



Promoting & Preserving Canada's National Horse, Having Fun and Making New Friends

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to welcome you and thank you for becoming a member of the Cheval Canadien Horse Association Ontario (CCHO). We are very excited and proud to have been able to create this association geared towards Canadian Horse owners, breeders and enthusiasts alike.

It has taken a group of us the better part of two years of brainstorming, meetings, and defining the reasoning and principles behind the creation of the CCHO. Our founding mission is to promote Canada's national horse, give members the opportunity to learn and participate in activities with or without their horses, make some new friends, and above all have fun and be part of our family.

We now have an incorporated association, a board of directors, a clear vision of the purpose of the CCHO and we couldn't be happier that you have decided to become part of our family.

We have some exciting plans for 2019. You will find some details on these plans in this newsletter.

We still have some work to do and will do our best to keep you updated as we progress.

Once again, on behalf of the entire board of directors, welcome to the CCHO and thank you for participating and supporting Canada's national horse.

Please feel free to contact any of our board members with any comments or suggestions. We would love to hear from you.

Ron Marino, President

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF CCHO

➤ January and February 2018

Ron Marino, Rhonda Turley and Gail Brandt start discussions to create a new organization to represent the interests of Canadian Horse owners, breeders and enthusiasts in Ontario.

➤ May 5, 2018

A group of 11 interested individuals meet in Peterborough and develop the association's name, draft by-laws, and code of conduct. They agree to meet again in the fall and to invite more Canadian horse owners to that meeting.

➤ November 3, 2018

Fourteen members gather in Cobourg for the association's first AGM and give final approval to the proposed by-laws and code of conduct. They also approve a recommendation that the association register as a not-for-profit association operating in Ontario. The first Board of Directors is elected.

➤ March 26, 2019

The Government of Ontario issues Letters Patent to CCHO as a not-for-profit corporation.



Peterborough Meeting
May 5, 2018

CCHO OBJECTIVES

- to promote appreciation and understanding of Canada's national horse breed, the Canadian Horse.
- to encourage connections among Canadian Horse enthusiasts residing in Ontario by organizing activities and events.
- to provide support, information, and educational opportunities for its members to enhance the care and enjoyment of Canadian Horses.
- to encourage education programs to raise public awareness of the Canadian Horse.
- to encourage young people to engage with the Canadian Horse breed.
- to collaborate with other provincial and national associations that are also dedicated to ensuring the future of the Canadian Horse breed.
- to assist, where possible, local fairs, demonstrations, and other events to showcase the Canadian Horse

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Canadian Horse Demonstration

Doon Pioneer Village

Kitchener

June 24, 2018



DIRECTOR PROFILE: *Ron Marino*

I have been involved with horses most of my life. My involvement began when I started working on Thoroughbred farms. When I was 13 years old, two friends and I got our very own racehorse. This was my first but not the last horse I would own. We took on all the responsibilities of owning a racehorse, from grooming, exercising, hiring a trainer and a jockey to arranging transportation to the racetracks. For many years I broke colts and exercised racehorses at Woodbine, Fort Erie, and Greenwood racetracks. Most individuals to whom I tell this story think that was the most insane thing to do and are surprised I'm still alive. I suppose in some ways it was crazy, but I was very fortunate to have been able to work for some amazing farms and trainers, and to ride incredible horses.

As time went on, life's responsibilities began to increase, and many years passed when I did not own a horse. Still, I was always available to help friends with their horses and visited farms any chance I could. I eventually started schooling at a farm that taught classical horsemanship and rode Lusitano horses (mostly stallions). We performed in Portuguese dress at many events, putting on quadrilles with up to eight Lusitano stallions all executing incredible movements in perfect formation. At that same farm, there was a magnificent black stallion; it was a Canadian Horse. My instructor and riding master told me, "It's better to live with this disease than to die from another".

Yes indeed, I had the disease. From that day, I decided I had to get a horse again, a Canadian Horse. I found Pax after visiting many breeders. I had this vision in my head of the exact horse I wanted. When I met Pax, it was a done deal. Pax was not trained and had had very little handling. He lived outdoors with a large herd of other Canadian Horses.

