

Equine friends are showcased at Doors Open Horse Palace venue

For the second consecutive year, our organization was part of the wonderful city-wide event known as “Toronto Doors Open”. For two days each May, the public is invited to explore



Toronto Star newspaper, attracted over 10,000 visitors to a variety of exhibits devoted to all things equine and equestrian.

But, don't worry if you missed the 2007 event because over the

over 150 historic buildings, including the CNE's Horse Palace where the booths of OnTRA and several other organizations involved with horses and animals, were installed. This portion of the venue, which is sponsored by *The*

next four pages, through a great collection of photos and text put together by OnTRA past president, Peter Henderson, you can see and read about many of the fun and informative activities that took place.

Metro Toronto Police Service—Mounted Unit Barn

Officers from the Metro Police Mounted Unit introduced the audience to each of their special horses and ex-



Visitors toured the Mounted Unit Barn.

plained the variety of duties they perform—everything from crowd control (one horse and rider is as effective as ten officers on foot), and regular patrol of parks and streets to special search and rescue operations.

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CNE Riding Academy, and Exhibition Therapeutic Riding Academy (EXTRA)

Staff and riders introduced the audience to the routines, joy and benefits of horseback riding. The Riding Academy is the only facility in Metro Toronto that offers programs for special



(Above and Cover) EXTRA volunteers and riders demonstrated a typical TR lesson.

needs riders, as well as public riding lessons that introduce folks to the experience and thrill of riding a horse.

EquiMania!

Equine Guelph's youth education program, EquiMania!, joined forces with the Toronto Police Mounted Unit at Doors Open. Together they educated youths on horse health care and safety. Children of all ages and backgrounds travelled through the EquiMania! Education Centre and visited the always popular “Braid My Tail” and “How Tall Are You?” displays. The bone box, where kids could dig for bones and learn about horse anatomy, was an-



At EquiMania's Education Centre, a little girl tries her hand at tail braiding.

other display that fascinated children. In the EquiMania! Activity Centre, children were also able to enjoy some equine-themed crafts like making horse-face masks, colouring pages and puzzles!

Toronto Animal Services—Wildlife in the City

Visitors were reminded that humans must share their city with a wide variety of animals that have adapted to our urban environment. The TAS website: www.toronto.ca/animal_services offers tips on getting along harmoniously with our wild friends.

Canadian National Exhibition—Horse Palace

Representatives of the Canadian National Exhibition were on hand to talk about the history of the beautiful Horse Palace. Their presentation also covered interesting details about more recent aspects, such as the Palace's environ-

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mental heating system, and the many summer equine-themed events like HorsePlay that take place there each year. Audience members were treated to a free ride on a hay wagon drawn by a team of Belgians.



The CNE offered free wagon rides.

Ontario Therapeutic Riding Association (OnTRA)

OnTRA divided its area into three sections:

*a therapeutic riding display that informed the public on the benefits of therapeutic riding, the location of member centres and the opportunities to volunteer or ride in a program.



Peter Henderson (right) welcomes an interested visitor to the OnTRA booth.

*a sales area presented OnTRA's unique and exclusive selection of Canadian equine products. Funds raised through the sale of these items are used



A visitor to the OnTRA booth enjoys a ride on an Equine Simulator.

to support the many services we offer our members and their clients.

*always a hit with the public, the Equine Simulators continue to raise funds for our association.

The Horse at Work

(also part of the OnTRA display)

Again, thanks to Peter Henderson, OnTRA offered an amazing display of vintage photos (see page 18 for a sample) depicting "The Horse at Work".



Jody Cowan's booth promoted a better life for pets, animals and people.

Canadian Pets and Animals

Jody Cowan, publisher of *Canadian Pets & Animals Magazine*, had an excellent display which promoted the theme, "making life better for pets, animals and people". Through her magazine, Jody offers a fine balance of hu-

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mour, education and philanthropy with a strong focus on Canadian issues. Jody, whose Cowan Field Report program appears on www.thepetnetwork.tv, will be featuring OnTRA and therapeutic riding on future programs.



