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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ron Marino

As always, I like to start off with thanking you for being a member of the CCHAO and supporting our association. Without our members we could certainly not exist in any capacity, let alone what I feel has been a very successful year for the association. All of us have worked very hard to spread the word of the CCHAO, and the enthusiasm, positivity, and comradery is just amazing to see and be part of. Thank you!

I hope you have been enjoying the summer thus far and more importantly enjoying time with your horse(s). We have seen many of our members take part in shows and demonstrations and congratulate all of them for their successes. You will find some information in this newsletter on some of the happenings that have already taken place.

As fall approaches, our members will be participating in yet more shows, demonstrations, and fall fairs. We encourage you to review these events in this newsletter, and if you wish to participate with your horse or just as a volunteer, please contact the appropriate board member to discuss further. This is a great opportunity to get involved and have some fun.

Let's keep our momentum going and continue to take every chance we have to show why our Canadian horses are simply the best. We can't do this alone, and together we are stronger. We encourage and welcome any and all suggestions you may have.

I wish you and your family a safe fall season, and please feel free to contact me or any board members directly.

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Upcoming

October 14
Open Horse Show and Parade of Horses, Erin Fall Fair
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CANADIAN DAY AT DOON PIONEER VILLAGE June 22, 2019



Monty Peters Driving
Heronwood Toulou Brio



Getting to Know
Le Baronet Lyons Ruby



Monty Peters Riding
Le Baronet Lyons Ruby



Sandra Addison and Hidden
Meadows Nieran Yazhi Making
Friends at Doon Village

For the third year in a row, the Canadian breed took top billing at Doon Pioneer Village in Kitchener. As a result, CCHAO had an opportunity to fulfil at least two of its important objectives: to educate the public about our national horse and to reach out to young people. Museum staffers at the Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum were very pleased with the number of families and individuals visiting the village that day expressly to see the Canadians.

Sandra and Jack Addison, Ron Marino, and my husband Bernd and I brought together five horses for our demonstrations. With them, we were able to highlight the versatility of our breed as we covered English and Western riding, dressage, single pleasure driving with both cart and carriage, and liberty work. The two demonstrations were well attended and led to many conversations with members of the audience as we answered their questions. With the aid of member volunteers Tina Morrison and Barbara Checketts, we ran a display about CCHAO and the Canadian Horse, and distributed a one-page summary about the history of the breed to members of the public.

We all agreed that it was a highly successful day, and we would encourage CCHAO members to get together and organize similar events in their region of the province.
Submitted by Gail Brandt

Horse Lover's Weekend at Upper Canada Village



Every year on the Labour Day weekend, Upper Canada Village in Morrisburg, Ontario, holds a Horse Lovers Weekend. This year they added an information tent for all things horsey, and CCHAO was invited to attend.

Tina Morrison volunteered to mind our table Saturday and Sunday, with help from Kelly Ferguson on Saturday. With a pit stop on route to the village, Tina met up with Ron Marino to pick up the new CCHAO banner to display for the first time.

On Saturday both Tina and Kelly donned authentic 1860 clothing courtesy of the village costume department and participated in the parade, where our new Ontario chapter was announced to the very large crowd of horse lovers. The fact that Upper Canada Village only uses the Canadian Horse throughout their village helped add to the interest in our breed.

At the table, Tina and Kelly handed out brochures as well as our new CCHAO buttons and Canadian horse pins that Kelly had brought to share. These were given out for free with a promise from the recipients that they would spread the word about the Canadian horse, which they happily agreed to.

Horse Lovers Weekend was a very well received event, and CCHAO looks forward to participating next year.

Submitted by Tina Morrison

Member Profile

The Cairn Farm, Brooke, Ontario

Our 19-plus-years Connection to the Canadian Horse



Gail Burn on Cairn Lalou Macallum



Cairn Lalou Panache

Once upon a time—that’s how I start all my stories to my granddaughters, and of course they tell me they don’t want to hear that ancient history. My wife Gail and I don’t think of it as ancient history. We do realize it wasn’t yesterday, but it seems like only a few months (OK, a few years) ago.