My journey with Pax went down a very interesting path. We ventured down the road of Liberty training. That led us to games and tricks. While all of that was going on, I was also riding Pax using classical training and riding methods. Today Pax knows more than 40 games and tricks. He's a lot of fun to ride and even pulls a carriage. I cannot imagine a finer breed of horse that is more versatile and beautiful than the Canadian Horse.



Ron and
Pax



DIRECTOR PROFILE: *Sandra and Jack Addison*

My name is Sandy Addison, and my husband Jack and I live near the little village of Port Ryerse on the north shore of Lake Erie in Norfolk County. My interest in the Canadian Horse started years ago when I saw them featured in a show ring at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. I was instantly drawn to their beauty and their story.

Four years ago after giving much of my time to family and work, I decided I needed something for myself. I purchased a 16-year old half Arabian, half Canadian cross named Brat and got back in the saddle.

Two years later when my husband Jack got the bug to ride again, we decided to add another horse to our family. I was also thinking it would be fun to learn to drive a horse and carriage. It seemed like a good time to look for a purebred Canadian and I didn't have to look far. My first phone call found me exactly what I was looking for, a horse to ride and drive.

Yazhi, a black gelding is now eight years old. He is smart and sensible, very willing and fits right in with the rest of the herd at Ryerse Glen Farm where we board our two horses. Jack and I enjoy trail riding and pleasure driving. This season we may even enter some driving competitions with the Tri-County Carriage Association and the Ontario Carriage Driving Association.

Brat and Yazhi both have amazing temperaments and are well suited to us. We hope to continue to learn from them and to enjoy them for many years to come.



Yazhi carrying the
"Headless Horseman"
into Port Ryerse

October 2018



Sandy and Jack enjoying an
outing on Brat and Yahzi

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 25, 2019

Annual General Meeting and Driving Clinic

Stonehaven Farm
2975 Pine Point Road, Scugog
(Port Perry)

9:30 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. Driving Clinic
12 noon Lunch & Networking
1:00 p.m. AGM



Cost: Members: Free - Non-members: Clinic - \$30 - Lunch - \$10

Non-members who purchase a membership on the day of the event will have the clinic and lunch fees waived.

Horses will be provided but if you wish to bring your own, please contact Gail Brandt [gcbrandt@sympatico.ca].

JUNE 22, 2019

Doon Heritage Village Canadian Horse Demonstration

Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum
10 Huron Road, Kitchener

9:00 a.m. Horses Arrive On Site
11:00 a.m. Demonstrations of the Canadian Horse's versatility (riding, driving, liberty work)
2:00 p.m. Demonstrations of the Canadian Horse's versatility (riding, driving, liberty work)

Horses must be well trained and able to be patted and brushed by members of the general public.

The number of horses that can be accommodated is limited, so please contact Gail Brandt [gcbrandt@sympatico.ca] as soon as possible if you wish to participate.

AUGUST 11, 2019

Canadian Horse Show at the Merrickville Fair

9:00 a.m. Start of Show

For more information, please contact Andrew Boone at bdstables@hotmail.com.

Laminitis More Common Than Previously Thought

Recent research from a study completed in England indicates that laminitis may be as common as colic. Laminitis is of concern to Canadian horse owners and to caretakers of our energy-efficient horses.

Laminitis is a disease that affects the feet of horses and causes inflammation. Clinical signs include increasing hoof tenderness that can progress to an inability to walk, increased digital pulse, and increased temperature in hooves. Indications are that this disease has multiple causes (previously thought to have a simple cause). Most cases of laminitis are now considered a clinical sign of systemic disease.

Colic is defined as any abdominal pain, but this is a clinical sign rather than a diagnosis. The term colic covers all types of gastrointestinal disturbance as well as other causes of abdominal pain that do not involve the gastrointestinal tract.