The OEF's Vicki Banks and Melissa Monardo were a great source of information.

Ontario Equestrian Federation

The Ontario Equestrian Federation booth was a great source of information for visitors, providing them with everything from general tips on how to get involved with horses to more specific material on the many horse breeds and various disciplines represented in this province.

Governor General's Horse Guards

Much to the delight of an enthusiastic audience, the Governor General's Horse Guards presented "Skill at Arms", an exciting riding demonstration that displayed the abilities of both the riders and their mounts. The pres-

entation also explained that the Guards are a reserve regiment of volunteer soldiers with a history dating back to the early 1800s.



Canadian Military

The Canadian Military outfitted a horse stall to show how it would have looked between 1942 and 1946 when the Horse Palace and its stalls were used as barracks for Canadian Army recruits.

Live Music

The Horse Palace came alive with the sounds of music heard between 1930 and 1950. As was common in that era, a group of local musicians got together to share and enjoy making spontaneous music.



Equine Demonstrations

If you wanted to get acquainted with horses, Toronto Doors Open was the place to be. A Metro Mounted Police officer and his beautiful mount did a meet and greet with visitors.

Riders put in stellar performances at Paralympics Ontario Championships

Last February, OnTRA and Paralympics Ontario forged a partnership that allowed Equestrian (dressage) to join the five other sports scheduled to run at the 2007 Paralympics Ontario Summer Championships. As a result, this past June 22nd and 23rd we sent ten athletes to the Championships, which were held in Sarnia, with the Equestrian portion taking place at Fiddick Stables in nearby Petrolia.

As representatives of the newest

sport, our riders were chosen for the honour of leading the parade of athletes during the Opening Ceremonies. They followed behind the Canadian Cowgirls, a mounted drill team ablaze in red with Canadian flags flying. The Paralympics Ontario Magazine, which was distributed in the event packages, also recognized and honoured our riders' presence by putting a photo of a Para Equestrian on its cover.

The participating athletes were provided with an outstanding show facility and made to feel very welcome by the Fiddick Stables' owners, Pauline and Mike Fiddick and family.

Officials included Marg Murdoch, as FEI Steward, and Dale Lappert, from Ohio, as the Judge. The weather was perfect for the experienced and rookie riders who competed on an assortment of own and borrowed horses.

OnTRA provided ribbons for all competitors and five medals were given out at an evening Awards Banquet by

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(Above left) Jody Schloss took home the Shoppers Home Health Care Trophy for an athlete who overcame extended personal challenges in order to compete; (Above right) Devon Gibbons (left), and Anna Suschkov (right), both medal winners in the Entry division, share the honours with their mount, Chloe; (Below right) After picking up a Gold at the Summer Championships, Dax Adam, who rode Gus, is another step closer to competing in Beijing in 2008.



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Paralympics Ontario. Among the medal winners were Dax Adam, who won Gold in the Advanced division, Jody Schloss, who won Bronze in the Intermediate, and Anna Suschkov, who received Gold. Devon Gibbons, received a Silver, and Jennifer Young received a Bronze in the Entry Level division. Jody Schloss was also the recipient of the Shoppers Home Health Care Trophy for an athlete who overcame extended personal challenges in order to compete.

Sharon Buffit, of Quebec, also put in a winning performance but wasn't eligible for Ontario provincial awards. (For more complete results, please see the next page.)

There are many to thank for making this inaugural event so successful for

us. Perhaps at the top of the list is the Sarnia community, which pulled together to provide volunteers, horses, equipment and spectators. Our riders enjoyed two socials, a steak BBQ, as well as a more-formal Awards Banquet and Dance. Great souvenirs, such as T-shirts, tote bags and a DVD containing photos of the entire event were provided.

Many thanks should also go to Tracy Mallory, Judi and Florence Island, Jacklyn Brooks, Sarah Sharpe, and OnTRA member centre, WETRA, for all their assistance.