But before I tell our story and connection to Canadian horses, I do have to give you *some* ancient history. We bought our first horses on our honeymoon in 1964. They weren’t Canadians, they were a pair of Clydesdale weanlings. And you all know if you can keep them at home, horses are like potato chips—you can’t stop at one.

We were involved in the Canadian Hunter Improvement Society back in those ancient times and crossed our Clydesdale mares and other warmblood mares with a Thoroughbred stallion. We also had a Clydesdale stallion at the time (yes, we were young and foolish). One of the mares we owned was a Canadian bought by a local abattoir owner at the livestock auction in Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec—we are from the Eastern Townships of Quebec. I saw her in his cattle barn and asked if she was for sale (bad move). He of course said yes, I said how much, he said \$150 but I’ll bring her to your place, try her for a while and if you like her, pay me. That mare had a great colt by the Thoroughbred. We called him Charlie, and Gail rode him for years. In fact he ended his days here on the farm at Brooke, Lanark County, Ontario. So in fact that was our first connection with the Canadian horse, and we were really impressed with the breed.

When we finally arrived here on our farm in Brooke, we decided we didn't have a lot of acres, so we would concentrate on breeds of livestock that were in trouble globally. Some Red Dorking Chickens, Dorset Horn sheep and Tamworth pigs, and we still had Charlie, our Canadian crossbred. I was working off the farm for the local municipality, with Gail at home doing chores and caring for the animals. I farmed on weekends and days off.

Our world kind of changed the day we lost old Charlie and we had to go looking for a replacement horse for Gail. Our first thought was Canadian, because we were so pleased with the breed, size, ease of handling, and hardiness on this rocky patch of Ontario. So off we went May 7, 2000, to Ferme Des Berges Inc., in Mayo, Quebec.

There we looked at a gelding named Roddy Magic Filon, and as we walked around their large farm looking at all the horses, Linda Purdy, the co-owner, asked if I rode. I said no but I was thinking about a team instead of buying a second tractor. Linda said, "I have a team of geldings that Germain, the other co-owner, is training for an interested buyer in BC." I said I might be interested in a team of mares, so she showed me a pregnant mare and said she had her pregnant half-sister at another farm. So we bought the mares after only seeing one sister (scary thought). Now I don't know about you, but I was starting to lose count at about this point. There was Filon, Joly Vulcan Danoise (about to foal), and Joly Vulcan Donna (also about to foal). Yes, the count was up to five horses.

Gail had also been looking at another horse online by the name of Galilee at another farm nearby. She found out that he did not sell and was still at that farm, so we stopped on our way home just to see the gelding. Well wouldn't you know, we bought him as well that day in May 2000.

We got home and reality kicked in. We had a big old barn set up for cattle, not a box stall to be found or paddock to put a horse in—much less six horses in. So we spent weeks ripping out the insides of the barn and building stalls. Germain delivered Filon and Danoise, and soon after Danoise foaled here with a stud colt named Houré Black Kandou. Kandou spent most of his life in Florida doing competitive endurance events. He is now back where he was born here with us after 19 years. Meanwhile, Donna had foaled the day we bought Filon and Danoise, so Germain delivered her and her filly, Houré Black Karolyn, in early June of 2000. Karolyn ended up with the same people who bought Kandou.

We presently have Kandou, whom we don't own; Cairn Lalou Macallum, born June 2002; Providence Noel Soloman, April 2006; Du Coteau Lalou Elsa, June 1995; Teddy (Thoroughbred dam, Canadian sire); and a registered Welsh Mountain Pony, A group (neither Gail nor I know why we have her).

Along with our five horses we have an additional seven boarding horses.

This horse boarding all started after we decided not to breed our Canadians anymore and reduced our herd. We had been very successful in selling weanlings mostly into the US southern market, but with the Canadian dollar on the rise at that time, our prices weren't as appealing as before to southern buyers.

Gail is 78 and I will soon be 79 so our plate is very full, but it keeps us young and relatively healthy. Gail rides several times a week but I do not drive anymore. Gail has participated in several fundraising rides, plus last year she did a 14-mile endurance ride on Macallum. She rides both Macallum and Soloman, and Elsa is retired at this point in her life after a very successful Pony Club career.

