses begin: **MAY 2016**

- Management of the Equine Environment
- Equine Exercise Physiology
- Equine Nutrition
- Equine Welfare
- Equine Event Management
- Equine Health & Disease Prevention
- Business Finance & Risk Management
- Advanced Equine Health through Nutrition



EARLY-BIRD: April 8th, 2016

beginning May 9, 2016

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!

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HOT TOPICS

-  Behaviour & Safety
-  Colic Prevention
-  Equine Biosecurity

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