And finally, thanks to the coaches and support staff from SARI, Lanark, and CARD for making this opportunity available to their students. ▽

*Contributed by Sharon Brooks,
competition organizer*

Know someone who should be an award winner?

Every year, OnTRA strives to ensure our members are recognized for the valuable contributions they make to their therapeutic riding communities. In order to do that, OnTRA is an active participant in the award program offered by the Ontario Equestrian Federation (OEF), and the Ontario Sport Alliance. Through these organizations, a long list of awards is available to members of all horse disciplines across the province—including therapeutic riding and driving.

OnTRA has the opportunity to nominate members for several of these annual awards—but we need your help. If someone in your centre—and that means everyone from riders and volunteers to administrators—goes consistently and frequently “above and beyond the call of duty”, make sure he or she is recognized for their efforts. Simply email a short descriptive note to Tracy.Mallory@ontra.ca and an award application/nomination form will be forwarded to you. ▽

2007 Paralympics Ontario Summer Championship Results—June 23, 2007

Congratulations to all the riders, who put in some wonderful performances at the inaugural Summer Championships.

	NAME	HORSE #	SCORE	Medal	Place	PTS	%
ENTRY							
Gr 1 b Test 11	Tim Dack	Russ	149	-	2	90	52.941
Gr 1 b Test 11	Jennifer Young	Blue	151	Bronze	1	93	54.706
Gr 1 b Test 11	Amber Walker	Russ	150	-	2	90	52.941
HCC							
Gr 1 AFEI #3	Fran Streeter	Abby	143	-	-	98	61.250
Grade 1a							
Test 1	Devon Gibbons	Chloe	140	Silver	2	86	61.429
Grade 2							
Test 21	Julia Fergusson	Indie	141	-	-	-	-
Grade 1a							
Test 1	Anna Suschkov	Chloe	142	Gold	1	86	61.429
INTERMEDIATE							
				Medal	Place	PTS	%
Grade 1a							
FEI #3	Jody Schloss	Cisco	154	Bronze	3	91	56.875
Gr 1 a							
FEI #3 HCC	Fran Streeter	Abbey	143	-	-	103	64.375
Grade 3							
Test 33	Sharon Buffit	Colorado	153	-	4	118	51.304
ADVANCED							
				Medal	Place	PTS	%
Grade 2							
Champ	Dax Adam	Gus	145	Gold	1	132	60.000

Roadbreakers tournament takes aim at Guinness Book record

The 22nd Annual Waterloo Roadbreakers Road Hockey Tournament opened on April 28, 2007 with the patriotic sounds of local musician, Jamie Warren, singing Canada's national anthem. But it was really the traditional call of "game on!" that launched the action that turned Parking Lot C, of the University of Waterloo, into a scene where *Guinness World Book of Records* history was created.

Best described as "Kids Playing For Kids", this year's Roadbreakers event was taking aim at breaking the world record for biggest street hockey tournament. Since it hosted 261 teams of four participating kids for a total of 1,044 players, Roadbreakers' co-founders Charlie McMane and Gary McQuillan are confident the event cinched the new record.

Along with some great hockey play, spectators were entertained with pony rides, a fish pond and raffles. Local restaurant, Moose Winooski's, brought its enormous trademark moose, and The Zone, a Kitchener-Waterloo area hockey-training school, got into the fun with games and prizes. Attendees and guests were also invited to sign their good wishes on a huge banner, which



will be sent to troops in Kandahar where the Kandahar Cup finals were held in May. "Young or old, Waterloo or Kandahar, student or soldier, it's the game of hockey that binds us and brings our soldiers a little closer to home," explained Gary McQuillan.

Thanks to everyone, especially sponsors like Moose Winooski's and The Zone, plus an amazing group of tireless volunteers, the 2007 Waterloo Roadbreakers Road Hockey Tournament was a great success. Proceeds from the tournament will go to OnTRA member centre, Central Ontario Developmental Riding Program-Pride Stables, in support of their programs.

*Contributed by Shelley Lawrence,
Pride Stables*

Missed an issue of The Mane Line?