I know we all have them—most non-horsey people call them “pasture ornaments” or simply “hay burners”—but they are part of our horse history and family, and we hope to care for them for years to come as we are both healthy and able to do the work.

Submitted by Allan Burn

Director Profile

Candace Gomez and Saxon



Candace, Saxon and Friend

Growing up with an extensive collection of My Little Ponies, all I wanted was a horse of my own. Nearly 30 years ago, my mother gave in and put me in a YMCA riding camp in Stouffville, which just solidified my future riding goals. Throughout years of lessons and leases, I eventually realized that I wanted a solid, levelheaded horse to spend all my time with.

As I was casually browsing Kijiji just to see what horses were out there that fit the bill, I stumbled across a chestnut Canadian that stood taller than most. His uniqueness, while retaining the characteristic temperament and luscious mane and tail of the Canadian breed, is what made me feel that he would be the perfect addition to our little family.

Buying Saxon six years ago turned out to be one of my most rewarding decision in life; from galloping through fields, to testing out the jumper ring, to toting around my husband, he really showed me the versatility and strength of the breed. Although he pretends he's a racehorse at times, he softens and becomes incredibly gentle when little eight-year-olds get on to cool him out. Amidst a multitude of life's challenges, Saxon has proved his consistency, mind, and heart in all that he does. I am so excited to be a part of an organization that celebrates the Canadian breed!

Submitted by Candace Gomes

Horse Health Notes

Strategic Deworming

By: Tom Lenz, DVM, MS, DACT

Veterinary Parasitologists are reporting an increase in resistance by equine internal parasites to routinely used anthelmintics (dewormers). Most horse owners and some veterinarians are still following a 40-year-old plan for internal parasite control that recommended deworming every horse in the herd or on the premises every two to three months.

Today, large strongyles have all but been eliminated from well-managed horse herds. Small strongyles (bloodworms) have become the most significant internal parasite in adult horses and they have developed resistance to many commonly used dewormers.

The bad news is that no new dewormers are coming to the market in the foreseeable future. The good news is we can minimize parasite resistance by understanding the parasite's life cycle and implementing a strategic deworming program.

LIFE CYCLE

Parasites enter the horse's body when the horse eats grass that harbors third-stage bloodworm larvae. The larvae pass through the horse's intestinal tract and take up residence in the horse's large colon where they burrow into the lining and form cysts.

During the next few weeks, the parasite develops into fourth-stage larvae that produce inflammation as they emerge from the cyst. The adult small strongyles lay eggs that are distributed with the horse's feces where they hatch into infective larvae.

In well-nourished, unstressed horses, the intestinal inflammation caused by strongyle larvae causes decreased feed efficiency and performance. In poorly-nourished horses, the result is weight loss, poor growth, anemia, diarrhea and/or colic.

Like all living organisms, internal parasites periodically mutate. When a horse is administered an anthelmintic, the parasites that have mutated and developed resistance to that class of dewormer survive and produce offspring.

If we continue to use the same class of anthelmintics, we will kill susceptible parasites and select for the resistant ones. Our deworming program becomes ineffective; we're wasting money and not protecting horses.

Ask your veterinarian to run fecal egg counts on individual horses or at least 10 percent of the herd. Next, treat the animals by weight with an accurate dose of dewormer labeled for strongyles. Then do post-treatment fecal egg counts 14 days later.

FECRs near 90 percent indicate that the anthelmintic is effective and you can continue to use it. FECRs of less than 80 percent indicate your dewormer is not effective. Once you have determined the anthelmintics that are not effective for your horses, don't use them.

PHASE 2

Horses with low fecal egg counts (less than 200 eggs) require deworming twice a year, in the spring and fall, with the fall dewormer containing a drug that kills tapeworms and bots. Horses with a moderate fecal egg count (200-500 epg) should be dewormed three times a year: spring, fall and midsummer. Horses with high fecal egg counts (more than 500 epg) should be dewormed spring, midsummer, late summer and fall to minimize strongyle contamination.

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