Both laminitis and colic are extremely painful and debilitating conditions in horses. Laminitis has been found to be more common than previously thought and occurs at similar rate to colic. Once thought to occur mostly in the spring, laminitis has been found to occur in any season. Therefore, horse owners must be vigilant for symptoms at all times of the year — there is no particular high-risk period. Laminitis is not just a springtime (fresh green grass) problem. It has subtle signs that horse owners must be proactive in recognizing. Symptoms can include difficulty in turning and a short, stilted gait or lameness at the walk. These signs are present in over 70% of laminitis cases. The more classic symptoms that you see in pictures of horses in the “laminitic stance” and hoof rings (rings wider at heel than toe) will be displayed by less than a quarter of affected horses.

Many horse owners/caretakers do not check the digital pulse, a commonly reported clinical sign of laminitis that vets use. Owners and caretakers should learn to do this assessment as this contributes to earlier detection of laminitic problems and getting veterinary care. Laminitis is considered an emergency by vets and expert researchers, yet many horses do not receive initial veterinary attention until the damage is already present. (Untreated laminitis can lead to founder that results in the rotation of the coffin bone). If laminitis is suspected, then veterinary attention is needed. Descriptions of clinical symptoms are available on the Internet.

Canadian owners are encouraged to consult their vet if they notice any symptoms. Early diagnosis and good management is crucial to prevent long term, often-irreversible damage to the hoof structures. The earlier laminitis is recognized, then the faster action can be done to give your horse the best chance of a positive recovery. If laminitis has occurred, then your vet and farrier can work together for the best recovery possible.

Rhonda Turley

PLEASE SHARE THIS MEMBERSHIP FORM WITH OTHER CANADIAN HORSE ENTHUSIASTS

CHEVAL CANADIEN HORSE ONTARIO (CCHO)

2019 Membership Form (1 January—31 December)

Please print in block letters.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Membership Type:

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| Adult - 18 yrs and over, 1 CCHO vote | \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Youth - 17 yrs and under, 1 CCHO vote | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Couple – 2 adults, 2 CCHO votes | \$60 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Family – 2 adults & related youth, 2 CCHO votes | \$80 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Associate – Does not own a Canadian Horse – Non Voting | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please make cheques payable to Cheval Canadien Horse Ontario and mail to: Candace Gomes, CCHO Treasurer, 5933 Battersea Road, Battersea, ON K0H 1H0. If you would **NOT** like to have your name and e-mail address shared with other members, please check the following box:

I do not wish to have my name and contact information published in CCHO's membership directory.

Photo/Video Release Authorization

I, the undersigned, give permission to CCHO and to its designated agents, to photograph/video me at CCHO activities and to use such photographs/videos in all forms of media, for any and all promotional purposes. I further consent to the use of my name in connection with the photographs/videos. I understand that I will not receive any payment for my time or expenses or any royalty for the use of the photo/video, and I hereby release CCHO from any such claims.

Member's Signature: _____

For Couple or Family Memberships, please provide additional names and signatures:

Parent's Signature for members under 18 years: _____

Date: _____

HORSE HUMOUR

A man in a movie theater notices what looks like a horse sitting next to him. "Are you a horse?" asked the man, surprised. "Yes." "What are you doing at the movies?" The horse replied, "Well, I liked the book."

A policeman in the big city stops a man in a car with a miniature horse in the front seat. "What are you doing with that horse?" He exclaimed, "You should take it to a farm." The following week, the same policeman sees the same man with the horse again in the front seat, with both of them wearing sunglasses. The policeman pulls him over. "I thought you were going to take that horse to a farm!" The man replied, "I did. We had such a good time we are going to the beach this weekend!"



WE HOPE THAT YOU HAVE ENJOYED READING CCHO'S FIRST NEWSLETTER. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR STORIES AND ITEMS RELATED TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR HORSES.

THE NEXT EDITION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN JUNE. PLEASE SEND SUBMISSIONS TO GAIL BRANDT [gcbrandt@sympatico.ca] by MAY 15.

FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT CCHO ACTIVITIES, CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE.

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