Check OnTRA's website:
www.ontra.ca
for recent issues now being
posted there.

New president's goals include listening to members' needs

In the following letter to members, OnTRA president, Tracy Mallory, lays out plans to promote new programs and partnerships for our organization.

To all MEMBERS and member centres,

First, let me say that it's a privilege to be the new president of such an incredible association. I first heard about therapeutic riding and OnTRA during a visit to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair about five years ago. I knew instantly that I wanted to be part of the worthwhile and important work the organization was doing. I began volunteering immediately at a local centre and, a year later, I had the honour of joining OnTRA's Board of Directors.

Last fall, when I was nominated as OnTRA's president, I knew it was going to be a challenge to fill the big shoes left by past president Peter Henderson. For the last nine years, he's worked tirelessly to expand and promote all aspects of OnTRA's involvement in the therapeutic riding industry. Although I'll need to rely on the help of Board members, especially Peter, I'm confident I'll grow into the position, continuing to develop previous goals while creating some new ones, too.

As president, I am hoping to increase OnTRA's services to the riders and volunteers of our member centres. For example, I'd like to see more educational clinics on a wide variety of topics, along with more opportunities for riders to compete not only in their own centres, but provincially, nationally and internationally. I would also like to generate increased attention and focus on the unique programs

that take place at all centres across the province. And maybe just as important, I'd like to see our organization create more opportunities to promote public knowledge and awareness of therapeutic riding.

Some of these goals have been implemented already. Under a new partnership with Paralympics Ontario, OnTRA riders took part in the Ontario Para Provincial Summer Championships held in Sarnia on June 22. Plus, I'm looking forward to increased participation from all centres in the OnTRA Open Dressage Competition and Prince Phillip Games coming up in Kitchener on August 11.

However, the Board and I can't move ahead with other goals or grow this organization without your help. So, we would like to hear from each and every member. Let us know how we might improve our services to you, how we can increase public awareness in ways that will benefit your centre, or suggest topics for future educational clinics. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me directly at Tracy.Mallory@ontra.ca.

Finally, I would like to thank all members for the privilege of serving you through this Association. I hope to continue to guide our organization forward, building on our previous accomplishments, while maintaining OnTRA's important role in the province's therapeutic riding community.

Cheers—

Tracy Mallory

Open Para-dressage competition and clinic deemed a success

At a two-day dressage competition and clinic held in late March, four riders took advantage of the opportunity to accumulate additional points that would make them eligible for higher competition, ultimately including the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing. Riders journeyed along with their horses from as far away as Quebec for the occasion.

The event, which took place at WindReach Farm just north of Oshawa, was organized by OnTRA president Tracy Mallory, OnTRA competition chair, Judi Island, and OnTRA competition-committee member, Sharon

Brooks. However, participants have Sandy Mitchell, a competing rider and founder of WindReach, to thank for initiating and hosting the weekend-long event.


Both Sandy and Paralympian Dax Adam were successful in boosting their personal scores to levels that will allow them to move up the competition ladder. In fact, Dax, who again upped his score at a later U.S. show in May, is going to the U.K. where he's hoping to achieve a Certificate of Capability required for the Beijing Games.

In addition to the two days of competition, several clinics and workshops funded by Paralympics Ontario under its Talent Identification Program

(TIPS) also took place. (TIPS is designed to encourage talent and raise the caliber of all Para sports by providing education and support to competitors and coaches. OnTRA was recently accepted as the lead agency for Ontario's equestrian sport.)

On Saturday morning, over 50 interested riders and coaches came to hear Dax Adam, and well-known FEI dressage coach, Gillian Sutherland, present their insight on Bridging the Gap from

Therapeutic Riding to Para Equestrian. Later in the day, Gillian also conducted an afternoon riding clinic for seven riders with an audience auditing the presentation at ringside. Other sessions throughout the weekend included everything from a Round Table discussion on future directions for OnTRA centres to important issues in nutrition and sports psychology.

Because the show and clinic combination was such a success for everyone involved, organizer Sharon Brooks says other similar events are being planned. "It was a great success with people coming from both ends of the province—Windsor to Ottawa. I sincerely hope we will get funding to do more of these events and perhaps be able to provide education and opportunities for some of OnTRA's northern centres, too." 

See next page for competition results.

OPEN PARA DRESSAGE COMPETITION RESULTS

Day 1 - MARCH 31, 2007

TEST & RIDER	HORSE	SCORE
Entry Level Grade 1a Test 1 Michele Wilder	Houston	70.00%
Intermediate Level Grade 111 Test 33 Sharon Buffit	Winslow	65.652%
Advanced Level Grade 1a Championship Test Sandy Mitchell	Highland Fling	71.00%
Advanced Level Grade 2 Championship Test Dax Adam	Donnie	70.909%
Advanced Freestyles Grade 1 a Sandy Mitchell	Highland Fling	72.775%
Grade 2 Dax Adam	Donnie	77.780%

Day 2 - APRIL 1, 2007

TEST & RIDER	HORSE	SCORE
Entry Level Grade 1a Test 1 Michele Wilder	Houston	50.00%
Intermediate Level Grade 111 Test 33 Sharon Buffit	Winslow	54.783%
Advanced Level Grade 1a Championship Test Sandy Mitchell	Highland Fling	56.00%
Advanced Level Grade 2 Championship Test Dax Adam	Donnie	65.00%
Advanced Freestyles Grade 1 a Sandy Mitchell	Highland Fling	58.61%
Grade 2 Dax Adam	Donnie	68.055%

Many thanks to the following:
 Scoring: Anne Welch and Tracy Mallory
 Show Organizer: Sharon Brooks
 Judge: John MacPherson Level M—March 31; Don Barnes Level S—April 1
 Steward (both days): Sandra Sillcox

Parent's letter gives testimony to benefits of TR

In a recent letter to OnTRA communications director, Peter Henderson, a Barrie-area mother praises Stonegate Farms's program and the joys of therapeutic riding.

Dear OnTRA,

My son has just started riding at Stonegate Farms, near Coldwater, Ontario, and I wanted to let you know that Lillian Pepera deserves a medal and her volunteers are amazing.

My son has cerebral palsy and is ADHD and ADD, as well. He has a very low self-image. He is unable to do most sports and has failed at getting on any teams he has tried for.

Lillian and her Friesian horse, Wilby, have brought a smile, that I haven't seen in a long time, to this 12-year-old's face .

As his mother, I have tried everything to build his self confidence. He is un-

able to ride a bike, but he loves Wilby and is doing well at handling him with Lillian's patience. He had never been on a horse before or even around one until two weeks ago. The difference in him is incredible. I wish he could spend more time there. Please take note of the efforts by this wonderful lady.

I will recommend her to others with special needs.

Thank you.

N. Kingsborough

Editor's note: Stonegate Farms, a new facility and the latest centre to become an OnTRA member, is owned and operated by Lillian Pepera. Everyone at OnTRA joins in welcoming Lillian and her volunteers and says thanks for making a difference in the lives of 12 riders.

Something to **THINK** about

A concept that is vital for fundraisers to understand is "WIFM", which means, "what's in it for me?". When you approach businesses, or even some individuals, you should be prepared to respond to this question, whether it is asked in this form, or posed in a similar manner. What is basically being asked is, "If I'm going to give you money or product, what are you going to do for me to recognize my contribution?" This needs to be thought out well in advance, so that you can respond immediately. The type of recognition given should vary dependent upon the size of the contribution—you need to set out guidelines for your solicitation volunteers. Giving is a two-way street, and you should be able to acknowledge the "gift" in some manner.

Excerpted from OnTRA's Fundraising Manual, 1993. For a copy of the entire Manual, call 905-839-4931.

Waterloo company extends no-charge cleaning services to more OnTRA centres

Real Clean Gear Inc., based in Waterloo, is in the business of cleaning and sanitizing the tough stuff. Since getting its start just 18 months ago, the small company has established a reputation in several south-western and central-Ontario markets and industries for successfully tackling some of the biggest, smelliest and most difficult items to wash and clean—sports equipment to smoke-damaged porcelain dolls.

When it comes to stinky, perhaps no greater cleaning challenges exist than

in the horse industry. That's why in spring 2006, Charlie McMane, owner of Real Clean Gear, approached CODRP, an OnTRA member centre in nearby Kitchener, to offer his company's services and to implement a little hands-on market research of his own, along the way. CODRP's Heather MacKneson gladly accepted and says, since then, Real Clean Gear has cleaned all kinds of horse and rider gear—everything from blankets and boots to helmets and halters—at no cost to the centre. "Not only do they get these items extremely clean," comments Heather, "but, in many cases restore them to like-new condition. It's been a win-win situation. Real Clean Gear was able to learn how to wash all that we could give them and CODRP eliminated a very nasty chore and a huge expense from a long list of things to do and buy".

McMane is equally pleased with the new relationship. "It was a fantastic way to enter the horse industry for we were able to clean and learn a great deal in a short period of time under very friendly circumstances. During the past year, we've perfected our systems and processes, so that now we're able to handle large volumes and a full range of items used by both horse and rider."

This year, to say thanks for opening the door into the horse/rider market,

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McMane decided to offer his free-of-charge services to two other local therapeutic riding centres. "It's time to start giving back to the horse community. We can't think of a better way than to support therapeutic riding" says McMane.

So, along with taking care of CODRP's cleaning needs, Real Clean Gear recently started partnering with London's SARI Therapeutic Riding, and Sunrise, in Cambridge. In addition to cleaning and sanitizing all their horse and rider gear, Real Clean also provides pick-up and delivery to the three riding centres—all at no charge.

While taking care of the cleaning needs of three centres seems more than enough thanks already, McMane says his goal is to widen the circle of centres receiving Real Clean's services. "It is our hope that as we grow and expand our business throughout Ontario, we can offer this service to more therapeutic riding centres. It's our way of saying thanks to the horse industry and our small way of assisting the staff and volunteers who make a difference to so many by providing a remarkable service and numerous programs."

For more information visit www.realcleangear.com or contact Charlie McMane at 519-725-0200 or charlie@realcleangear.com 

Online horse-management course offered

If you love horses and want to work with them, check out Groom One Online, a CD-ROM and online-based education program presented September 10, 2007 to March 9, 2008 by Equine Guelph. Students will learn about: the horse, horse handling, horse care, nutrition, facilities and management, and the equine industry. Students must be 16 years old and over and have regular access to a computer and the internet. The \$300 tuition includes access to the course site and course materials. For more information, visit www.groomone.ca


Shopping is easy at OnTRA's online Gift Store

Any time is a good time to give a gift, so fire up the old computer and visit our new e-store, courtesy of Gift Horse Gallery.

In the mood to do a little shopping? Well, check out OnTRA's new online store where we've got all kinds of horse-themed gift items for sale—adult's and children's T-shirts to books and calendars.

The OnTRA Store, which is part of a fabulous online e-tail outlet called Gift Horse Gallery, can be reached by visiting www.gifthorsegallery.ca/ontra or by going to the OnTRA website, www.ontra.ca, and clicking on the OnTRA Store button at the left. Although operating under the Gift

Horse Gallery "roof", all proceeds from merchandise purchased at the OnTRA Store are directed to our organization.

Launched in 2004, the Gift Horse Gallery is owned and operated by OnTRA supporter, Donna Nearing. Not only is the site fun and informative, it offers horse fans access to an incredible lineup of equine products and quality-made gifts, such as Breyer figurines and torsion saddles to fine horse prints and sculpture—all from the comfort of home. 

Ontario Sport Awards honour deserving candidates of 2006

This year's annual Ontario Sport Awards, handed out by the Province of Ontario in recognition of the outstanding contributions that athletes, coaches, volunteers, and the corporate

community made to sport excellence in Ontario, last year, were presented on April 26 at Toronto's Granite Club. Several VIPs attended the spring ceremony in support of OnTRA. The list included Jack de Wit, president, Ontario Equestrian Federation, Marcia Barrett, OEF executive director, OnTRA president Tracy Mallory, and Karen Sibbald, OnTRA vice president.

The Ontario Sport Awards, which are produced and managed by the Ontario Sport Alliance in partnership with the Ministry of Health Promotion, offer recognition for accomplishments and participation in a wide variety of sport classifications and disciplines.

For the 2006 Award program, OnTRA put forward the names of several nominees and although all were up against some equally-deserving candidates from more than 80 sports, two of

our nominees went home with awards.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation was recognized with a Corporate Sport Citation for its substantial financial support of therapeutic riding. Since 1999,

the Ontario Trillium Foundation has provided more than \$1 million in support of 17 therapeutic horseback riding centres in Ontario.

It is interesting to note that OnTRA was formed in 1983 specifically to meet the Foundation's requirements (at that time) that all applications for funding be made through a provincial association. With their help, OnTRA has gone on to raise funds of over \$2,000,000—all in support of therapeutic riding centres, programs and their riders.

Also getting some much-deserved recognition was Carley Wallace, who was named runner-up for the Female Athlete of the Year with

a Disability award. Over the past few years, Carley has worked hard to increase her participation in the competitive aspects of TR. She finished first overall in 2005 at the Eastern Ontario Championships and was named the

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(Top) Award winner Carley Wallace (right) is congratulated by celebrity guest Walter Gretzky; (Above) Hugh O'Neil (left), of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, accepted a Sport Award from Jim Watson, Minister of Health Promotion.

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Easter Seals' Rider of the Year. Carley finished in third place at the 2005 OnTRA Provincial Championships and was second in Entry Level at the 2006 OnTRA Provincial Championships.

On behalf of the Ontario Equestrian Federation and OnTRA members across the province, we congratulate all our deserving nominees, especially the Ontario Trillium Foundation and Carley Wallace, for their achievements! 🏆

2007 ONTRA PROVINCIAL DRESSAGE Championships & PRINCE PHILLIP Games —August 11

CODRP/Pride Stables, Kitchener, Ontario

In addition to the Dressage Championship and PPGs, this year's event also includes a **Para Equestrian Dressage Clinic on August 12** with international Judge Anita Owen. The cost of the clinic per rider with a disability is \$50. It takes place in the morning, with a Para Equestrian Coaches' and Judges' Clinic following in the afternoon. For OnTRA competition information, Clinic information and entry forms, see OnTRA's website: www.ontra.on.ca



HORSEPLAY 2007 AT THE CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION July 30-September 3, 2007, CNE Fairgrounds, Toronto

Be sure to visit the OnTRA booth during HorsePlay 2007 and later at the CNE. Located in the Horse Palace, our booth and those of many other organizations are designed to introduce city-slickers to the wonderful world of horses. Loads to see and do for the whole family. (For more details, see the article on HorsePlay on the next page.) And don't forget, OnTRA still needs volunteers to assist in operating the booth during this month-long display. Call 905-839-4931.

PIPPA HODGE CLINIC/WORKSHOP

Time to be announced. TEAD, Hamilton, Ontario

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the best known names in Canada's therapeutic riding community. A workshop with Pippa Hodge is always fun AND informative. Keep watching the OnTRA website: www.ontra.ca for more details.

Come stay and play with OnTRA at the 2007 HorsePlay event

HorsePlay offers loads to see and do for the young and young at heart.

For the second year, OnTRA is joining with other organizations to promote the “wonderful world of horses” at the Canadian National Exhibition’s HorsePlay event.

The 2007 fun event, which takes place at the CNE’s Horse Palace, runs from July 30 to September 3—a total of more than thirty-six days. Attracting tens of thousands of visitors, this is an excellent opportunity for OnTRA to promote therapeutic, recreational, and sport riding to an entirely new audience. In addition to boosting public awareness about the benefits of therapeutic riding, it’s also a great spot for recruiting new riders and volunteers.



This 1915 photo is just a sample of the wonderful vintage photos you’ll see in OnTRA’s Horse At Work display at this summer’s CNE.

This year, communications director, Peter Henderson has some special things lined up for the OnTRA booth, including introducing his expanded

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OnTRA recognizes continued help and support of CNEA

In a recent informal ceremony, past president, Peter Henderson (far left) thanked the Canadian National Exhibition Association (CNEA) for its long-time support of OnTRA and therapeutic riding. He’s seen here presenting a Certificate of Recognition to Knox Henry (centre), president CNEA, who is accompanied by Jim McMillen, first vice president CNEA.



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collection of never-seen-before vintage photos showcasing the horse in some of its historical uses. Visitors, especially seniors, love to see these old photos of horses doing everything from pulling fire engines to delivering packages for Eatons, says Peter.

Other activities for visitors include:

- * Ride an Equine Simulator and experience the feel of riding a horse
- * Pet and groom a horse
- * Watch a performance of trick riding (starts August 15 to September 3)
- * Learn the right way to feed, shoe and talk to a horse

* Meet a mare and foal


* Enjoy a ride on a horse-drawn wagon

Opening on July 30, HorsePlay offers free admission until August 17 at which time the famous Canadian National Exhibition and CNE Horse Show also open on the Fairgrounds. (The CNE Horse Show features various competitions: Light Horse, Heavy Horse, CNE Dressage Classic, Jumper Competition, and Miniature Horses.) But, visitors can still take in all the fun of HorsePlay when they purchase admission to the CNE. Both HorsePlay and the Canadian National Exhibition run until Labour Day, September 3. 

Free Quebec travel guide assists tourists with restricted physical ability

AccessiB-The Open Road, a helpful travel guide available at no cost, is designed to assist persons with restricted physical ability who are looking for safe and enjoyable trips to Quebec.

Produced by tourism and culture publisher, Kéroul, *AccessiB-The Open Road* is available just in time for the summer tourist season. It covers accessible attractions, accommodations, ser-

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Q: How can I minimize the stress on my horse when trailering this summer?

A: Here are several tips for safely transporting horses.

■ Train/teach your horse to load calmly well in advance of travelling to an event. A calm horse will likely be more comfortable on the journey. Even if you never plan to travel with your horse, it is advisable to teach it to load. Practise this several times a year; it may come in handy if an emergency trip to the veterinarian is in order.

■ Keep the trailer in good repair and in a clean condition. A trailer that travels quietly and smoothly will provide a more comfortable and less stressful ride for the horses.

■ Ensure the tow vehicle is well maintained to avoid breakdowns. It is essential that the exhaust system is in good repair and fumes are expelled to the side of the vehicle. Fumes emitted straight back under the trailer may lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.

■ Ensure the trailer has good ventilation. Avoid draughts.

■ For longer trips, plan to arrive sev-

eral days earlier to permit horses' immune systems to stabilize before any major athletic endeavour.

■ 'Long-tie' horses by the cheek ring of the halter. This allows maximum head movement and facilitates sinus clearing and airway drainage.

■ Transport horses with others they get along with whenever possible.

■ Drive 'passenger-friendly'. Practice slow take-aways. Careful braking and smooth cornering are key elements to towing a trailer in a responsible manner. Always 'think ahead'.

■ Plan ahead. Chart a route and time of day when traffic is minimal and the weather is conducive to horse comfort.

■ Offer hay and water, but no grain. Water horses prior to departure and every four hours for longer trips to help combat the threat of dehydration. Hay serves as a pacifier and helps retain water in the gut during transit. Refrain from feeding grain, as stress affects gut function, causing grain to sit and ferment with the possible result of colic.

If international borders are to be crossed as part of the journey, ensure all documentation for all horses is on board and current. A negative Coggins test is mandatory for all horses travelling into the USA. 'Temporary entry' (from Canada into the USA and returning within 60 days of date of entry) requires horses to be negative for equine infectious anaemia (Coggin's test) within 180 days prior to entry into the USA.

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